



**THE
ASHMOLE
ROUNDUP**

Year 9 'Wellbeing Day'

On Tuesday 16th of April, all pupils in Year 9 completed a PSHE Wellbeing day, participating in indispensable well-being workshops led by a company named KIP Education.

KIP aims to educate teenagers on essential topics needed as they begin to mature, becoming young adults. Each form participated in four different educational workshops: Standing up to Misogyny, Social Media and Body Image, Drugs and Addiction.

“During these workshops, we learnt a lot of new things. Whilst learning about misogyny, we also were taught about misandry and how they are both significant and should be challenged.

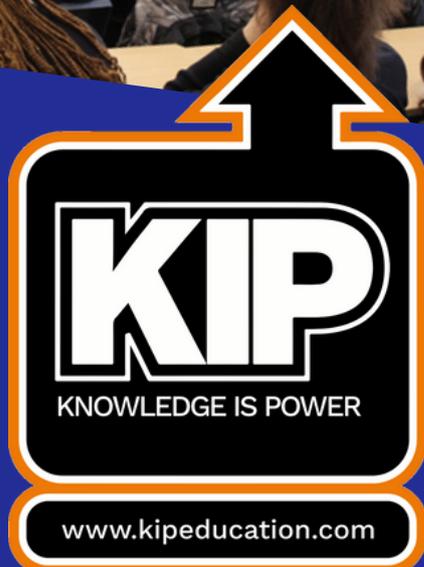
Afterwards, in our Social Media and Body Image workshops, we discussed examples of harmful things that we had said about ourselves and how to ensure that we are proud of the way we look and how to boost our self esteem.

In the workshop on Drugs, we discussed the negative effects of drugs and common things that are actually considered drugs - such as alcohol. In the final workshop, we learned a little about addiction - delving deeper into the true stories concerning the effects of this issue.

Throughout all of this, the staff of KIP were the stars of the show. They were incredibly likeable and passionate, and taught us with enthusiasm the whole way through. My whole form were completely hooked and whilst we learnt about serious topics we were able to do it in a fun and engaging way that was so enjoyable.

We all had a fantastic day and we would be eager to hear from such specialists again.

- Phil L (9MOB) and Posh L (9HAH)



Excellence, Aspiration and **Care**



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Wellbeing Committee Assembly

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Did you know that saying "thank you" can improve your mood?
Expressing gratitude not only makes the recipient feel good, but can also help you recognise the good within your own life



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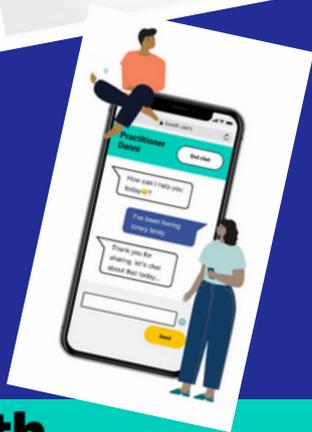
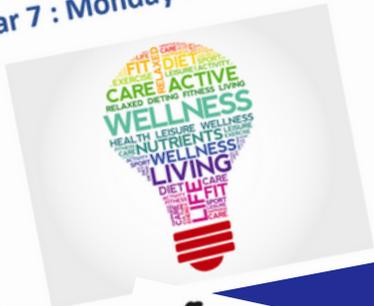
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Did you know that 15 minutes of exercise daily helps improve sleep quality and decrease stress levels?

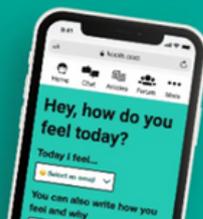
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**What is
Kooth?**



Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week (May 13th-19th) happens every year, and it's the biggest opportunity for the whole of the UK to come together to focus on getting good mental health. The week aims to tackle stigma and help people understand and prioritise their and others' mental health.

Ashmole's Year 12 Student Wellbeing Committee decided to bring the week forward to April 29th - May 2nd, so that all year groups could benefit and participate.

Throughout the week there have been a number of events to promote student wellbeing.

Kindness

All PM REG session this week have been promoting Kindness to others.

Year 12 Wellbeing Committee

The Year 12 Wellbeing Committee delivered morning assemblies to Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10, following some research they carried out with students in those year groups.

