



Next week, after half term- 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

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and families a safe, happy and restful half term. Should you have a concern about a child during this time please contact children's services on 0300 123 4043 or via this [link](#), and/or the police.

Careers

Ashlyns Careers EXPO

We are reaching out to our parent community with a direct request for support for exhibitors for the Ashlyns Careers EXPO taking place on Thursday 22 October 2026. This biennial event is the highlight of our careers programme and your professional insight is exactly what our students need to help bridge the gap between the classroom and the workplace.

We are looking for volunteers from all sectors and business sizes (large corporations, small businesses or self-employed). If you are in a position to participate, please email careers@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk by Monday 1 June 2026 for further information.

Summer Chill

Well done to all of those who performed in the Summer Chill yesterday, it was, as always, a fantastic evening. We are looking forward to seeing even more performances at the Summer concert in June.

Year 11 Year 13 Exams

Year 11 and Year 13 have continued to impress us this week with their work ethic and commitment to their examinations; we wish them and their families a restful half term amidst their revision.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the Y9 boys football team who made it to the National Cup Final on 21 May against Northampton School for Boys at Stoke City FC ground - the bet365 stadium.

It went to penalties, which unfortunately didn't go their way, but the team gave everything from the first whistle to the last kick. We are incredibly proud of what they achieved and hope they will remember this experience forever.

Character

Our newly appointed Year 7 Learning Ambassadors have started their new roles, with some of them supporting our primary transition event this week. They have been great role models, showing fantastic leadership, maturity, and a welcoming spirit to our future students. We are incredibly proud of how well they represented the school!

Key Dates

- 25-29 May: Half Term
- 8-12 June: Y10 Work Experience
- 27 June: Summer Concert
- 29 June-3 July: Y12 Work Experience
- 2 July: Y11 Prom

Next Week [New](#) [Spring/Summer Menu:](#) Week 3

Communications

- [A Level Photography and Fine Art Exhibition](#)

Vacancies

- [Senior Administrator/ Admissions Officer](#)
- [Science Technician](#)
- [Teaching Assistant](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
26593	33699	32735	33840
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Music Lessons

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

If notice is given after this date, costs will be incurred.

ASA News

ASA Comedy Night, Friday 10th July

Every great comedy night needs a great host — and we've got one!

Keeping the show running on Friday 10th July is the multi-award winning CHRIS PURCHASE, finalist for What's On magazine's Best Comedian and hand-picked to support Reginald D. Hunter on tour.

"Charismatic and entertaining" — Comedy Central

With a lineup this strong, you really don't want to miss this one.

Book your tickets & curry [here](#)

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Dacorum Decorating Supplies - DEAL FINISHES END OF MAY - Planning some Bank Holiday decorating? Remember to check out the reduced tubs of paint at Dacorum Decorating Supplies in Berkhamsted. They have some great colours that were only slightly mis-mixed when trying to colour match. The money raised comes to the ASA, you'll get a bargain, and the paint won't end up in landfill. Win win win!

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




Smart Tech, Safe Choices:
Exploring the Safe and
Responsible Use of AI

Webinar



Talking to Children and Young
People About AI and
Friendship: A Philosopher's
View

Activity



Dr Weston Talks with Charles
Fadel: Education for the Age
of AI

Podcast

Artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly part of children's everyday lives from the apps they use and videos they watch, to the tools they encounter at school.

Discussing AI with your child is an opportunity to promote digital awareness and responsible decision-making in a rapidly changing online world. Technical expertise isn't needed. Simply having open, age-appropriate conversations will help them understand how AI works, and recognise the potential risks.

Tooled Up has a range of evidence-based resources to support you to feel confident navigating this important topic together.

Discover how AI is shaping children's learning and relationships, from chatbots to intelligent tools, in [Smart Tech, Safe Choices: Exploring the Safe and Responsible Use of AI](#). This webinar offers practical guidance to help you support your child to use AI safely and meaningfully.

As children of all ages turn to AI for companionship, the activity [Talking to Children and Young People About AI and Friendship](#) is designed to spark conversations on the subject. It provides an opportunity for you to explore ideas together, helping you to connect with your child to better understand their unique perspective.

Finally, the podcast [Education for the Age of AI](#) explores what children need to learn in a world shaped by artificial intelligence and the positive role it can play in education.

Tooled Up Education warmly invites you to register for their upcoming June 2026 webinars:

Parenting for Emotional Health: [1 June 2026, 12:30-13:30 BST](#)

Join Julie Harmieson from Trauma Informed Schools to learn practical strategies for promoting children's emotional health. The session will explore how behaviour communicates feelings, the impact of stress and adversity and ways to support emotional regulation. Gain tools for managing big emotions, setting boundaries calmly and fostering confident, emotionally aware parenting.

Supporting Young People with Substance Use and Addiction: [4 June 2026, 12:30-13:30 BST](#)

Join experts Fiona Spargo-Mabbs OBE, Professor Harry Sumnall, and Nick Hickmott for a practical webinar on substance use and vaping. Learn why young people may engage in these behaviours, how to spot early warning signs, and gain evidence-based strategies for having confident, supportive conversations.

Starting Nursery or Pre-Prep for the First Time: [8 June 2026, 12:30-13:15 BST](#)

Dr Kathy Weston and EY educator Shirley Hayman share practical guidance for helping children settle into early years settings. Parents can submit questions in advance and gain strategies to support a smooth, confident transition.

Starting Primary or Prep School: [9 June 2026, 12:30-13:15 BST](#)

In this webinar, Dr Kathy Weston will share research insights, actions and strategies that can help children 'settle and soar' in their new school setting. She will explore, not just mindsets for learning, but also ideas around supporting mental health, wellbeing, friendships and the management of digital devices.

Starting Senior School: [10 June 2026, 12:30-13:15 BST](#)

In this webinar, Dr Kathy Weston will address the big move from junior to secondary or senior school to help every parent feel knowledgeable, empowered and excited about their child's journey onto their next educational stage.

AI and the Future of Careers: [23 June 2026, 12:30-13:30 BST](#)

AI is changing the world of work, but what does that actually mean for the choices young people are making about their futures now? This webinar features digital education expert Laura Knight and Babith Bhoopalan, author of a guide for parents on careers in the age of AI. The session will explore how careers are shifting, the skills that are genuinely valuable, and how to think strategically and purposefully about the future. With practical guidance for students and parents, it will help you approach these decisions with clarity and confidence.