



Next week, after Summer Break- 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 and happy summer break. Should you have a concern about a child during this time please refer to children's services on 0300 123 4043 (also hertfordshire.gov.uk/child-protection) or the police.

In keeping with the summer holiday please see an [article](#) which highlights the dangers of 'tanmaxxing'.

LRC Summer Reading

This summer, we are encouraging all students to get involved in our [Caught Reading Photography Competition](#). Whether you are at home, on holiday, or exploring somewhere new, we want to see you reading in a fun location this summer. To enter, print your image with your name and form and bring to the LRC by Friday 4 September.

For Y7 students our **Summer Reading Challenge** is a fantastic opportunity to keep reading over the holidays. To take part students simply need to complete any four of the challenges listed on the challenge sheet which can be found [here](#) and submit their entry to the LRC by Monday 7 September.

Entries for both activities will be entered in a prize draw. Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

House Points

Congratulations to Coram House for winning this year's House Cup. It was a nailbiting end to the year with Coram overtaking the frontrunners Raven in the last few days after their sports day victory! Well done to all students for their participation.



Current house points



Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
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Key Dates

- 1 Sept: INSET Day
- 2 Sept: School starts for Y7 & Y12
- 3 Sept: School starts for all Years

Next Week

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

Communications

- [Summer Reading](#)
- [Headteacher's End of Term Letter](#)

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.

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

Uniform Donations

If you are planning a clear out over the Summer, we would be grateful for any donations of any uniform items which will either be reused, donated to Bag2School or upcycled into new creations by the textiles department. Please drop donations to the Reception in September.

Dr Van Der Spoel

An advanced warning that Dr van der Spoel will be coming to work with the Year 11 students on 9 September, this will be followed by a parent evening session. Dr van der Spoel specialises in revision and motivational strategies and has worked very successfully with the school for several years as part of our Year 11 raising achievement programme.

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

What a night! Thank you to everyone who joined us - we hope you had as much fun as we did. The comedians were brilliant and the curries were delicious.

And the evening raised close to **£4,000!!**

Special thanks to our Partners:

Culinera, our headline sponsor and school caterers

The Rex, for their continued advertising support

Great Big Small, for our website

Lami, for printing our flyers

Tring Brewery, for all things beer & wine

Huge thanks to our volunteers, who helped make the evening happen.

ASA 100 Congratulations to our winners of the June draw:

1st Prize : H Jewell, 2nd Prize : P Wiggs, 3rd Prize: C Harrison.

The July and August winners will be announced in the e-Bulletin in September. Our prize pot is still growing with more people joining in, so please do [sign up](#) if you haven't already.

New 2 You Uniform The Y6 students who will be joining us in September were at Ashlyns this week for the annual uniform sale. Thank you to everyone who donated their uniform - it is hugely appreciated. We had a great selection in the end and sold over **£600** of clothing. The new families were very grateful and it was a great introduction to what the ASA will offer them.

If you need any uniform in the Summer holiday, please do email us at the address below. As well as the usual offering, we also have a small selection of Banner and David Luke skirts. They do not have the school emblem, but you can of course arrange for the school supplier to do this.

Thank You

We've had a terrific year of fundraising at the ASA, and are proud to have committed over **£35,000** to the school this year in funds (from mini bus, to musical instruments, to author visits, to flash mobs - the list goes on).

Not only have our events successfully raised lots of money, but it's been a joy to see how much everyone has enjoyed themselves. Some highlights include our first (but not last!) Burns Night where we had a blast dancing a ceilidh, the sell-out quiz, and the ever popular comedy night which we're just about recovered from. We are already thinking ahead to Autumn, and are in the early stages of planning our Halloween Disco and booking in

stalls for our next Craft Fair. It sounds a lot, but many hands make light (or lighter!) work and we couldn't do all this without those hands. Huge thanks to every one of you that dedicates some time to create these wonderful events which help bring us together as a school community and also raise valuable funds to help enhance the experience of all students at Ashlyns.

Of course the ASA is not just the big events - equally important is the ASA 100, our New 2 You uniform, running the bar at special events, and our Christmas events (Santa's Sleigh, Hampers, and Festival of Light Tombola), our essential Treasurers, Chair and Co-Secretaries. Volunteering with such a great bunch is a pleasure.

We would also like to thank the school staff for their continued support, especially the whole of the Premises team, Andrea W, and the Office. Your enthusiasm and dedication to the school is infectious and we are so appreciative of your help.

And finally, to everyone who this year has bought a ticket, or a drink, signed up to EasyFundraising, donated a blazer, or bought a raffle ticket (the list goes on!), a massive thank you. For all the planning and effort, it would be nothing without your support and we're very grateful.

We hope you have a wonderful Summer.

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



Finding Our Feet with Friendships in the Early Years

Webinar



Supporting Friendships During the Teen Years: Top Tips for Parents

Activity



Teen Parties: Navigating Risk, Safety and Independence

Webinar

Friendships are an important part of childhood and adolescence, helping children and young people build confidence, develop social skills and experience a sense of belonging. Whether it's spending time together at school, sharing interests, or simply feeling understood, positive friendships can play a key role in supporting emotional wellbeing.

Tooled Up offers a comprehensive library of evidence-based resources to encourage positive friendships and support children of all ages in managing the ups and downs of relationships.

The webinar [Finding Our Feet](#) explores **how young children develop social skills** and connections in the early years, with **practical ideas** to help parents and educators **nurture** their **confidence**.

Falling in and out of friendships is a developmentally normal part of growing up. Our tip guide, [Supporting Friendships During the Teen Years: Top Tips for Parents](#), provides parents with strategies to support tweens and teens as they **navigate friendship struggles**.

The end of exams and the start of the summer season can mean **celebrations** are commonplace. In this webinar on [Teen Parties](#) with Fiona Spargo-Mabbs OBE, we discuss how parents can balance giving teens the freedom to let their hair down with supporting them to make sensible decisions in the face of peer pressure.