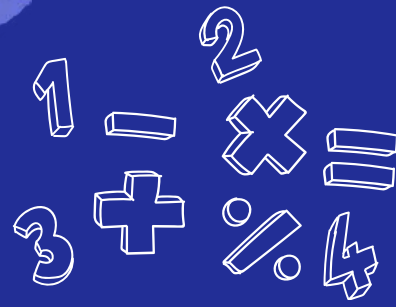




THE ASHMOLE ROUNDUP



MATH

Senior Mathematical Challenge (SMC)

October 2024

This term 117 students took part in the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge from Years 13, 12 & 11. The challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

The results were as follows: Certificate of Participation - 29%; Bronze - 50%; Silver - 16% and Gold - 5%

Below are the students who achieved the best in their Year Group:



Name	Year Group	Achievement
Sertan C	Year 13	Gold - Best in School
Myla C	Year 12	Gold - Best in Year
Meisha P	Year 11	Silver - Best in Year

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

A massive congratulations to the following students who achieved Gold and have been entered into the follow-on round; Senior Kangaroo:



Name	Score	Year Group
Sertan C	95	13
Hokeong N	90	13
Myla C	88	12
Fidel S	87	13
Daniel S	85	12
Ata D	84	13

Junior Kangaroo Mathematical Challenge - July 2024

Last academic year, 12 students (out of 135 students) were invited to the 2nd round of the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. 4 of these students achieved the Merit certificate:



Name	Year	Score
Aimee B	Year 8	119 - Merit Best in School
Jacob C	Year 7	112 - Merit Best in Year 7
Samuel C	Year 8	106 - Merit
Max D	Year 8	106 - Merit



Year 7 Author Visit

This half term, year 7 have been studying the novel 'Red Leaves' by local award-winning author Sita Brahmachari. This is set locally in Queen's Wood Highgate and tells the intertwined stories of three young people, exploring themes of belonging, kindness, memory and community. We were thrilled that the author was able to come to visit Ashmole and talk to us about her creative inspirations and the stories behind the book. Sita gave an assembly to the whole year group which included a reading from the novel and ran two fantastic creative writing workshops for groups of students where she shared her notebooks and story-telling quilt.

Ms Agnew

Year 9 and 10 Public Speaking Competition

If you enjoy expressing your opinion on current affairs and want to improve your public speaking skills, come and join the Ashmole Academy Public Speaking Team and take part in the English Speaking Union's prestigious Churchill Public Speaking Competition at a regional and national level.

When - Tuesdays 1:40pm- 2:10pm

Where - En1

See Miss Smith for more details.



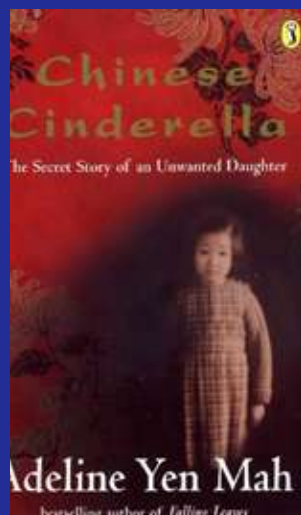
Book Recommendations

American Gods by Neil Gaiman - recommended by Ms Hewson

American Gods draws together ancient and more modern mythology within the realms of fantasy and America's infatuation with its identity and changes within its society...

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah - recommended by Lucy in Year 8

This is a true story about a young Chinese girl named Adeline who faces the struggles of being unwanted and unloved. This is the story of how she overcomes this adversity.



Chinese Cinderella is one of 3 books being discussed in our NEW KS3 book club this Friday in EN1 at lunchtime. Students in Years 7 to 9 are encouraged to come along to discuss the book and to get a copy of our next read! - Miss Vaughan



Oak Hill Park Run

On Saturday, Ashmole students from Yrs. 7-12 participated in our local Oak Hill Parkrun. On a wet Saturday morning Mr Scott, Mr Costello, Ms Moon plus members of our weekly Running Club completed the 2 & 3/4 laps of Oak Hill Park.

At end of their 5km, many students achieved fast times as well the satisfaction of completing the tough course in tough wet conditions. We would like to thank all runners for being so welcoming, accommodating and supportive. We would also like to thank the Race Director and their team of fantastic volunteers for their hard work enabling the Parkrun to take place.



Please remember all those interested can attend the Ashmole Running Club every Monday after school. Students who need to do activities for their Physical and Volunteering Sections of their Duke of Edinburgh Award should consider the Parkrun as possible evidence towards this award.

Mr Scott

Sixth Form Open Evening 2024

Please join us for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 7th November 2024.

Internal students only - Please arrive for 6pm for a talk with the 6th form team

External students - Please obtain a ticket to the speech at 6.45pm or 7.30pm. [Click here for tickets](#)

You are also invited to tour the school with one of our Sixth Form student guides. Teachers and student representatives from each of the subjects we offer in the Sixth Form will be available for you to meet and share information about their subjects and studying at Ashmole Academy Sixth Form.

