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Message from the Head



Artwork by Lewis Hazelwood-Horner, 1351

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,
The arrival of a bumper Spring edition of @shmole marks the welcomed arrive of spring after such a long winter. Thanks to all our parents, students and friends for the support through the difficult winter conditions. I fully appreciate the disruption the severe weather causes to all users of the school. We will continue to minimise inconvenience where we can.

Life at the school has been so busy;

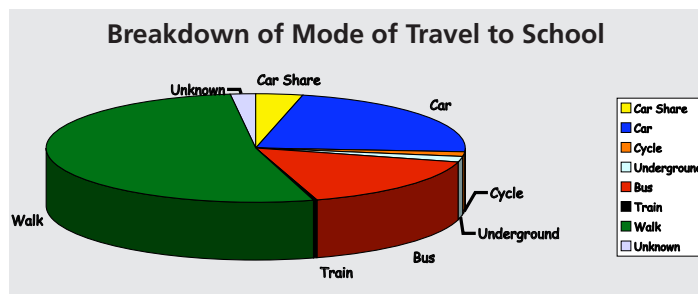
extracts contained within @shmole shows the extensive nature our programme of activities as well as the talent of our students. Please enjoy reading @shmole.

The school closes for the Easter holidays on Thursday 1st April at 3.25 pm and opens again on Monday 19th April at 8.35 am.

Best wishes for an enjoyable Easter break.

Derrick Brown
Head Teacher

Keeping Healthy and Safe



PARENTS and students may have noticed members of staff and of the Safe Neighbourhood Community Police at the gate at the end of the day. We have been looking into ways of solving the traffic problems which can occur when parents drop off and collect their children. These problems put at risk the safety of all of our students and cause nuisance to our neighbours. If you do pick up your child you must be aware of the danger to them and to others which results from cars illegally and dangerously parked

We have been working very hard to educate young people to be healthy and this includes walking to and from school. We would ask parents

to consider if it is really necessary to pick up and drop off their children, after all most live less than .6 of a mile from the school.

If it is essential to drop off and pick up your child we would ask that you try to park away from the school gates and avoid parking on the corners close to the school. Please arrange to meet your child away from the school gates. Between 10th and 17th May we will be working with the Police and Barnet Road Safety Team to ensure that all cars are parked legally.

Working together we can solve this problem.

Ms Barnes

E-Safety

WHILE use of the internet and online services are a valuable part of modern life we are aware that many parents are concerned about online safety for their children. The Byron Report into internet safety highlighted that 53% of adults surveyed felt they needed better information about the internet and safe use of the internet in order to keep their children safe. At Ashmole we are keen for our young people to develop safe practices when using the internet and social networking sites.

A very helpful site which looks at all aspects of e-safety can be found at www.ceop.gov.uk. There are specific sections for parents and young people and we thoroughly recommend to all parents that you look at the advice offered. There is also a related website www.thinkuknow.co.uk which also offers advice for parents and young people. The materials found on these sites will also be used at times in school to ensure young people are aware of the need to consider online safety.

There are number of other excellent sites offering advice and guidance some of which are on the school website. Ones which parents may find particularly helpful for themselves or their children are:

www.bbc.co.uk/Webwise which has good general advice for parents and children

www.besafeonline.org.uk has some good advice for parents about rules for family internet use

We will be running a series of articles in @shmole which will offer advice and attempt to answer some frequently asked questions. The first in the series looks at Social Networking. While we do not want to make parents afraid to allow their children to use social networking sites we all need to be alert to the possible dangers. We hope you find some of this advice useful.

E-Safety: Social Networking and Blogs

(Everything you wanted to know and were afraid to ask!)

What is social networking?

Social Networking websites help connect friends

using a number of tools like blogs, profiles, internal email systems and photos. Well known sites include Bebo, Myspace, Facebook and LiveJournal, and these have become an influential part of children's lives.

What is a blog?

A blog is a website on which items are posted on a regular basis often focusing on a particular subject. A typical blog combines text, images, and

links to other blogs, web pages, and other media related to its topic. The concern for parents may be the links to other blogs and web pages which parents may want to check.

How do young people use blogs and social networking?

They sign up and create their own profile or 'space'. These usually contain sections such as 'About Me' and 'Who I'd Like to Meet' and also include subjects such as Music, Films, and Sports. They can also add specific personal details such as physical appearance, and the school you go to. Parents may want to check the personal information children include on their profiles.

Most sites also have a blog where children can write daily thoughts or include articles which they find interesting. An important element in social networking is young people's ability to customise their 'space'. Young people often upload images or pictures onto their profile. Again parents may wish to check the photographs being uploaded.

What are the risks when social networking to children and young people?

Risks can arise when young people give out their personal details to strangers. The online world can often seem very different to the real world and young people may be tempted to say and do things that they wouldn't dream of if they met someone face to face. This can include giving out personal information such as mobile numbers and pictures of themselves.

