

Ashmolean Scholar Programme 2024-2025 launched!

Last week, the application process for this year's Ashmolean Scholar Programmes was launched.

Assemblies were delivered to all Key Stages about the exciting extra-curricular programmes and opportunities on offer to them and application forms were sent out via Google Classroom.

The Junior Scholar Programme for Years 7 and 8 and the Senior Scholar Programme for Years 9 and 10, will officially begin later this term, with fortnightly sessions being delivered from a range of subjects.



The Year 12 Advanced Scholar Programme encourages our A-Level students to select a specific subject to specialise in. Last Thursday, Year 12 students gathered for the annual X-Curricular Fair in the Sixth-Form Centre to speak to staff and Year 13s about what it takes to become a part of the Advanced Scholar Programme.

Subject specialists and current scholars were on hand to explain what the programme involves and how advantageous being a Scholar has been for them over the past year. It was a great turnout, with lots of Year 12s showing a real interest in becoming the next generation of Ashmolean scholars.

Mr Ford





Biology Super-Curricular Talk

On Tuesday 17th September, we were fortunate to host Ms Havinder Hara for a super-curricular talk in Biology. Ms Hara works at UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, and is responsible for overseeing clinical trials on gene therapy conducted within her unit. She gave an insightful talk on clinical trials, what they are and the different job opportunities this amazing field.



23 students from years 12 and 13, studying both A-level Biology and Chemistry joined for this talk and found it extremely eye-opening! We look forward to hosting more speakers this year.

Mrs D Shah

Year 7 Trips to France July 2024

Last term, between Sunday 28th June and Thursday 11th July, 128 students visited France on two different trips. The residential in Péronne afforded our students the chance to build friendships, develop their resilience and of course practise the French they have been learning. We hope we have also made some great memories, including watching both the French and English semi-finals. They cooperated with one another making some delicious-looking sandwiches and showed great professionalism during the passport checks. Although we had a lot of fun at Parc Astérix, the respect shown important sites like the cathedral in Amiens and at the Beaumont-Hamel memorial was as we expect from Ashmole students. Our room inspections demonstrated the responsibility of working as a team and indeed some enterprising tactics to try to win the prizes! The work books (which should have been handed in to the Languages Office) showed a real level of endeavour. Overall, these have been a really successful round of trips and I would like to thank both the parents who have supported this trip, but also the staff (many of whom are form tutors) for helping make this run so smoothly.

Mr Pearson

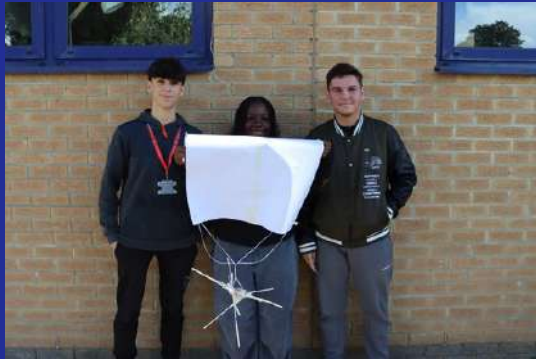




Year 12 Egg Drop Challenge

On Wednesday 11 September 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.



Our students demonstrated remarkable innovation and problem-solving skills throughout this project. Our students addressed a real-world challenge and successfully prevented eggs from breaking upon impact. This project 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.
Ms Gordon

Economics Year 12 Research and Debate Lesson

Debate

Our new Year 12 Economists have made a great start to the course and had a chance in one of their first lessons to consider how they believe the government's budget would be best spent, offering their own justifications.



Students worked in small research groups, debating and agreeing their percentage spends before presenting to the rest of the class, who acted as the opposition party.



Interestingly the biggest percentage of the budget most wanted to spend on was healthcare closely followed by education.

Students worked professionally and provided valuable insights; a great way to end their first two weeks of lessons... Well done Year 12!

Mrs Brown



Music Lessons at Ashmole

We're really excited to start the new school year and get to know all of the students through music.

