



## Next week- Week 1/A

**Attendance reporting procedures** Please report children's absence by 08:30 each morning using our [online google form](#) which can also be found on the school website. This form should also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

## Safeguarding

We have had reports from local schools that children have been able to purchase the below BuzzBallz which are alcohol drinks that have an uncharacteristic appearance that could be mistaken for something else. Please be aware of this.



## Anxiety and Attendance Workshop

Our next anxiety and attendance workshop will take place on Wednesday 26 March from 9.30am to 11.00am. This is run by Dacorum Family Services and offers strategies and support for parents/carers of children who are struggling to come into school. All are welcome to attend. For more information and to book a place please email [ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

## Character

### Prefects and Learning Ambassadors Leading the Way

Our year 10 prefects continue to be a driving force in supporting the Character Programme, particularly in the Year 7 and 8 programmes of study. Their leadership, enthusiasm, and commitment have been invaluable in setting a positive example for younger students, whether through mentoring, guiding discussions, or reinforcing the school's values in action. It's fantastic to see them helping to shape a culture of integrity, inclusivity, and independence.

Meanwhile, 14 of our Year 8 & 9 Learning Ambassadors visited Victoria School today to deliver a history lesson to the Year 2 pupils. They were outstanding—leading the entire session with confidence, showing kindness and compassion in their delivery, and acting as brilliant role models. Well done to all involved!

## Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

### Maintaining Momentum

With mock exams behind us, the focus this week has been on ensuring Year 11s continue to push forward by fully engaging with the Triple I-Card. Staff have been driving this by checking that students have their I-Cards out in lessons, reinforcing high expectations, and encouraging resilience and dedication to their studies.

Beyond the classroom, strong attendance at Session 6 and other study sessions shows that many students are maintaining their momentum and making the most

## Key Dates

- 18 Mar: Y10 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 20 Mar: Spring Chill Concert
- **21 Mar: Non-Uniform Day for Comic Relief**
- 21 Mar: ASA Quiz night
- 7-18 Apr: Easter Holiday
- 21 Apr: Bank Holiday, School closed

## Next Week

### Autumn/Winter Lunch

### Menu: Week 2

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
31590	30766	33296	33008
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
14/03/2025			

## Vacancies

- [Teacher of Technology](#)
- [Teacher of Science](#)

## Travel

Dacorum Borough Council, in partnership with Hertfordshire County Council, have developed the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which outlines proposed improvements to key walking and cycling routes over the next decade. This includes a scheme to convert Chesham Road to a shared use path to reduce collision risk between cyclists and vehicles. The public consultation on the LCWIP is now open and will run until 11:59 pm on Sunday, 23 March 2025. Please follow [this link](#) to respond.

of the support available. Now is the time to keep up these positive habits and ensure every lesson, every session, and every opportunity counts.

## Careers

### Yr 10 & 12 Work Experience

A reminder that Year 10 (June 9-13) and Year 12 (July 7-11) work experience weeks are fast approaching. Students need to upload their work experience details to Unifrog via the Student Initial Form on the Placements tile to begin the process.

If support is needed, please reach out to Assistant Headteacher Mr Roberts at [lroberts@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lroberts@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

### Book on local NHS after-school talks

Students from Years 7–13 can book on Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust's free after-school talks held at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury.

- **Discover careers in pharmacy:** 5–7pm Thursday 26 June [See full agenda and book free tickets on tickettailor.com](#)
- **Discover careers in medicine:** 5–7pm Thursday 10 July [See full agenda and book free tickets on tickettailor.com](#)

### Apply for NHS work experience this summer (Year 12 and 13)

- Students in Years 12 and 13 who are interested in finding out more about healthcare careers are invited to apply for work experience at Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust over the summer.
- The link will be posted on the Trust's website between Friday 4 – Sunday 20 April under the tab 'apply for work experience' during this time.
- See more details: [Apply for work experience at Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust](#)

## Sports Results

U15 Girls Football vs Astley Cooper	Won 5-3
Y7A & Y8B Netball vs JFK	7A - Won 23-7 8B - Lost 13-8
U13A Girls Football vs JFK	Won 6-1
U13A Girls Football vs JFK	Won 4-1
Y7B Netball District Plate Final vs Longdean	Won 23-5
Y7 Boys Football vs JFK	Lost 6-3
Y7A Netball District Cup Final vs Tring	Lost
Y8A Netball District Cup Final vs Tring	Lost
Y9A Netball District Cup Final vs Abbot's	Lost
Y10A Netball District Cup Final vs Abbot's	Won 43-27
Y9A Netball vs JFK	Won 26-5
Y9A Netball vs Berkhamsted	Won 24-15
Y9 Boys Football vs Hemel	TBC

## ASA News

One week to go! **Quiz Night is almost here!** Are you hitting the books or just relying on sheer brainpower for quiz night?

Sweeten the deal! We're looking for **cake donations** (homemade or store-bought, nut-free with ingredient lists please!) for our legendary auction. It's a delicious way to raise vital funds for the school.

Email [asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) to donate.

**Feeling lucky?** Join the ASA 100 (private lottery) Club! Win cash prizes and support the school. Sign up here: [this form](#)

**Congratulations to our recent 100 Club winners:**

**November:**

1st - G Okin

2nd - E Parkes McQueen

3rd - D Bull

**December:**

1st - R Bray

2nd S Bird

3rd - H Donovan

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



[Myths and Truths about Dyscalculia](#)



[Understanding Dyslexia](#)



[All About Me: My Learning Profile](#)

Numeracy and literacy sit at the heart of learning for all our children. Parents, carers and teachers alike are sensitive to the difficulties that may be experienced in these two areas.

Whilst many of us understand that **dyslexia affects reading and writing** skills, you may not be familiar with **dyscalculia** which is **a difficulty with counting, number patterns and mathematical concepts**. To raise recognition of this condition that occurs in around 1 in 20 people, Dyscalculia Awareness Day took place last week.

If you are worried that a child in your care may have dyscalculia or dyslexia or are looking to build on your understanding of these conditions, Tooled Up has a number of resources that can help.

A useful **introduction to dyscalculia** and **advice on supporting your child** can be found in our **webinar** with Professor Jo Van Herwegen who discusses the [Myths and Truths about Dyscalculia](#).

To **explore the science behind dyslexia, its causes, impacts and to bust some myths** watch our **webinar** [Understanding Dyslexia](#) with Dr Rebecca Gordon, associate professor of cognitive psychology at University College London.

**For children with special educational needs**, we have created [All About Me: My Learning Profile](#) which provides **a template** to encourage them **to identify** their **strengths, sticking points** and the things that help them to learn more effectively. This activity can be completed in school or at home and then be shared with teachers so that they can offer optimal support to the individual.