If they are talking to another child there is a risk that they will misuse this information - for example, by texting abusive messages to the child, or by posting their image on a website; but there is obviously a greater risk if the person that they are chatting to is an adult. Unfortunately, paedophiles use the internet, often with the intention of talking with and meeting a child. Young people can be naive to this risk, and often feel that they are invincible, or that 'they would know if someone was lying'.

Young people will often 'swap friends' and

therefore can be chatting to strangers who they feel they trust because a friend of a friend knows them. Child abusers have been known to try to extract personal information from a young person in the guise of being a young person.

We are currently looking at how we can improve the advice we offer to parents and would welcome any ideas or simply any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Barnes (Deputy Head) at office@ashmole.barnet.sch.uk

Each form group will have a poster which gives Handy Tips. We have included a copy so that parents know what advice we have given to all students. Parents may also find it helpful.

E-Safety Hints and Tips

- ▶ Never tell anyone your password
- ▶ Be careful how you choose your password (most are predictable)
- ▶ Never verify banking details online, make sure the site is secure (look for the padlock symbol)
- ▶ If someone sets things up for you at home make sure you change your password immediately
- ▶ Don't leave yourself logged into your computer, software or websites. If you move away, then log out
- ▶ Only open Email attachments from a trusted source
- ▶ If you get an email or popup offer that seems to be too good to be true, it probably is. Watch out for online cons - it is like door step selling
- ▶ When using social networking sites, such as Facebook, privacy settings are usually set up to 'expose' your details to anyone. Change settings to 'Just Friends'
- ▶ If you get an email from a company that you have never heard of and it asks you to reply to unsubscribe, don't. Just ignore the email or block the sender
- ▶ Use legal sites for downloading music, films etc, such as iTunes
- ▶ Report any suspicious sites or activities
- ▶ Ensure mobile devices that you attach to your computer are free of viruses
- ▶ Ensure your blue tooth is turned off when not in use
- ▶ Ensure all wireless connections have a security code

Caricatures of some Science teachers by Lewis Hazelwood-Horner



Miss Fleming



Miss Hart



Mr Hague



Mr Thurley



Ms Doyle

Report on Science Club

EVERY Wednesday at lunchtime a Science Club takes place in S7 where lots of experiments happen.

Experiments range from making a bouncy ball to building a spaghetti bridge. The spaghetti bridge is a favourite of mine. We had to make a stable bridge that could hold different types of weight. People came up with designs from the plain basic bridge to the upside down bridge.

In another experiment we made car energy using water. This worked by the car turning the water into its components, carbon dioxide and hydrogen. This, along with a battery, powered the car.

Furthermore we made mini rockets. This worked by using Mintos and Coca Cola to set off the rocket. The Minto was stuck to the top of the rocket. We then filled a beaker with Coca Cola and with a lid on, placed it upside down. The beaker shot off the lid and into the air.

Following are quotes from other science club members. "I think Science Club is really exciting". "I enjoy science club, we do great experiments". "I really enjoy science club and recommend it to anyone".

Matthaios Tuton
7/M1



Mr Bernard and Ms Doyle with students receiving their certificates for passing an Open University (Level 1) Science short course.

Science Students visit Southgate College

ON Friday 26th February a group of Year 7 students went to Southgate College for a Science Workshop. We saw a presentation showing how a car was built to go at 1000 miles per hour. Along with most of my peers, I was very excited because this was an opportunity to expand our knowledge of science.

My expectations were high as this is an amazing achievement in the history of science. I was very excited about seeing the

new exhibition which will inspire many students to learn more.

I was also eager to learn which materials the scientists used and how they managed to achieve such a speed. Going to this presentation was very enjoyable because the best way to learn is through visual tools, visiting places and exhibitions. Thank you to the science teachers for organizing this great opportunity.

Annie Beganovic
7N1

Chemistry Investigations



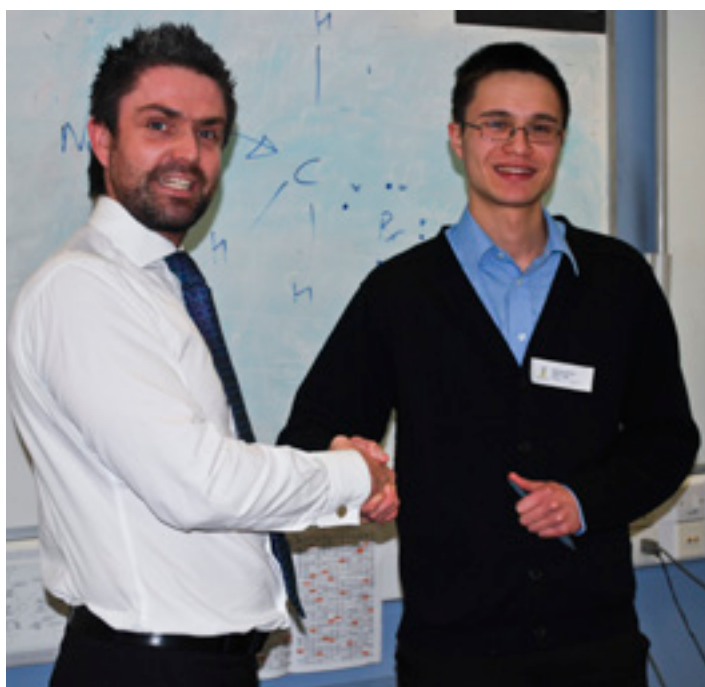
AS the half term drew to a close the Year 13 Chemists spent two weeks gathering their data for their Individual Investigations.

