



# THE ASHMOLEAN ROUNDUP



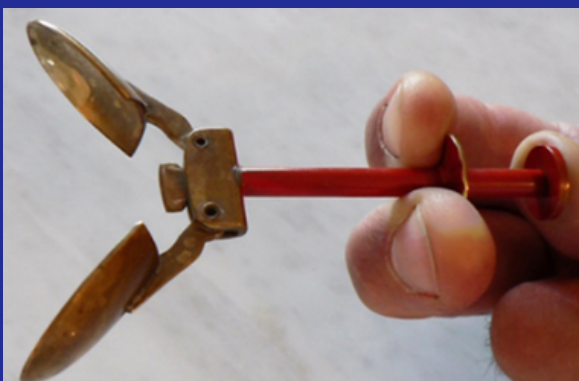
## The launch of the Junior and Senior Scholar Programme

The Junior and Senior Scholar Programme's are now underway!

In the week before the October half-term, over a hundred Year 7 and Year 8 scholars attended our first session. With the help of some Y12 Advanced Scholar's, the Junior Scholars were shown a series of mysterious objects and asked to guess their uses. The session aimed to introduce the importance of curiosity and inspire them to want to find out more.

The Senior Scholar Programme was also launched in the week after half-term, where again near a hundred Year 9 and Year 10 scholars were introduced to the programme of sessions planned for them this year and asked to consider why being curious is so important. We look forward to more sessions with the Junior and Senior Scholars and inspiring them to learn beyond the curriculum!

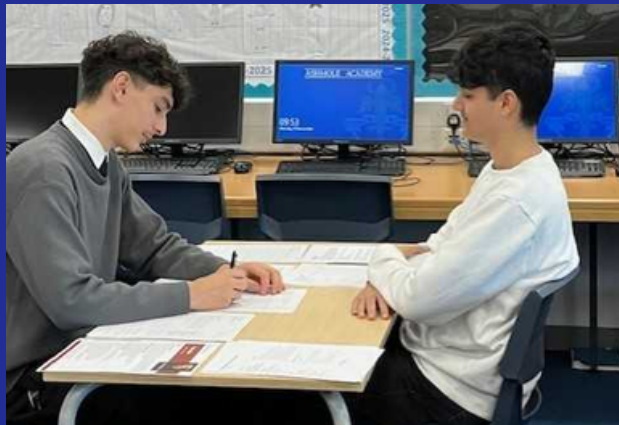
Mr Ford





## Reading Buddies

A massive well done to all of our students who are currently participating in the reading buddies scheme every Friday. Our Year 12 students have been using the 'readers theatre' tool to prompt their Year 8 reading buddies when they are reading to them. Prompts include asking them to consider their pace, expression, tone of voice, pausing to build suspense and to even include more gestures and actions too! This tool has been a really effective tool at supporting the Year 8 students with their fluency. There is a lovely buzz in our Sixth Form centre every week when the group meets and we are looking forward to the next session. Ms Athanasiou



## Y12 Btec Interviews

As part of the course the students have had to undertake a Unit on Recruitment and Selection in the work place. Each student has created a job advert, job description, personal specification and an application form etc. They have also had to interview a prospective candidate, as well as applying for a job and attending an interview themselves. Throughout the course they have to analyse their performance and create a Personal Development Plan to ensure they are more prepared for a potential graduate job, apprenticeship post 6th form and/or University interview. This has also complimented the Yr12 Interview Skills Day, hopefully with all this preparation they 'get the job' ahead of the students! Well done to all the Btec students.

Miss Holliday



## Year 7 Cell Making

Year 7 (SWM) have been learning about cells and how they are adapted to carry out their specific functions. They have spent some time making a model of their chosen cell and then presented it to the class. There were some interesting materials used, ranging from cake, sweets and laser printing!

Mrs Morley

### Antarctic Flag Competition

Want to see your design on Antarctica?

Design a flag for Antarctica. It should be **bright and colourful** so it can contrast against the icy landscape. The two best designs will be taken to Antarctica on an expedition with photographs sent back.

Can be designed by hand or on a computer. Entries to Geography Dept.

Deadline: Monday 18th November

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Ms Vaughan

and earn  
**FREE BOOKS**  
for our school!



## The Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair will be taking place in the Library from the 28th November until the 4th December, whereby students will be able to browse (and purchase online at home) new reading books for themselves. Importantly, the more books our students buy, the more rewards our school can claim, and we can earn some new books for our Library! The event aims to promote reading for pleasure and excitement about books. We look forward to seeing what our students pick, and to then sharing some of their book reviews following on from this! Miss Vaughan and Ms England



## BEAT 'A Celebration of Singing' Workshop

On Friday 25th October we took 30 students from our KS3 choir ('Voice') to take part in a singing workshop, run by the Barnet Education Arts Trust. The workshop was held in St James' Catholic School in Colindale. Six schools joined together in the workshop. We had a fantastic day of singing and celebrating what music has to offer, building confidence, socialising, and having fun as a whole group. The day featured choir rehearsals of songs from La La Land and the traditional South African song Shosholoz, lunchtime performances, and workshops with vocalist Paula Thompson, culminating in impressive renditions of Shackles by Mary Mary and Be Alright by Ariana Grande. If your child would like to join our KS3 choir, we rehearse on Thursday mornings from 8:20am (for an 8:30 start) until 9:00am. Our next performances will be at local care homes singing Christmas songs. Ms Beacon



## Visit to Westminster

Politics students had a great day out at the Palace of Westminster and UK Supreme Court. They had a tour of both institutions and expertly discussed and debated the key issues of the day. Parliament's Education Service were very impressed with the high standard of oracy skills shown.




Alex in Year 13 produced an exceptional presentation to the Politics Society on the merits and pitfalls of the US political system, covering matters such as the power of the President, Congress and Supreme Court. The ensuing debate was lively and most enjoyable. Mr Halford



## Anti-Bullying Workshop

For Anti-bullying week, our KS3 students took part in an extended assembly led by KIP to discuss how we can prevent bullying. We discussed the difference between what is rude and what is bullying. We also talked about what being an upstander looks like to prevent the bystander effect and encourage people to speak out or report bullying behaviour. The theme this year is 'Choose respect' so we discussed how you should respect both yourself, and others in order to create a supportive community

Ms Cork.




**Reading at Ashmole**

Well done to all our students who have embraced reading and shared their thoughts about their books. Last half term, we collectively read an impressive **2,710** books across years 7-11!

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Year Group	Books read
7	805
8	635
9	455
10	445
11	370



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Ms Athanasiou



## Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November it was a true honour for Theo D to play "The last post" for Remembrance Day at school. It was a powerful moment as the whole school stood in silence, remembering those who served and sacrificed. Together, we shared a minute of silence to show our respect and gratitude.



Year 12 English scholars Jess, Meta and Hashim also led a lunchtime presentation in the Library for Year 7 and 8 students. Students participated in groups looking at resources to find out more about life in the Trenches. They discussed some examples of powerful war poetry, wrote their own and listened to readings. Thanks to all who took part

## Careers opportunities

### posted on Google Classroom

1. Interested in a career with the civil service?
2. Interested in a career in nursing?
3. Insight into one of the uk's elite law firms - slaughter & may
4. Apprenticeships with edf
5. Apprenticeship opportunities with coca cola
6. NHS volunteering
7. PWC - interactive online session

