

# Ashmole's Weekly Roundup!

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021



## YEAR 9



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

### 'Fight Hunger Create Change'

...is a transformational programme, donating over £25 million to FareShare and the Trussell Trust to create long-term positive change to poverty in the UK. Our Year 9s have been raising money and food items to donate. A charity one mile run last week was organised alongside the donation of food items. Attached you can see the items donated by our students. Thank you so much to our year 9s for their generosity! We are really, really proud of you! Thank you to Ms Best, Ms Whittaker, PE staff and the pastoral team for their efforts too!

## Good luck!

*"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard"*  
A. A. Milne

## Year 11 & 13



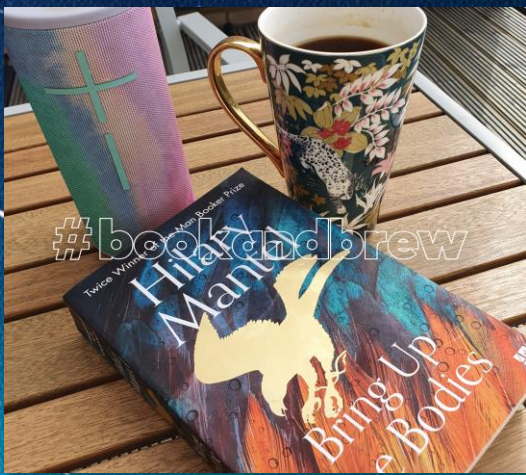
### Goodbye and Goodluck to Year 13 and Year 11

This week we said Goodbye and Good Luck to our wonderful year 11 and 13 students. First up, it was year 13s turn on Wednesday! Before the final goodbye assembly, students played a huge game of rounders, which was just really lovely. Thank you to our senior team and pastoral team who organised the leaving video and assembly! Year 13, you all have bright futures ahead of you and we cannot wait to see what you become! You will always be a part of our Ashmole family, please do keep in touch!

Then, yesterday we said goodbye to Year 11 too! The sun came out for our students and we spent lots of time outside signing shirts and reminiscing! Again, thank you to our year 11 pastoral team for the smooth running of the day and the emotional leaving assembly! Good luck for the future Year 11. We are looking forward to welcoming many of you back to the Sixth Form in the autumn! So it's not goodbye forever!

It has been a difficult year for us all and it has been an especially tough year for our exam students, a year like no other before and hopefully, like no other will ever be again, filled with so much uncertainty. As a school we have tried our best to navigate our students through this, and they have risen to the challenge. Our students have demonstrated so much resilience despite all they have faced. We are so utterly proud of them. Well done Year 11 and 13, you can relax now and enjoy your summers!





## #bookandbrew

This week for #bookandbrew Miss Cork recommended 'Bring up the Bodies' by Hilary Mantel! "I'm currently reading the second book in the Wolf Hall trilogy, which is a reimagining of the life of Thomas Cromwell. Cromwell was one of the figureheads during the English Reformation, and key in policy making. Mantel imagines what his relationship was like with Henry VIII and paints a new picture of Cromwell's life. A challenging read, but a brilliant insight into life in the 16th Century, under the rule of a complicated King such as Henry."

Thank you so much for your recommendation Miss Cork!

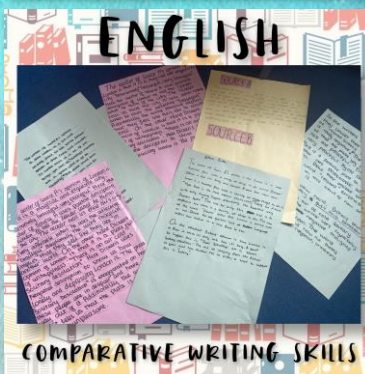


## Practicals are back!

12C carried out their first required practical with Mrs Morley last week: "The effect of substrate concentration on the rate of an enzyme controlled reaction".