As part of the A-Level Chemistry course the students must undertake a project of their choosing to submit as coursework. The students have embraced the practical work

with enthusiasm, some staying late after school to continue. The Individual Investigation is unique to the OCR Salters exam board and has provided a superb opportunity for our students to hone their practical prowess.

Miss Hart

Medicine @shmole



ON the 26th February an Old Ashmolean Head Boy, Matt Leung, returned to talk about his experience of applying for, and being accepted to read, Medicine. Matt delivered his talk to a number of our Science students who may soon begin to travel down the same path. Matt's talk charted his journey from Science A-levels at Ashmole to being offered places on Medicine courses at prestigious universities.

He also talked about his plans

for the remainder of his gap year including travelling to Hong Kong to learn Mandarin and travelling in other parts of China.

Matt was calm and composed as always when delivering his talk. We were extremely proud to welcome him back and congratulate him on his success. He really does act as a role model to others and gives his time so freely to help students of the school.

Mr Hague

Guest Lecturers @shmole



ON Thursday 4th March we were proud to welcome Dr. Marjat Elemans from Imperial College London, as part of our external lecture series. She gave a talk entitled 'Maths Matters – How simple equations help us better understand HIV infection'.

Her talk illustrated the important link between Maths and Science in the continuing battle to combat the HIV virus. Students were able to ask questions of Dr. Elemans regarding her contemporary research. As many of our older students contemplate their University and career choices we hope these lectures give an insight into cutting edge research and help assist them in terms of their choices.

Mr Bernard

National Science and Engineering Week

NATIONAL Science and Engineering Week was between 12th and 20th March. The theme this year was 'Earth'. Events at the school included the return of the enormously popular Guts and Gore session, Designing and making telescopes, Evening Star gazing, Science videos and Science competitions.

We even had an unexpected drop in from Einstein himself who visited Year 7 and 8 Science and Maths lessons!

If you would like more information or for free resources visit the official Science and Engineering Week website:

<http://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/web/nsew/>



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The Science Faculty



Miss O'Carroll
Ashmole School
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Southgate
London N14 5RJ

4th December 2009

Dear Miss O'Carroll

I just wanted to personally write and thank you for the incredible donation from Ashmole School this year. Your donation of £5,426.45 has made such a difference to the lives of the children we support.

During 2009 a diverse assortment of grants were awarded by the Roald Dahl Foundation in the London area, including £360 to help a young girl with sickle cell to have a play-scheme placement and £400 to provide an epilepsy monitor for a mum to give her peace of mind whilst her young child sleeps. A family with a severely disabled son were also awarded £500 towards the deposit for a motability vehicle, allowing them to travel with their son and allow him difference experiences and to visit family.

This year more than 1600 children, young people and their families in the South East were helped by CLIC Sargent. Thanks to your continued support CLIC Sargent helps fund 14 specialist nurses and 29 social workers who work across the region.

Raising this money was an incredible achievement by Ashmole School and we'd like to send a massive thank you to you and all the pupils that took part. We were really impressed by the huge effort the pupils made to collect pledges from sponsors and commit their time to reading. We hope everyone had fun. In fact, Ashmole School has raised £21,650.83 for Readathon over the years. You should all feel very proud.

Many thanks again from us all.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Ches Slich
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The money raised by Readathon is donated equally to CLIC Sargent and The Roald Dahl Foundation, who between them spend it primarily helping children and young people in Britain suffering from cancer, Hodgkin's disease, leukaemia, epilepsy, blood disorders or acquired brain injury.



Poetry Live!



Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy

FRIDAY the fifth of February held, for a selection of GCSE English students, the chance to experience firsthand another dimension of poetry. We were given the opportunity to listen to the writers of the poems we had studied for so long, who expressed their work through sound as well as words. We began the day on the underground with high hopes of fulfilment by the diversity of cultural poems and performance that awaited us, along with thousands of buzzing students from an array of London schools, at the Dominion theatre.

The day was a definite success with readings from a range of accomplished poets such as Armitage, Duffy, Agard and also lesser known upcoming poets who brought a new level to the

day. We had the opportunity to discuss with the poets the meaning and motive behind the poems as well as the multitude of different interpretations that will provide invaluable for our "GCeasies" as Gillian Clark put it. Not only this, but we were also given key pointers on exam prep and technique by the chief examiner.

