



## Annie Update

Annie is coming to Ashmole! With just under a month until our annual School Production, here is a sneak peak at some of the beautiful set painted by our very own Year 12 Art students.

**The school show will be taking place on 8th, 9th and 10th February at 7pm in the main hall.**

Tickets are available via ParentPay and cost £10 for adults and £7 for children. Demand is expected to be high so get booking!

The students and staff involved in the show have worked incredibly hard so far and we can't wait to see you there to show your support.

- Mr Tozzi



## Tottenham Alumni

On Boxing Day there was a Tottenham Hotspur match and the match day programme featured one of our Alumni – Alfie Dorrington! We are really proud of all he has achieved so far at Tottenham!

## Politics virtual meeting with local MPs!

Politics students thoroughly enjoyed virtually meeting and questioning Theresa Villers and Bambos Charalambous, our local MPs just before Christmas. It was a great opportunity for them to pose question and hear from people working at the heart of government. One of our Politics scholars has arranged for an ex-MP to come in and talk about what MP is really like. We will be sharing all the details with you soon!



## Drama



Crime Scene

## Drama Crime!

Year 8 have recently started their module on 'Crime'. Students were faced with a crime scene as they entered drama classes this week and took on the roles of detectives to help build a picture of what had happened. This is a brilliant opportunity for students to explore more serious themes in drama and begin to build truthful characters that audiences can empathise with. We hope they gain a lot from this scheme of work. – The Drama Department

## Year 8 Science



Malteser Challenge

## Malteser Challenge in Science

As part of my introduction to balanced and unbalanced forces, I set my Year 8s the 'Malteser Challenge'. Using only a Malteser and a paper straw, they had to make the chocolate hover above the straw. 8SG rose to the challenge and very quickly realised that cutting the straw in half so that it was shorter made it much easier to accomplish. We used our findings from the activity to springboard a discussion of different forces and their effects which we then applied to a range of different scenarios. Year 8 showed great professionalism (and restraint!) throughout the task and I was very impressed with their balancing skills.

- Mrs De Saint-Quirin

## GEOGRAPHY



LOWER COURSE: LEVEES

## River songs in Geography

Year 10 were learning about the lower course of the river last week. When we focused upon levees, we listened to 'American Pie' by Don McLean as he sings 'drove my chevy to the levy but the levy was dry'. We then listened to other river/geographical songs including Bora's request 'Country Road' which name checks many American states. The learning environment was very chilled and productive - thanks Year 10! – Mrs Sullivan

## YEAR 7 SPANISH



## Spanish Games

7S1 have been using their tablets to practise new Spanish vocabulary in lessons. They played a very competitive game of Gold Quest on Blooket, an interactive learning app, it got very serious to see who could win all the gold! – Mrs Simons

## Product Design



Year 7 & 8

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Our year 7 and 8 students have been busy in Product Design. The Year 7s have made a Maze Game which they designed and created themselves. In Year 8, students used a number of designers as inspiration such as Alessi, Heatherwick Studios and Zara Hadid to create a clock using the method of Vacuum Forming. – Miss Holliday



## YEAR 7 RELIGIOUS STUDIES



THE STORY OF ABRAHAM FROM THE TORAH

## Getting creative in Religious Studies

In Religious Studies, Year 7 students have been challenged with making a creative, artistic response to the story of Abraham from the Torah. They have pulled out the key themes of trust and promises, created their response, and then verbally presented this to the class. While we have only just started this, the results have been very promising as you can see from the pictures... - Mr Sanders



## FemSoc #itsinthebag

During December, our amazing FemSoc students collected items for a charity campaign for a local women's refuge. The refuge supports women who are struggling to find a home, or do not have a happy home life due to abuse or being out of work.

We worked with the refuge for their #itsinthebag campaign, where we collected toiletries and other items for women over the Christmas period as a gift. The response from our students was overwhelming, and their attitude and kindness to support other women in need was incredible.

I am extremely proud of the small community we have built in such a small space of time and am sure they will go on to do more amazing things! – Miss Cork



## New Age Kurling!

On Wednesday afternoon, Mr Scott took a number of our students to the "New Age Kurling" Festival at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. Ashmole students competed in a series of matches against other secondary schools within Barnet, learning about this new activity as well as the skills and tactics to be successful.

It was a really nice and enjoyable event. Thank you to the staff at BPSS as well as the sports leaders at St. James School. We look forward to the next one!



## Year 12 Mid Year Exams



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Great to see so many of our Year 12 students preparing for their upcoming mid-year exams next week. Stretching themselves and collaborating brilliantly. Good luck everyone!





## Be The Change

Here is a careers update! Mr Gilfeather is excited about this great opportunity for all students at Ashmole!... to become the next Member of Youth Parliament or Youth Ambassador for Barnet.

Through this, students can develop their skills, meet new people, get your voice heard, represent the youth! If you are interested, see website and sheet (in Hums office) for further details. Plus, all details can be found on Firefly Careers page. In addition, you can see Mr Gilfeather if you have any questions.



## Interform Year 10

Last week, we held the first Interform competition of 2022. The Yr 10 Interform Football Tournament had a great turnout and was successful all round. There was a lots of great football, played in a competitive spirit with the pupils behaviour being excellent. At the end of a competitive group stage, which you can see below it left a grand final of N2 and M1. In a close final, M1 won a close 1-0 with a goal from Edward L.



## Senior Basketball

A fantastic performance from our senior basketball team who defeated Woodhouse College 23-9 this week. An excellent performance from all players!

## British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 Results

The British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 is a follow-on round to the Senior Mathematical Challenge. As well as challenging high-scorers from the Senior Mathematical Challenge, the British Mathematical Olympiad is an entry point to the training and selection programme for international competitions. Our 3 participants did amazingly in the challenge. **Jack (13SUS) achieved the Certificate of Distinction** and both **Maya (13SIO) and Joshua (13MCY) achieved the Certificate of Merit**. This is a brilliant achievement, well done to Jack, Maya and Joshua. – Mrs Shah

## Physics Olympiad

Three year 13 students from Ashmole took part in the British Physics Olympiad Round 1 before Christmas. This exam is sat by the top Physics students around the country and the style of the paper is much tougher than any A Level or university entrance exam paper. The aim of the paper is to challenge a range of student knowledge, preparation and ability, allowing access for good students, whilst also stretching and challenging the top young physicists in the country in a national competition. The top performers are selected to compete in Round 2, from which the British team is selected to compete in the International Physics Olympiad. This year James and Joshua both earned Silver certificates, which were awarded to roughly the top 30% of participants. This alone would have been the school's best ever results, however Jack also earned a Top Gold certificate, which was awarded to just the top 7% of participants and means he has been invited to take part in the even harder Round 2 of the competition at the end of January. A huge congratulations to all three students, and best of luck to Jack in the next round. - Mr Costello