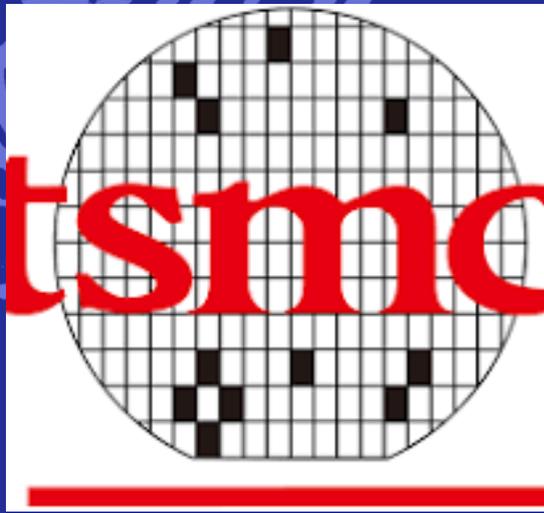
The Year 12s spoke to a range of students in order to ascertain the main wellbeing concerns of each year group, as well as finding out what each year group thinks Ashmole does well to promote positive mental health for all. Based on their research, they created and delivered bespoke assemblies offering advice and guidance specifically for each year group.

Well done and huge thanks to Brian, Ervin, Ethan, Amy, Komila, Luna, Kylie, Rayan, Sabeen and Olin in Year 12!

Kooth

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Kooth is a free online mental health and emotional wellbeing support service for children and young people. On Thursday 2nd May, Ayesha from Kooth presented a support & information session to Years 7-12. Year 13 have been given access to 3 online sessions. She covered Exam Stress, Managing Anxiety and Self Care and Staying Safe Online. Thank you, Ayesha! We hope Ayesha will be back before the end of year to deliver some smaller workshops on other related topics.

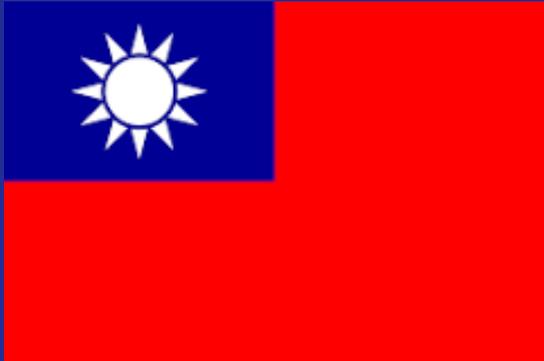


Year 12 Lecture Series

The Ashmolean Lecture Series aims to widen the knowledge of our students. Year 12 students are invited to attend a short presentation/debate by a member of staff; last week the session was on Taiwan. The group looked at the history of Taiwan and debated the question 'why is Taiwan so important?'

Student points included the importance of Taiwan's location as a gateway to the Pacific and the technological power of TSMC - the world's largest producer of semiconductor chips.

The students made many mature and perceptive comments and discussed the issue in a professional manner. - Mrs Sullivan & Mrs Gray



Year 7 Poetry Workshops and Assembly

All students in year 7 enjoyed an assembly with the poet Jeremiah Brown (<https://jeremiahbrown.co.uk/poetry>).

He talked about the experiences of being a poet and read some of his work.

Around 90 students also enjoyed lively workshops with the poet where they explored the process of editing a poem and worked on their performance skills.

We're really looking forward to hearing all their great work at our poetry festival on the evening of 13th June. Tickets will soon be available on ParentPay. If your child has not yet signed up to be part of this and would like to do so, please encourage them to speak to their English teacher! - Ms Agnew





Bletchley Park Trip

“What an experience! It was incredible to imagine what it would be like in your head and then actually get to be there and experience it. The interest was through the roof with my fellow classmates and I, if given the opportunity, I would undoubtedly go again with the same enthusiasm.

The Park itself is an amazing place with history popping out at you everywhere you look. I was taken back by the advancement of digital technology created for the purpose of war. The enigma machine was so complicated with over 10³ sextillion different combinations that change every single day. It was difficult to process how at the same time they invented radio and cracked each enigma code in 2 and a half hours. Bletchley Park really opened my eyes and helped me to see how amazing and interesting the events that took place there really are.” - Jacob, Year 7



Languages Speaking Tests

Languages Speaking tests are being done at the moment in school. Students have been busy practising for their assessments in French and Spanish, and we are also doing tests with visiting examiners for students who will be sitting their Turkish, Chinese (Mandarin) and Russian exams this summer. We wish them all well. - Mr Pearson



Year 7 Exo-Planets

This week Year 7 have been researching the most appropriate skill set and equipment you would need to explore an Exo-planet. They also designed and made a lunar lander which they tested by dropping an egg from 2.5m to see if it remained in tact. Many varied ideas were tested and many were successful so well done to 7AGN! - Mrs Morley



MedSoc - Alumni Talk

On Monday 22nd April, we were fortunate to hear from an alumnus Ashmole student, Emma Quille. She is currently in her fourth year studying Dentistry at Cardiff University. Emma has been seeing patients and has just finished some exams, including placing bridges and crowns onto 'phantom heads'! She joined us via Zoom to advise our Medsoc students about the UCAS application process. She also talked us through her Dentistry application, and provided us with a fantastic insight into Dentistry at university. Our Medsoc students were very grateful to hear from Emma and found her advice extremely helpful. - Mrs D Shah

Recommended Read

I recommend 'The Night Circus' by Erin Morgenstern. It is a magical book full of twists and turns that will make the reader feel as if they were trapped in a dream. It is as gloriously fantastical as it is dark and unique. - Miss Goldschneider

Book Buzz

Year 7 students are invited to select a book of their choice for free from a collection. This is an immensely popular event and encourages large groups of Year 7 students to read collaboratively and share their experiences of their chosen texts.