The day was both original and inspiring. It gave an opportunity for us to hear the poems as the poets intended, but most importantly find the real reasons behind the heavily debated themes. It is a definite recommendation from all those who participated and really made poetry "live!"

Mathew Jeffrey
and Thomas Jones Yr11

Ashmole Virtual Magazine

We are putting together a new virtual magazine. If you are interested in being involved and are in Years 9 to 12 then pop along on Tuesday Lunchtimes to EN8.

Ms Doherty

Debating Club News

Key Stage Three Debating Club News

RECENTLY in KS3 Debating Club, we had a Teachers vs. Students special debate. It was about whether or not capital punishment is a suitable punishment for murder in today's world. The students were arguing that it wasn't a good punishment against Mrs Evans and Miss Chandler who were saying it was. After a long and difficult debate where the teachers brutally threw quotations and statistics at us, the audience voted and we came to a draw. But we plan on beating them next time!

Yolanda Shamash 9S2

Senior Debating Team

THE Senior Debating team had its first fixture at Pimlico Academy at the Oxford Union Debating competition. Students prepared for spontaneous motions against other contestants, including "Censorship laws should be tightened" and "The UK should not trade with countries that don't cut their carbon emissions". We faced UCS (a private school), St. Saviours St. Olaves (another private school), Latymer and many others. The experience was thought-provoking, entertaining, and of course helped us become more articulate and think on our feet, an important skill for any budding barristers.

The Senior Debating Team

Book It News! The Key Stage Four Book Club



wanted in his country. With Peter being the perfect person in terms of appearance he is promptly adopted by Professor Kaltenbach and his wife who believe that he is the perfect boy to have in their family, however Peter doesn't seem as perfect as first thought. He secretly plans his own ideas to make sure that he doesn't become a Nazi, but this involves taking one of the biggest possible risks at that time in Germany. This book is an exciting, thrilling novel that we have all enjoyed reading.

Book It sessions are held once every half term and allows us to discuss our views, sharing what we think about the book we have read. The meetings aren't the only time we can share our views on the books, there is also an online forum where we can add comments and read other people's opinions about the book. We are currently reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and there is a new book to read every half term.

Ms Doherty

AUSLANDER, German for a foreigner, is the title to the book we have read during the autumn term for Book It. This is the latest book written by the award winning author Paul Dowswell. The novel is set in the year 1943, right in the middle of World War II and is mainly about a boy named Peter, his parents were killed and he was sent to an orphanage in Warsaw. He has blond hair and blue eyes, and represents the youth that Hitler



FOR three nights in December the Ashmole School Hall was transformed into the USS Albatross for its maiden voyage to Planet D'Illyria. This year's school show was the science fiction and Shakespeare inspired musical 'Return To The Forbidden Planet' and it was another fantastic Ashmole show. It was an absolute pleasure working with all the students and staff involved over the three months and I look forward to doing it all again next year. Here some of those involved share their thoughts and feelings on the production's journey from page to stage...

Mr Smith
Head of Performing Arts

WORKING on the musical Return to the Forbidden Planet was a wonderful end to the autumn term and also a fantastic welcome for me to Ashmole School. The musical talent at Ashmole really is outstanding – the show band rehearsed for three evenings a week and the cast gave up lunchtimes and evenings for more than two months to learn all of the songs. All the students were a delight to work with and were incredibly committed to the show. Congratulations and thank you to all involved.

Ms Augustyniak
Head of Music

WHEN I think back to RTTFP I have plenty of happy, yet stressful, memories - so many things happened over the rehearsal months it would be difficult to explain them all to you! The show wasn't all fun and laughter however, as at the end of it we had to say



goodbye to two very special people, Costas and Caroline. I have been in three previous shows with them and will miss them loads when working on next year's show... which has a LOT to live up to!

Charlie Cox 12/N2
Cookie

I HAD not appeared in a school show before RTTFP but for me

the experience was amazing and it was wicked to be able to work with such a diverse cast, made up of pupils from across the year groups. Anyone thinking of doing the show next year – do it – I know I will be!

Nadia Beaumont 12/N2
Miranda

RTTFP was something never to be forgotten – it was my first

taste of Ashmole having joined the school in September and a brilliant one at that! Working with all the pupils from different years and all the Drama and Music teachers was a great fun experience. The lead up to the show was probably the best part of the process as everyone gelled together really well and enjoyed themselves so much. I cannot wait to relive the experience

Performance @ Ashmole



look forward to returning as an audience member next year.

Costas Patsalis 13/S1
Ariel the Robot

JOINING Ashmole sixth form in September was a great decision – a fortnight later I made another one when I became a part of the RTTFP cast. We all worked very hard and gave up a great deal of our evening and weekend time. I was beginning to wonder if it would all be worth it, however after our first performance, there wasn't a shadow of a doubt that every minute of rehearsing had paid off. It has been one of the best experiences I have had and I would do it all again if I could.

