

Summer 2010 Volume 2, Issue 6

Message from the Head



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students,

As we approach the end of another successful school year, I want to extend my thanks to all of you for your continued support and my best wishes to all those students involved in external examinations.

The realm of examinations continues to change with considerable pace. In previous years, it was only Year 11, 12 and 13 involved in examinations. Now, we have Year 10 taking external GCSE module exams and soon that practice may even extend into Year 9.

We are also doing so many more examinations. This year we have launched our graded music exams for Year 8 and 9 where most of the year group was successful in passing this test of musical ability. We hope to

extend this further as we encourage more and more students to study a musical instrument throughout their schooling.

Parents/Carers and students will also be aware of our recent consultations. We are seeking to improve the information we give to parents/carers. The website is due for change during the summer holidays. The Annual School Report is also planned to change, to make it more straightforward and effective for parent/carers to understand. Finally, we are planning to become one of the first tranche of the new academic Academies launched by the government.

We may well be an Academy by September 2010. Life as an Academy will be largely the same as it is today. The changes are more about the administration of the school rather than the impact on students. Of course, the benefits it brings to our administration we hope will enable us to continue our ambitions to improve the school further in the future.

Exciting times ahead as we plan for an even more successful 2010/11

Derrick Brown Head Teacher

"Rubbish" Art Competition



Christos Panayi

RECENTLY the London
Borough of Barnet held a
competition for students in Years 9
to 13 to design a piece of artwork
to encourage people to recycle
everything that they can.

Ashmole School is proud to announce that the winning entry was designed by Sheniz Mehmet – 9J1. Sheniz's design has been

printed onto to side of 19 of the borough's refuse trucks.

Not only did the winner come from Ashmole School but also the two runners-up. Christos Panayi – 12M1 and Jing Yap – 9N1 will also have their designs shown on the side of refuse trucks so look out for all three designs being driven around the borough!



THE second leg of the fourth French Exchange took place at the end of March. Mr Brown, Ms Moon, Mr Pearson and Miss Williams accompanied 20 students on the trip to Le Raincy where pupils stayed with their penfriends' families. The Friday was spent in the French school where pupils had lunch in the canteen and went to lessons. As is the case every year, pupils expressed their surprise at how different lessons and teachers are in France. We also visited central Paris, taking a boat trip on the Seine and we spent a day at Eurodisney. I would like to thank all the students, parents and staff for making the trip such a success.

Ms Moon **Head of Modern Languages**

The French Exchange was amazing because not only did we interact with our French pen pals but with others as well.

Brittany Holness 9/S1

I learnt that 'chercher' means to look for something. When I was pulled after Léa's little sister around the house it was to look for a tiny toy rabbit I had given her, a fact that I only found out much later on...

Asha O'Neill 9/S1

I learnt that I am awesome at go-karting and that I love pear ice-cream (la glace à la poire).

Dominic Gable 9/J2

The French Exchange was really fun and I learnt a lot of strange things like their toilets are holes in the floor! I'm definitely going back as I made lots of good friends.

Natalia Charalambous 9/J1

The French Exchange was such a wonderful experience. I enjoyed every bit of it and would recommend it to anyone.

Stathi Papadopoullos 9/J1

In France everyone kisses each other twice on the cheek when they say hello and goodbye. I never used to do that but now it's a habit!

Seray Hussein 9/S2



VE started our journey too early to remember with the longest and most exciting day ahead of us. Landing in Berlin, we took the coach to our accommodation, from which we had a walking tour of the city. From there we were guided to various landmarks, such as the Berlin Wall and then most importantly the shopping centre!

Our trip lasted 3 nights and 4 days with both German and History students from Years 10 and 12. On the trip we saw various aspects of Berlin; Check Point Charlie, TV Tower, The Berlin Wall, followed by evening activities, such as bowling. The most emotional point of the trip had to be the concentration camp, Sachsenhausen. Being able to see where thousands had been killed was extremely moving for all of us. Overall the trip to Berlin was a valuable experience as we bonded with the younger year group, enhanced our German and gained priceless knowledge on the history of Germany.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all the teachers who took the time to take us!

