



Next week- Week 1/A

Attendance reporting procedures Please report children's absence by 08.30 each morning via the Arbor app. Please use the [Absence Form](#) to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

Safeguarding

Services for Young People, Dacorum Youth Work team, are putting on a variety of group work projects. Click [here](#) for the current youth offer listing all projects/venues/times.

School Travel

We are very pleased to announce that our school Travel Plan has achieved the highest accreditation level of Outstanding, for excellence in promoting sustainable, safe, and active travel (walking, cycling, public transport). Thank you for your continued support with encouraging your children to walk to school and avoiding driving to school events.

Year 11 Exams

We are incredibly proud of how Year 11 have conducted themselves during the first week of GCSEs; their diligence and preparation have been exemplary, setting a fantastic tone for the rest of the season. To help maintain this momentum, we encourage students to utilise the school study space, which is staffed throughout the school day to provide a quiet, focused environment. For many, working in a familiar academic setting helps to manage distractions more effectively than at home and provides a valuable opportunity to share resources or study in small groups. Please note that students must sign in with the supervising teacher and remain in the designated study area rather than moving around the school site. As a reminder for exam days, please arrive on time and head to the Chapel early for the Head of Department briefings to hear final hints and tips before going in. Full school uniform is expected at all times and normal school rules apply. Well done to Year 11 on such a focused start - keep up the hard work!

Year 13 and Year 11 Leavers' Days

Today Year 13 celebrated the end of their time at Ashlyns with a fantastic day - all looking wonderful in fancy dress - and on Wednesday we said goodbye to Year 11 with their leavers' assembly. Both year groups had lovely celebrations and great days, a fitting end to their time in the classroom here.

Student achievement

Alexi P - Y11, recently won the Junior Rotary Award for "His support of young people in the community, his unwavering resilience and commitment to support others". This is a fantastic achievement; well done Alexi.



Key Dates

- 8-11 May: Y12 French Trip
- 21 May: Summer Chill Concert
- 25-29 May: Half Term
- 27 June: Summer Concert
- 2 July: Y11 Prom

Next Week [New](#) [Spring/Summer Menu:](#) Week 2

Communications

- [Y11 Last Day/ Commencement of Study Leave](#)

Vacancies

- [Geography Teacher](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
25816	31848	31431	32901
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08/05/2026			

Music Lessons

If you wish to stop Music Lessons at the end of the Summer Term please email HMS.customersupport@herfordshire.gov.uk by **the end of this half term, Friday 22 May** or use this [form](#) to withdraw from lessons.

If notice is given after this date, costs will be incurred. If you wish to register for music lessons for next September please go to [HMS Music Lesson Registration](#)

Any other queries regarding Music Tuition at Ashlyns School please email musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Sports Results

County League Athletics at Watford	U14 Girls - 5th U14 Boys - 4th U16 Girls - 4th U16 Boys - 4th
U15 Boys Tennis vs Hitchin	Lost

ASA News

ASA Comedy Night, Friday 10th July

We've had a lot of people telling us that they love NATHAN CATON, and he's certainly drawing the crowds because tickets are selling fast!

Now to introduce one of our brilliant support acts...

JENNY COLLIER is an award-winning comedian, writer and actor, who has supported Jason Manford and John Bishop on their UK tours, won the Perth Award at the Adelaide Fringe, and appeared on The Rhod Gilbert Show; (BBC Wales); The Lateish Show with Mo Gilligan Introduces (Channel 4) and New Comedian of the Year Award (BBC Radio 4 Extra)

★★★★★ *'An Excellent comedic work'* - *Edfest Mag*

Book your tickets & curry [here](#)

See more information on our leaflet [here](#)

and visit our website [here](#)

THE ASA NEEDS YOU!

Feeling bad about reading this message each week? We're sorry to keep banging on about it...but we still need some help!

Two gaps to fill at the ASA...

ASA Co-Chair: Volunteer alongside Martin and the team; help shape what the ASA does and how it does it. Chat to Martin for the full picture.

Social Media support: Words + social know-how savvy? Help us spread the word about what we're up to.

Neither are onerous, but we'd love to keep building our small but well-formed team. Get in touch via asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Dacorum Decorating Supplies - EXTENDED - The Ashlyns community has bought 41 tins of the mis-mixed paint from Dacorum Decorating Supplies. That's 41 tins (or 166.5 litres!) of paint that would have ended up in landfill. Not only does this benefit the environment, it has also raised an impressive £365 for the ASA for which we're very grateful. There are still 30 tins or tubs remaining, and Dacorum Decorating Supplies have decided to extend the deal through May - so still a chance to bag a bargain!

New 2 You Uniform If you have items that you can donate to us, please do - especially boy's blazers. Donations can be dropped off at the school office or at 67a Kings Road, HP4 3BP, and feel free to leave a bag

on the doorstep. Please email us at the address below for any requests.

As always...

Stay in the loop: Complete this [form](#) to receive updates on fundraising activities and see where your contributions make a difference

Join our lottery: Sign up for the ASA 100 Club [here](#) for monthly chances to win cash prizes

Shop & raise: Sign up [here](#) for Easyfundraising - raise funds effortlessly while you shop online

Get in touch: asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston: School PIN 4989



Children's Books about Loneliness or Isolation

Book List



Supporting Highly Sensitive Children

Article 7 minute read



How to Support Teenagers with Friendship and Relationship Issues

Webinar

Supporting children's emotional wellbeing has never been more important. As parents and carers, you play a vital role in helping your child understand their feelings, build resilience and feel secure to talk about what's on their mind.

Small, everyday moments of connection can help these conversations flourish, but we understand that they can feel challenging, especially when you're not sure what to say or how your child might respond.

Tooled Up has a range of practical, evidence-based resources to help.

For parents of children or tweens who are feeling lonely or as if they don't fit in, [Children's Books about Loneliness or Isolation](#) highlights stories featuring characters going through similar experiences. **These books can help spark meaningful conversations and reassure children** that feeling lonely from time to time is both common and normal.

Highly sensitive children experience the world more deeply and can respond strongly to their environment. Our article [Supporting Highly Sensitive Children](#), **explains what high sensitivity means and shares strategies** you can put in place to ensure children flourish.

For adolescents, friendships play a central role in development, wellbeing and mental health. Our webinar [How to Support Teenagers with Friendship and Relationship Issues](#) explores why friends matter so deeply during the teenage years. It **offers parents practical strategies to help children maintain healthy relationships** and social competence.