Nima Talaghani 12/M2
Dr Prospero

THIS year's production of RTTFP was a complete success. I was one of the stage managers and it was my job to ensure that everything ran smoothly backstage, everybody knew when they were needed and that they got onto the stage in time. I did not realise before I started how hard the job would be (or how frustrated I would get at times!), but it was an amazing experience working with the whole team and I can't wait for next year's show.

Alescia Ferrari 12/N1
Stage Manager

IN the second week of December, I was privileged to take part in my fifth school production entitled "Retuuuuuuurn to the Forbidden Planet!" This was the culmination of many months of rehearsals leading up to the nervous first night.

The school show is an experience that I will never forget and this year's has been the best yet. We had big numbers played wonderfully by Ms Augustyniak and the show band. The weekends before and on the Monday we spent hours rehearsing getting the show perfect for the audience and looking as good as a Broadway production and boy - did we nail it!

Ahmed Al-Jabir 11/M2

next year and make that show even better than this one!

Sarah Longman 12/J2
Navigation Officer

RTTFP was by far some of the greatest weeks of my life – the people, songs and staff were all great. Although we struggled at times in the process – forgetting lines and destroying songs in rehearsals – we made it through in the end!

Richard Baker 12/N1
Captain Tempest

IHAVE always played an active part in school shows ever since I started at Ashmole and being involved has created many memories that will never be forgotten. It has been a brilliant opportunity to meet lots of new people and make many new friends. I shall greatly miss the whole experience, especially the adrenaline rush when you are about to say your first lines on stage, but

Year 7 Music Concert 21st October 2009



THE Year 7 Music Concert is a highlight of the Ashmole school calendar, and this year's performance was no exception.

Variety was the key this evening, and the audience were treated to singing of all styles from Calypso (7J1) through to Indie rock (7S2) and even some spicy Latin from (7N2). Some excellent performances were also heard from the Chamber Orchestra,

Jazz band, A Level Choir and the Ashmole School Orchestra, before a grand finale of 'I want you back,' featuring the whole of Year 7.

The wealth of musical talent on display during the evening was astounding, and gave us a most memorable concert which has firmly established Year 7's musical presence at Ashmole School.

Mr Egan
Teacher of Music

GCSE Music Concert

THIS was a wonderful evening of culture showcasing what highly talented students there are at Ashmole. All Year 10 and 11 students who study Music performed at our GCSE Music concert on Thursday 11th February. This was an opportunity for these students to develop their performance skills as performance is a large component of the GCSE course. Students had chosen an eclectic mix of pieces ranging from Brahms to Queen. Many of the students, who performed at this concert, had never played in front of an audience before and were very nervous beforehand. All students played exceptionally well and demonstrated outstanding musical talent.

Performances of particular note came from Thomas Jones 11M1 who played a "Hungarian Dance" by Brahms on the violin; "Mama Do" sung by Joanna Pratsides 11N1; "I'm No Superman?" sung

by Connor Johnson 11S1 and "I Believe In A Thing Called Love" performed by Xavier Frew-Costa, Joshua Leighton-Ditchburn, Michael Solimini who are all Year 10 students.

Mrs Turvey
Director of Music

Concert review

THE GCSE Music Concert was a great way for everyone to experience the hard work that was put in by the music students. There were solo pieces from Year 11 and group performances from Year 10. The concert was great. We heard each other's performances and we had fun. Everyone was able to show off their talent by playing an instrument or singing. There were many amazing performances and as the night progressed the music just kept getting better and better.

Flutra Kastrati
1052

Associated Board Examination Success



FOR the last year, students in Years 8 and 9 have been working towards their grade 1 percussion examination in Music. Following considerable hard work in lessons and attendance at after school workshops, our first cohort of Year 9 students took the examination just before half term. The pass rate within the group was a fantastic 94%; with 50% of those achieving either a Distinction or a Merit. I

would like to congratulate all the students for their amazing effort - they should all feel incredibly proud of their achievements.

At the end of April, 140 Year 9 and 174 Year 8 students will also be taking their grade 1 examinations. I am sure that they will enjoy similar success.

Ms Augustyniak
Head of Music

Christos Charalambous	Distinction
Katie O'Leary	Distinction
Shivani Patel	Distinction
Lily Tyrimos	Distinction
Erina Wanaka	Distinction
Jing Yap	Distinction
Audrey Bourdais-Paull	Merit
Lucy Bower	Merit
Alessandro Carignani Di Tolve	Merit
Rosa Dere	Merit
Ethne James-Souch	Merit
Ieuan Jenkins	Merit
Anna Kyprianou	Merit
Grace Levy	Merit
Aisha Mohideen	Merit
Aisling O'Neill	Merit
Shannon Rafique	Merit
Louis Pentecost	Merit
Lauren Sauka	Merit
Rose-Ann Sesto	Merit
Rhys Thompson	Merit
Louis Wyrwas	Merit