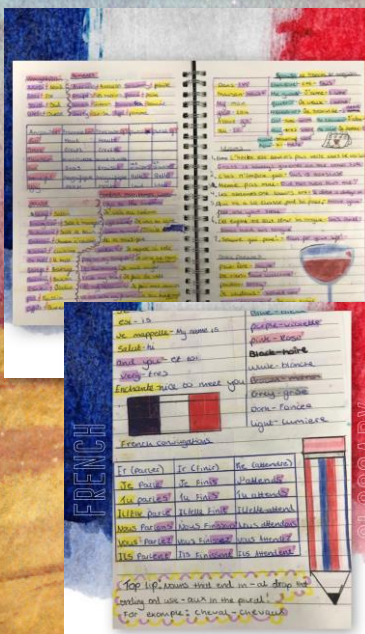
Mrs Morley said "It was brilliant for us to actually do a practical in a lab! I was really pleased with their ability to follow a written method and pleased to report no breakages!"

Well done year 12, we hope you enjoyed and got lots out of it! It's so brilliant that we are getting back to 'normal'!



## Comparative Writing in English

With her year 9s last week, Ms Alexander (Head of English) got her class to work on their comparative writing skills. The students spent their lessons comparing the different opinions of the writers of some non-fiction texts. This is high level skill in English which requires a lot of thoughtful consideration and a confident knowledge of how language works to convey meaning. Ms Alexander was hugely impressed with the work her students were able to produce. Well done! We are all very impressed too!

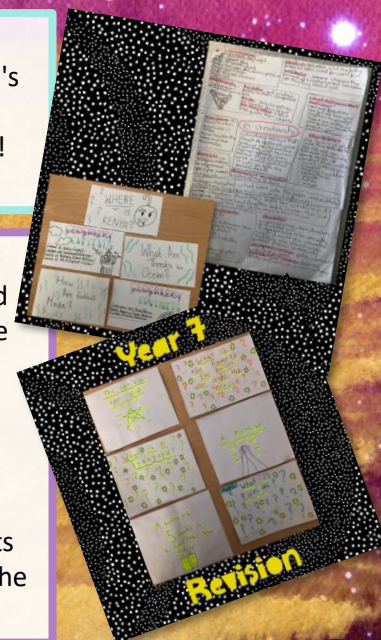


## French Glossary

Ms Adler is BEYOND impressed with Zuriel's amazing glossary, that she has created for French! And so are we so we had to share! Keep it up Zuriel!!

## Year 7 Revision

As you may know, year 7 have their end of year assessments this week, we hope they are going well year 7! Miss Knell's form: 7S2 have produced some simply AMAZING revision materials! We can't believe how much effort and time have gone into these! It's so good to see our young students taking their assessments seriously and preparing well! Keep up the excellent work 7S2 and year 7!





# Religious Studies



## Debate

**Debates in Religious Studies** In year 8 RS lessons, some of the form groups have been preparing for and engaging in a formal debate on: "Is God to blame for suffering in the world?" In small groups, students took one of the following perspectives: Christians who argue God is responsible, Christians who argued that God is not responsible, Buddhist, Atheist and then a jury who took notes and made the final decision. Within each group two members had to make formal speeches both in defence of their position and attacking the views of others. There was also time for others to ask questions and further strengthen their team's stance. The tension when the jury came back to deliver their verdict was palpable and the students have done an amazing job at arguing complex theology and philosophy, often arguing a position that they do not even agree with. These skills will stand them in good stead in the future! Well done year 8!

## Oxbridge



**Oxbridge** "On Tuesday 18th May, as a part of the on-going Oxbridge sessions run by Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Gray, we had the opportunity to meet with and ask questions of Aled Jenkins – a student at Oxford University. Aled is an Ashmole alumnus and is currently taking a masters in Mathematics at Lincoln College, Oxford. This event was a great experience; not only was this very informative, allowing us to gain a first hand insight into the Oxbridge application process and the student life at Oxford, but further (as a prospective Oxbridge Mathematics applicant myself) I found this immensely reassuring and encouraging. I wish Aled the very best in his upcoming final exams and (with a bit of luck), I hope that in a few years I myself may be giving a similar talk." Jack L, Year 12. Thank you Aled for giving up your time!

