

The Roundup

Ashmole Academy

Ashmole Alumni

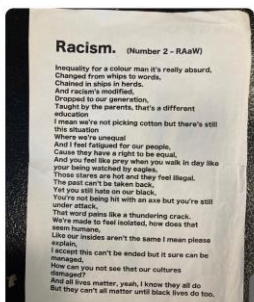
We previously mentioned how one of our alumni, Joel Kpoku, has been playing professional rugby, and he we have some further brilliant news to share with you; he won the European Challenge Cup with his team Lyon!



Joel can be found at the back left in this photo!



Had the privilege of hearing Thomas, in Yr 9, perform his poem like a real pro!



Poetry - Coral Rumble Visit

The amazing poet, Coral Rumble led a poetry workshop with our students at the end of last half term! Our students performed some of their work, and she tweeted about Thomas' poem on racism. This tweet was retweeted by the wonderful Michael Rosen! A true compliment!

Coral Rumble also kindly gifted some signed copies of her poems. It was a real privilege to have you visit us Coral, our students are very lucky. – Ms Michael

SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT



Summer Music Concert

The Music Department are delighted to present our 'Summer Concert 2022'. This will be taking place on Wednesday 23rd June 7:00pm in the Assembly Hall. Join us for a celebration of music from our student music ensembles.

Tickets for this event are available via ParentPay, £8 Adults and £5 Concessions.

We look forward to seeing you there.

YEAR 13'S LAST DAY



Year 13's Last Day

Year 13 had their last day of school before their summer examinations on Friday 20th May. Knowing it was actually their last day of school in their lives gave them a reflective start to the day. It's become a tradition that 6th form students at Ashmole come dressed in their Year 11 school uniform. Students attended lessons with their subject teachers for the final time, to go through some revision ideas and enjoy their time together as a class. Shirt signing at break and lunch was a busy time with pupils in high spirits, writing their memories with a range of coloured Sharpies. The Year 13 Senior Team worked really hard with me on putting the final assembly together. Their were photos and videos, awards the year group had voted for and moments we shared. We laughed and cried together through the assembly, before students trailed off towards the school gate one last time. – Mr Das



Afro Caribbean Society

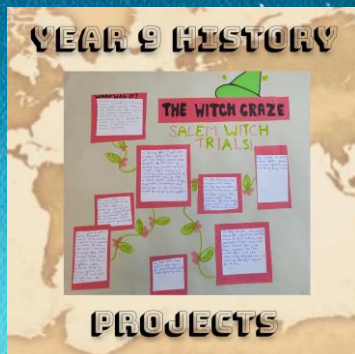
At the end of last term we hosted our first Afro Caribbean Society run by two of our Year 12 students, Charlize A and Jyll- Katie E.

The meeting was attended by nearly 30 of our Year 12 and 13 students, including our Head Girl, Asha D, and staff members including Ms. Ocloo and Mr Sulola Jr. It was an engaging and enriching experience for all involved. Charlize and Jyll- Katie kicked off the meeting with some cultural ice breakers including the long debated, age old question *"Which is better, Nigerian or Ghanaian Jollof rice?"* which garnered a lot of entertaining discussion.

The theme of this week's meeting was **"Cultural appropriation or appreciation"** and it was hugely rewarding and enlightening seeing our students enjoy a safe space to discuss, celebrate and share their cultural experiences with one another.

The ACS society is driven to promote diversity within our school community and to encourage students not to shy away from speaking up against injustice.

Meetings are held every **Every Friday at 1:10pm in EN3**. The ACS society is open to everyone so please feel free to attend the next meeting. All are welcome! - Miss Alexander



Year 9 History Projects

In History this term we have been creating independent history projects.