Alice Akca	Pass
Timothy Allen	Pass
Aston Dawsmith	Pass
Hazal Dursun	Pass
Dominic Gable	Pass
Kenedie Gayle	Pass
Caoillin Gurrie	Pass
Darius Hazelwood-Horner	Pass
Olivia Hind	Pass
Pavlos Ioannides	Pass
Rebecca Jacob	Pass
Alison Jordan	Pass
Alexander Kypriacou	Pass
Alisha Michaels	Pass
Conrad Moody	Pass
Christian Papapavlou	Pass
Laura Risley	Pass
Hannah Sayedi	Pass
Yolanda Shamash	Pass
Bethany Wheeler	Pass
Omari White-Daley	Pass
Andreas Yiannourides	Pass

French Exchange 2010



ASHMOLE was once again pleased to welcome 24 French students and their teachers from our partner school in Le Raincy. On arrival, they were welcomed by Mr Brown and Mr Coleman, the Mayor of Barnet and were impressed by the quality of the school choir who sang for them. The French students attended registration and lessons on their first day here so that they could see how our lessons differ from what they are used to at home. During their stay in London they visited the Science Museum, took a boat trip on the Thames and

they also visited Canterbury. Staff and parents commented that the pupils involved had already formed good relationships and were excited about meeting up again soon. At the time of the newsletter going to press, there are only a few days left before Ashmole students accompanied by Mr Brown, Ms Moon, Mr Pearson and Miss Williams leave for Le Raincy for the return trip. The Languages Faculty would like to thank the host families and all of the pupils, parents and staff who have supported the exchange so far.

Ms Moon

NOTICE TO ALL 6TH FORM STUDENTS

A* at A Level

With exams rapidly approaching it seems timely to recap how to achieve an A* grade at the end of year 13.

To receive an A*, you must meet the following two requirements:

- ▶ 80% UMS overall (i.e. the current requirements for an A).
- ▶ 90% UMS overall in the A2 units.

That's all there is to it. You don't get an A* for 90% overall. Only the A2 units (i.e. the units normally taken in Year 13) count towards the award of an A*. Even if you get 100% in your AS units, 89% in your A2 ones isn't enough for an A*. Similarly, you don't need to get an A at AS to get an A* at A2 if you get 90% in the A2 units, and assuming your A2 marks are high enough to pull your AS marks to an A grade overall.

Mr Sullivan

How will the Green Council grow in 2010?

Start Small, Think Big.

Green Council

ITHINK we are all aware of the problems facing the planet, such as Global Warming and Climate Change. It is an issue that we face on a weekly, perhaps even daily basis; for example the global leaders meeting at the Copenhagen Conference in December 2009 to discuss sustainability, mitigation and adaptation of the inevitable and such films like "The Day After Tomorrow".

So, where does the tree-hugging, hippy loving, environmentally friendly club come into all of this? It doesn't, we are NOT hippies, we do not hug trees (or at least it is not part of the agenda) and yes, the environment IS important but it is more than that. The Green Council was set up in 2007 by Miss Hendry (Geography) and some enthusiastic Year 12 and 13 students, who were in charge of the school's paper recycling scheme (as you should all be aware of having had invaluable form time interrupted for the timid mumbles asking for the recycling). It then grew to a termly meeting of over 30 Year 8-13 students. But a lot of people don't know exactly what we do during these meetings.

One of the successes of the Council

last year was to audit the school's green credentials and formulate an 'Action Plan' to help the school become more sustainable. However, Miss Hendry cannot run the Council alone so Tanya Patel (12/N2) and I have stepped into help.

In the weeks coming up to Christmas, presentations were given to Year 7 forms in order to 'rebrand' the Green Team. The plan is to have a monthly cycle: WEEK 1, Youth Council; WEEK 2, Break; WEEK 3, Senior Council; and WEEK 4; another well deserved break. We feel that if the Council meets on a more regular basis, with input from all years, we will be able to achieve the Bronze Eco-Schools Award a milestone faster (plus the added propaganda of the Green Council is all the better in making us known).

Reduce, Re-use and Recycle; you don't need to be part of the Council to make a difference. If everyone does their bit we can have a huge impact. But, without the co-operation of the individual, nothing could happen and nothing will work. We all need to work together and "Start Small, Think Big".

Charlotte Holmes
12/S1

Downing College Cambridge Trip

21st January 2010



EARLY on a chilly January morning 10 intrepid Year 10s set out for Downing College with Mr Scott driving the minibus and Mrs O'Carroll trying to get the better of the satnav. The goal was to take part in a Challenge Day organised by the University of Cambridge specifically for Year 10 students.

Having arrived early the students were provided with a pack of information which included a quiz

about Cambridge. A presentation about going to university followed, after which we enjoyed lunch. We then took a speedy walk through the city accompanied by an undergraduate to give the students an idea of what life is like as a Cambridge student.

