



THE ASHMOLE ROUNDUP



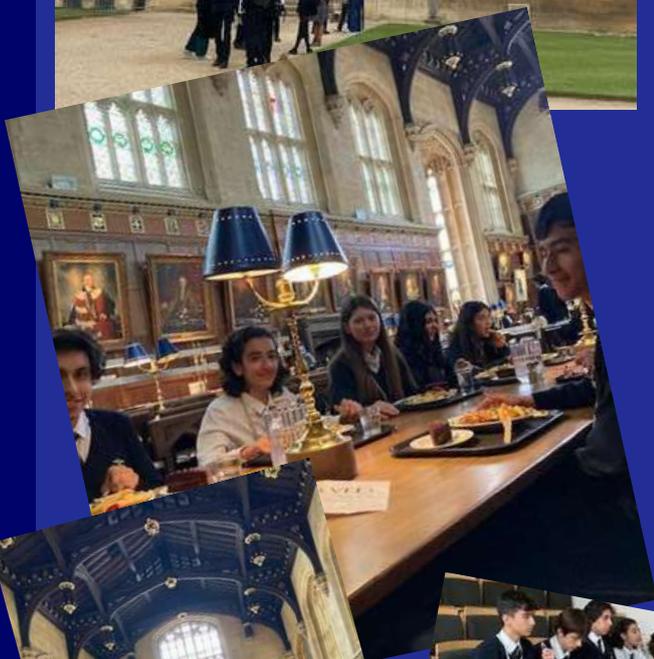
Christ Church College Visit

During the week before half-term ten year 10 students, Miss Cork and Mr Kozah attended an inspirational Science focused day at Christ Church College, Oxford University. We were accompanied on the day by students from Finchley Catholic School.

When we first arrived, we were greeted by representatives of the college, who brought us into a small lecture room. There we had the opportunity to learn and ask about entry applications, academics, and college life at Oxford. One thing I found quite amusing was the abundance of clubs they had, ranging from a 'Tea Appreciation' society to 'Underwater Hockey'. We also met two other students from the University, who gave us a more intricate understanding of the day-to-day life. Then we were taken to one of the greatest attractions of Christ Church: The Dining Hall. The food was delicious and there was a good variety of different dishes and desserts; sitting in that massive hall (which inspired the hall from Harry Potter) was quite a stimulating experience.

After lunch, we were able to explore our passions in science and maths. Three of Christ Church's students gave an entertaining demonstration about different topics, during which we were identifying characteristics from fossils, building strands of DNA, and my personal favourite of using a binary counting system to solve compelling problems. We ended the day with a tour of the college while also asking some more laid back questions about the university, such as "can you have a NASA server system in your dorm room". Overall it was a really pleasurable and informative experience.

- Dario, Year 10



Year 10 Trip to Le Touquet, France

From the 25th to 28th May, 46 year 10 students travelled with 6 members of staff to Northern France. We stayed in the picturesque town of Le Touquet with the beach on our doorstep. Students enjoyed learning how to make croissants and bread at a local boulangerie. We also visited the underground city of Naours, which is believed to date from the 3rd century AD! Students had a great day at Parc Bagatelle theme park, and on our last day we visited the impressive Nausicca Aquarium, Europe's largest site dedicated to discovering and raising awareness of the marine world!

“The trip to Le Touquet was great, we got to visit a beautiful coastal town and learn about French culture and history in a fun way. Some highlights were the guided tours of interesting landmarks and the language workshop at the bakery, which was pretty fun! It was a perfect chance to hang out with friends and learn new things outside of the classroom.

Personally, I loved the evening beach trips where we got to just play sports and get our energy out. Overall, the trip was great fun, and we all had an amazing time while getting better at French.” - Denis G, Year 10

Thank you to Miss Cork, Mr Costello, Miss Vaughan, Miss Sharif, Mr De Souza and all of the students for such a memorable trip to Le Touquet! - Ms Moon

Lunchtime Recital

Mr Appleton, one of our Visiting Music Teachers and our resident accompanist, held an informal lunchtime recital on Tuesday 5th June. These recitals are held to help students who are new to performing, increase their confidence in playing in front of other people. It was also very useful practice for students who will be taking their ABRSM grade exams at the end of the term. Well done to our student performers.

