



## 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

Please find important information regarding swimming in open water during hot weather [here](#).

## Summer Concert

Good luck to all performers at tomorrow evening's Summer Concert.

## Student Achievement

Well done to James P who has finished 1st in U16 Boys category of the Independent Schools Ski Race, beating a Team GB skier! It was incredibly tight at the top, with only 0.12 seconds separating the top three places.

## Heatwave

Our students have been fantastic this week in how well they have managed with the heat and a lot of classroom changes; we wish all students and their families a restful (and hopefully slightly cooler) weekend.

## Year 11 Prom

We are incredibly excited to celebrate the amazing achievements of our Year 11 students at this year's School Prom. We are pulling out all the stops to give them a glamorous, unforgettable send-off with a spectacular Great Gatsby theme. The glitz and glamour will begin with the Parent Pimms reception at 6.00pm, student arrivals from 6.30pm, and carriages should be arranged for 10.00pm. It promises to be a fantastic evening, complete with delicious food from Warehouse Pizza, a fabulous mocktail van from H&C Bars, and a Magic Mirror photo booth so everyone can take home personalised keepsakes of their favourite memories of the night.

We absolutely cannot wait to celebrate with our wonderful Year 11s and see them all dressed up for their big night.

## 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@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:HMS.customersupport@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or use this [form](#) to withdraw from lessons.

Any other queries regarding Music Tuition at Ashlyns School please email [musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

## Key Dates

- 27 June: Summer Concert
- 29 June: Y13 Leavers Drinks Reception
- 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 2

## Vacancies

- [Data Assistant](#)

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
28258	36408	35302	36623
4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
26/06/2026			

## Free School Meals

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

## DSPL8

Please find the latest DSPL8 newsletter [here](#).

## ASA News

### ASA Meeting - Tuesday 30 June, 7pm

Due to the heat, our termly ASA meeting has been rescheduled to next Tuesday, from 7pm in the LRC. We have some exciting school funding bids to discuss and agree, and would love you to join us and have your say on where our funding gets spent.

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](mailto:asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

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### ASA Comedy Night, Friday 10 July

TWO WEEKS TO GO!!

If you've been meaning to grab tickets, now really is the time. We'd hate for you to miss out on what will be a fantastic evening of professional stand-up comedy; all in aid of the school and Ashlyns community.

Headlined by Nathan Caton (Live at the Apollo, Mock the Week, Richard Osman's House of Games) with Jenny Collier, Christian Reilly and host Chris Purchase — this is going to be a brilliant evening.

**Book your tickets [here](#).**

We still have roles to fill for volunteers, including setting up the space, front of house - welcoming guests and handing out wristbands - and helping with the clear up the following morning. It's one of the highlights of the school calendar and a genuinely brilliant night to be part of. [Volunteer here](#)

Please do follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

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**New 2 You Uniform** Thanks to everyone who has donated uniform, it's hugely appreciated. If you have items that you can donate to us, please do - especially those 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.

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**Year 13 Prom** Congratulations to all of you with children in Year 13. We're sure you're relieved to see the back of exam season, and hope the kids are looking forward to celebrating at Prom next week. We are very happy to be funding this year's Prom Welcome Drinks. We hope they have a wonderful time and thank you for your support over the years.

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**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](mailto:asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

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



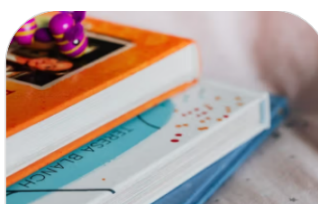
Happiness Checklist

Activity



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

Activity



Books to Support Children's Mental Health

Book List

**As International Joke Day approaches on 1st July, it's a timely reminder of the important role laughter plays in family life.** Sharing a joke, finding something silly to laugh about or enjoying a funny moment together can brighten a child's day and help them feel relaxed, connected and supported.

Those light-hearted moments can also be a natural way to notice how children are really feeling, and what might be going on beneath the surface. Whether through play, everyday exchanges or simply spending time together, small interactions often reveal a lot about their wellbeing.

Tooled Up offers a range of practical resources to help parents better understand and support their child's emotional health.

Our [Happiness Checklist](#) offers a simple way for children of all ages to **reflect on the habits, activities and relationships that contribute to feeling good** day to day. It's a useful starting point for exploring what's working well and where extra support might be helpful.

Created with Thoughtful (formerly SAPERE), a national UK charity for philosophical enquiry, [Talking to Children and Young People About Happiness: A Philosopher's View](#) helps families explore what **happiness means to them**. Using thought-provoking prompts, it encourages open discussion, the sharing of different perspectives and a deeper understanding of how your child thinks.

**Good mental health plays an important role in children's happiness**, and books can be a powerful way to open up thinking around feelings, worries and emotions. In [Books to Support Children's Mental Health](#), we've selected a range of highly recommended titles to help you know where to begin, including both inspiring fiction and practical workbooks to support emotional wellbeing.