> Jodie Rawl 12N1 Katerina Xenophontos 12N2







URING the May half term about 80 Year 10 students and 12 members of staff visited Barcelona. They visited some of the most famous sights of Barcelona including La Sagrada Familia - Gaudi's unfinished basilica, the Nou Camp stadium, the Dali museum and also a theme park.

Philip Lewis and the college a

N May Dr. Philip Lewis from Imperial College joined us to do some inspiring demonstrations featuring three dimensional technology. Dr. Lewis explained to various groups of students how we as humans see in 3D and how we can trick our own eyes and brain into thinking 2D objects are 3D and vice versa.

Dr. Lewis went on to explain applications of 3D technology, including cutting edge research. Students were also able to construct their own 3D glasses

and understand how they work.

For our part, we at Ashmole are looking at how 3D technology may be used to enrich lessons and it is our hope that in the future you will begin to see such cutting edge techniques integrated into your lessons.

Mr Hague Head of Science Faculty

N April and May Dr. Natalie Vaughan kindly joined us from Imperial College. She delivered talks and demonstrations to illustrate how we can now replace many body parts in humans and animals with synthetic ones. This amazing technology which advances year on year can now replace even quite complex parts of the organism, improving quality of life and extending life spans. Pupils left the talks with a much better understanding of this cutting edge technology which will no doubt continue to advance significantly over the coming years.

Mr Hague

Head of Science Faculty

Sub-zero Lessons





N April many of our students were able to experience some sub-zero lessons. Dr. Matthew French, an expert in the use and application of pressurised gases, joined us as part of our continued link with Imperial College to explain to students how levitation may be possible.

Dr. French used liquid nitrogen for his experiments (colder than -195°C) and explained how this can be used to super-cool material and make them repel one another like magnets. This has potentially useful applications for near friction-free trains and transport.

The nitrogen arrived to us in large, super-insulated vessels as it will quickly boil at temperatures colder than any found naturally on Earth. Pupils were able to witness small amounts of the liquid boiling on the floor of a laboratory and also see how it can instantly freeze items such as flowers making them brittle and prone to shattering!

The sessions were enjoyed by all and will be remembered by those that saw them for a long time to come.

Mr. Hague Head of Science Faculty

Sub-Zero Science Soirees



ATTENDEES at the recent Science Soiree hosted in conjunction with University College London were treated to a range of interesting experiments and thought provoking ideas. The session was entitled 'The Most Dangerous Molecule in the World' and as many of you will have guessed this focussed on CO₂. Ashmole parents and friends were able to handle the CO2 in its solid state (at some -78°C) and perform a range of experiments to illustrate its properties.

Of course there was discussion of the molecules potentially catastrophic effects in terms of climate change although we were also reminded that without CO₂ in the atmosphere the

planet would actually be too cold – just one of the many fragile balances which may affect the longevity of the human race.

The night was designed to be fun and informal and guests enjoyed food and drink and were encouraged to discuss the issues presented and draw their own conclusions.

The night was oversubscribed and I am always grateful to Ashmole parents and friends for supporting our scientific ethos and we are grateful to UCL for their support.

Look out for more similar events occurring soon.

Mr. Hague Head of Science Faculty

A LEVEL FORENSICS



LEVEL Biologists Alearnt about the techniques used by forensic biologists and pathologists to identify a corpse and determine its time of death. They then worked as forensic scientists and carried out a technique known as DNA profiling to match a suspect to the DNA found at a crime scene. They separated fragments of DNA using a special gel placed in a tank with electrodes at either end. This helped to separate the DNA fragments according to their size. They then stained the gel in order to view the DNA strands. This technique is cutting edge science

and can also be used for identification purposes, settling paternity disputes, identifying stolen animals and looking at variation and evolutionary relationships between organisms.