The Sixth Form Team



The Royal British Legion - Poppies

We have had our regular Poppies & donation box delivery to the school.



There will be a box on reception if anyone would like to obtain one as you are passing, but there will also be one placed in the 6th form centre.



Music Opera Trip to 'La Boheme'

On Thursday 17th October we were fortunate to be able to take 51 of our musicians, from Years 8-12, to see the English National Opera's production of Puccini's 'La Boheme' at the London Coliseum. For most of our students it was the first time that they had been to an opera. La Boheme is a great first opera as it is about young adults, love, hope and dreams. It was a really successful trip, hopefully the first opera trip of many!

Here are some of the things our students said:

'I didn't realise Opera was so good' Theo F

'It was impressive and funny and sad' Isabel R

'The singing was amazing - I can't believe they can make a sound like that!' Bella C

'I cried at the end it was so sad!' Daneilla CT

'Great singing and a great orchestra' Jess R



Focus on String Group

String group, know as 'Stringers' is a new co-curricular activity that started this term. It is run by Ms Dimante, one of our teachers of music who is a violin specialist. The group are learning how to work as an ensemble, and focusing on communication skills, rehearsal techniques, and of course their performance skills. These skills will give them an excellent foundation for progressing as musicians.

The students are enjoying making new friends and learning new pieces of music. If your child would like to join please ask them to contact Ms Beacon or Ms Dimante in the music department.
Music Department

ONLY 24 STUDENTS PER CLUB- FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

Year 9 Fashion lunchtime club- TE4

KS3 (7,8,9) Product Design club - TE3

Year 7&8 Textile club- TE4

Design & Technology clubs!

Design and Technology clubs will be starting first week back from half term!

-Year 7&8 Textiles- Thursday After School TE4

-Product Design club Thursday after school

Design Technology Clubs

Design and Technology clubs will start first week back after half term. Please come along to TE3 and TE4 Thursday after school for Textiles and Product Design. Year 9 fashion club will run in TE4 on Thursdays during lunchtime. We are only accepting first 24 students per club, See you there!
Ms Zylyfi



The Challenges Facing Spain

On the 8th of October, Year 12 and Year 13 students had the opportunity to attend an insightful online workshop about the challenges Spain is currently facing. Organised by the Cervantes Institute, the session delved into key issues within Spain's economy and political system.



Mr Chislett led the workshop, providing a comprehensive analysis of Spain's economic growth across different sectors, with a particular focus on tourism, which is a crucial contributor to the nation's prosperity.



He also explored Spain's political landscape, discussing the 2008 property bubble and the resulting economic recession. Following this, students participated in a class debate on the functionality of democracy in Spain, using the 1978 Constitution as a foundation for understanding the country's political framework. Mrs Miranda.



Year 10 Careers Day

On Wednesday 16th October, Year 10 participated in their 'Be Careers Ready Day' where they met 15 business volunteers from a variety of industries such as social media, law, advertising and artificial intelligence. They had an informative day learning about what our visitors do at work on a day-to-day basis and the route they took to get into that line of work. They then spent some time learning about current Labour Market Information, T Levels and Apprenticeships.

Well done to them all it was an excellent day.

Mr Louca



Microbiology

Year 9s have been refining their microbiology skills by studying Brine Shrimps:

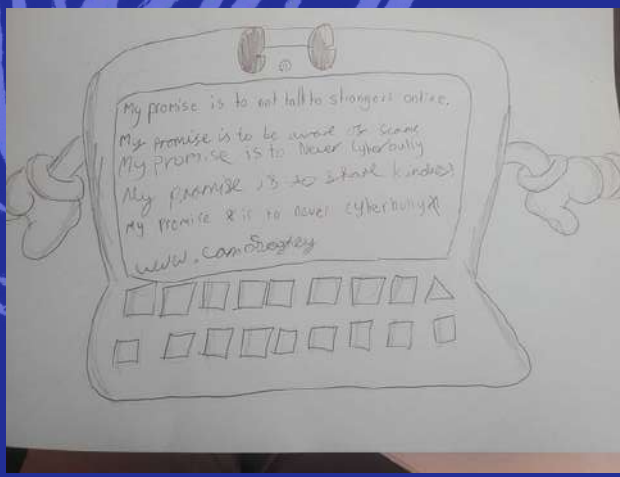
- Preparing slides to observe a specimen under a microscope
- Recording observations
- Creating biological drawings



They demonstrated their ability to work collaboratively, correctly identifying and safely using key apparatus to ensure that data is collected and recorded appropriately

well done year 9s

Ms Hewson



Year 7 Workshop

On Friday 11th October, Year 7 took part in a workshop about online safety. During this session, we focused on what kindness looks like online and discussed how we can show empathy to others while using social media. We discussed why the government have banned mobile phone in schools and the importance of safety online. At the end, each group made a pledge about what they can do to keep safe online. Chase, Sahin, Alexander and Arian created this pledge which was fantastic! Well done Year 7!