Sixth Form Senior Team Members

A huge congratulations to our newly elected Senior Team members:

Head Students:

Amy & Jennifer

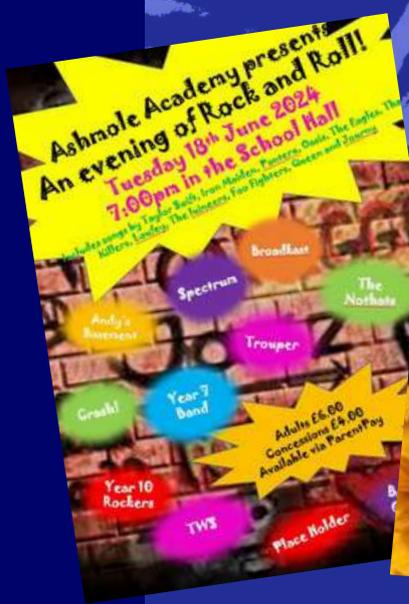
Deputy Head Students:

Morgan & Neil

Senior Team Members:

Alican, Lydia, Sotira, Nuvit, Hayyan & Theo





Summer Concerts

Our musicians are all busy rehearsing for our Summer Concerts which are next week!

Rock and Roll Evening

Our students have worked really hard this year with bands that they have created themselves - and we are really proud of them. They will showcase their hard work in our evening of 'Rock and Roll' on Tuesday 18th June 2024, at 7:00pm in the school hall. Please do come and support these wonderful musicians.

Summer Concert - A celebration of Music Making

Our second concert (20th June) celebrates a year of music making at Ashmole, and will include both our orchestras and choirs, as well as other group bands and student led bands. Again, all of our students have worked incredibly hard and would love to share their music with you. Do come along and support them.

Music Assemblies

All of our year groups were treated to some wonderful music performances this term in assembly. Ediz M, 7TOG, Eren M, 7MAB, 'BroadKast' (Louis A 8RKO, Max D 8WAL, Mika M 8GRJ, William M 8CUI and Christopher S 8RKO), Amelie F 12SCO, Alex P 12DUR all have performed. It is really hard for students to play in front of peers so a big well done to them all!

Primary Maths

In the last week of Summer term 1, we had the pleasure of welcoming students from Ashmole Primary School to our Maths Department. The visit was a wonderful opportunity for young learners to engage with mathematics in creative and enjoyable ways. Year 2 and Year 3 students explored the concept of equivalent fractions through vibrant coloring activities, while Year 4 and Year 5 students honed their money skills by calculating change from £20. Our Year 6 visitors embraced the art of origami, crafting delightful bunnies and penguins. It was an inspiring day filled with enthusiasm and learning, showcasing the joy of maths in everyday life. - Mrs Mootosamy





Jack Petchey Award - Sofia B

The Food Technology Department are delighted to announce that Sofia Blandou has been awarded the prestigious Jack Petchey Award for her exceptional commitment and dedication in the lead up to her practical NEA food exam.

Sofia's hard work and passion for Food Technology truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of her well-deserved achievement.

Sofia's willingness to go above and beyond by volunteering at the prestigious London restaurant GAIA demonstrates her passion for food and hospitality. The award money will be used to purchase valuable specialist equipment for our classrooms, enriching the learning environment for all students. Sofia's success will leave a lasting impact on our department, benefiting current and future students alike. Congratulations, Sofia, on this incredible accomplishment. - Miss Dinmahomed

Cooking Lessons

Over the past few week Miss Fabiola Miranda has started cooking lessons for Year 12s. They have been focusing on Mexican cooking and have already made tacos, tortillas, and guacamole! This is a great way for students to gain further experience in cooking and exploring different culture!