"We were lucky enough to be able to use this new equipment and to find out what scientists do in the real world to solve crimes"

Costa Patsalis 13S1

ENJOYED loading the gels with the DNA, although I could have done with a steadier hand so that I didn't pierce the gel"

Cangul Arpaci 13M1

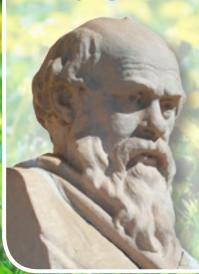
GIVING NATION

IVING Nation is a project that gives pupils in Year 8 the chance to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH.) At the same time as providing for the needs of very sick children, pupils get to learn business skills. After a day of workshops about business skills and raising money for charity, each form group in the year began planning individual fundraising projects they would then hold in order to aid the work of GOSH. 8J2 decided to host an "Inter-form Dodgeball" tournament for the Year 9 tutor groups. 8J2 elected a **Project Manager to oversee** the project and several managers to run teams who

would focus on finance, marketing, production and administration. The competition took place during lunchtime on the 9th February and was well attended – the posters we put up had worked! The marketing team also visited assembly and Year 9 forms to promote the competition as well as advertising on Ashmole Radio. Everyone thought the event was a real success, raising £105.54 for GOSH. As a form we were really grateful to have had this experience and proud to be able to support children who are worse off than ourselves

Kyri Kyriacou 8J2

Philosophy Club is back... with a difference!



PHILOSOPHY club is back for Year 10s and 11s to meet and develop thinking and debating skills which will be a real advantage for the new full course GCSE in Religious Studies which began this year.

The main difference from previous years is that the club will be run/organised by 6th form students who have already sat their GSCE examinations and

AS Philosophy and Ethics examinations. This will enable them to impart their knowledge and wisdom, understanding and skills as well as enthusing students lower down in the school about discussing and considering philosophical and moral issues – hopefully from an angle that inspires and grabs their attention more than 'old' teachers are able!



Congratulations to Katy Orriss 12N2, who has secured a place on VETCAM 2010 which was a two day introduction course to Veterinary Science held in March at the University of

Summer Schools 2010



ERM ends for the majority of Ashmole students on Tuesday 20th July but for others this heralds the beginning of the Summer School season. Pierluigi Castagnetti 11/M2 and Murelli Sooriyakumar 11/J2 have both been selected to attend the **London School of Economics** Summer School on the Business and Finance Course for a week in August.

There are 6 successful candidates on the LSE Choice Programme which provides the students with a week long summer school plus 16 weeks of master classes in a chosen subject on a Saturday morning. These classes will run from September to March and the successful students are Angelica Lam 12/J2 (History), Kieran Panchal 12/J1 (Geography), Michael Pieri 12/ N1 (History), Roshni Shah 12/ M1 (Economics), Bobby Wiafe 12/J2 (History), George Yianni 12/N1 (Economics).

Some of our budding medical students and healthcare workers have been accepted on the St. George's Spring & Summer School programme. The successful students are; Jainicca Chandrasekaram 10/M1, Kishan Joshi 10/N2, Nivi Ravindran 11/ J1, Murelli Sooriyakumar 11/J2.

Our most successful candidate to date is Angelica Lam 12/J2 who has been offered a place on BOTH the Oxford and Cambridge Summer Schools and will be spending two weeks on a work placement scheme under the Law Internship Programme organised by the Social Mobility Foundation.

Congratulations to all concerned, it is very gratifying that so many Ashmole students want to extend their education throughout the

> Mrs O'Carroll **Gifted & Talented** Coordinator

Novice Pianist Competition

ONGRATULATIONS to Alexandros Zabetas 7J1 who recently won first prize in a local piano competition. Alexandros was entered into the Novice Pianist (11 – 13yrs) competition which is part of the North London Festival of Music. The adjudicator said about Alexandros' performance "He played with character and enthusiasm. It had personality

and an attractive sense of freedom". Alexandros, who recently passed his Grade 7 piano examination with merit, will also be playing his trumpet and saxophone as part of the Ashmole School orchestra and jazz band tour to Belgium in July.

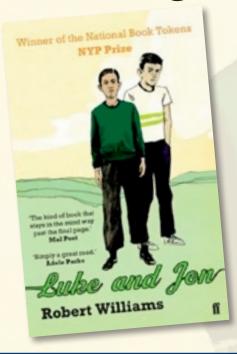
> **Mrs Turvey Director of Music**



English @ Ashmole

BOOKIT NEWS!

The Key Stage Four Reading Club



This half term we have been reading 'Luke and Jon' by Robert Williams. It has received rave reviews, and won the National Book Tokens 'Not Yet Published Prize'. Here is what some of our 'Bookit' members thought of it...