Ms Cork



Garba Dance Workshop

On Tuesday 8th October, Mrs B Shah & Mrs D Shah ran a Garba dance workshop to celebrate Navratri. Navratri literally translates to 'nine nights' and is an Indian festival celebrated by dancing to rejoice in the defeat of a deceitful demon by a powerful Goddess. 22 students (and some teachers) joined us as we danced to Garba in the gym at lunchtime. The students were fantastic - engaging and participating with the various steps! We hope you had a fun time. We look forward to hosting this again next year!

Ms Shah



Music Provision

Ms Cooper, Mr Christmas and Ms Beacon were delighted to spend a morning showing our music provision to Headteachers from the Community Schools Trust. They were particularly interested in our Music Aptitude students and our approaches to fostering their musical development. The visitors spoke to a group of our Music Aptitude students from years 7 to 11 about their experiences, involvement and opportunities. They particularly praised the students' oracy and articulacy when talking about their experiences. They were very impressed!

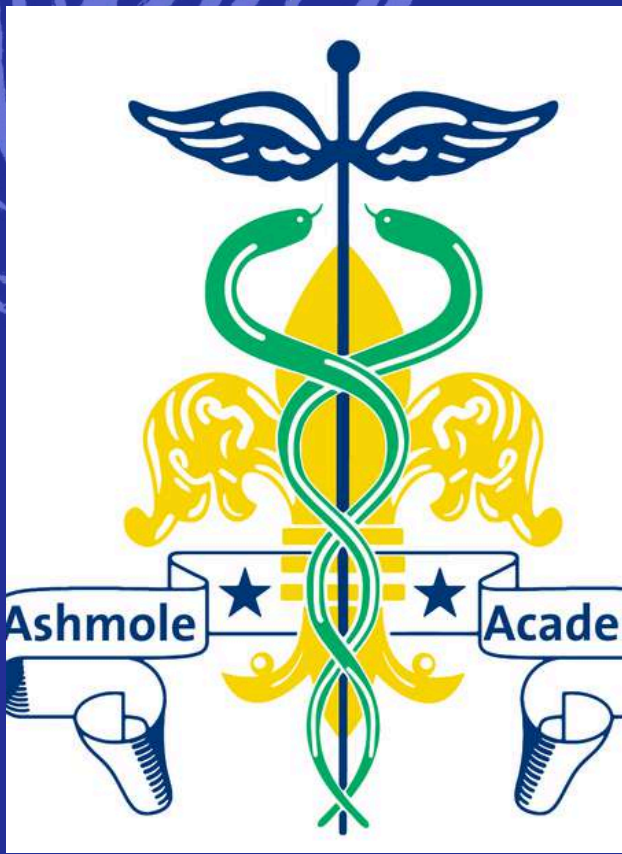


Golden Hinde Writing Competition winners

Annahita and Freya wrote pirate-themed stories for a competition held by the Golden Hinde Museum and author Justin Somper. Their adventurous narratives earned them copies of two Pirate Academy books and family tickets to the Golden Hinde Museum ship in Central London. This is a fantastic accomplishment!

Ms Clack





Careers Opportunities:

- APPRENTICESHIPS AT THE BBC
- APPRENTICESHIPS WITH FORVIS MAZARS
- London Engineering Design Institute Open Days
- NHS England South East Allied Health Professionals Insight Event
- ACCOUNTANCY AND FINANCE APPLICATION MASTERCLASS
- A Day in the Life of an Accountant Apprentice
- Creating the Perfect Apprenticeship Application with BP

Students can find more information about these opportunities on their Google Classroom (if they are applicable to their year group).

From the Careers Department at Ashmole Academy
careers@ashmoleacademy.org
Mr Louca



Le commerce equitable

Year 11 French are on their final GCSE topic and are learning about fair trade and environmental issues.

They showed reflection and cooperation in the "cut and paste" activity which followed the life cycle of a t-shirt.

Mr Pearson

Economics

Some of our Year 12 and Year 13 Economists are taking part in the Global Wharton Global High School Investment Competition with the University of Pennsylvania where student have \$100,000 to trade on a virtual stock market, based on the performance of real-life businesses. Students need to keep up with the current performance of these firms and buy and sell shares based on the current climate of the market. Out of 5018 teams worldwide, one of our Ashmole teams is currently ranked 54th with their amazing performance of trading! Let's hope they keep this up and climb the ranks even more!

Ms Sharif



October Half Term & Diwali 2024

Wishing everybody a restful half term and a happy Diwali to all those that are celebrating with friends and family.