The themes range from the History of the NHS to the beginnings of the Mafia during prohibition America. Students have worked extremely hard to research on their own and create these incredible pieces of work that were then presented to the whole class. 9J1 created some spectacular projects are were really enthusiastic and engaged in every lesson! – Miss Cork



Carnegie Book Club

I am really enjoying being part of the Carnegie Book Club because it has made me enjoy reading books again. All of the novels are great and easy to get into. I find myself reading for hours! My favourite so far is 'Punching the Air' because the message had a huge impact on me and it made me more aware of how black people are treated. Just like 'Punching the Air' many of the other eight books have very strong messages on human rights and upsetting situations in the world. Another thing that I enjoy about the Carnegie Book club is that I am able to discuss the books with others who also love to read. Overall, I am proud that I was chosen to take part as it has enabled me to read and discuss books and also improve my book review writing skills. Whenever I write my reviews, they are all posted onto the Carnegie website for the whole world to see! - Kerim G 8S1



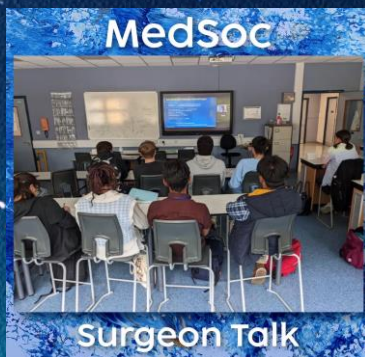
Year 10 Dissection Practical

On Tuesday 10SI carried out the dissection of a lambs heart. They were professional and respectful, carefully identifying the different chambers and associated blood vessels. I am really grateful to Anjum and Raiyyan in year 12 for assisting me. – Mrs Morley



Year 12 Translation Prize - Oxford University

Gracie A in year 12 **won the Commendation Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators in French** organised by Queen's College Oxford University! Well done Gracie, we are all really proud of you! – Ms Corbel



MedSoc - Surgeon's Talk

On Wednesday 25th May we had a talk by a surgeon from Athens Medical Centre today, organised by one of our Y12 students Aikaterini V. Dr Hirides joined us today via Zoom and told us a lot about his role as a robotic and laproscopic surgeon. He specialises in major abdominal surgery, including the upper GI tract, hernias, bariatric surgery and has removed tumours in the colon, just to name a few. He gave us a great insight into the use of robots in surgical procedures, and showed us some incredible videos of surgeries being performed. 23 students attended and asked lots of engaging questions at the end of the talk. His website is savashiridis.com if you would like find out more information! – Mrs Shah



Design & Technology

We are a hugely consumer-driven society, and recycling converts the things we throw away into new items, making sure that none of the energy and raw materials used to make them goes to waste. In recent years, climate emergencies have been declared and there has been an increased emphasis on the need to recycle.

To support and explore these initiatives our Textiles Year 9 students have been experimenting with different methods of Textile production such as Weaving and Applique using solely recycled fabric and card offcuts. The designs created by our students feature a range of different pattern works and are inspired by existing logos. We have been really impressed with the determination and creativity within our students.

Applique and Weaving are some of the oldest forms of design in the world, and are both still commonly used around the globe today!



Biology Challenge

Last month 28 students in Year 9 and Year 10 participated in the Biology Challenge in association with the Royal Society of Biology.

4 students received the Silver Award and 9 students received Bronze. Our highest scorers were Amelia K in Year 10 and Rachel S in Year 9. Well done to all who participated. – Ms Moll



Physics Challenge

Before half term six Year 10's entered the Junior Physics Challenge for the British Physics Olympiad. They all did really well and took time out of school hours to complete it. Their scores are as follows:

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| Ata D - Gold Award - 54/60 | Amelia K - Gold Award - 47/60 |
| Mital P - Bronze Award - 40/60 | Kerim G - Bronze Award - 39/60 |
| Aamir H - Bronze Award - 37/60 | Meryem K - Bronze Award - 28/60 |

Well done all! - Mr Graham



Sports Results

On 27th May the year 7 boys football team played their league match final, winning 7-6 against Finchley Catholic after penalties. Year 10 Interform Netball saw 10J1 win over 10J2 – well done all.

Finally, a huge well done to all of our Year 9 students who have all made a fantastic start in their GCSE subjects this week!