



Next Week – Week 2

A full calendar is available on our website

29 November: Occasional Day, School closed to staff and students

School News and Notices

Y11

Good luck to Year 11 who embarked on their GCSE Trial Exams today.

Survey

Please find attached information about a survey for young people aged 11-17 asking for their views on activities and support for young people in Hertfordshire.

Extended Learning Day

During the Extended Learning Day, Year 11s were treated to a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' by energetic theatre company FRED. As well as reminding students of an important literature text for their exams, it also provided some laughs as students and teachers were pulled up from the audience to take on roles such as Tiny Tim, Peter Cratchit and even the Christmas Turkey. The whole event was a great success and would not have been possible without the kind donations from the ASA, to whom we are very grateful.

New front boundary fence and collaboration with The Woodland Trust and the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust

Work began over half term to replace the front fencing at Ashlyns School, the first steps being to remove trees, which affect the fence line and removal of the old fencing. The work is going as planned with the new black, heritage style fencing expected to be fitted during the next couple of weeks. As part of this project, we are delighted to have been successful in our bid to replace the trees and further develop our hedgerows around the school with a donation of trees and shrubs from The Woodland Trust. We are looking forward to them being delivered in March 2020. We have also met with the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust who have advised on the most beneficial locations for our new trees to be planted maximising their potential benefit to our environment and wildlife.

Physics

To all KS4 and 6th form students and parents interested in Physics. The department of Physics, Royal Holloway, are holding a Christmas Lecture 'Rockin' around the LHC..and other science stories!' On 3 December, there is a fantastic line up of young researchers talking about their work at Royal Holloway.

Follow this link for more information/booking:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-lecture-2019-tickets-79176917291?aff=odeimcmailchimp&ct=t%28Catching_Ghost_Particles1_9_2016_COPY_01%29&mc_eid=0acf1cdce7&mc_cid=987013186f

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Rotary send shoeboxes all year, full of gifts to children and families who are in need in Eastern Europe. If you would like to fill a box, you can purchase one from the canteen for £1. Please see attached for more information. Boxes should be returned by Thursday 12 December.

Year 7 Parents' Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 7 Parents' Information Evening last night, which included the excellent talk from Dr Kathy Weston. We hope you found it engaging and informative. If you missed the opportunity to hear her speak but are interested in her advice, on helping your children thrive at school, please visit her website at www.drkathyweston.com.

Key dates this half term:

- 20 December: Christmas Jumper Day, Last Day of Term, School Closes 12.20

This Week's Attachments

- Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Attendance

Forms with highest attendance Week ending 15/11/2019

7B2 99.0%

8H1 99.64%

9H2 99.0%

10R1 100%

11R1 99.09%

Forms with the highest attendance receive 20 house points.

A reminder that we have refined procedures to respond to student absences in the morning. Immediately following the morning registration and period 1 registration, an email and text is sent to all contacts (with parental responsibility) for all students who are marked as absent.

If you have already notified us that your son/daughter will be absent on that day, and provided a reason, you will not need to take any further action.

If you have not advised us that your child will not be attending school that day, please respond as soon as you receive the message. This is to ensure that parents of children who should be in school are alerted to absences as soon as possible.

Please note that you must let school know for every day that your child is absent. Our preferred method of contact for absences is electronically via Insight, where you can also attach any documentation or appointment cards for our records.

Please ensure that we have up-to-date contact details at all times. You can notify us of any changes to telephone numbers/email addresses by emailing:

admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk. Please include the name of your son/daughter in the email.

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
11324	12309	11710	10924
3 rd	1 st	2 nd	4 th

22/11/2019