



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 find linked an informative article that outlines the top 5 platforms and apps linked to online child sexual abuse following a childline data exercise [here](#).

Open Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming visitors to our Open Evening tonight. Thank you to the hundreds of our students who have volunteered to be part of the evening; we know they will be fantastic ambassadors for Ashlyns. A reminder that students must sign in and out when they arrive and leave at the times specified in previous communication, that they should be in full school uniform, and bring a water bottle. Unfortunately for safeguarding reasons we are now only able to have students where consent has been given previously and who have been emailed separately about arrangements, to help on the evening.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

Students from 11H2 topped the attendance at Session 6 this week with 11C1 in a close second. 21 students attended all sessions this week! 220 iCards have been completed across Year 11 so far, meaning we have lots of contenders for our half-termly prize draw. Keep up the great work Year 11!

Student Achievement

Well done to Freya, Darcy, Evie, Lola and Unity, Y8, who all took part in the Vitality Westminster Mile running in memory of Freya's sister, Isabella. On Saturday, the girls raised an incredible **£1001.00** for CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young).



Key Dates

- **2 Oct: Inset, school closed to students**
- **7 Oct: Y9 Parents' Information & Support Evening**
- **8 Oct: Y13 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening**
- **15 Oct: Y11 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening**
- **21 Oct: Into the Sixth Evening**

Next Week

[Spring/Summer Menu: Week 3](#)

Communications

- [Ashlyns School Careers EXPO](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
2006	1950	2035	2104
3 rd	4 th	2 nd	1 st
01/10/2026			

Buckinghamshire College Group

Please find more information and the links to book upcoming Open Evenings [here](#).

DSPL8

Please find the link for the upcoming Raise Resilience course from DSPL8 [here](#).

Careers

Upcoming Careers Expo – Thursday 22 October

On 22 October, students in Years 9–13 will attend our Careers Expo in the Main Hall, featuring 48 exhibitors across a wide range of industry sectors.

- Years 9–11: Attending during the school day.
- Years 12–13: Attending after school.

With only 30 minutes in the hall, being prepared is essential. Over the coming weeks, students will use tutor time to research exhibitors, plan their route, and draft questions so no time is wasted.

How to Support at Home: Please talk to your child about the event and explore the Careers Expo Brochure together, which is now available on their Google Classroom intake page. Discussing potential sectors and questions at home will help them make the most of their slot!

Sports Results

Y8 Boys Football vs Cottesloe	Lost 5-1
Y8 Netball vs JFK	Won 19-7
Y9 Boys Football vs JHGS	Lost 6-2
Y9 Boys Football vs Laureate	Won 8-0
U16 Girls Football vs Longdean	Lost 6-0
Y7 Boys Football vs Aldenham	Lose 4-0

ASA News

Halloween Disco - TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW - 20 October, 7 - 8.30pm

Tickets have gone on sale on ParentPay! This event is always a sell-out so be quick. £5 a ticket, and that includes a snack and drink. Prizes for the best costumes!

Craft Fair - 15 November

This is always an excellent event. The team is busy behind the scenes booking in some fantastic stalls, but we will need a big team of volunteers to help with setting up, greeting guests, manning the cafe, and the post-event clean-up.

A sign-up link to ask for volunteers will come out in the coming weeks, but please pop the date in your diaries in the meantime.

ASA 100 Club

Congratulations to our winners from July (1st: J Brown, 2nd: C Green, 3rd D Mills) and August (1st: N Davies, 2: J Garner, 3rd: J Rollit). We hope you enjoyed spending your winnings! Join our lottery [here](#) - 50% of the money goes to the winners and 50% to the ASA.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

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

Halloween Disco - 20 October

Bags 2 School - 9 November

Craft Fair: 15 November

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



Dr Weston Talks with
Professor Neil Mercer: Oracy
and the Power of Speaking
Well in School and at Home

Podcast



Quick Tip Sheet for Wannabe
Orators

Tips to Try 2 minute read



How Does Speaking in Front
of Others Make Me Feel?

Activity

What is oracy?

Oracy is our ability to express thoughts clearly, listen actively and communicate well through spoken language. **It is a key skill that supports children's learning, confidence and future success.**

No expertise is required and everyday family conversations can make a real difference. Tooled Up's podcasts and quick tip sheets equip parents and carers to **boost oracy at home in simple ways** and help children develop the confidence, language and communication skills they need to find their voice.

Our podcast, [Oracy and the Power of Speaking Well in School and at Home](#), explores why talking and listening are so important for children's thinking and learning. It **shares simple ways for parents to make conversations more meaningful**, from asking questions that encourage children to explain their ideas to discussing experiences in greater depth. It's a great reminder that conversation is one of the most powerful learning opportunities we can offer at home.

[Quick Tip Sheet for Wannabe Orators](#) is **packed with practical tips to help children to speak in front of others, even if they lack confidence**. From planning and **rehearsing** a talk to **managing nerves**, connecting with an audience and responding to questions, these tips can help children develop confidence and become more effective speakers.

[How Does Speaking in Front of Others Make Me Feel?](#) is a **reflection activity** designed to help young people think **about how public speaking makes them feel**. It identifies strategies to help them feel better prepared and more confident.