UKE and Jon was a very intriguing book; it involves a boy called Luke who meets a strange and exciting character - Jon - when he and his dad move house after Luke's mum dies suddenly in a car crash. For me, it is a great book to pass your time with - it is a real pageturner and can be read anywhere: at school, travelling to work or on holiday, even on the beach. I would recommend it to people who are between 12-16 years old as it is not extremely challenging, although the themes of the book are fairly sensitive, especially with the death of Luke's mum. I found the book interesting, although not as challenging as I would have liked. If you enjoyed any 'coming of age' book, then Luke and Jon is for you.

UKE and Jon manages to capture feelings and themes that all teenagers, and adults, experience at some point in their life; sadness, happiness, friendship and anger. The story has an interesting plot that makes you want to read on, as you want to know how Luke and Jon's friendship develops.

You also get to find out some of Luke's past, due to the chapters flicking backwards and forwards in time. This makes you, as the reader, feel more connected with the characters in the book.

Overall, the book is a short read so it was easy to become engulfed in the story line to the point where you couldn't put the book down.

Susie Epps 9M1

Antony Zacharias 10J2

Next half term we will be reading 'Beautiful Malice' by Rebecca James. Watch this space for more reviews!

The Key Stage Three My experience of Debating Clu



EBATING club is an extremely enjoyable lunchtime activity, where any pupil is allowed from any form. This club allows year 7 and 8 to experience sophisticated and real life debates. We have covered many interesting debates such as deforestation and the controversial scientific MMR jab. We have also debated the extremely popular Harry Potter VS Twilight!

If you would like to discover the fantastic world of debating come down to EN8 on Wednesdays at 1:10-1:45 we hope to see you soon!

Stephanie Georgiou 7S1

Debating Club



ELLO I am Yasmin and last week I did a great debate about Twilight versus Harry Potter. I was with a friend called Rachel and we were both debating for Twilight to win. I was really excited because it was my first ever debate which was really competitive. Unfortunately we lost which was devastating but it was still a great debate.

So, if you come along to EN8 on a Wednesday at 1.10 to 1.45pm and like sticking up for your opinion you will enjoy debating club.

Yasmin Azedou 7J2

News @ Ashmole



THE annual sixth form dinner took place on 6th May at the Royal Chace Hotel. Attendees were treated to a three course meal

and speeches by Mrs O' Carroll, Mr Scott and the members of the Sixth Form Senior Team. A huge thank you goes to Miss Scutchings and Mrs Fisher for helping to organise the event. It was a fitting way to say good bye and good luck to the class of 2010.

Associated Board Music Examination Success



OR the last year, students in years 8 and 9 have been working towards their grade 1 percussion or snare drum examination in Music. Following considerable hard work in lessons and attendance at after school workshops, our second cohort of students took the examination at the end of April. 244 students across years 8 and 9 now have a grade 1 certificate with many achieving distinctions and merit. I would like to congratulate all the students for their amazing effort – they should all feel incredibly proud of their achievements. Well done!

Ms Augustyniak Head of Music

The following students achieved distinction at ABRSM Grade 1 Percussion

	Name	Year
	Naveena Kapur	9/N2
١	Nina Nsonwu	9/M2
١	Yuanyi Zhu	9/M2
١	Safina Hardy	9/M1
	Eliz Yorganci	9/J1
	Stephanie Green	8/S2
	Joseph Hember	8/S2
	Lily Gandhi	8/N2
	Sabrina Guselli	8/N2
	Sarah Thompson	8/N2
	Isabel Frutuoso	8/N1

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	Name	Year	
	Lucy Jenkins	8/N1	
	Simone Laporte	8/N1	
	Luke Loizides	8/N1	
	Jenny Orriss	8/N1	
	Joan Peshkepija	8/N1	
	Michael Rose	8/N1	
	Andrew H Jones	8/M2	
	Joanna Chan	8/M1	
	Sabrina Matica-Hickey	8/M1	
	Veronica Devarajah	8/J2	
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Jack Petchey Achievement Awards



January Winner



Jonathan Beagley 13J1

Jonathan was nominated for making an outstanding contribution to the music department of the school especially in producing a professional standard CD.

Award spent on equipment for the music department.

February Winner



Louis Pentecost 9M1Louis received the highest mark in his recent

Award spent on new resources for the English department.

