



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

AI is being used to turn ordinary photos of children into sexual abuse material. The National Crime Agency and Internet Watch Foundation have issued new guidance to help parents make informed choices about sharing images of their children online. It covers reviewing privacy settings, revisiting consent with your child as they grow, and what to do if you're worried. The parent's guidance can be found [here](#).

Student Achievements

Chemistry: Congratulations to the Y12 Chemistry students who competed in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge this year, winning an impressive 7 copper and 3 silver awards for themselves and the school. Well done on an excellent set of results!

Science: Congratulations to Ella P - Y12, who secured the Gold award for the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, putting her in the top 9% of entrants nationwide, and a Highly Commended in the Cambridge Biology Challenge for her impressive discussion on AI and medicine. An absolutely brilliant achievement!

Royal Society of Chemistry Workshop: Well done to the 10 A Level Chemistry students who attended the Royal Society of Chemistry 'Future of Food' workshop at the University of Reading this week. They had a highly informative day of talks and challenges exploring careers available within food science and chemistry, and did a wonderful job to win the overall team prize for their innovative solution to providing food for a fledgling colony on Mars!

Travel Plan

Today we were joined by the Mayor of Dacorum to present our Outstanding award for our Travel Plan. Our fantastic Travel team and the Sustainable Travel Officer from Herts County Council were also in attendance.



Lockers

Our locker provider, ILS Lockers has sent home communication about returning locker keys; please only return keys if you have specifically been asked to in the email. The green box to drop keys back is located by student reception. Please make sure lockers are emptied before the end of term.

Key Dates

- 15 July: Activity Day
- 16 July: Activity Day
- 17 July: Non-Uniform Day
- 17 July: Last Day of Term. **School Closes at 12.30pm**

Next Week [New Spring/Summer Menu:](#) Week 1

Communications

- [Y9 Cologne Trip](#)
- [Y7 Activity Days](#)
- [Y8 Activity Days](#)
- [Y9 Activity Days](#)
- [Y10 Activity Days](#)
- [Y12 Next Steps](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
29118	37740	36627	37929
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Music Lessons

To find out more about Peripatetic Music Lessons at Ashlyns please visit www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk

If you wish to register for music lessons from the Autumn term please go to [HMS Music Lesson Registration](#)

If you wish to stop music lessons, please click [here](#)
Any other queries regarding Music Tuition at Ashlyns School please email Mrs Marval at musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Activity Days

Activity days for all year groups take place next week on Wednesday and Thursday; please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and activity, and has suncream, a hat and a water bottle.

Year 7

Wednesday 15 July, Walk from Tring to Berkhamsted. Arrive at 8am to register; please make sure students have a packed lunch with them. Phones should be locked in pouches.

Thursday 16 July, Taskmaster and Kite Challenge. Register in form as usual. Students may bring items to decorate their kites if they wish, please no glitter. Phones should be locked in pouches.

Year 8

Wednesday 15 July, It's a Knock Out. Register in form as usual. Students should bring a change of sportswear. Phones should be locked in pouches.

Thursday 16 July, Chessington. Register in Form at 8.30am. Students should bring a packed lunch however, there will be opportunities to purchase drinks, small snacks, and souvenirs. For those planning to go on wet rides, please bring a change of clothes. Students may bring their phones, however, please remind them they must not take photos of staff members or other students and upload them to social media or other websites.

Year 9

Wednesday 15 July, Willen Lake. Register at 8.10am, return approximately at 5.15pm. Please remind students that jeans, flipflops and sliders are not suitable. Bring a change of clothing and a packed lunch.

Thursday 16 July, Sports Carousel. Register in Form as usual. Phones should be locked in pouches for both days.

Year 10

Wednesday 15 July, It's a Knock Out. Register in form as usual. Students should bring a change of sportswear. Phones should be locked in pouches.

Thursday 16 July, Thorpe Park. Register in the Chapel at 8.10am. Students should bring a packed lunch however, there will be opportunities to purchase drinks, small snacks, and souvenirs. For those planning to go on wet rides, please bring a change of clothes. Students may bring their phones, however, please remind them they must not take photos of staff members or other students and upload them to social media or other websites.

Year 12

Wednesday 15 July, Post 18 Options Day 2. Register in form as usual, students are expected to be in school for the duration of the school day.

Thursday 16 July, The Outdoor Education Company. Register in form as usual. Students should wear appropriate sportswear for the activities; flipflops/sliders are not permitted.

Coram Family Lives

The dates for their Autumn Parenting Groups & Workshops can be found [here](#)

Berkhamsted's Big Inflatable Theme Park - August 4-6 at Ashlyns School

If you're stuck for something local to do during the summer holidays, then come along to Berkhamsted's inflatable theme park. With giant obstacle courses and interactive games, plus refreshments and free parking, come and enjoy some fun and take advantage of the special price - booking in advance is recommended for this popular event - please follow the [link](#).

ASA News

ASA Comedy Night — Tonight's the night! 🎤

Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 8pm - we cannot wait to welcome you all.

A huge thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket and to our wonderful volunteers who are making it happen.

See you tonight!

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



Re-drawing the Careers Map:
What You Really Need to
Know About Navigating AI
and Your Child's Future

Article 1 minute read



Career Goals: What's it Like
to Be... A Special Effects
Make Up Artist

Video



Knowledge Organiser: Career
Planning

Tips to Try

As we mark World Youth Skills Day on 15 July, this week's focus is on careers, opportunities and the qualities that young people need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

The jobs our children will do in the future may not even exist today, so exploring potential pathways has never been more important. These conversations can help them to develop confidence, critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will support them through their education and beyond.

For many parents and carers, knowing how best to raise these discussions and what advice to give, can feel overwhelming when the world of work is changing so quickly. Tooled Up has a number of resources to help families navigate this area, empowering young people to make informed choices about their future.

As AI continues to reshape the workplace, [Re-drawing the Careers Map: What You Really Need to Know About Navigating AI and Your Child's Future](#) explores the **skills, mindsets and opportunities** that are likely to **matter most**, offering practical advice to help families navigate the changes with confidence.

Our [Career Goals](#) video series **helps young people explore future pathways through interviews with professionals working in a range of industries**. Watch [Career Goals: What's it Like to Be... A Special Effects Make Up Artist](#) and find more videos on the platform including those on **nursing, design, cybercrime** and the **beauty industry**.

Designed for those in year 10 or 11 but suitable for most senior school students, our [Knowledge Organiser: Career Planning](#) is a **clear, structured resource** that can be **used to support career planning** and decision making about future study and work.