

Ashmole's Weekly Roundup!

Friday 26th March 2021



Retirement news!

Uma Rajendram, one of our Senior Science Technicians, is retiring on 12th April 2021. Uma is retiring after 29 years service! **We wish you a wonderful retirement Uma,** thank you for all of your hard work in the Science department, we will miss you!



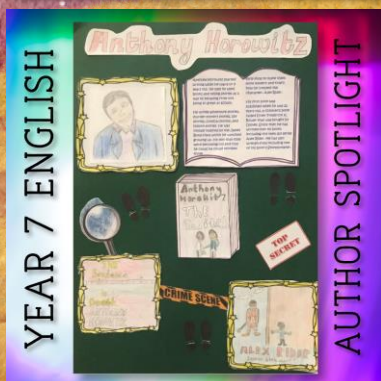
Make your own kind of music Ashmole's Virtual Band

Mr Egan and the Music Department, missed making music so much, that they formed a virtual band! Mr Egan was completely overwhelmed with the uptake, over 75 staff and students joined! 'Make your own kind of music' by Paloma Faith was the chosen song... Please do give it a listen, you won't be disappointed with the magic they all created! Click [HERE](#) to listen/ watch!



Geography Revision

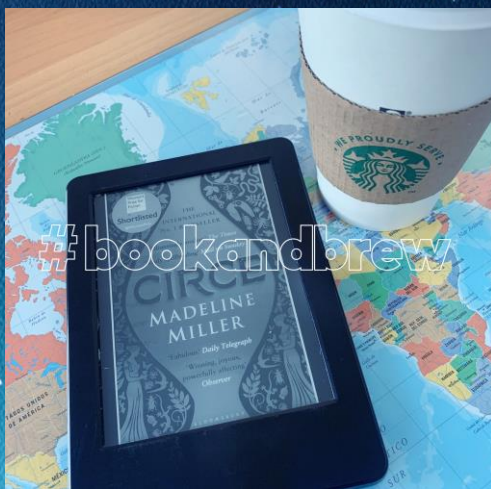
Water (!) lovely surprise for the Geography department this week when Dulanmee in Year 10 created this impressive rivers revision resource to prepare for her landmark!



Author Spotlights in English

Ms Michael recently ran an 'Author Spotlight' competition for Year 7. Students investigated their chosen author and then could present this in any way they wished to. Ms Michael had so many fantastic entries, well done Year 7, we are all so proud of the work you have produced! More examples can be seen on our Instagram page!





#bookandbrew Miss Vaughan (Senior Leader & Head of Geography) recommends 'Circe' by Madeline Miller: "I fell in love with this story, and the characters within it. This book is about love, loss, healing, and magic! I found the story completely engaging and I was captivated by the heroine, Circe. This is a retelling of Greek classics, and it feels modern. Even though you might know some of the events written about in the book, but this is brilliant storytelling so you don't mind or notice! I got completely wrapped up in this book!"

On our school's Instagram a follower has recommended 'A Song For Achilles' by Madeline Miller, a retelling of Achilles and the Battle of Troy!



Ending Period Poverty! No-one should be held back from accessing education due to their period. Last year the Government introduced the period product scheme, to provide free period products for all learners who need them! This is a scheme that ensures all learners who have periods have access to period products should they require them. **Here at Ashmole we have recently received an order of 48,000 products to combat period poverty!** These products have been placed in toilets and in the PE changing rooms, where supplies have been filled up twice already! We are proud to be able to contribute to ending #periodpoverty! Thank you to Mr Cawley and our site team for getting these out to our students!



To Tokyo!

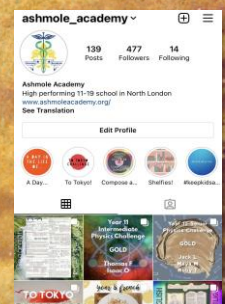
It has been exciting week for the challenge, as year 8 now only need 1779 miles until they reach Tokyo!

If everyone in Year 8 covers 7 miles (based on 250 students) then they will definitely reach it next week! Well done to all of our champions this week! We are really impressed with your mileage and efforts! Keep it up!

It's also good to see Mr Chapman (Head of PE) make his first appearance on the leaderboard!

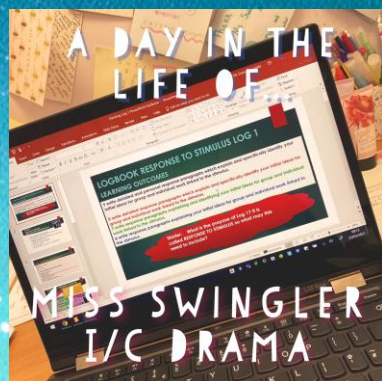


You can show your support AND keep up to date with what's happening at Ashmole by following us on our Instagram (ashmole_academy) and Twitter (Ashmole Academy) pages!