With Year 7, our main focus this half term will be to develop our understanding of Melody, looking at the notes on the keyboard, paired with notes of the treble clef and certain rhythms, lots of singing starters, resulting in some fantastic class performances.

Year 8s focus this term will be to develop their understanding of Harmony with the piece "Ode to Joy". We have started out with learning the melody through listening, and transferring this onto the keys. The next step has been to build harmony using chords underneath the main melody.

In Year 9, we're starting to explore YuStudio and Minimalism, which will let the students layer and create their own compositions online, with a focus on Texture. It's going to be a fun and creative year ahead, and as a department looking forward to seeing everyone grow musically!

Our year 10s and 11s continue with their GCSE courses.

Our Co-curricular activities have begun and we have seen lots of excited new students joining our clubs. We have so many going on it is impossible to mention them all but you will see some photos here of 'Orchestra for All', Soul Band, and 'Create!' (our composition club).

We have also been purchasing new resources for our department including a drum kit which Louis C, Jeyan Z and Lucien C helped us set up.

If your child would like to join any of our clubs, they are very welcome. They simply have to turn up! If they have any questions please ask them to come and see Ms Beacon in the Music Office.

Music Department

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Lena and Hashim on receiving a certificate on completion of their TTRS course.

Well done we are all very proud of you!

CS Team





Year 10 Science

As part of the bonding topic, our year 10 students have been making models using plasticine to construct dot-cross diagrams. Moving the different coloured 'electrons' around the electron shells helped us to visualise how the electrons are shared to obtain full outer shells.

Miss Patel

Ashmole Academy Co-curricular Timetable Autumn Term 2024-2025

| Day | Time | Activity | Teacher |
|-----------|---------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Monday | 8:30am-9:00am | GCSE Vocal Ensemble (all y10 and y11 GCSE music students are expected to attend) | Mr Christmas |
| | 1:45pm-2:15pm | Jazz Club (by invitation) (Beginner Band week and intermediate band week) | Mr Angford |
| | 3:30pm-4:30pm | Soul Band (grade 5 onwards) | Mr Angford |
| Tuesday | 8:30am-9:00am | Music Leaders UK Project (to be confirmed - there may be a change to the activity) | Mr Christmas |
| | 1:45pm-2:15pm | 'Stringers' (instrument stringed instruments, all) | Mr Christmas |
| | 3:30pm-4:30pm | Staff Meetings | |
| Wednesday | 8:30am-9:00am | We Clubs (staff leading) | |
| | 1:45pm-2:15pm | Chamber Choir (instrumental program - may be cancelled by staff from Christmas) | Mr Christmas |
| | 3:30pm-4:30pm | Senior Orchestra (grade 8 onwards) | Mr Christmas |
| Thursday | 8:30am-9:00am | 'VOICE' (all years) | Mr Christmas and Ms Denton |
| | 1:45pm-2:15pm | Folk Band (grade 1 onwards - usually guitar, mandolin, bagpipes) | Mr Angford |
| | 3:30pm-4:30pm | Orchestra for All (grade 3-8) | Mr Angford and Ms Denton |
| Friday | 8:30am-9:00am | Scholar's Meeting (one every week) | Mr Christmas |
| | 1:45pm-2:15pm | Crisol! (Christmas choir) | Mr Christmas and Mr Angford |

ASHMOLE ACADEMY GIRLS' EXTRA CURRICULAR

Monday
Girls' Netball Year 7,8&9
3:30-4:30pm

Tuesday
Early morning Netball/Fitness from
8-8:30am

Wednesday
Girls' Netball Year 10,11& Senior
3:30-4:30pm

Thursday
Girls' Football Year 9,10,11 & Seniors
3:30-4:30pm

Friday
Year 7&8 Girls' Football
3:30-4:30pm

Music Extra-Curricular Activities

Here is the schedule for our weekly Music extra curricular activities. Please note that these clubs have started this week but if you would like to join one of these clubs then please speak with Ms Beacon!

