

The Roundup



Ashmole Academy

Jeans for Genes



As you may know, on Friday 17th Sept, our students and staff wore jeans to for Jeans for Genes day, raising money to support children and families affected by genetic disorders.

As a school we raised £1,742.36! Thank you to everyone who supported and donated to this fantastic cause!

Languages Week



Languages Week Bonjour, gluten tag, bore da, hola! Last week was Languages Week at Ashmole Academy! It gave us the opportunity to share both the languages we speak and also the huge range of cultures we have in this vibrant school! There were events and workshops running every day, a huge thank you to the staff and students involved!

LANGUAGES WEEK



SALSA!

Salsa Class! As a part of the weeks celebrations, we had a wonderful Salsa teacher come to visit our KS3 classes on 22nd September, to teach them a few moves! So many students from all 3 year groups participated and were incredibly enthusiastic. Even some of the teachers and the IT and site team joined in for a quick lesson. Any adults fancying a go can attend a class on Monday evenings at Bush Hill Park Golf Club. Click [HERE](#) for more information!

Amelie C 9N1: "I really enjoyed the experience and I hope he can come again. It was very fun and I enjoyed the music", Zuriel A 9N1: "I thought that the salsa was incredibly fun! The instructor was very friendly and helped us to understand the moves." Thanks so much to the languages department, and in particular Miss Miller for organising this! It was so much fun!

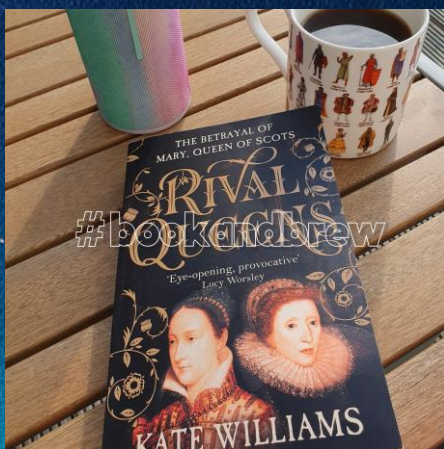
HISTORY



ROLE PLAY & DEBATE

History Role Play!

Last week, in his year 8 history lesson, Mr Falconer (Teacher of RS & History) conducted a role play and debate! "In our History lesson we put Charles the 1st (Lefteris) on trial for treason. 8J1 was a class (country) divided, half in favour of the King and protesting his innocence and half in favour of parliament, putting forward a damning case against a cruel, power-hungry King. The trial was presided over by Judge Damian, who kept order. Arjun delivered a powerful testimony in defence of the King, invoking his divine right to rule. Though it didn't prove strong enough among the accusations of Charles' lust for absolute power and his wicked designs for returning England to Catholicism! Unsurprisingly, the class ended up voting overwhelmingly in favour in the demise of Charles!"



#bookandbrew Miss Cork recommends 'Rival Queens' by Kate Williams. 'Rival Queens is a non-fiction book which explores the relationship between Mary Queen of Scots and Elizabeth I by using their correspondence with each other to discuss the nature of their friendship. While the two queens never met, Kate Williams uses this book as an opportunity to explain how dangerous rule could be for women in the 16th Century, and gives a fresh perspective of Mary's marriages and life. This is a great book for A Level Historians and English students as it gives a great deal of context to life in the 16th Century and sets up the tumultuous struggle for religion in the 17th Century.'

Medsoc



Guest Lecture

Med Soc

MedSoc has started up again! We were privileged to have a guest speaker and Ashmole alumni Munuse Savash talk to some of our Biology students in Year 12 and Year 13. Munuse delivered an inspirational talk about her academic journey to now starting a PhD at the University of Oxford on gene editing. Her undergraduate project introduced her to the marvels of gene editing, particularly the use and development of CRISPR (a tool used to cut specific areas of the DNA) resulting in the independent completion of a CRISPR project for her research project. Her PhD project will also involve the use of CRISPR within human embryos with the aim of curing them from diseases. The development of CRISPR has been groundbreaking resulting in the founders gaining a Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2020. She finished her presentation reminding our students to: work hard and grasp every opportunity, enjoy the moment and have faith in their abilities. Her talk certainly helped to inspire our own students in fulfilling their dreams. We are grateful to Munuse for taking the time to speak to them! – Ms Moll

Geography



A Level Theories

Geography Theories

Year 13 Geographers are currently studying their 'Superpowers' unit with Mrs Sullivan and Miss Chung. They are required to evaluate various development theories so they were asked to use playdoh to create their own versions of the models examined! These include the Modernisation, Dependency and World Systems theories. They definitely had fun!

YEAR 12 ECONOMICS



BALLOON MAKING!

