



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

The term "alpha victim" describes children who are both experiencing exploitation and enacting harm on others. This [link](#) looks at the dynamics of this and the various risks and signs that this could involve.

Careers - Y10 Work Experience

Congratulations to our Year 10 students, who have just completed a phenomenal week of work experience. Feedback from employers across the community has been absolutely glowing, with many highlighting our students' maturity, professionalism, and outstanding work ethic.

Character - First Give Final

This year all students in year 9 have taken part in the First Give Programme as part of their PSHE lessons.

First Give is an educational charity partnership program that encourages young people to use their time and talent to improve their local community. Working in teams, students choose a local social issue, research a charity tackling that cause, and compete to win a £1,000 grant for their chosen charity through creative social action and public speaking.

Today culminated in the First Give final with the mayor of Berkhamsted in attendance as one of the judges alongside a previous winner in year 12 and Mr Roberts. Representing their classes, our student finalists delivered absolutely brilliant presentations. Standing up to speak in front of a panel of judges and a full room is no small feat, but our presenters showed incredible maturity, eloquence, and passion. From flawless public speaking skills to deeply moving arguments, every single student represented their chosen charity brilliantly. A huge congratulations to every student who took part! You have shown us what empathy and leadership look like in action. We are incredibly proud of you all.

Cedric Sharpley Drumming Bursary

Congratulations to Kit R (Y7) and Lexi H-S (Y7) who are the successful applicants of the Cedric Sharpley Drumming Bursary for the final year this will be offered. There were 5 brilliant applications and it was a very difficult decision for Ms Mabey. She wishes all the applicants luck in their onward drumming future.

School Concerts

Please find details about this year's Summer Concert [here](#). Also, the Ashlyns School Music Recital Concert at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted [here](#).

DofE

Congratulations to the 84 students who completed their Silver D of E Practice expedition last week. Students endured some testing weather in the Cotswolds and still finished with a smile on their face! Assessed expedition takes place at the end of June.

Key Dates

- 27 June: Summer Concert
- 29 June-3 July: Y12 Work Experience
- 2 July: Y11 Prom
- 17 July: Non-Uniform Day
- 17 July: Last Day of Term. School closes at 12.30

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

Communications

- [Y12 Summer Exams and Study Leave Arrangements](#)
- [Y7 Language Options Letter](#)
- [Year 11 Pouch Collection, Hoodies Distribution](#)

Vacancies

- [Science Technician](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
27713	35321	34483	35279
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Music Lessons

If you wish to register for Music Lessons please go to [HMS Music Lesson Registration](#)

If you wish to stop Music Lessons please email HMS.customersupport@herfordshire.gov.uk or use this [form](#) to withdraw from lessons.

Any other queries regarding Music Tuition at Ashlyns School please email

School Uniform

Further to our communication last week regarding skirts, please note that if your child owns an approved skirt from PL Schoolwear (ie, David Luke or Banner) that all students choosing skirts will be expected to wear in September, our supplier has agreed to apply the embroidered badge to this skirt. You can take it to their premises any time between now and September for it to be applied; this will cost £4. You can find them at 23 Bennetts Gate, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8EW. Please check opening times before visiting, and please note that PL Schoolwear will only add the embroidered badge to the approved skirts.

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Free School Meals

A reminder that the eligibility for receiving free school meals has changed, for more information please click [here](#).

ASA News

ASA Meeting - Tuesday 23 June, 7pm

Join us in the LRC from 7pm to hear what's ahead. We have some exciting school funding bids to discuss and agree, and the Autumn term is shaping up to be super-busy as always, this is a great chance to get involved - whether helping steer our fundraising or, more importantly, having your say on how funds are allocated.

Drop us an email if you have any questions: asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Volunteers Needed - Ashlyns Summer Concert Bar, Saturday 27 June

The ASA is running the bar at this year's Summer Concert and we still need 2 more volunteers for serving and tills. A huge thank you to those who have already signed up!

[Sign up here](#)

ASA Comedy Night, Friday 10 July

FOUR WEEKS TO GO!! And we need your help to make it happen!

We're looking for volunteers across all areas: setting up the space, front of house support - welcoming guests and handing out wristbands, behind the bar, and the best bit - helping clear up the following day!! It's one of the highlights of the school calendar and a genuinely brilliant night to be part of. [Volunteer here](#)

Tickets are still available - but don't leave it too long. Our early bird allocation sold out in under 24 hours.

Book your tickets and curry [here](#)

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) — and tag someone you'd bring along!

100 Club Lottery Winners:

Congratulations to our April & May winners!!

April: 1st Prize - E Wraight / 2nd Prize - E Jenkin / 3rd Prize - L Poulton

May: 1st Prize - J Barbour / 2nd Prize - H Hobley / 3rd Prize - S Doubleday

They were in it, and won it! If you're not in, can you win?! **Join up:** Sign up for the ASA 100 Club [here](#) for monthly chances to win cash prizes.

New 2 You Uniform If you have items that you can donate to us, please do - especially those close to ending Yr 11! We are particularly looking for 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

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



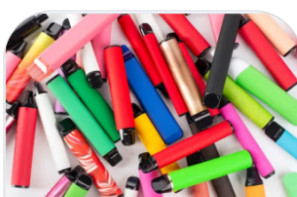
Talking to Children and Young People about Taking Risks

Activity



Dr Weston Talks with Dr Melissa Oldham: Teenage Drinking

Podcast



I Wish I'd Known: Young People, Drugs and Decisions Featuring Fiona Spargo-Mabbs OBE and Asha Fowells

Webinar

With media coverage and public discussion around drugs, alcohol and weight-loss injections continuing to grow, many parents may be wondering how and when to start conversations about these topics with their children and teenagers.

Young people are likely to encounter information, opinions and misinformation through social media, online content and their peers, making open and informal discussions at home more important than ever.

Whether you're looking for practical guidance, expert insights or conversation starters, the Tooled Up resources below are designed to help parents feel informed, prepared and confident when these topics arise.

For younger children, our [Talking to Children and Young People about Taking Risks](#) activity **can help introduce the topic of risk** in an age-appropriate way. By exploring big ideas together, it **encourages openness and curiosity**, helping to lay the foundations for more specific conversations in the future.

Our podcast [Teenage Drinking](#) **explores** what research tells us about **underage drinking including** the important **role parents play in shaping attitudes** towards alcohol. It also shares **guidance** on how families can encourage **safer decision-making**.

To understand the **key facts on** what young people and parents need to know about the **risk of substance abuse**, watch our webinar [I Wish I'd Known: Young People, Drugs and Decisions](#). It shares **practical advice for initiating** conversations to **help young people make knowledgeable decisions** about drugs and highlights further resources for **information** and support.