On arrival back at Downing there were more activities to test what had been learnt during the day. I'm pleased to report that not only did Ashmole perform as the

outstanding school overall but Amane Toda 10/S2 was named as best performing student. Despite having to get up extra early it was well worth the trip especially as Ashmole was nominated as the top school for the day beating four other schools including a girls' grammar school. Well done!

Mrs O'Carroll
Gifted & Talented
Co-ordinator

APFA

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May Fayre	Sunday 23rd May 2010
Welcome BBQ	September 2010
Christmas Market	November 2010

APFA Lottery

The Ashmole School APFA Lottery is a good fundraiser for the school and the odds on winning are far higher than in the national lottery! Subscribers have the opportunity to win a money prize three times a year, once a term, when the draws are made. A proportion of the income is given in prizes and the rest goes to the school. **The more people who enter - the greater the prizes! You can't lose** – even if you do not win a prize, your child will benefit from the increased school funds. All winners will be listed on the APFA page of the school website. The lottery is promoted by Ashmole School Parents and Friends Association and is registered under the lottery and amusement act 1976 with the London Borough of Barnet. The annual subscription is £12 payable by cheque

or standing order. Any queries please contact Karon Lyne (Lottery Administrator for the APFA) at karon-lyne@hotmail.com or download an application form from the APFA website.

May Fayre & Christmas Market

We are always on the lookout for stalls or sponsoring for these two main events. The stalls will be at a rate of £10 for the Fayre and £25 for the Christmas Market. Both events can cater for 40+ stalls so do not pose any problems with space - the more the merrier!

We also need parents who work for banks as they can obtain event or stall sponsorship from their employers. Barclays Bank in particular is always very generous on these occasions.

If you or any one you know would like to sponsor an event or book a stall, please get in contact with Liz Fox (Chairwoman) at foxliz@hotmail.com or April Risley (Vice Chair) at aprilcruise@hotmail.com.

APFA

The APFA is made up of parents and friends who are willing to give their time voluntarily

for the benefit of the pupils and school. Each year the committee is elected and approximately every month we hold committee meetings (held in a local pub) to discuss and plan future events.

The APFA primarily exists to raise much needed extra funds for a particular project with guidance from the school, at the moment the project is a new minibus for the school. It achieves this by organizing regular events throughout the year.

We also provide refreshments at school plays, concerts, parent evenings and other occasions as needed.

If you are interested in the committee or have any ideas for fundraising then please feel free to contact Liz Fox (Chairwoman) at foxliz@hotmail.com or April Risley (Vice Chair) at aprilcruise@hotmail.com.

Officers:

Liz Fox – *Chairwoman*

April Risley – *Vice Chair*

Allan Reeves – *Treasurer*

Theresa Thornton – *Secretary*

History Club at Ashmole

- Historical Heroes & Heroines!

Who will students decide is the ultimate Historical hero!?!?

"Life's a mystery unless you study history"



The new, fun way to learn about history with your friends and you won't be tested!

Thursdays at lunchtime
Starts at 1:30pm in HSO

I JOINED History Club because I wanted to learn more about our history and other countries that we don't learn about in lessons at the moment. So far we have created powerpoints about our historical heroes or heroines, and presented them to the rest of the group. We also voted on the best presentations, the overall winner will receive a prize. This is all leading to a balloon debate where all of the historical heroes

will be placed in a hot air balloon and we will decide which hero is worthy of surviving and not being ejected from the balloon.

Our next topic will be about looking at food. We will be researching recipes from different historical periods and will be hopefully having a go at making some dishes! We also hope to be organising a History Club trip in the Summer term.

I really enjoy History Club and can't wait to begin our future activities!

Sophia Mousicos 8J1

I JOINED History Club because I wanted to learn about topics that I was interested in. So far I have really enjoyed creating my presentation on my heroine Boudicca. I am looking forward to the Balloon Debate and finding out which hero will survive!

I have really enjoyed History Club. I have been able to attend it with my friends and I feel like I have gained confidence in History through taking part in the different activities.

Hannah Melese 8J1

Secondary School Pupils Cycle Route Training

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, your parents/carers can 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** 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.

Active Kids Advert filmed at Ashmole



By now you must have seen the latest Sainsbury's Active Kids advert with Jamie Oliver and Kelly Holmes and recognised Ashmole School as the location.

For 2 days in January, part of the car park was taken over by the film crew for their base and on day 1, Jamie & Kelly were seen about the

site as they filmed the advert.

Ashmole is a popular location for film crews; in the past the promos for Sky TV's series 'The High School Musical' were filmed here.

Reminder: Don't forget to send in your supermarket vouchers.

