



## Ashmole Scholar Programme

The 2022-23 Advanced Scholar Programme came to an end last week with final presentations for the top subject scholars of the year.

Starting this time last year, our Year 13 Advanced Scholars have spent the past 12 months gathering evidence and examples of the wonderful range of extra-curricular learning they have independently engaged in. Around 50 or so entered in portfolios of work at the end of October and the top scholars from each subject were selected.

The top portfolios from each subject were then given to our Head Teacher, Mr Dhinsa, to choose our overall winners from. The winning portfolios were of the highest standard yet seen since the Ashmolean Scholar Programme started. The range of work, dedication and incredible independent learning from our scholars was nothing short of outstanding.

After much deliberation, Mr Dhinsa selected his First, Second and Third place winners. These were:

1st Place: Kate N, Geography Scholar and Winner of the Scholar of the Year

2nd Place: Ellie K, Religious Studies Scholar

3rd Place: Karen M, History Scholar

Congratulations to them and to all of the scholars who entered this year. You should all be very proud of yourselves, well done! - Mr Ford



## Belated Remembrance Day Thanks

On Friday 10th November we held our annual Remembrance Day event in the Library. A belated thanks to Maia H, Alexia H, Issy F (all in Year 12) and also Emili G (Year 11) for delivering a thoughtful and interactive Remembrance Day presentation to a packed audience in the Library on that lunchtime. - Ms England

## CHILDREN IN NEED 2023



### ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOP



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### GRAND PIANO



## Children in Need

For Children in Need, students united together to help fundraise for the charity. Our students came to school in Non-School Uniform and participated in donating what they could during form time to our Senior Team sixth formers, who dressed up in colourful onesies representing characters such as Pudsey, to really get into the spirit. During this time, students learnt the importance of giving back and making a positive impact on the lives of the less fortunate.

In addition, students were encouraged to participate in teamwork activities such as the students vs staff netball match which influenced our school community to get involved in the netball match and cheer on their classmates. This was a fantastic event and had an amazing turn out.

Thank you to the Senior Team for organising this event and raising money. These efforts not only contribute to a positive and united school culture but also create lasting memories for students, reinforcing the values of compassion and altruism.

We are proud to say that we have raised over £2050 for this year's Children in Need fundraiser. A massive well done to everybody that contributed.

## Anti Bullying Week

Year 7, 8 and 9 participated in an Anti Bullying workshop last week to stamp out any bullying or unkindness within our community. Each student made a pledge to be an upstander and to spread kindness and positivity whilst celebrating others unique differences. - Ms Clarke

## Grande Piano News

We were very lucky at the end of the last academic year to be able to purchase a Yamaha Grand Piano.

Playing a grand piano feels very different to a normal upright piano; a grand piano is much more sensitive to the touch, and has a much rounder and open tone.

Students who are learning piano with our visiting music teachers at Ashmole are having the chance to have their lessons on the grand piano so that they can experience and explore how much more expression they can put into their playing. We will also, of course, be using our Grand Piano in assemblies and concerts...watch this space! - The Music Department

## Tutor Award

Ayan has demonstrated professionalism in his punctuality to form through consistently being one of the first students to arrive every session. He is a kind and caring member of the form whose positive attitude brings joy to his form every day. Well done Ayan, Mr Kozar and everyone in Curriculum Support are very proud of you. - Ms White

## MedSoc



## MedSoc

We've had another busy few weeks in Medsoc. Our students continue to present on NHS HOT topics. We've also had a visit by Dr Devesh Shah, a Consultant Physician in Geriatric and General (Internal) Medicine from Barnet Hospital.

Over 25 students attended the talk, as Dr Shah spoke to us about being a doctor in the NHS. He provided us with real insight into his training to become a doctor, what a career in the NHS is like, a typical patient journey, as well as some invaluable advice for our Y12 students at this stage in their academic careers.

As always, anyone interested in pursuing a career in healthcare is welcome to join Medsoc on Mondays at lunchtime in S3. - Mrs D Shah

## YEAR 8 SHORTBREADS



## Year 8 Shortbread Biscuits

On Thursday the 23rd November our Year 8 students were introduced to the art of making shortbread. This classic Scottish treat, known for its buttery texture and crumbly goodness, served as the perfect canvas for our students to explore their culinary talents. The recipe called for a few simple ingredients, including butter, sugar, and flour, which allowed the students to focus on mastering the technique and achieving the desired taste and texture.

Baking is a science, and the students had the opportunity to witness this firsthand. As they mixed the ingredients, they observed the chemical reactions that occurred, resulting in the transformation of the dough into delectable shortbreads. Our students learned about the role of butter in creating a tender texture, the importance of precise measurements, and the impact of oven temperature on the final product. This scientific understanding added an extra layer of depth to their culinary experience.

## SOCIOLOGY JENNIE SOMERVILLE



## Sociology Speaker

The Sociology Department was excited to welcome Jennifer Somerville to Ashmole. Somerville is a leading social academic who has taught and researched in sociology and politics.

The Year 12s and 13s had the chance to discuss important topics they are currently learning about such as economic and cultural change and how that has affected the family.

Many thanks to Jennifer for coming in and to the Sociology students who attended and participated brilliantly. - Mr Louca

## Book Buzz!



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This year, every Year 7 has again been lucky enough to choose a new book for themselves, purchased by Ashmole Academy. Students chose from a wonderful selection offered by the Book Buzz charity. This week, the long-awaited books arrived and will be distributed in Library lessons soon. All 14 of the Book Buzz books are also on display in the Library and available to borrow, so do try to read as many of this exciting collection as you can this year!