Girls PE Extra-Curricular Activities

This is our weekly Girls PE extra curricular activities. Please note that these clubs have started this week but if you would like to join one of these clubs then please speak with Miss Fitzgerald!



ASHMOLE ACADEMY OPEN EVENING

Thursday 10th October 2024 - 6.30pm
(Gates open from 6.15pm)

The Head Teacher speech will be a ticket only event at 6.30pm, 7.15pm or at 8.15pm and tickets can be booked in advance by visiting the Ashmole Academy website:
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Student tours will be available throughout the evening and the 2024 Prospectus will be available to download from the school website on or before Thursday 10th October 2024.

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Summer Maths Team Challenge

Last year 9 MA (currently year 10's) participated in a Math enrichment lesson with a Math relay challenge similar to the UKMAT.

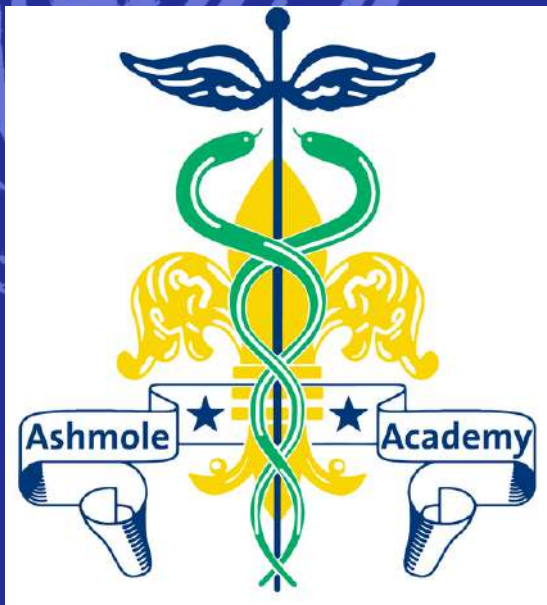
We had 6 groups of 4-5 students who competed against each other to complete a series of Math questions.

There were volunteer referees and time keepers from 9MA who ensured that the challenge ran smoothly.



It was a great way to have fun with Maths and end the year on a positive note. All the best year 9's!

Mrs Pereira



Careers Opportunities

Here are some amazing career opportunities for our students. More details can be found on google classroom!

- CyberFirst Bursary Virtual Insight Day
- BT Group Virtual Insight Session
- Work Placement Opportunity at Grant Thornton
- Medical and Dental Work Experience
- Lloyds Banking Group - UCAS and Apprenticeship Virtual Event
- BP Apprenticeship Support

If you need any support or guidance, please find Mr Louca or Mrs Kyriacou in the Humanities Office.



Young Professionals Parent / Guardian Information Evening
3rd October, 6-8pm

FAO Careers & Parents / Guardians

Hello,

Hope you are well.

Please could our Young Professionals Parent / Guardian Information Evening Event be passed onto careers, students and via parent mail.

This event brings together 12 of the world's leading companies coming to share their insights and knowledge on how parents and guardians can best help their son/daughter on taking their next steps after school.

There will be a big focus on applying to corporate roles and the application process, commercial awareness and how young people can develop these skills as well as highlighting degree apprenticeships, what they are and key deadlines to make applications.

Many thanks,

Dan / Young Professionals

Young Professionals Parent / Guardian Information Evening

Dear Parents

This is an opportunity for you to learn how to help your son or daughter gain a foothold in the world of work with the many major brands

This event will touch upon applying to corporate roles and the application process, commercial awareness and how young people can develop

these skills as well as highlighting degree apprenticeships, what they are and key deadlines to make applications.

This event will provide you with an in-depth understanding on the career and work experience prospects out there for your child across sectors

such as Finance, Data, Technology, Law, Engineering, and different Corporate Functions.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, 3rd October 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Opportunity from Dan Miller of Young Professionals.



Sign up below to secure your place:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPYourchild-theirFuture>



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