



KS4/5 to celebrate the successes of our school community during the academic year 2020-21. We are incredibly proud of all of our students, especially with what has been an exceptionally tough 18 months. It was wonderful to all be in a room together to celebrate the academic successes, efforts and achievements from across every subject. To try and keep the events as safe as possible, we asked our former Head Boy and Head Girl to offer words of advice and congratulations via recorded videos, which certainly inspired the students in attendance. The events were filmed and will be on Firefly within the next week for Parents and Carers to see. Prize Winners were awarded with Waterstones vouchers, and we look forward to hearing what they purchase! A huge Well Done to all of our prize winners!



## Remembrance

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November 7J2 used their new tablets to look at the CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission) website during form time to research fallen family members and/or people who share their name. They chose one individual to make a poppy for. Each poppy has the name of the soldier (or civilian) and the date they fell. - Mr Pearson

## Children in Need Staff vs Student Netball Matches

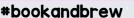
A huge thank you to staff members and Year 13 students who took part in the charity netball matches last Friday for Children in Need! We had a fantastic turnout of both staff and students to spectate what proved to be some hugely competitive games. During KS3 lunch, Year 13 dominated staff and walked away with a comprehensive 11-4 win. Staff came back fighting during KS4 lunch, however, taking away a 12-6 score to claim the victory for the final match. See you next time for a rematch!

- Ms Whittaker





Year 11



We have a new #bookandbrew recommendation for you from Miss Cork. "'Do it Like a Woman' by Caroline Criado-Perez, is an incredible piece of non fiction which discusses female empowerment and the importance of leading, speaking and advocating like a woman. Criado-Perez looks at women who are leading in STEM jobs and other male dominated professions, exploring how sexism has hindered their rights to equality in the workplace and how these women have overcome this. The book also explores themes of female safety and the importance of educators leading by example when it comes to dismantling patriarchal ideas and challenging misogynistic views. This is a book we will be discussing by theme in FemSoc over the coming weeks. A really brilliant and empowering read." Thank you for your recommendation Miss Cork!

### Key Stage 3 Geography Club

KS3 Geography club meet weekly on Tuesday lunchtimes at 12.30pm in HU7. Their theme has been establishing a new island and deciding how to run it. Last week they had a debate about the energy supplies on their new island. Both teams had researched the issue and delivered their opposing arguments with impressive eloquence. This week the island was struck by an erupting volcano! Thank you to everyone involved with a special mention for Rachel S who devised the theme and activities. Thank you to our young Geographers for making the club so enjoyable! Rachel S, Hanna K, Antonia B, Pranay S, Spiros A, Asiya A, Geri B and Tomini K. – Mrs Sullivan

#### Cells Models in Year 7 Science

In their recent lessons, our Year 7 scientists have been busy designing and making different types of specialised cells using various materials. The pupils made a 2D or 3D model of a specialised animal or plant cell. They then presented their cells along with fun facts of the cell to the rest of the class. Mrs Gul and Ms Dursun have sent some images of the models and were both extremely impressed with the quality of what was produced was outstanding. Well done Year 7! – Mrs Gul

#### Year II Drama Revision

Year 11 GCSE Drama students have finished learning the content for their written exam and are now preparing for their mocks by revising in class. On Monday, Miss Humphryes' class created a set design for an extract from *Noughts and Crosses*. Students had to create the design and justify their decisions before presenting their idea in front of Miss Humphryes and Mr Tozzi in a 'Dragons Den' style. Students created excellent designs with thorough justifications as attached in the pictures Well done to Asya and Lyra for the winning design.

## Annie is coming to Ashmole!

Students involved in this years school production of 'Annie' had a fantastic rehearsal during October Half Term. Students worked on the musical numbers 'I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here' and 'Hard Knock Life'. The Performing Arts Department are proud of the dedication and professionalism shown throughout rehearsals. We look forward to seeing you there in February! – Mr Tozzi

## **Sporting News**



## Year 7 & 8 Sportshall Atheltics

Last week we had a lot of sporting successes! Firstly, our year 7 and 8 girls Sportshall Athletics team competed in the Barnet Championships held at QE Girls School earlier this week. There were some excellent performances across a range of events and our Year 8 team finished 5th and Year 7 team finished 7th.

Next up, our Year 7 and Year 8 Boys Sportshall athletics teams competed in the Barnet Championships the following day. Our Year 8 team finished first and our Year 7 team finished second overall, with some amazing performances in both the track and field events! Both teams now have qualified for the London Youth Games final in Harrow in January! A really great few evenings of sport, thanks to all at Barnet Sport for putting this event on. Well done to all of our young sportspeople!

#### Girls Basketball

This week, our girls basketball team took part in annual Barnet Girls Basketball tournament at London Academy.

Ashmole were victorious in our first attempt in this tournament. They students narrowly defeated Totteridge Academy.

We now progress onto representing Barnet at the London Youth Games. More exciting details to follow, when they are published.

This is a fantastic achievement and we hope this inspires more girls to come to our lunchtime practices. We also can't wait to playing future girls basketball matches at Ashmole!

### **Ashmole Alumni**

Another former Ashmole student making his way in professional football is Klaidi Lolos. He joined Torquay United of the National League at the start of this season and has a contract until 2024. He has been featuring regularly in the first team and is already a fans' favourite for his exuberant goal celebrations! Torquay play at Barnet on 20 November so that's your chance to see Klaidi in action!

## Ashmole Sixth Form









#### Take The Lead

For the second year in a row, Ashmole have been selected to take part in the Old Vic 'Take the Lead' Scheme.

'Take the Lead' is a free, exciting employability programme from The Old Vic for students aged 15–18 that uses theatre techniques and creative workshops to build on five core skills: communication, self-management, self-belief, teamwork and problem solving.

This opportunity is opening up to all Year 12 students. There are only 30 spaces available so be sure to return your application slip by 22nd November to be in with a chance of being involved.

# MedSoc - KS4 & KS5 KS4 MedSoc

MedSoc is underway and we have now launched our KS4 MedSoc aimed at Years 10 and 11. Ellie in Year 13 delivered a session on the NHS followed by the question - What is the biggest challenge facing the NHS in the next 5-10 years?

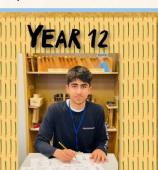
#### KS5 MedSoc

In our 6<sup>th</sup> form MedSoc, we were joined by Karla in Year 13 who delivered a session focusing on Medical Ethics and the Bawa-Garba case. This created an interesting debate on the role and pressures of doctors, as well as the role of the GMC and the impact of errors and understaffing on the NHS and their patients.

#### MedSoc - Biomedical Science Alumni Talk

On Thursday 11 November we welcomed alumni Edward Agyemang who delivered a talk to over 40 students from Years 10 to 13 on Biomedical Sciences. He recently graduated from Kings College London where he achieved a First class Honours. This gave our students the opportunity to find out more about the structure of the degree and how they can specialise in areas of interest as the course progresses. He also gave the students an insight into the importance of coursework and his practical project on Immunology. It was fantastic to hear about the realities of an alternative degree in the Sciences as well as the career paths and opportunities that completing a Biomedical Sciences degree offers. The students asked some fantastic questions at the end of the presentation. Thank you Edward for your inspiring talk!

- Miss Moll, MedSoc



## Year 12 Spotlights

Please do check out our school Instagram (ashmole\_academy) to hear about life in the Sixth Form from some of our new Year 12 students. Find out what they enjoy about their subject and how they are settling into their new courses!