Economic Balloons

In her Economics A Level lesson this week, Miss Sharif asked her year 12s to create as many 'balloons' as they could using card, scissors and a treasury tag. This is because... The students were studying the Division of Labour and Specialisation in the lesson and Miss Sharif used this activity to help them understand why the division of labour is so important for productivity! Students understood the concept of 'learning by doing' when they figured out more efficient techniques to increase output! The team that won created an impressive 30 balloons!

Year 11 Religious Studies



Revision

Active Revision in RS

Mrs Gray (Teacher of RS) recently got her students up and out of their seats during a revision lesson!

"My Year 11 class were revising for a longer exam question on the topic Religion and Life Issues. To begin looking at the skill of evaluation needed for our longest question on the exam (12 marks) students needed to write an open ended debatable statement using the specification. They had prepared for this the previous lesson by creating revision resources. Students were asked to write this question on a post-it note and stick these around the room. They then went around different questions in small groups or pairs, discussing them. This sparked some interesting discussions. Students often considered not just their own views but how religious believers might approach the question; some were able to challenge views they heard. They then built on this by planning out answers, evaluating arguments and debating these in a group task".

Thank you for sharing Mrs Gray!

PE



Musculoskeletal System Revision

Year 10 PE make the human body!

Year 10 GCSE have been having lots of fun in their revision lessons! This week, they revised the musculoskeletal system, recapping bones, muscles and antagonist muscle pairing. To make it even more exciting, it was Miss Knell's class vs Mr. Sulola's class! Students made the human body with their own bodies!

POLITICS

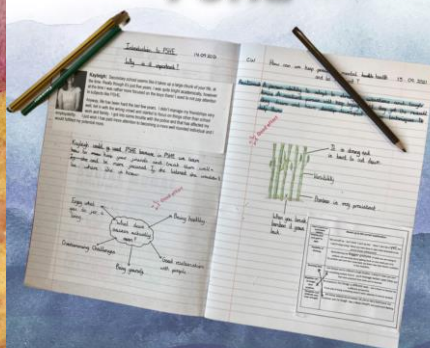


A LEVEL

Year 12 Politics

Our brand new Politics A-level is off to a flyer! We have been exploring democracy and participation as well as the origin and development of UK political parties. Our Politics scholars will soon be helping to organise virtual meets with our local MP and a trip to Parliament! – Mr Gilfeather

PSHE



KS3 PSHE

PSHE has got off to a great start this year with some excellent work across Years 7-10!

This Year 7 lesson explored the idea of how we can build resilience and maintain positive mental health. Students made comparisons to the strength and versatility of bamboo to help their understanding. All years will be covering online safety this half term. – Mr Gilfeather

REMINDER

Secondary Transfer Evening Weds 6th Oct - see the [schools website](#) for more details

INTERFORM YEAR 10 & 11



CROSS COUNTRY

INTERFORM YEAR 7, 8 & 9



CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country

Well done to our cross country winners!

Year 7 Girls - Eliza L (7/N1)

Year 7 Boys - Kamran D (7/S1)

Year 8 Girls - Carla M-T (8/J2)

Year 8 Boys - Caillin H (8/S1)

Year 9 Girls - Jessica T (9/J1)

Year 9 Boys - Josh A (9/V1)

Year 10 Girls - Weronika K (10/N2)

Year 10 Boys - Charlie J (10/N2)

Year 11 Girls - Chelsea L (11/V1)

Year 11 Boys - Sebastian P (11/J2)

A big well all boys and girls who participated to make this such another memorable cross country event!

YEAR 12



ROUNDERS

Sixth Form Rounders

It was a beautiful afternoon for a game of rounders with our year 12's last Friday. Highlights were brilliant reflex catches on 4th base and some really shocking pitching! Great fun! – Ms Ocloo

YEAR 10 & 11



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Year 10/11 Girls Football Match 30.09

Last night our year 10 and 11 girls football team played Wren Academy! We are so proud of our students; winning 3-0, a special mention to Victoria with the hat trick! Miss Knell said that all of the girls were superb! We cannot wait for the next match!

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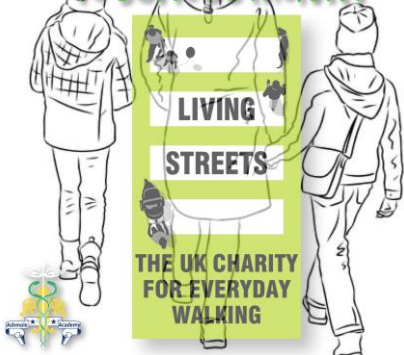
Throughout October, we want our pupils to consider the contribution that traffic pollution makes to climate change and the effects it has on wildlife and natural habitats around the world. By walking to school, we reduce our carbon emissions, supporting natural habitats and animals across the globe.

Walking or cycling to school also benefits pupils' physical and mental health and can help to reduce feelings of stress.

For more information, visit the following

website: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school>

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH



The Roundup will return on Friday 15th October!