Reading Buddies

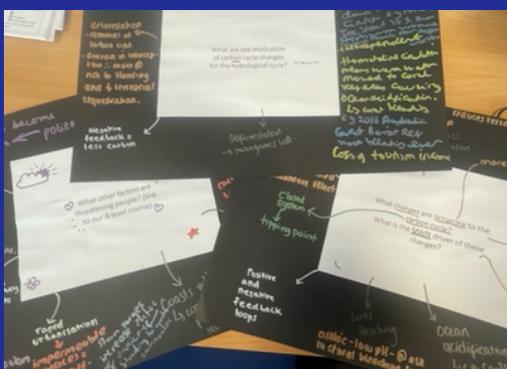
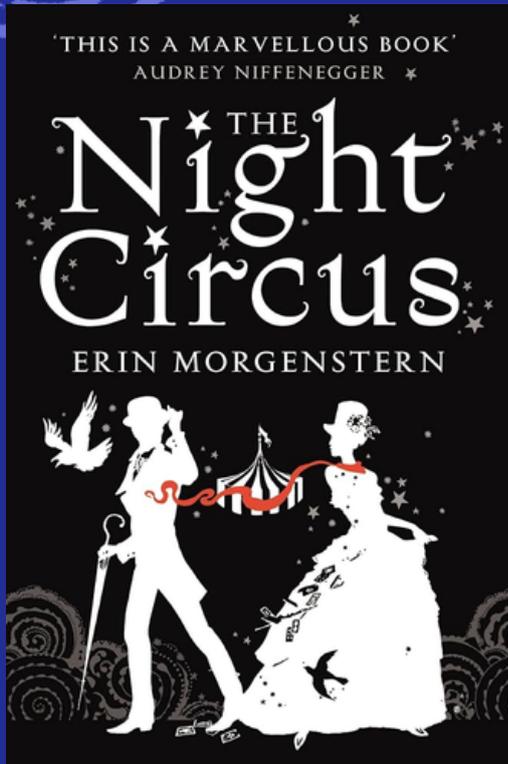
We regularly test students' reading ages and provide reading support according to need. Our small group and one to one programmes are designed to help those with the greatest need make rapid progress. Our very popular Reading Buddies scheme pairs a Year 12 student with Year 7 and Year 8 students weekly in our Sixth Form centre.

"It's great to get the chance to read in the Sixth Form centre as it's always really quiet and peaceful. I like reading to a Sixth Former because they ask me about what I'm reading and check I understand all of the words. Sometimes it can be fun to share my book with them as they have already read it and we can talk about it."

- Ahmad, Year 7

A Level Geography Revision

We have been so impressed with our Year 13 classes efforts with completing past paper questions and exam style questions. Students have been working through these both at home and during lunchtime sessions, showing real dedication. They are now demonstrating astute synoptic links and working so hard! Well done 13B & 13D - Miss Vaughan, Miss Harrison & Mrs Sullivan



Can an image ever be destroyed?

- Images in holy books eroded after a long period of time, touched out of love and veneration.
- Can that image still be worshipped even after it is no longer visible?
- 'Mutilated' VS 'Destroyed' - When has an image been destroyed?
- When is an image 'deconstructed', no longer able to serve its original purpose or represent the same idea?
- The role of the mind in creating images: asceticism.
- The image of how my painting first appeared is still available in your memory, though how you think of it may have changed after its destruction.
- Therefore, perhaps an image once created, can never truly be destroyed in the human conscience?



"Face Value"
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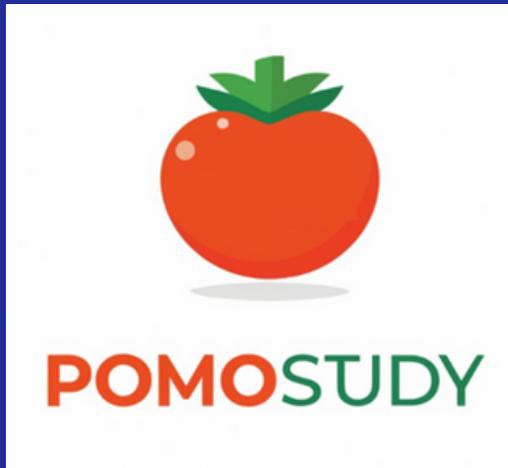
The Ashmolean Project Competition 2024

Over the past 2 days, Mr Dhinsa, Mr Ford and myself have had the privilege of watching over 40 year 12 students present on a wide range of topics.