## Year 12 Egg Drop Challenge

On Thursday 9th November our Year 12 Product Design students were tasked with designing and manufacturing devices to prevent an egg breaking from a height. Through their innovative use of materials and advanced design techniques, our students successfully created functional and effective solutions showcasing their ingenuity and problem-solving skills. The project began with extensive research and brainstorming sessions, during which students explored various concepts and ideas. Students then started the manufacturing process. They meticulously selected materials known for their durability and shock-absorbing properties. From foam and corrugated card to lightweight metals, each student experimented with different materials to find the best solution for preventing egg breakage. Through this testing process, students gained valuable insights into the strengths and weaknesses of their designs, leading to further improvements and refinements before they were finally dropped from a five meter height with no eggs being broken!

Our students demonstrated remarkable innovation and problem-solving skills throughout this project. By designing and manufacturing egg holder devices, students addressed a real-world challenge and successfully prevented eggs from breaking upon impact. This project not only honed their technical skills but also fostered critical thinking, teamwork, and creativity. The experience gained through this project will undoubtedly benefit these students as they pursue further studies and careers in product design or related fields.

## FemSoc

Olivia D in Year 13 gave a fantastic presentation on a condition that primarily impacts female athletes called RED-S (Relative Energy Deficiency in Sport). Its a condition that is not widely spoken about in the sporting industry and can impact women's bodily functions and cut short careers if not identified and treated. Olivia spoke highly of The Female Body Bible which provides lots of information about women's health and the fitness industry. Olivia gave a fantastic presentation drawing on her own experiences and encouraging us to spread awareness of this condition to support others. - Miss Cork

## Junior Orchestra

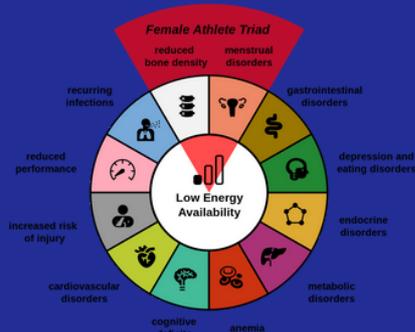
Junior Orchestra is a 'training orchestra' where our students learn and improve their music reading and ensemble skills. The orchestra is made up of musicians who are still near the beginning of their musical journey, and they are enjoying learning how to make music as part of a group, as well as making friends from other forms and year groups. We hope it won't be long until they are ready to join our Senior Orchestra! - Ms Beacon

## Science Club

The science faculty uses Science Club as an opportunity for students who are enthusiastic scientists to explore and engage in science in an exciting way. For the latest project students were tasked with learning about and designing a model of a wind turbine. Wind turbines simply use wind to make electricity and are an example of a renewable energy source. When asking students what they like about the latest project they did in science club a year 7 student responded "I liked designing the turbine" A year 8 student commented "I liked designing it and the whole process of making it". Well done to our budding scientists! - Mr Hibbert



Relative Energy Deficiency in Sport (RED-S)



## Junior Orchestra



## SCIENCE CLUB



## Year 10 Orchestra MUSIC CONCERT



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On Thursday 23rd November we took our Year 9 music scholars and our Year 10 GCSE music students to the London Philharmonic Orchestra's 'BrightSparks' GCSE Music Concert.

The concert was especially designed for school audiences. It was presented by a music specialist who broke down all the music that was played in a fun and engaging way. A big screen behind the orchestra picked out key elements from the music as it was being played and there were live quizzes in which the students could take part. The presentation and the music were all directly linked to the GCSE music course.

For some of our students, this was the first time that they had encountered the thrill of hearing a live orchestra play.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and felt that they had learned a lot from the experience. - Ms Beacon

## GEOMETRIC SHAPES IN DT



## Geometric Shape Rapid Prototyping

On Thursday the 23rd November our Year 9 Product Design Students participated in a rapid geometric shape prototyping challenge. Our Students were given a clear objective: to create a range of geometric shapes using just one A3 piece of card. This task encouraged them to think critically and explore different possibilities. By manipulating the card, they were able to transform it into three-dimensional structures, demonstrating their understanding of shape, form, and design principles.

As the students delved into the project, they encountered various challenges. They had to consider the structural integrity of their designs, ensuring that their creations could stand upright without collapsing. This required them to think strategically, analyse the properties of the card, and make adjustments where necessary. The task not only honed their problem-solving skills but also encouraged them to think critically about the relationship between form and function.

Throughout the task, students had the opportunity to engage in collaborative learning. They exchanged ideas, shared techniques, and provided constructive feedback to their peers.

## Writing Competition Success

Congratulations to Shanice W of 9NSA who successfully entered a writing competition with her 100 word mini-saga on the theme of Crime. The competition organisers, "Young Writers", have chosen to publish Shanice's story in an anthology of work produced by students nationwide. Copies of the book will be available in the Library soon. Why not check out the other writing competitions currently being promoted in the library and see if you can get your writing published or even win a prize?

## Writing Competition Success



## Cross Country

Our cross country team visited Tiffin School, in East Molesey to compete in the prestigious Judd Cup this week. There was both a boys and girls relay competition which took place on a tough and muddy course.

All students ran well despite the difficult conditions with the some excellent results. The boys relay team finished 7th, the Girls "A" relay team finished 2nd and the Girls "B" team finished - 1st!

Lucia C - Fastest female 1st leg, Erin C - 2nd Fastest female 1st Leg.

Alana C - 2nd Fastest female 2nd Leg, Eliza L - 2nd Fastest female 3rd Leg.

Congratulations to them all and we now look forward to competing next week at the Barnet Cross Country Championships! - Mr Scott

## CROSS COUNTRY

