



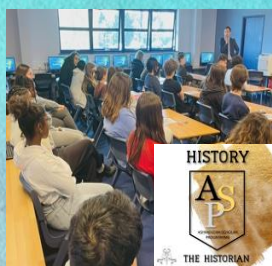
Earth Day #restoretheearth

The Geography department created an assembly and the daily thought for the day, which all students used and reflected on in their form time this week. Looking at a number of actions that have taken place across the globe at different scales in order to restore the earth, and students have considered what they can do to help too!



The Ashmolean Scholar Programme

has officially launched this term. Over 70 of our Year 12 students have applied to be part of a group of specialist scholars in one of six subjects running the programme this year. Scholars will be building up a portfolio of evidence of their extra-curricular, wider interest work in their subject. These portfolios will be not only help with future university applications but will also be used to decide the winner of the first Ashmolean Scholar Award – Mr Ford



The History Society

met this week to hear a fascinating talk from Miss Clements about William Hogarth's 18th century work The Four Stages of Cruelty. Year 12 History and Art students discussed what impact these sometimes gruesome images had on mid 18th century society, as well as what value they hold to historians today. Gergana in Year 12 said: "Hogarth created a fictional character known as Tom Nero, so that both rich and poor people could connect and resonate. Throughout the 4 stages, as Nero ages, his level of crime increases... Hogarth sold his pieces around pubs and taverns for 1 shilling, so it was more accessible to the public. His paintings were often grotesque to create a shock factor and cause some kind of fear and deter criminal"



Orreries

Year 7 have been making orreries: mechanical models of the solar system. Tobias in 7J2 create one out of Lego for Mrs Morley and we are so impressed!



Well-being update

Wellbeing continues to be an important focus for us here at Ashmole. Last week, senior staff met with all our Year 10 students for 1-1 wellbeing conversations as part of our commitment to the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils. We have absolutely loved talking to this wonderful year group and have been astounded by their resilience and the range of activities that they have been up to! We look forward to meeting with the rest of the year groups over the course of this term, and we have been meeting with Year 8 this week – Ms Cooper



St George's Day

Happy St. George's Day to all of our community: staff, students, parents and carers!





#bookandbrew This week's recommendation comes from Ms Alexander, our Head of English, 'The Murder of Roger Ackroyd' by Agatha Christie. "This is a book I wish I could go back and read again for the first time. Although, re-reading it after you know the solution does give you a chance to look at the evidence in a whole new light. Christie's novels are safe but thrilling reads. Anytime I just want a light, quick read that I know won't be disturbing, and will always be entertaining Agatha Christie is my go to. I love Hercule Poirot's character! I love his eccentricities and his pompousness. His first appearance in any Christie novel still brings a smile to my face, even when I've read the book a dozen times"



PE Extra Curricular Clubs are back! Badminton Club, Table Tennis, Girls Football, Girls Netball and Cricket club are all now running! There is at least one club on every day, check with PE teacher's if you are unsure and always bring your PE kit/ appropriate footwear!

A Level Spanish
Nicola W in 12VAU created this amazing revision mind map. We are so impressed as the care and attention to detail! - Ms Best

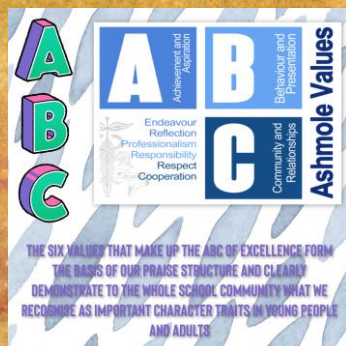


Behaviour Hub School

As you know, we have been selected as one of the DfE's Behaviour Hub schools. It's humbling to be recognised for our ongoing successes with behaviour and the high standards we have maintained here at Ashmole Academy for many years.

Our ultimate goal as a school is to work collaboratively with other schools. To impart what we have learnt about successful behaviour at Ashmole, and learn new ways to further improve for students and staff alike across our own school and partner schools.

Our use of values and the **ABC of Excellence**, form the basis of our praise structure and underpins all that we stand for. Tim Sullivan spoke to the DfE about this, and more can be read about this [HERE](#)

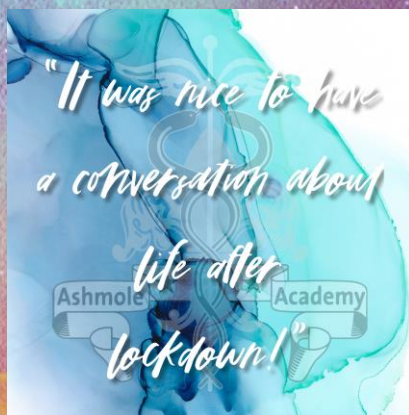
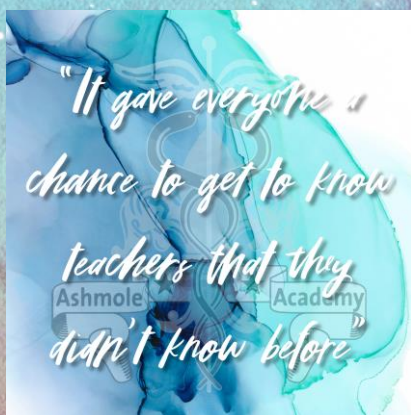




#adayinthelifeof This week we looked at a day in the life of Miss Patel (second in charge of Music). Miss Patel's day included: a Disney extravaganza lesson, with a focus on texture, with Year 7, planning a Year 12 lesson on Debussy's 'Nuages' looking through the options for the school show/ musical next year. In addition, running Year 11 coursework club, getting a daily walk and reading a good book! We hope you enjoyed. More #adayinthelifeof staff days can be found on our Instagram under the named highlight!



Interform competitions have been suspended since October but they resumed last week! First up was year 9 and their interform football tournament. After many months of waiting and matches 9/J2 were worthy winners with 9/M1 finishing runners up and 9/V1 in third. Well done to all players for the patience and participating in this really competitive tournament played in a fantastic spirit! On Wednesday this week, Year 10 played their interform football matches. It was a really enjoyable evening with some excellent football skills displayed by many players! After many exciting games, the final was played between 10N2 and 10J2. After a keenly fought match 10N2 emerged victorious with a narrow 1-0 win after an excellent "team goal" was scored!



More comments from year 10 about the wellbeing meetings with senior staff