As part of the competition students are asked to conduct an individual piece of research into a subject that they find interesting.

Our current Year 12s really impressed us with their enthusiasm and niche interests. We learnt about a hugely diverse range of topics including: the science behind gaslighting, how to create a chess engine and the West Lothian Theory - to name but a few.

Results will be announced shortly but in the meantime we wanted to congratulate all who took part. - Ms Nelson



How was the The James Webb Space Telescope made? (and how does this compare to a telescope I made?)

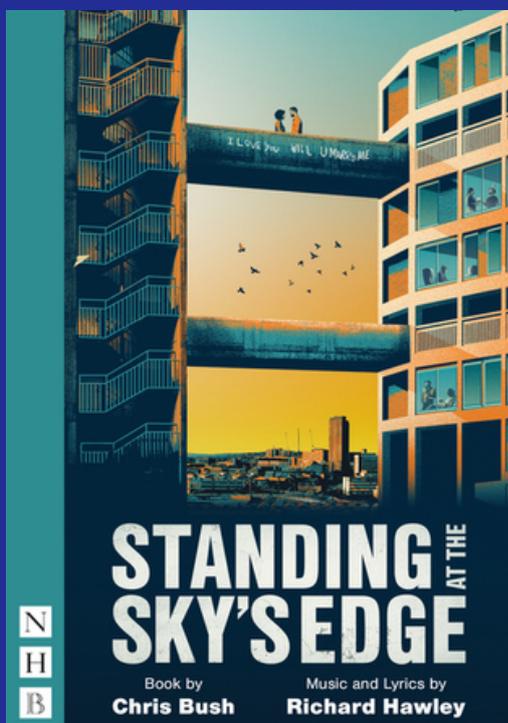


GCSE Drama trip

The Year 10 GCSE Drama cohort students went to see 'Standing at the Skys Edge' at the Gillian Lynn theatre on Wednesday. It was a truly outstanding show. A magnificent story. We would definitely recommend watching! - Ms Swingler

Model UN

Tobias, Theo F and Aaryan have set up a fantastic Model UN club to discuss serious global issues. Our first big discussion will look at arguments for and against the death penalty next Thursday. The aim will be to go to a Model UN conference in the next academic year - Miss Cork



Model
United
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Speak like an expert

manipulate	modify
change	
adjust	transform
quantify	critique
evaluate	
analyse	justify
refine	probe
examine	
hypothesise	clarify
establish	expand
demonstrate	
exemplify	illustrate

Upgrade your vocabulary. Are you using the best word for the context?

Literacy

We value words highly, knowing that familiarity with decoding strategies breeds confident readers and having a wide vocabulary supports students to develop expertise in their writing and oracy. We are a word rich school with informative displays encouraging the use of key terms and academic language.

In lessons, students are explicitly taught strategies to decode new words by each of their teachers. Following the best research, we have a whole-school approach that uses context, morphology and etymology to support students' understanding and these are complemented by subject specific strategies developed by the experts in each area.

FemSoc

Thursday 2nd May was the final Fem Soc for our Year 13s who started the society back in 2020!

I'm so proud to see all of the amazing hard work they've put into building this safe space to discuss serious issues that affect women world wide. Seeing them grow and develop their ideas and voices has been an absolute privilege and I wish our 13s the best of luck on their journeys into University Fem Socs! - Miss Cork



Senior Scholars - RS

The Senior Scholars (Year 9 and 10) enjoyed a Religious Studies session this week on: "What is Good?" They listened to four 6th form students give a short speech on different ethical perspectives and then had an opportunity to ask them some very challenging questions!

They also discussed which theory they felt was 'best' and started to consider how it might be applied. As the quality of discussion, enthusiasm and questioning was so high, it felt like there was plenty more to debate! For this, the attendees should be congratulated. I would also like to thank the year 12 Scholars who helped lead this: Raiya, Kat, Nehir and Dawson. They were ably supported by Tao and Tim. Well done everyone involved! - Mr Sanders


GOOD LUCK
IN YOUR EXAMS

knock 'em out with your GENIUS!

Year 11 & Year 13

This is the last Roundup before Year 11 and Year 13 go on Study Leave before their exams! We wish them so much luck in these, you all should be so proud of yourselves!