

Visit from David Dein

Last Thursday, Ashmole Academy was thrilled to welcome Mr. David Dein MBE, successful businessman and former Arsenal FC Chairman. Speaking to Year 12 and 13 students, he shared inspiring stories about founding the Premier League, working with legends like Arsène Wenger and Ian Wright, and the importance of resilience and hard work. David's humor and engaging style captivated the audience, who asked brilliant questions afterward. He also took time for photos and autographs, praising our students' enthusiasm and engagement. Well done to our Sixth-Form students, and thank you, Mr. Dein! – Mr Ford



What Charlie J in Year 13 thought:

Last Thursday we welcomed former Arsenal chairman David Dein into school for his eagerly anticipated talk, which certainly lived up to our expectations. He explained his journey from a Sugar trader to representing one of the most successful clubs and now involved with charities across the country. His devotion for Arsenal and relentless drive to succeed were evident throughout his talk, which was both inspiring and entertaining. We learnt about his instrumental role in founding the Premier League, which transformed football as we know it today and he mentioned the rise of the women's game and its potential for growth. He engaged us with his charisma and provided thoughtful answers to our questions.



A personal highlight for me as a lifelong Arsenal fan was Mr Dein signing my book; a must read for anyone interested in his experiences inside of football. Overall, I am grateful for the chance to learn from such an accomplished and charismatic individual and his visit has left a lasting impression.

Charlie J 12SCO





Jack Petchey Leader Award Winners

Congratulations to Mr. Halford and Mr. Hibbert! From a competitive shortlist, the School Council selected this outstanding members of staff as the recipient of the £1,000 grant. Impressively, this achievement is just ONE of their six remarkable nominations!

Students said:

“My teacher deserves to win a Jack Petchey award because he is incredibly kind, always making sure that every student feels valued and supported. He has a passion for teaching and pushes us to do our best. He has the ability to motivate us, encouraging us to keep going even when things are difficult. His sense of humour makes the classroom a fun environment. He listens and gives extra support when we need it. I look forward to his classes every day.”



“He is an inspirational teacher who believes in every student - though he may not even teach them - and never judges them until he gets to know them first. He ensures that he is firm but fair and if he ever makes a mistake, immediately apologises.

He always encourages good behaviour, perseverance, punctuality and kindness. He respects all his students' views and will never try to enforce his beliefs on them... He is surprisingly competitive when it comes to attendance, merits, our form board or sports day ... he is a great joke teller and loves to tease the boys whenever their football team loses a match. We all enjoy it when he shares stories with us whether it's about his daughter or new cat.”

Mr Pearson

MedSoc

Just before Christmas, MedSoc had a very exciting visiting speaker! Mr Kevin Tsang is a Consultant Neurosurgeon at St Mary's Hospital in London. He specialises in cranial and spinal trauma, and regularly carries out emergency neurosurgery. Over 20 students in Years 11 and 12 were on the edge of their seats as they viewed scans and videos of surgical procedures carried out by Mr Tsang and his team. It was absolutely inspiring and we are so grateful for his invaluable talk. We look forward to his return next term, hopefully to run some VR-based workshops!

Mrs D Shah



WELL DONE!



TTRS Program Achievement

Congratulations, to James and Ayan, on completing the Touch-Type Read and Spell (TTRS) program! Your hard work has paid off, and you'll receive a certificate to celebrate your achievement. Well done! - Mr Meah



Year 7 Math Relay Challenge

At the end of the first term some year 7 students came together to take part in the year 7 Math Relay Challenge. Teams worked through Christmas themed questions to find out which team could work through the highest number of questions in the given time. Congratulations to Sophie, Sophia, Elli, Kaitlyn and Abigail who won by a narrow margin! - Ms Pereira

Help for Hunger Charity

Help for Hunger is a local charity providing food and gifts at Christmas to families in need. I work closely with Women's Refuge in Palmers Green, Social Services, community centres, and local schools. This year, the charity delivered 1,219 hampers—a huge task! Valentina Weiss and Jemima Hurndall in 8KAU helped with packing, wrapping, checking, and building the hampers. We're so proud of these Year 8 students for demonstrating Cooperation and Responsibility, two of our core values. The charity always welcomes volunteers, so if you or your child can spare some time, please get in touch at www.helpforhunger.co.uk. Ms. Miller



Busy Hands

Congratulations to a group of 6 students in Year 7 and 8 for completing Busy Hands intervention with Miss Georgiou during Autumn Term 2. The students focused on enhancing their fine motor skills by immersing themselves in a variety of activities. There was a fantastic improvement in the students' typing speed and quality of handwriting! Mrs Georgiou