FemSoc

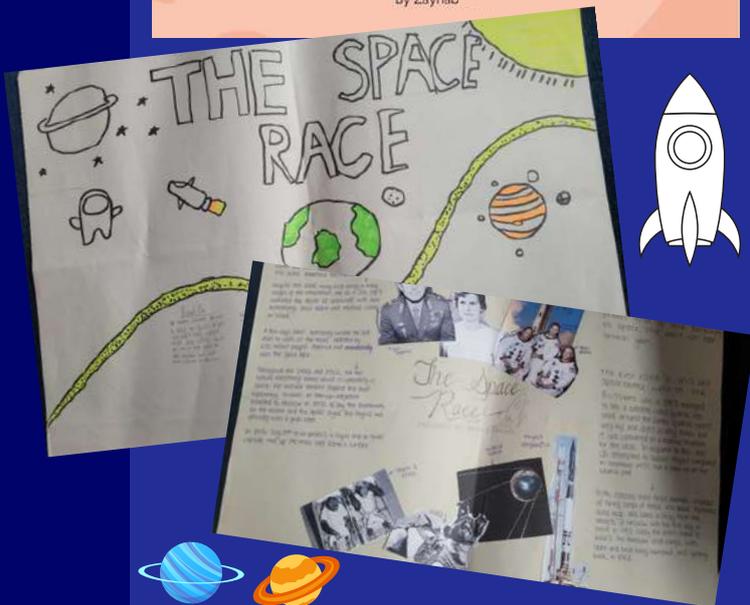
This week's Fem Soc was led by Chemistry Scholar Zaynab (Year 12). Zaynab led a well researched and relevant discussion on research in women's health and the importance of science in medicine. We discussed The Pill and its history and how women in STEM are working hard to develop more of an understanding of women's health issues, well done Zaynab! - Miss Cork

Year 9 History - The Cold War

Year 9 have finished their KS3 history courses and were learning about the Cold War, they made wonderful Space Race projects and presented on the tensions between the USA and USSR and how these played out in space. - Miss Cork

The Pill and women's reproductive health

By Zaynab



Bookmark Competition

Design a bookmark!

Deadline: Monday 24th June

- Your bookmark should promote a love of reading
- Your bookmark can be hand drawn or digital
- Please submit to your form tutor
- The winning design will be distributed to your teachers!

Bookmark competition

KS3 students are invited to design a bookmark to promote a love of reading! The winning design will be distributed amongst our staff. We look forward to seeing the designs! Good luck!





Year 10 Chemistry

In their recent lessons, Year 10 Chemistry students have been carrying out a **titration experiment** to find out the volume of acid needed to neutralise a specific volume of alkali. In this instance, it was at the point when the liquid turned from pink to clear. Well done for your professional attitudes towards the experiments Year 10!

British Science Association - Poster Competition

A huge congratulations to Aiza T in 9BAF for creating a stunning entry to this year's British Science Association's poster competition on the theme of 'Time'. There were 5000 entrants from across the country! Although Aiza didn't win the national competition, she was the winner here at Ashmole - well done Aiza! - Mr Cumming

Year 8 Revision posters

Year 8 worked really hard to revise for their end of Year assessments all about the Women's Suffrage movement, they created some amazing revision posters that will develop their habits of revising as they move through the school!

Year 8 Protest Movements

Year 8 have worked on understanding how and why protest movements occur and have studied successful protest movements in the 20th Century. Year 8 finished the unit by creating their own movements which were thought provoking and reflected current issues in our modern society.

GCSE Food and Nutrition Butter Lesson

This week, our Year 9 GCSE Food And Nutrition students embarked on a delicious culinary adventure by making butter from scratch using double cream.

The process involved churning the double cream until it separated into butter and buttermilk, which the students then drained and pressed to form a solid block of butter perfect for toast, scones, or baked goods.

After mastering the basic butter-making process, the students were encouraged to get creative and experiment with different flavor combinations using fresh herbs and spices. Some students opted for classic combinations like garlic and parsley, while others took a more adventurous approach with ingredients like chili flakes and thyme. The end results were nothing short of impressive. The students' flavored butters were not only visually stunning, with flecks of herbs and spices adding a pop of color, but they also tasted incredible. This hands-on activity not only gave the students a greater appreciation for where their food comes from, but it also taught them valuable skills in the kitchen. Making butter from scratch requires patience, technique, and a keen eye for detail, all of which are essential for success in the world of food and nutrition.

- Miss Dinmahomed

Recommended read

'Mornings In Jenin' by Susan Abulhawa recommended by Miss Miller. It is a story of love, war, heartbreak, devastation and loss. The characters are so interesting and diverse. It throws you in one way and then throws you right back the other way. It challenges your thoughts and beliefs and makes you question everything. It is a sad story which pulls at your heartstrings. An incredible story!

