



THE ASHMOLE ROUNDUP



Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge - Regional Finals

Ashmole Academy is proud to announce that one of our own, Anika K in 10CHF, has made a significant mark at the Barnet Regional Final of Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge. This event is the largest public speaking programme in England, managed and delivered by the Speakers Trust, the UK's leading public speaking organisation, and supported by the Jack Petchey Foundation.

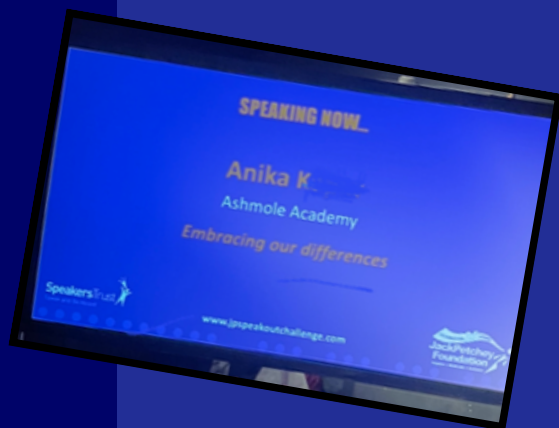
The Speak Out Challenge aims to amplify the voices of young people, building their confidence, developing their skills, and creating platforms for them to share their stories and ideas. The programme empowers over 30,000 young people each year, offering free communication skills training to Year 10 students in every state school in London and Essex.

Anika's speech, titled "Embracing our Differences and Challenging Discrimination," resonated with the judges, earning her the Runner Up position at the Barnet Regional Final. This achievement is a testament to her eloquence, passion, and dedication to making a difference.

In response to her success, Anika expressed her feelings, saying, "I feel both shocked and exhilarated. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity to share my thoughts and opinions on a subject I am deeply passionate about."

Anika's achievement is a shining example of the power of effective, positive communication in education, employability, and social change. We are immensely proud of her and look forward to seeing how she will continue to use her voice to inspire and empower others.

- Miss Vaughan & Miss Smith



Jack Petchey's
"SPEAK OUT"
Challenge!



Oliver! Dance Rehearsal

Sunday 14th saw our cast and orchestra taking part in a full day's rehearsal for Oliver! which is this year's school show. There were 130 students, 8 members of staff and a visiting music teacher all involved. Everyone worked really hard and it was a focused and productive rehearsal. We are all really excited about performing in front of family and friends! Show dates are 6th, 7th and 8th February. Tickets will be available via ParentPay from Monday 22nd January 2024. - Ms Swingler & the Drama Department



Chess Tournament

Chess is a very popular extra-curricular club within the school and we held our first KS3 Chess tournament of this academic year on Thursday 21st December in the refectory. It was a hugely successful event with 40 students participating in the tournament from years 7, 8, and 9. It was a very exciting and tense tournament with students competing in 3 rounds each with only 3 minutes on the clock for each player. The finalists will be informed in the new year and invited to compete in the final. Well done to all the students that participated, they should be very proud of themselves for demonstrating outstanding professionalism. - Mrs Gul & Mr Rius



Year 7 Music

At the end of last term, Mr Christmas introduced a new app called 'Teaching Gadget' to his Year 7 music students. Teaching Gadget has hundreds of interactive music resources for all levels, including games, songs, quizzes, and activities all designed by music specialists. Students access these resources via their tablets or school computers. Areas of study include rhythm, pitch, scales and sight reading, as well as harmony and key signatures.



Well Done Girls!



Girls PE

The Year 7 girls' football team played an excellent game against Queen Elizabeth Girls' School on Monday after school with a win of 2-0. Ruby Lewis in 7HIS was selected as players player who scored a penalty, well done! Another great win for the year 10 netball team vs Ark on Monday the final score was 13-9! Misha Halder in 10CHF was players player and she scored all but one of the goals, fantastic shooting! Keep the wins coming!

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY



Year 12 Biology

Just before Christmas, our Year 12 Biology students participated in an Ashmole Biology Bake Off. The task was clear, choose any structure or process from their Biology course so far and bring it to life in a creative, delectable dessert! The results were amazing and it appears that food and revision really do go together! There were concentration cookies, chromosome delight, phospholipid rice krispie cake, enzyme and substrate cookies, phagocytosis on a cake, prokaryotic Swiss roll... the list goes on. It was an incredible effort and I was blown away as was Ms Moon who popped in to get a taste of Biology. Well done to all the students in 12E but particular congratulations to Haris S who could easily have been a contender in the real British bake Off. - Mr Kozah



Well Done!

Congratulation to Ms Zimmermann-Moles in our finance department who recently passed her Financial Management exam. This is a really tough exam and we are all really proud of her here at Ashmole Academy!

Junior Ashmole Scholars - Critical Thinking

On Thursday 18th January, JASP students attended a Critical Thinking workshop. During the session, students completed different activities which got them to think critically. For example, students debated various topics, used images to create captions and engaged with how objects can be used creatively and in ways which they were not intended. Students really enjoyed thinking outside of the box and challenging their own conceptions about their views, in particular when scrutinising how and why their peers may think differently from them. - Mrs Gray