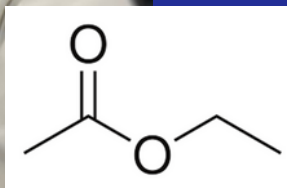
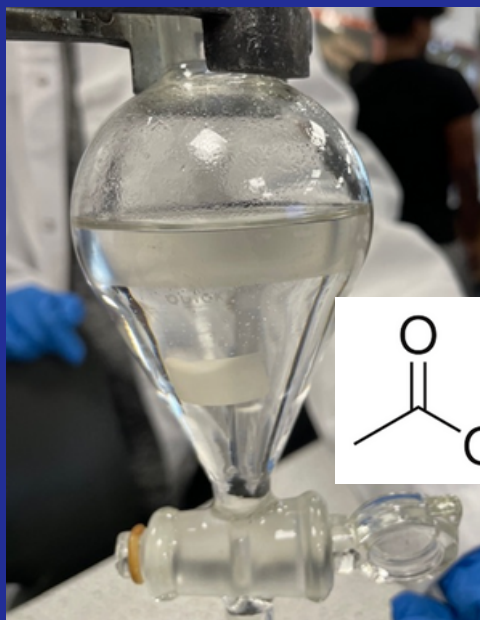
Jay and his mom went to the shop. They bought eggs, milk, bread and soap. Jay was lucky because his mom let her choose an ice cream. He chose a strawberry flavoured one. On the way home Jay ate treat and Mom listened to the car radio.

The wonder of nature we see all around us, from the tiniest molecule to the vastness of the universe, is a testament to the incredible power of life. It is both beautiful and essential. The forest, with its deep trees and hidden paths, offers a quiet haven where we can escape the noise of the world and connect with the earth. Birds chirp in the early morning, the wind rustles through the leaves.

Junior Scholars Political Debate

The Junior Scholars took part in a formal debate on whether the UK should lower the voting age to 16 in UK elections. Students used excellent research skills followed by impressive oracy to communicate their arguments very clearly to a large audience. In the end, after plenty of impassioned speeches on both sides, students voted to agree with the motion that the voting age should, indeed, be lowered. Mr Halford





Year 13 Chemistry

Our students have spent two lessons synthesising a liquid organic compound called an ester. Esters are commonly used in flavourings and perfumes and the resulting ester (ethyl ethanoate) was supposed to smell like pear drops (this was very debatable!)

The students learnt how to safely handle concentrated sulfuric acid and how to use a separating funnel. If you look carefully at the photo, you can see the ester floating on top. Well done Chemists! Ms Patel



Biology Bake Off

The week before the Christmas holidays all of the year 12 and 13 Biologists engaged in the second annual Ashmole Biology Bake Off. The challenge was to design and produce a bake linked to part of their Biology specification. They were judged by staff and students on their creativity and subject knowledge. It was a wonderful couple of hours. The level of detail, quality of the bakes and knowledge was quite phenomenal. This year's winners were Sana from Year 12 with an amazing Brain Bake and Haris from Year 13 with a whole array of 'Biological structures' bakes. The best part of the 'bake off' is knowing that our Biologists get to enjoy an evening of baking and talking Biology together the night before. The buzz around the Biology department was thrilling and we look forward to hosting the Biology Bake Off 2026!

Mr Kozah



Year 8 'Just Dance' Ashmole Dance Off

The Year 8 'Just Dance' Ashmole Dance Off was a fantastic event, full of energy, creativity, and fun! A number of students took part, performing an impressive range of dances from Waka Waka to Uptown Funk.

Miss Miller had the challenging task of selecting the winners, but with so many outstanding performances, it was impossible to choose - every group shone brightly. Well done to all participants for their hard work and enthusiasm!

We are thrilled to announce that these talented students have now formed a Year 8 dance troupe and will be showcasing their skills at future school events. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Ms Holliday



Recent listings of careers opportunities on Google Classroom

1. London Rail open day for women/girls 18th February 2025
2. Management in Construction Industry opportunity.
3. Forvis Mazars - 'Meet the Apprentices' Webinar 6th February 2025 for those interested in Business and Finance in Year 13.
4. Career opportunities with PwC Webinar 27th February 2025
5. Solicitor apprenticeship opportunities with Bates Wells
6. Insight into Freshfields, one of the world's elite law firms' virtual event - 27th January 2025
7. Discover Technology Careers & Work Experience Opportunities with Lloyds Banking Group - 14th January 2025
8. Online Webinar: Accountancy Apprenticeships with National Audit Office - 25th February 2025
9. Apprenticeship Programmes with Earnst & Young - 4th February 2025
10. Four-day work experience working with the Charity: ANTHONY NOLAN (MEDICAL) - 18th-21st February 2025
11. Business & Accounting Career Events within Evelyn Partners, RSM and Forvis Mazars - Various dates
12. Law Industry Workshop Overview Webinar - 23rd January 2025
13. Insight day with Deutsche Bank - 20th February 2025
14. KPMG virtual taster day 18th February 2025
15. Spotlight on Apprenticeships webinar - 12 February 2025
16. A Guide into degree apprenticeships for Year 12 and Year 13
17. Apprenticeship opportunities with Deloitte Year 13s - 4/2/2025
18. Initiative designed for young people to change perceptions of careers in Audit and Assurance and to highlight apprenticeships. Choose Audit in conjunction with EY, KPMG & PwC.
19. Solicitor apprenticeship programme with the University of Law & RPC.
Mr Louca