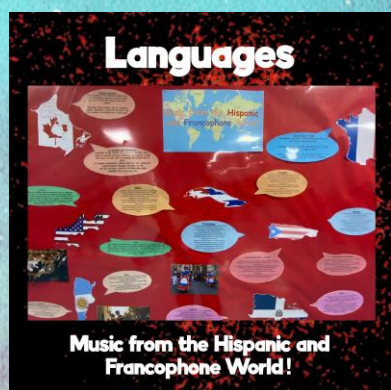


Bank of England talk On Wednesday 24th The Economics Department invited the sixth form economists to a Bank of England talk. Students gained an insight into what the job of an Economist is, as well as how the BoE have been using monetary policy to respond to the economic impact of the covid-19 pandemic. They built on the knowledge of monetary policy that they have already gained from the A-Level course. The speaker commented that he was "very impressed by the depth and range of questions posed by the students – clearly a testament to you and your colleagues for guiding them through these topics so well!"



A day in the life of Miss Swingler

This week Miss Swingler, who is In Charge of Drama, shared her day with us via our Instagram. This included: preparing for her year 10 coursework lesson, getting the drama studio ready for year 7 assessments, marking those assessments, planning and researching plays for next years year 12, finding some thought provoking pictures for our GCSE Noughts and Crosses scheme of work and speaking to parents and students at Year 9 parents evening!



Languages board

In the Languages department, Miss Tobin and Ms Nayegon have created a brand new display board for our students! The display focuses on 'Music from the Hispanic and Francophone World!' We hope the students enjoy learning more about music linked to their languages subjects! This will be especially useful for those students who go on to study these subjects at GCSE and A Level! Thank you so much to Miss Tobin and Ms Nayegon for making this display!



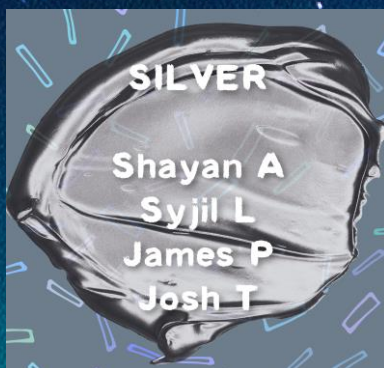
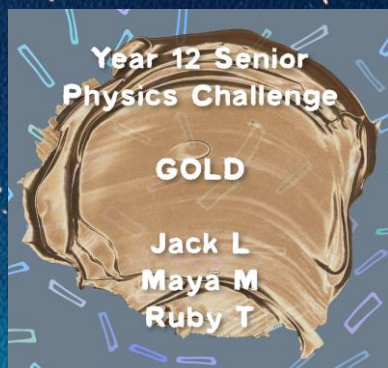
Crepes!

Miss Miller (Teacher of Spanish and French) recently set her year 8 French class the task of making crepes, using a French recipe!

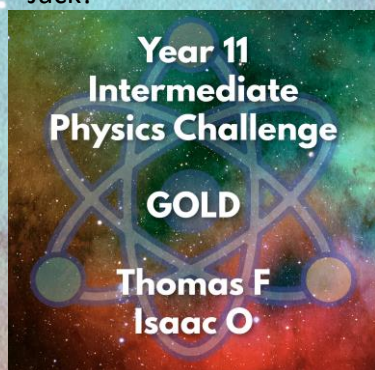
It's so eggciting to see what our students create, and here are some examples of their yummy crepes!

Thank you to Ali, Ela, Evelyn, Hasan, Lilian and Ruzgar!

Staff, please continue to share what you, your department, classes and students are getting up to with Miss Vaughan



The Senior Physics Challenge was run in very unique circumstances this year, as it took place on Wednesday 3rd March while students were still working at home. As such the competition was run online for the first time, and with parental invigilation and staff supervision via Teams. Choosing to take part in a Challenge such as this should be commended in its own right and all those who took part were challenged in their problem solving, their understanding of physics and their ability to manage their time as there were a lot more questions to answer in the given time than there would be in a public exam. There were also a number of questions on topics the students have not covered in school. Well done to all 17 students who took part and to their parents and guardians for helping to facilitate it. Every student who took part achieved a certificate this year, which is a brilliant result. Ashmole also had three students achieve gold certificates this year, only awarded to the top 15% of competitors. This is a superb achievement and fitting recognition for the hard work they have been putting in to their study of physics. It should be noted that only 32 students in the country out of the 5000+ who took part scored higher in the challenge than Jack!



Year 11 Intermediate Physics Challenge

A number of year 11 students took part in the Intermediate Physics Challenge on Wednesday 10th March to great success. These students all completed two tough papers over the course of an hour in a national competition. Many of these students are planning to study physics further at A Level so this was a great opportunity for them to test themselves in a competition that is pitched to be harder than GCSE Physics. Well done to all who took part. A special mention must go to the two students who achieved gold certificates, which were awarded to the top 18% of competitors!

Wishing you all an enjoyable and restful Easter break! See you on Monday 12th April (this will be week one on the timetable!)