



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

Parents/Carers talk about Self Harm and Recovery: On Tuesday 6 October, Carers in Herts, supported by Herts Mind Network, are running an evening Zoom session from 7pm to 9pm which aims to support Parents/Carers of children and young people who have experienced self harm. Please find the link to book a place [here](#).

Sixth Form

Please click [here](#) for the first edition of the 'Ashlyns Edit', the new student newsletter put together by our sixth form students.

Student Achievement

Cecily F, Y7 took her Grade 3 Acting LAMDA exam at the start of the summer holidays where she achieved a distinction! Very well done Cecily.

LRC

We are delighted to announce that, as part of the Department for Education's National Year of Reading initiative, the LRC has been awarded funding to enrich and expand our library collection.

We have placed an initial order for over 130 new books spanning a wide range of genres, including exciting new fiction and non-fiction titles. Whether your child is an avid reader eager for their next series or searching for that story to spark a new interest, our refreshed shelves will offer something for everyone.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

It has been fantastic to see Year 11 engaging so enthusiastically with the Raising Achievement Programme. Since launching Session 6, we have had an outstanding turnout. A total of 101 individual students attended at least one session this week which was a 37% increase on last week. Additionally, 10 students attended every session this week! A big well done to:

- Amelie B
- Theo G
- Blaise H
- Harper J
- Sofia K
- Melissa L
- William R
- Sofia S
- Olivia W
- Izzy W

The iCards have also been gathering pace with over 100 students completing their first iCard and 6 students submitting 4 or more!

We are so impressed with how hard the year group is working!

Key Dates

- 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 2](#)

Communications

- [Y9 Parents' Information & Support Evening](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
1547	1500	1540	1543
1 st	4 th	3 rd	2 nd
25/09/2026			

DSPL8

Please find the Autumn Parent and Carer Newsletter [here](#).

School Nursing Newsletter

Please find a link to the latest School Nursing Newsletter [here](#).

Y7 Peak District Trip

The recent Y7 Peak District trip was a fantastic experience, blending the thrill of Alton Towers with a rewarding hike up Thorpe Cloud in the Peak District National Park. Along the trail, many fellow walkers stopped to compliment our students on their exceptional manners and delightful singing, before we all gathered for a much-deserved ice cream at the village in Hartington. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to bond and have fun getting to know the other students in their forms. The evenings were just as successful, capped off by a disco the students enjoyed immensely, while the staff loved the entertaining variety of their music requests!

ASA News

Halloween Disco - ON SALE NEXT WEEK - (Yrs 7 & 8)

Tickets will be on sale on ParentPay on **Wednesday 30 September!** Limited tickets and it's always a sell-out so be quick. The disco itself is on Tuesday 20 October from 7 - 8.30.

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

Pop the date in the diary and we hope to see you there. The ASA is a great way to feel part of the school community so, whether you're new to the school or if you've been around for a while, come along to see what we do. Any questions, just ping an email to us on the email below.

Bags 2 School - 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.

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

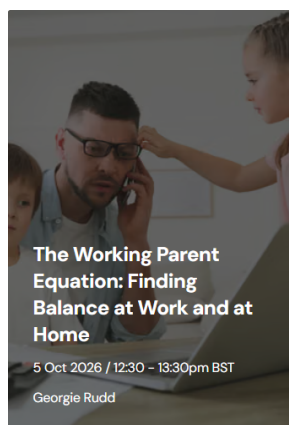
Shop & raise: Sign up [here](#) for Easyfundraising - raise funds effortlessly while you shop online

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

Tooled Up Education warmly invites you to register for their upcoming **October 2026** webinars:



The Working Parent Equation: Register [here](#).

In this webinar, executive coach and author Georgie Rudd shares practical strategies to help working parents navigate the competing demands of career and family life.

Talking with Children about Death and Dying: Register [here](#).

Join child and family psychiatrist Dr Kathryn Hollins as she shares evidence-informed guidance for responding to difficult questions and fears about death. Learn how children's understanding of death develops and how to talk about it in a calm, honest and age-appropriate way to ease anxiety without dismissing their concerns.

Under 16s Social Media Ban: Register [here](#).

Upcoming UK social media restrictions for under-16s are raising questions and concerns for many families. If your teen feels frustrated, worried about missing out, or unsure about the changes, knowing how to respond can be challenging.

In this 30-minute webinar, Dr Kathy Weston will share practical ways to talk openly with teenagers helping you listen to their concerns, discuss risks and benefits, and keep communication open about their digital lives.

Parenting Questions of the Month: Register [here](#)

Every month, parents in our community ask thoughtful, challenging and fascinating questions. In this session, we'll explore a selection of recent queries and share evidence-informed advice and practical suggestions. Please submit your questions when registering so we can include as many as possible.

Talking to Boys about Pornography: Register [here](#).

Join us for this webinar to learn about the realities of pornography exposure and how it can influence boys' understanding of sex and relationships. We will explore how to respond calmly and confidently to adolescent curiosity, have open conversations that build trust, and help boys develop the skills to navigate the digital world safely and make healthy choices.

Navigating Proposed Changes to UK Social Media Rules: Register [here](#).

With proposed government restrictions on social media for under-16s and feature limits for older teens now front of mind, many foster carers are feeling unsure about what's expected of them, and what to say to a young person who's about to lose access to the accounts and friendships they rely on. In this webinar, online safety specialist Adrienne Katz will unpack the changes and how to have those difficult conversations.



Dr Rhodes Talks with
Professor Barbara Sahakian
CBE: Reading for Pleasure,
Cognitive Performance and...

Podcast



The Power of Reading for
Children's Outcomes: What
Every Parent Needs to Know

Webinar



New Children's Books to Look
Out For in September 2026

Book List



New Children's Books to Look
Out For in August 2026
(Mega List!)

Book List



Books to Help with
Bereavement

Book List



New Children's Books to Look
Out For in July 2026

Book List

Literacy is the cornerstone of all learning. Whether your child is just beginning to decode words or tackling challenging texts at secondary school, enjoyment, choice, conversation and regular practice all matter.

For busy parents and carers, supporting literacy at home need not be time-consuming or onerous. Small, enjoyable opportunities to read, talk about words and share stories can make a meaningful difference at every stage.

Tooled Up has the resources to help you nurture your child's literacy and, importantly, their motivation to read.

Our podcast, [Reading for Pleasure, Cognitive Performance and Mental Wellbeing](#), **explores why reading for pleasure matters** for children's cognitive development, academic achievement and mental wellbeing. It **offers practical advice for encouraging reluctant readers**, including helping them find books they enjoy and giving them the freedom to choose what they read.

[The Power of Reading for Children's Outcomes: What Every Parent Needs to Know](#) explains how **reading supports vocabulary, emotional intelligence** and mental wellbeing. **It offers simple, practical tips to make reading part of family life**, from following children's interests to finding time for just five minutes of reading a day.

Tooled Up's helpful [Book Lists](#) **take the guesswork out of finding engaging books for your child, whatever their age.** From our latest **seasonal picks** to books about **space, heroes** from around the world, **mental health** and **navigating change**, there's something to spark curiosity, support big conversations or simply enjoy.