Interview with Mr Bourne



- 1. What would your last meal be?**
Gefilte fish... it's Jewish food
- 2. What is your favourite book?**
The Motor Cycle Diaries by Che Guevara
- 3. If you could be any superhero, who would you be?**
I thought I was one... my power is to teach!
- 4. You seem like a 'Strictly' man, are you more Len Goodman or Bruce Forsyth?**
I see myself as Brucey (A joke was then told to support this view). "What would we all be if we drove around in pink cars?" A pink carnation!!
- 5. What was your favourite subject at school?**
History.
- 6. What would you do with a million pounds?**
Give it to my children and grandchildren.
- 7. How many years have you been at Ashmole?**
Almost 37.
- 8. Would you like a Plaque put up when you leave?**
I don't plan on leaving: I wouldn't like to think about it.
- 9. What is your favourite type of pie?**
Errm... Beef pie.
- 10. Eastenders or Corrie?**
Eastenders.
- 11. Who do you think killed Archie?**
Who's Phil's son?... Ben. I think it was Ben.

Physical Education Winter Round Up

2010 has started strongly for the sporting talent at Ashmole, building on the successes from 2009 we are already on track to beat our previous sporting achievements. See below.

Current Achievements:

- ▶ Elliot Bertram achieved National Times in Short Course Championships for 800 and 1500m.
- ▶ Year 7 Boys Cross Country Barnet Champions
- ▶ Year 7 Girls Cross Country 3rd Place in Barnet Championships
- ▶ Year 8 Boys Football in Middlesex semi final
- ▶ Year 8 Girls Football in Middlesex final (beating East

Barnet 11-1 in the Semi!)

- ▶ Year 8 Girls Basketball Barnet Champions
- ▶ Year 8/9 Boys Cross Country 2nd Place in Barnet Championships
- ▶ Senior boys Cross Country 2nd Place in Barnet Championships

Basketball

THE Year 8 girls' basketball team was fantastic, led by captain Tia Fogarty, winning with very little preparation due to exams taking over the Sports Hall. A massive congratulations need to go to Elliot Bertram, Will Martin, Connor Fanning and Deanna Emeny all in Year 7, Michael Rose and David Gaskin in Year 8 and Tom Pye and Luke Vincent in Year 12 all being selected to run for the Middlesex Cross Country team.

Rugby



Rhys Thompson and a selection of players from Years 8-12 modelling the new kit.

RUGBY at Ashmole compared to the football is still fairly new, it has been quietly getting on in lessons for a number of years with the odd game and the occasional training session but now due to the arrival of Mr Nicola and Mr Pearson things are starting to pick up. Through a bout of fund raising and Jack Petchey support from Rhys Thompson (for his selection in the National Judo Squad) a new kit has been purchased and tournaments entered for all year groups. We have

had expert coaches coming into work with all year groups including Year 7 girls taken through their paces with a professional player and training taking place led by current England development player Claire Shutler (Year 12).

Rugby is coming out of the shadows, why don't you come along and give it a go? Training takes place on Thursdays 3.45-4.45 pm.

Jack Petchey Achievement Awards



September Winner



Elliot Bertram 7M2

Elliot swims at national level and has recently been ranked 15th in the country at the 100 and 200 metres butterfly.

October Winner



Rhys Thompson 9J1

Rhys was awarded 3rd place in a national Judo competition. As a result, he has now been selected for the English Judo squad.

November Winner



Joseph Hember 8S2

Joseph auditioned for and was accepted into the Enfield Youth Symphony Orchestra and has just returned from a tour of Germany with them.

December Winner



Miriam Lee 10N1

Miriam got to the finals of the all England dance finals and came 3rd in a Tap solo and 1st in Tap Duet.

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Golden Oldies Party 2009

ON the 16th December the Year 12 Enrichment class organised a Christmas party for the grandparents of Year 8 and 9 students as well as the residents of nearby residential homes. With months of preparation the party was ready to get the 70 guests into the Christmas spirit with the help of the Year 12 Enrichment class. There was a variety of performances including the Jazz Band, the Rock Band and the choir as well as many other entertaining acts. The party was wonderfully hosted by Mr Smith and Mrs O'Carroll and they drew much excitement during the party and particularly the raffle. The raffle contained many superb prizes such as flowers, boxes of chocolate and bottles of wine with the grand prize being a

huge Yule log cake. The party was drawn to a close with a surprise visit from Santa bearing gifts for all the guests. The party was a huge success which the guests and students involved enjoyed immensely. The Enrichment class would

like to thank everybody who donated money and gifts, the local businesses that donated raffle prizes and all of the other staff and students who helped the event to be great.

Ms Bigwood

Dates For Your Diary

Spring Term finishes on Thursday 1st April at 3.25 pm

Easter Bank Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Monday 5th April

Summer Term 2010

First Half Term	Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May
May Day	Monday 3rd May
Half Term	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Second Half Term	Monday 7th June – Tuesday 20th July
Staff Training Days	Friday 2nd July, Wednesday 21st July and Thursday 22nd July

Other Dates for your Diary

21st May	Last day for Years 11 and 12
28th May	Last day for Year 13
14th June	Year 12 lessons resume
24th June	Art and Technology Exhibition
29th June	Book return day for Years 11 and 13



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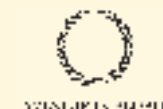
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