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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

Please find an informative article that outlines the signs and risk of looksmaxxing.

LRC Event - Manga Artist Sonia Leong

This week the LRC had the pleasure of hosting acclaimed manga artist and BBC Britain's Best Young Artist judge, Sonia Leong as part of our programme of National Year of Reading celebrations. This special event brought manga art and graphic literature to life for our students, showing how illustration serves as a powerful medium for creative expression and reading engagement.
Sonia delivered hands-on, energetic workshops to students across Year 8, 9 and 10 and taught pupils how complex characters can be crafted using simple foundation shapes and guidelines. The atmosphere across all participating year groups was electric with students showing incredible enthusiasm and artistic focus.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

Turn out to Session 6 continues to be impressive! Congratulations to Izzy W who is the only student to have attended every session so far! An incredible achievement!
Topic lists for the Trial Exams (taking place Monday 23 November – Friday 4 December 2026) will soon be available and sent home.

Sixth Form

This week, the Sixth Form Executive Team met with Celine from Hector's House to explore opportunities for supporting the charity through in-school fundraising initiatives. The meeting was highly productive, generating numerous inspiring ideas for upcoming events. Please do support our Sixth Form Executive if you see them providing refreshments at upcoming events. hectorshouse.org.uk

As part of their Enrichment programme, Year 12 started their first five Future Prep sessions this week, having the opportunity to learn life skills including First Aid, Survival Skills, British Sign Language, Food and Nutrition and Martial Arts.

On Friday, Elevate Education gave inspiring talks to both year groups: 'Student Elevation' and 'Study Sensai'. These seminars provide techniques for increasing self-motivation, developing a growth mindset and breaking goals into manageable tasks and deadlines

Student Achievement

Jacob S and Harry C, both in Year 9, were nominated by Northchurch Cricket Club to take part in the West Hertfordshire Area Cricket trials. Following successful trials, they have both been selected for the Hertfordshire West Area Winter Development Programme.

Key Dates

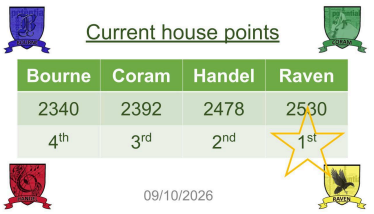
- 15 Oct: Y11 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 21 Oct: Into the Sixth Evening
- **26-30 Oct: Half Term**
- 5 Nov: Y12 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening

Next Week Autumn Menu: Week 1

Communications

- Y11 "Into the Sixth" Evening

House Points



University of Hertfordshire

Please find the link to sign up for the following events for Y13 being held this month: *Introduction to the application process/student finance* and *Personal Statements* here

HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to stop Music Lessons at the end of the Autumn Term please email HMS.customersupport@hertfordshire.gov.uk by the end of this half term, Friday 23 October or use this form to withdraw from lessons. If notice is given after this date, costs will be incurred for the following term.
If you wish to register for music lessons please go to

Sports Results

U18 Boys Football vs Roundwood	Won on penalties
Y7&9 Netball vs JFK	Y7 - Lost 6-0 Y9 - Won
U13 Table Tennis at KLS	5th
U12 Girls Football vs Sandringham	Lost 3-2
NSSA Skiing Indoor Championships	3rd
U14 Girls Football vs Beaumont	Won 2-0
U15B Girls Football vs STAHS	Won 3-1
U18 Netball vs Sir Henry Floyd	Lost

HMS Music Lesson Registration

Any other queries regarding Music Tuition at Ashlyns School please email musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Remedies - Echor Music

The next concert will be on Saturday 17 October - Ashlyns Main Hall at 7.30pm. As always, under 18s are free. Tickets can be purchased here.

ASA News

AGM - 13 October, 7pm

Our AGM and general meeting is on Tuesday in the school boardroom. If you're new to the school, park in the visitor car park at the front, enter through the main doors, and take the stairs on the right. The boardroom is the room directly in front at the top of the stairs. It's a great chance to see what we do at the ASA, everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you there!

Halloween Disco - SOLD OUT

All the tickets for this event have now been sold - huge thanks to everyone who has bought a ticket.

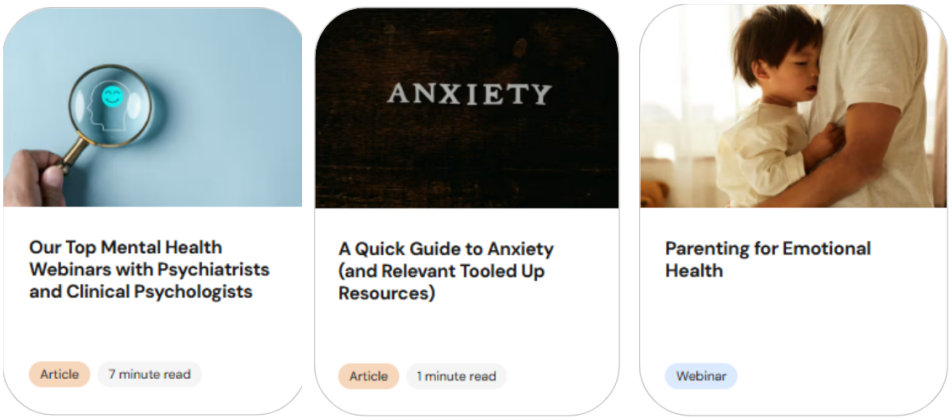
Craft Fair - 15 November

A quick reminder to pop this date in the diary, whether you're planning to attend or would be able to lend a hand as one of our much-appreciated volunteers. It's a big event, and we'll need plenty of support to make sure everything runs smoothly and successfully. A sign-up link to ask for volunteers will come out in the coming weeks.

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



World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2026 provides an opportunity to reflect on how we can support children and young people's mental health throughout the year.

Tooled Up is sharing practical advice and resources to help parents and carers talk about feelings, help children manage worries and build strong, supportive relationships.

Our **Top Mental Health Webinars with Psychiatrists and Clinical Psychologists** resource, brings together **expert conversations on everything from anxiety**, **sleep** and **low mood to body image, ADHD** and **performance anxiety**. There's something for every age and stage and you'll find **ideas you can put into practice straight away**.

Our **Quick Guide to Anxiety** explains what it is, how it can affect children of all ages and when it might start interfering with everyday life. The guide shares **practical advice on listening calmly, validating feelings and helping children break worries into manageable steps.** It also links to a whole host of other Tooled Up resources we have summarised covering anxiety from relaxation techniques and videos to tip sheets.

Our webinar, **Parenting for Emotional Health,** explores how our responses to children's big feelings can support their emotional development. It offers **practical guidance on empathy, consistent boundaries and helping children make sense of their thoughts and feelings**.