

The Roundup

Ashmole Academy



We hope everyone is enjoying the start of term and being back in school! It's been great to see all of our students again!



Welcome to all of our new students!

A huge welcome to all of our new students. Here are some of our new Year 12s who have started term well and have begun to use their out of class time effectively! Prep & Consolidation work is well under way; a great start!



Secondary Transfer Evening Wednesday 6th October

On Wednesday 6th October, Ashmole Academy will be opening up its doors to welcome prospective students and parents to view the school site at our Secondary Transfer Evening. More information about the evening and arrangements can be found on our [website](#). The school will be open to visitors from **6.30pm**. The Head Teacher's speech will be a ticket only event. You may book a time to hear the Head Teacher's speech at 6.30pm, 7.15pm or at 8.15pm via the following [here](#). Only parents/carers with a valid ticket to the Head Teacher's speech will be admitted into the hall. A recording of this will be available on the school website after the event. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th October

Extra Curricular Clubs



Extra Curricular Clubs - PE

The PE department has been very busy since the return to school; the days have been packed with extra curricular clubs! Including... football trials this week. We even had the schools first competitive fixture since March last year today which finished 1-1 against The Compton! Thank you to all of our staff who run the clubs every week! More details about the school's extra curricular provision to follow next week!



#bookandbrew

Our first book and brew recommendation of the year is from Miss Swingle (Head of Drama). She is currently reading *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward, "which is the hilarious ghostly tale of a clairvoyant who tricks reveal a real talent for talking to the dead. The play is showing at the moment in the west end and it's a lot of fun!" Thank you so much for your recommendation Miss Swingle!

Year 11

Today's lesson

Philosophy for Children style lesson:

- You will be given a question to discuss
- I will not speak (hopefully!)
- You will self manage the discussion ensuring that it is relevant, focused and communal
- Consider how you can facilitate more discussion in others
- Remember the sensitivity of the issue

"Euthanasia should be legalised in this country."

Religious Studies

Philosophy for Children - Year 11 RS

Year 11 RS students were surprised to walk in this week and find that their chairs were set out in a circle and there was no requirement for books or writing. Instead, they engaged in a Philosophy for Children session, which involved a free discussion on the morality of euthanasia, with no teacher input or influence! They listened and discussed maturely and thoughtfully, as they raised and then debated issues such as:

- how we assess quality of life;
- the power that judges, doctors or family members should be allowed over others;
- the importance of free will and personal choice;
- the appropriate way to spend NHS money;
- and the influence of religion and our perception of God's nature within this.

It was fabulous to sit and listen, well done year 11 RS students! – Mr Sanders, Head of RS & Humanities Faculty

HISTORY SOCIETY

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DATE: Thursday 16th September

TIME: 13:25 – 14:00

PLACE: HU1

Special Guest Speaker: Miss Cork

How do we access hidden histories of mental health patients?

THURSDAY 16TH

History Society

It's back!! History Society returned this week. In the session, Miss Cork looked at how historians try to understand the experiences of those held in asylums and the perceptions that people had of mental health issues in the past. All sixth form students are invited! We can't wait to see you at the next ones!

A Level Business Studies

"Aldi should include branded products in their supermarkets to compete with the likes of Waitrose and TESCO"

Debate

Year 12 A Level Business

our Year 12 Business A-level students have made a great start to their new course! This A level was newly introduced this September, and students have been really enjoying their lessons so far! Miss Hatira (Head of Business Studies) says, "our transition lessons (bridging the gap between GCSE and A Level) were based on Aldi Britain's biggest discount store looking at various topics including the marketing mix, ethics, responding to external influences. We ended our last transition lesson on a class debate. The class was split into two and students were given a 'soft cube' to pass onto once they gave their speech selecting their opponent to answer. Really interesting points raised discussing how some views on this for consumers may have changed post pandemic."

A Level Geography



Plate Tectonics

Geography & Jenga

This week in their A Level Geography lessons with Miss Chung and Mrs Pallaris, Year 12 have been taking part in building an annotated rift valley using giant Jenga blocks and post-it notes. They showed great communication and cooperation skills! Well done!

'Voice' KS3 Choir

Now under the leadership of our new music teacher Miss Thomas, 'Voice' are working hard on their version of 'Since You've Been Gone' by Rainbow. There have been several new starters join us and the Music Dept would like to remind all of our Key Stage 3 students of any singing ability that they are most welcome to join us in Mu2 every Tuesday lunchtime, see you there!



London Youth Games

We have some amazing sporting successes to share with you Firstly, Victoria in Year 10 represented Middlesex at the London Youth Games, playing for Enfield Town! Then, in addition also at the London Youth Games, Amy, Holly, Megan and Amilie were netball medalists, placing second and winning Silver! A huge achievement! A huge congratulations to our wonderful sportspeople! We are so proud of every one of you

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If you would like to see more of the day to day goings on, please follow us on Instagram and twitter @Ashmole_academy

South East Group Regional Final - Golfing Success

Arnold in Year 10 represented Hertfordshire in the South East Group regional final for the Under 14's golf team on Sunday 12th September in what was always going to be a close encounter between Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Surrey, but who would be crowned champions remained on a knife edge until the individual results against Bedfordshire were known. The Final was played at Dulwich & Sydenham Golf Club on the outskirts of London, played as 10 triangular singles matches. The strength of the Surrey team was evident with a number of England players in the team, who'd won national competitions earlier in the year. As the match against Surrey ended a draw, the individual results against an inferior Bedfordshire side were going to be crucial in deciding the outcome of this final. Hertfordshire boys came out on top in nine of their matches, including Arnold's victory, and lost just the one. Surrey, however won nine matches against Bedfordshire and secured a half in the other. That half proved to be the deciding point for a Surrey victory.

The manager of the Hertfordshire Under 14's team said afterwards, "the boys have been a tremendous credit to their parents, the county and themselves throughout the year and will, I am sure, represent the county with distinction over the coming years at under 16's and under 18's level. They are a super bunch of boys who have been a pleasure to work with." Well done Arnold, we are all really proud of you!