March Winner



Ellie Brown 10J2

Ellie has consistently worked hard and is always on time for school. She also contributes in form and is always willing to go out of her way to help others

Award spend on equipment for the Art department.

May Fayre





N Saturday 23rd May 2010 the APFA held its first ever May Fayre. The day started nice and early at 9am for the APFA committee and volunteers to get everything organised.

The Fayre opened at 12pm to all students, parents, friends, relatives and members of the public. The stalls, refreshments and entertainment were spread enticingly across the field. With over twenty guest stalls, Karaoke, Rodeo Bull, Bungee Run, Bouncy Castle, Mega Slide, Sumo suits and a Grand Draw which included prizes of Playstation 3 slim, iPod touch, Fortnum & Mason Hamper and many other exciting prizes, there was plenty to entertain everybody. The raffle was drawn by Mr Brown at 2pm.

A BBQ was supplied and organised by Andy Savva and friends with delicious burgers and sausages on sale. A Pimms and

Beer tent
was also on offer supplying
cool drinks on a beautifully hot
day.

The event was a success raising over £4500 for the school.
This was mainly due to our sponsorship of £2500 from
Essentially (thanks to Allan
Reeves - APFA Treasurer) and
£750 from Barclays (thanks to Joe
Spinelli – Ashmole parent). The children and adults who attended enthused about what a great day they had had; enjoying all that was on offer!

Please try and support the APFA events which are for the benefit of all our students at Ashmole.

Christmas Market

Saturday 13th November 2010



Mr Brown opening last year's event.

ONLY 5 months to our Christmas Market and as usual we are on the lookout for stalls or sponsorship for this event. The stalls will be booked at a rate of £25 per stall, a bargain.

We are also in need of parents that work for banks or other large corporate companies as they can obtain event or stall sponsorship (£ for £) from their employers.

If you would like to book a stall or to sponsor the event or would just like to get involved in the organisation of the Christmas Market, please get in contact with Liz Fox (Chairwoman) at foxliz@hotmail.com or April Risley (Vice Chair) at aprilcruise@hotmail.com.

Old Ashmolean



THE second Old Ashmolean Quiz was held on Friday 30th April and proved even more successful than the first.

The quiz which was loosely based on the World Cup was accompanied by a vegetarian curry.

Some 12 teams with names such as

'Bad Losers', 'Late Again', 'Simple Minds' and 'Marzipan Spider' competed with the eventual winners being 'Fifty and Fab ER' made up of staff and friends who beat 'Bad Losers' by only half a point.

A Race Night and another Quiz are planned for the next academic year.

Ashmole P.E. Looking back on a successful year

ASHMOLE has continued to improve its performances on and off the field over the last few years and 2009/2010 was no exception. Across the board there was success through teams and individuals alike with more students than ever being recognised with Regional and National honours.

Year 7 Success

- ▶ Boys' Football Barnet League Champions
- ▶ Girls' Netball Barnet League Champions
- Boys' Cross Country Barnet Champions
- ▶ Elliot Bertram achieved National times at the 800 and 1500m in swimming
- Tyla Beckles Barnet 100 m Champion now ranked 5 over 70 m in UK for her age
- Deanna Emeny, Anne-Marie

Thoma, Alexia Alexandrides and Will Martin all ran for Barnet in London Mini Marathon

Year 8 Success

- ▶ Girls' Netball Barnet Champions
- Girls' Basketball Barnet Champions
- ▶ Girls' Football Barnet Champions
- Girls' Football Middlesex
 Finalists
- Boys' Football Middlesex semi Finalists
- Boys' Cross Country Barnet Runners up
- ▶ Michael Rose selected to represent Barnet at Football and played for the Borough in the English Schools National Cup
- Ravi Bhojani selected in Barnet Basketball team in London Youth Games

Year 9 Success

- ▶ Girls' Netball Barnet Champions
- Boys' Cross Country Barnet Runners up
- ▶ Rhys Thompson selected in GB Judo squad
- Sienna Kelly National Youth Ballet

Year 10 Success

- ▶ Girls' Netball Barnet Champions
- Boys' Football Barnet Cup Finalists
- ▶ Boys' Basketball doubled their previous win tally for a season
- ▶ Lucy Ellen Sesto member of the GB Gymnastics display squad.

