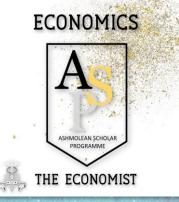


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The programme included: Mozart, Sonata K.238 Allegro Bach, Prelude BWV 874, Hhayn, Variation in f minor and Du Mingxin, Shui Cao WV. Watergrass! Thank you Deryn!

#### Year IO Classical Music Thursday

Every Thursday the Year 10 pastoral team play classical music as students arrive to school. This week, Deryn gave a live performance that she put together.



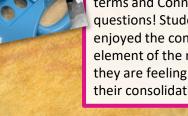


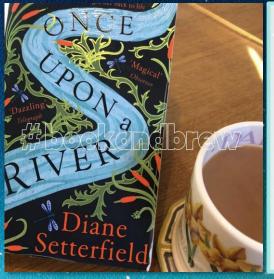
**Economics ASP** In the first Economics ASP meeting, the Economics Society was set up where students will be invited to discuss and debate economic theories and issues. The first debate will take place next week, discussing the proposed European Super League and whether football clubs should be allowed to control a large market share! We look forward to hearing all about the debate!



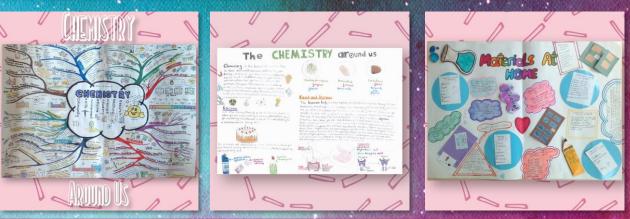
**Carnegie** We are celebrating Carnegie, this year's Carnegie shortlist of eight novels for Young Adults is truly outstanding and can be found <u>HERE</u>! All Carnegie novels are renowned for raising awareness and understanding of the importance of Human Rights, and this year is no exception. The stories are intended to stimulate thinking through the different notions that are explored in each novel. Our Librarian, Ms Pascual de Riquelme, explains: 'Our very own 'Ashmole-Carnegie Shadowing Book Club' has begun this week and we very much look forward to participate and to share our students' reading experiences, opinions and literary analyses. All students' book reviews will be published on the official Carnegie website - We can't wait to see their creative responses!'

**Making revision fun!** In their Geography Year 13 lessons, Ms Vaughan and Mrs Sullivan have introduced some classic games to support with revision, such as Guess Who: with key terms and Connect4: for key questions! Students have enjoyed the competition element of the revision, whereby they are feeling confident in their consolidation!





**#bookandbrew** Mrs Gray (Teacher of RS, Oxbridge Coordinator and G&T Lead Teacher) recommended 'Once Upon a River' by Diane Setterfield. "Having read that this book 'had the same spirit as Jane Eyre, Rebecca and The Woman in White', three of my favourite reads, I had every reason to enjoy it. It starts in an ancient inn on the Thames where the regulars are entertaining themselves by telling stories. The door bursts open and in steps in an injured stranger. In his arms is a drowned young child. Hours later, the dead girl stirs, takes a breath and returns to life - a miracle, or magic? I was spellbound by this book. Diane Setterfield skilfully weaves together several strands of the same tale and the story keeps you guessing with twists and turns along the way (like a river!) Her prose is beautiful, dark and eerily atmospheric, using vivid description of characters to convincingly illustrate the best and worst of humanity. This book certainly was a treat - I loved it!"



**Chemistry Around Us Competition** We wanted to share some great work by Yr 7 & 8 students who have designed posters on the theme of 'Chemistry Around Us' for the Royal Society of Chemistry regional poster competition. We had nearly 60 posters handed in and the top 5 were selected to submit to the regional competition. I've attached pictures of the posters selected which were made by: Kerim G 7S1, Sabrin I 7S1, Ray M 7V1, Thomas M 7M2 and Rachel S in 8N2. Well done to all, we are so impressed with the detail and effort!



