



Next week- Week 2/B

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 see an updated guide to safety checklists for a variety of social media apps to keep your children safe [here](#).

Character

A huge well done to our Year 8 student ambassadors, who spent this afternoon visiting Ashlyns Care Home; they chatted thoughtfully and built wonderful connections across generations, making us incredibly proud of their contribution to our local community.

Careers

Oaklands College are running the following open days:

Welwyn Garden City Campus Saturday 10 October

St Albans Campus Event Saturday October 17.

Both events will run from 10am to 3pm. Students can either sign up in advance on the [website](#) or go along on the day.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

This week saw the launch of session 6, our silent supervised study session after school, and we have been very proud of the number of students attending and their work ethic within the session. All Year 11 students are welcome to this session, which runs Monday to Thursday 3.20pm-4.20pm in the LRC.

Year 7 Peaks Trip

Next week sees Year 7 head off on their residential trip to the Peak District, led by their head of year, Mrs Halloway; they will enjoy an eight mile walk, a disco, and a day at Alton Towers.

Parent Forum

Our Parent Forum meets once per term (on a Monday evening at 7.00pm) to discuss and give feedback on strategic school items. We very much value the work done by our Parent Forum to inform and help our work in all areas of the school going forward. If you would be interested in becoming part of Parent Forum for this academic year, please email Mrs Thompson on ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Locker Collection

The contents that were cleared from last year's lockers, will be available for students to collect in the main hall at lunchtime on **Tuesday 22 September**. Anything that is unclaimed will be recycled, reused or disposed of.

Coram Family Lives

Please find information about the online parenting groups for Autumn term from Coram Family Lives [here](#).

Key Dates

- 21-23 Sept: Y7 X Band Peak District Trip
- 23-25 Sept: Y7 Y Band Peak District Trip
- 24 Sept: Y8 Parents' Information & Support Evening
- **1 Oct: Open Evening 12.30pm early finish**
- **2 Oct: Inset, school closed to students**
- 7 Oct: Y9 Parents' Information & Support Evening
- 8 Oct: Y13 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening

Next Week

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

Communications

- [Y13 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening](#)
- [Non-Uniform Days](#)
- [Y8 Parents' Support and Information Evening](#)
- [Y9 D of E Bronze Launch Letter](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
1004	895	964	946
1 st	4 th	2 nd	3 rd
18/09/2026			

Vacancies

- [Teaching Assistant](#)

Music Lessons

Music Lessons have now either started or will be starting next week. The lessons take place in the Practice Rooms in the Music Block. Lesson timetables can be found on

Children Wellbeing Practice Workshops

Please find attached the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops flyer [here](#), which outlines the range of emotional wellbeing workshops being delivered by the team from October to December.

Rotary Firework Show

Please find attached the flyer for this year's show [here](#).

Google Classroom (Music Timetables and all students registered for lessons will have received an invite email) and on the Music Block notice board. It is the responsibility of students to get to their lessons on time. Please re-check your times over the next few weeks as there may be amendments to begin with.

If you have any queries regarding the lessons or timetables please email musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk or alternatively speak to your music teacher directly.

DSPL8

Please find information [here](#) about the latest Pathway to Presence course. You would need to commit to all 4 sessions, and more than one family member is welcome to attend together.

ASA News

Bags 2 School - 9 November

We've had a few emails asking if we'll be running another clothes collection this term, so we've booked one in for 9 November. Keep hold of unwanted clothes and accessories and we'll post the drop-off point closer to the time. Bags 2 School is a textile recycling charity that turns your donations into funds for the ASA. Every bag counts, so the more we collect, the more we receive.

Halloween Disco - Tuesday 20 October (Years 7 & 8)

Tickets will be on sale on ParentPay on 30 September!

AGM - Tuesday 13 October, 7pm, Boardroom at Ashlyns

Our annual AGM is next month where we will be reviewing the year gone by, and looking at plans for the one ahead of us. Everyone is welcome. Email us using the address below if you have any questions.

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

New 2 You uniform: Drop us an email if you're looking to buy. Donations welcome - either to the school office or at 67a Kings Road, HP4 3BP.

Get in touch: asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

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

We are delighted to remind you that our school subscribes to Tooled Up Education.

This gives you **privileged access** to an online platform packed full of **resources, podcasts, webinars, activities and practical advice** to help **support you** in all matters to do **with parenting and family life**.

Here are two quick resources highlighting how you can make the most of your Tooled Up membership.

- **Tooled Up - Parenting Support at Your Fingertips Benefit Sheet** - this is attached to the email
- [Tooled Up Tour Video Link](#) - this is a 5 minute video walk through of the platform, showing you how to navigate its features

If you have already signed up for an account: simply click this [link](#) to access.

To register for your free account now: click [Create my Tooled Up Account](#), enter your email address and our unique school PIN (available from the school office).

To view the platform on your phone: click this [link](#)

If you have any question, please just on the '[Support](#)' button on the website and one of the Tooled Up team will be happy to assist you.