Year 11 and Senior Success

- ▶ Senior Girls' Netball Barnet Champions
- ➤ Year 11 Boys' Football Barnet League Finalists

- Senior Boys' Football Middlesex League 3rd Place
- Year 11 Boys' Rugby 7's Barnet runners up
- ▶ Adam Karakoc selected in England Volleyball team.
- Clare Shutler selected in U18s Rugby Talent Development Group

Also I am sure there are many other success stories, I urge you to tell a member of the P.E. Staff if you take part in any activity inside or outside of school that we have not mentioned.

We pride ourself in our academic and sporting achievement at Ashmole; do you want to get involved next year? Look out for notices coming up in form time and on the screen outside the Dining Hall.

Mr Garvey Head of PE

Girls Football



Thas been another successful year for all the girls' football teams, after last year's success in the league, tournament, county finals and nationals.

All teams including the Yr7/8, Yr9/10 and senior teams were unbeaten in both the Barnet league and the Barnet 5-a-side tournaments. Having been winners of both, the Yr7/8 and Yr9/10 progressed into the County finals which were held at Brunel University. Both teams made it through to the semi-finals, well done.

This year was also the first year that we had entered the Middlesex Schools' Football Association in the U13 and U14 categories. The U14's did well, but lost at the quarter final stage. The U13's played superbly and were runners up, losing in the final to a very good team from Swakeleys School.

Finally, I would like to wish Rebecca Laporte in Year 12, who has captained the school teams from the start of her Ashmole career in Year 7, the very best of luck for the scholarship to play football at Arizona University (USA). She has been an exceptional player, and we hope to see her playing professional football soon.

Good luck to all the teams for next year, I know we can keep up our great record.

Miss Sethi PE Department

Dance Show



Miss Sethi & Miss Muphy

PE Department

mention goes to our winner, with a stunning individual

Street dance, Lawrence Dujon.

Free Cycle Route Training for Secondary School Students

BARNET Council's Road Safety Team is offering secondary students a FREE two hour one-to-one cycle lesson at a time and date convenient to you, if you live or go to a secondary school in the Borough of Barnet.

For your free cycle lesson to build on your cycling skills, either email, road.safety@barnet.gov.uk marking the subject 'Secondary School Cycle Training', with your full name and address to send out an information pack, the school you attend and the year you are in, along with your telephone number, for the instructor to book a lesson at a time and day convenient to you. Or call 020 8359 7256/7103 for training information and how to book your two hour lesson.

Free Adult Cycle Training

If you live in the Borough of Barnet and would like to have a refresher lesson to build on your cycling skills and confidence or, are an absolute beginner and want to learn how to cycle, please email: road.safety@barnet.gov. uk with your name, contact number, age group (see below), level of training required (see below) and whether you have your own bike or not. Please mark the subject as 'Adult Cycle Training'.

Age band: (a) 18 – 29 (b) 30 – 39 (c) 40 – 49 (d) 50 -59 (e) 60+

Training required: Complete beginner or refresher

Or call **020 8359 7103/7256** for training information and how to book your two hour lesson.



Head Boy & Head Girl for 2010/2011

Charlie Cox with Amber Lauder

Dates For Your Diary

Summer Term will end on Tuesday 20th July 2010 for students at 1pm
Thursday 19th August: A level results
Tuesday 24th August: GCSE results

Autumn Term 2010

Autumn Term 2010				
31st August	Interviews for Year 12			
1st September	Staff Training Day			
	Interviews for Year 13			
First Half Term	Thursday 2nd September – Friday 22nd October			
Half Term	Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October			
Second Half Term	Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December			
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Spring Torm 20	11			
Spring Term 20	11			
Spring Term 20 First Half Term	11 Monday 3rd January – Friday 18th February			
First Half Term	Monday 3rd January – Friday 18th February			
First Half Term Half Term	Monday 3rd January – Friday 18th February Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February			

Summer 2011	
First Half Term	Tuesday 26th April – Friday 27th May
May Day	Monday 2nd May
Half Term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
Second Half Term	Monday 6th June – Tuesday 19th July
Staff Training Days	Friday 1st July
	Wednesday 20th July
	Thursday 21st July

APFA "Welcome Barbecue" on 17th September



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