A Level Media As part of the Media Studies A Level course, Year 12 monitored the news stories all day on 26.04.21 with Ms Chandler (i/c Media and Teacher of English) and Ms Oborne. Students started with the front pages of the print press, focusing on The Guardian and The Daily Mail, the students monitored how the different newspapers covered similar stories. They then progressed to looking at their websites and social media sites; monitoring how these stories develop and change during the day. The news stories of the day were Boris Johnson's alleged comment about a possible third lockdown, India's coronavirus crisis and a response to the winners at The Oscars. The students observed how much audiences can dictate news stories based on how they interact with the news. Due to the interest in the Johnson story, by lunchtime he was being interviewed responding to his comments, and by the end of the day it was headline news on the television bulletin. The students had a thoroughly enjoyable and eye opening day! Thank you for organising it Ms Chandler!

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**Transformations and Constructions!** Miss Ogden's Year 9 class have currently been studying Transformations and Constructions! This involves drawing and sketching accurate diagrams. It is fabulous to see how much pride the students have taken in their work - their books look great! Well done to, Elisa, Finlay, Maahi, Meryam, Noemi and Sabir. Great mathematcians!

MEDSOC Year 12 MedSoc have been up to some very exciting things this academic year! We have had an amazing turnout this year with a cohort of 40 pupils! Every week on a Wednesday afternoon we host HOT topic sessions (over Zoom recently) where a MedSoc participant gives a presentation about a key issue in the medical world. All this information is vital for our interviews for Medical School later this year/beginning of 2022. Some of the topics we have already covered include Mental Health, Euthanasia, COVID-19, remote GP consultations and Medical Ethics. We have also been very fortunate to have some guest speakers share their knowledge & expertise. Dr Harry Zacharias (an ex-Ashmole pupil) who studied at UCL shared his top tips for applying to Medicine as well as what life is like as a medical student. We also had Dr Stephen Gadd who studies Graduate Entry Medicine at St George's, University of London give our year 12 and 13 MedSoc cohorts an insight into his life as a Graduate Entry student and how this differs from undergraduate Medicine. Many of our MedSoc participants have also been very fortunate to take part in a nationwide Live Virtual Work Experience run by Medic Mentor. This programme has been invaluable to our Medical School applications and has given us a greater insight into life as a Junior Doctor. Ellie M – Year 12 MedSoc Coordinator

#### **Biology Challenge**

Ms Moll is excited to tell Year 9 and 10 Biology students about the upcoming Biology Challenge! The competition consists of two, twenty-fiveminute multiple choice papers to be taken online under staff supervised exam conditions. Questions will be set on the school curriculum, but the competition will also reward those students whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna. You are encouraged increase your subject knowledge by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, and taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest.

The dates are: Wednesday 19th May: Year 9 (after school approx 3.30-4.30pm) and Thursday 20th May: Year 10 (after school approx 3.30-4.30pm)

You can find more details on Firefly in the GCSE Biology page, and you can sign up there too!

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ind out about other previous winners, and enter this year's competition, below. The clos ate is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.

#### National Book Token Competition

The National Book Token Raffle is back this year, with a Big Win for schools, £5000 of tokens for us! We could then get lots of new books for our students in the Autumn! If you have the time, we would really appreciate any nominations from parents, teachers, and students. You can enter your nominations HERE

Biology Challenge Year 10



#### **Sports Tournaments!**

Football – The Year 11 Football tournament was held on Weds 28<sup>th</sup> April. 52 students turned up and teams were decided by PE staff. After some very competitive matches, the Blue Team emerged victorious! All students displayed excellent skills of communication and Team Work!

Netball – The Year 8 Interform Competition took place on Weds 5<sup>th</sup> May, with 70 students participating. 8M2 finished as worthy winners, and there were great performances all around! In Year 9, the Interform competition took place on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> May, with 9S2 winning first place! Ms Whittaker said in her '20 years of playing netball it was such a good standard to watch and umpire and we had 8 full teams compete! It was competitive and netball is #notjustagirlssport!' Thank you to all of our staff and students who got involved!

#### Careers

More students than ever are engaging in virtual work experience opportunities through our extensive opportunities on the Careers page on Firefly. There are placements in law, engineering, health, accountancy and publishing amongst others! It is important for students to show endeavour and work to build their CV and experience despite the difficulties of this past year.

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