## HISTORY SOCIETY



## PROTECT AND SURVIVE



"On hearing the all-clear... you may resume normal activities."



you how to make your family as safe as possible in the event of a nuclear attack



**History Society** Last week's History Society presentation was given by Lakshmi, a year History Scholar. Our scholars are part of the ASP (Ashmole Scholar Programme) "In the session, we learnt about the development of nuclear weapons over time (how they have immensely improved and therefore, how the threat has drastically grown), the impact this had on tense international relations over the 20th century and how individuals were advised to behave in the dreaded incident: the outbreak of nuclear war. After watching 'Protect and Survive' (1975 Public Information Nuclear War Precautions Film), we were encouraged to put ourselves into the position of those during the peak of the threat of nuclear war, as well as the world leaders and the difficult decisions that would have to be made. The fascinating session allowed us to delve into the nuclear weapon world, providing a detailed insight into its development over the 20th century." – Daisy, Year 12.

Sat 3rd July 7pm  
Table tennis Tournament  
Tickets £2  
available from Parentpay  
children under 12 Free  
Live Music  
cakes  
Raffle  
Bar  
Hot food Vendors  
Art Exhibition  
SUMMER FUN  
at Ashmole Academy with APFA

**APFA Summer Event UPDATE** On Saturday 3rd July, the APFA have organised a bar, music, food, a raffle and other fun activities! Tickets cost £2 and can be purchased via parent pay! We cannot wait to open our doors and welcome you to this event! Thank you to the APFA for their continued hard work and organisation so far! We are really looking forward to the summer event!



# YEAR 7

# BASKETBALL

# Year 8

# Basketball

# YEAR 10

# BASKETBALL

## Interform Basketball Competitions

After the success of Interform Netball, the PE department have been holding Interform Basketball competitions over the last week! Each interform competition was absolutely brilliant, with a fantastic standard of basketball being played, great teamwork skills demonstrated, and lots of fun competition! Well done to everyone who took part! The results are as follows...

**Year 7** - 7S1 beat 7N2 in a tense, exciting and competitive match.

**Year 8** - 8M1 won 8-4 against 8V1 in an exciting final!

**Year 10** - 10J1 finished worthy winners with 10N2 as runners up.

**Year 9** results to follow in the next round up!

## WORK EXPERIENCE

More great opportunities for work experience with some well known corporations.

See Firefly for more details - these opportunities are available for Yr 11, 12 and 13.

Will look great on your CV / University profile / Personal statement...

**YOUNG VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Available for Yr 11, 12 and 13

pwc EY H&M

Capgemini ERM

specsys sky

**YEAR 11, 12 & 13**

## Careers

Work experience is can make such a big difference to future applications!

Please do check out the careers page on Firefly to see if there are any opportunities that our young people may be interested in. Students should speak to Mr Gilfeather if they have ANY questions!

## MATHEMATICS



THE MATHEMATICIAN

Wishing our whole school community a wonderful half term break!

## Mathematics Talk

Last week the year 12 Mathematicians had the opportunity to hear from a former Ashmole student and Mathematician, Laura Risley!

Since leaving sixth form Laura has gained a first in Mathematics from the university of Bath. She was able to enlighten the students with topics covered and how modules are chosen during her degree. During her talk, Laura showed the students some basic principles of the modules she took and the year 12 students had the opportunity to apply this new knowledge to some questions.

Following her undergraduate degree, Laura went on to complete a Masters in Mathematics at the Queen Mary University of London. She talked about why she chose this specific course and was able to explain about all the different she had available to her.

Laura is about to embark on her PhD at the university of Reading where she will be investigating 'Assimilation of future-current measurements from satellites.

The talk was a fantastic opportunity for the students to not only hear first hand about life university life but also about what happens following a maths degree and the options available! Thank you for your time Laura!