



THE ASHMOLE ROUNDUP



Year 12 Christ Church Horizons Programme

This year, I took part in the Christ Church Horizons Programme, which is an Oxford outreach programme designed to help students in year 12 explore beyond the curriculum and develop the key skills needed for a competitive university application.

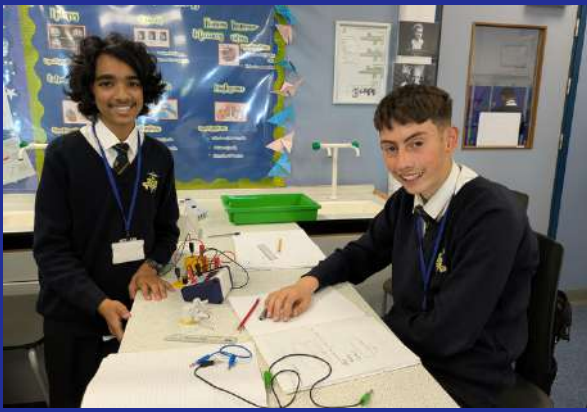
The weekly after-school sessions took place in schools across Barnet between February and April. Depending on whether you were in the STEM or humanities strand, some sessions were lecture-style –for example, one humanities session explored how countries can become more democratic, while a STEM session focused on Euler’s contributions to engineering and physics.



Many sessions ended with an hour of Oxford-specific application advice, such as comparing example personal statements, interview preparation, and understanding university finance. On the graduation day at Christ Church, Oxford, we took part in subject-specific mock interviews and with current undergraduates to help us understand what it would be like to apply for our Courses. We also had a tour of the Christ Church College, and visited the Weston Library and its exhibition, which was also very interesting.



Overall, the programme helped me feel more confident about making an application to Oxford, as I now have a much better understanding of the process and what it takes to apply competitively.
Zuriel Year 12



Year 8 Science

In year 8 Science lessons, we have been learning about series and parallel circuits. Last lesson 8SH took part in a 'Circuit Circus!' where they built 8 different circuits as they moved around the classroom. Each circuit required them to apply their knowledge and build a functioning circuit. They all worked amazingly and it was a lovely lesson! Well done 8SH!

Ms Felfeli



Year 6 RS Taster Session

We were delighted to welcome the year 6 students from Ashmole Primary School for a taster session on Religious Studies. Mr Falconer and I were so impressed by the curiosity and thoughtfulness shown by the students as they explored some of the big questions that we consider in Religious Studies. They were engaged and focused as we considered questions related to our origins, the person of Jesus and the afterlife, using art as a stimulus. Well done year 6 - we look forward to teaching you next year!

Mr Sanders



From Ashmole to Antarctica!

In response to a competition run by the UK Polar Network, KS3 Ashmole students were invited to design a flag for Antarctica. We are delighted that the winning flags, by Mylo 8MOH and Krystian 9MCK, have made their way 15,000km to the frozen continent - an amazing achievement!

Students will have the exciting opportunity to take part again in next year.

Mr Makopa - Geography



Concerts

We are really looking forward to our two Summer Concerts celebrating a year of music making at Ashmole Academy. Rehearsals are in full swing and our musicians are all very excited about performing in front of friends and families. We are really proud of our musicians and we know that the concerts will be amazing! See you there!

Tickets available on ParentPay
Ms Beacon





Junior Mathematical Challenge (JMC)

This term 159 students took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge from Years 7 & 8. Each challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precise thinking, and fluency, prompting students to engage in deep thought. The problems presented in the Intermediate Maths Challenge aim to stimulate thinking; while most are approachable, they still offer a challenge to those with greater experience.

The results were as follows: Certificate of Participation - 21%; Bronze - 32%; Silver - 30% and Gold - 16%

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

Name Year Group Total Achievement

Brian W Year 8 129 Gold - Best in School

Ethan Oon Year 7 113 Gold - Best in Year 7



The following students have been entered into the follow-on round; Junior Kangaroo / Olympiad which will be taking place on Tuesday 10th June 2025. Wish you all the best of luck.

Name Year Group Total

Ethan O Year 7 113

Seth H Year 7 107

Brian W Year 8 129

Anson L Year 8 118

Ines G Year 8 113

Zara S Year 8 107

Leo J Year 8 105

Sadra C Year 8 103

Max C Year 8 103

Nat B Year 8 101

Andy C Year 8 101

Skye T Year 8 101

Mrs B Shah



Here come the girls

A small group of 8 Key Stage 3 girls represented Ashmole at an All-Girls Sports Festival held at Trent Park- and what a day it was! The festival offered a fantastic opportunity for the girls to try new sports, challenge themselves, and most importantly have fun. Our students gave it their all, and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout. We couldn't be prouder of how they represented our school. A huge well done to all that took part! Curriculum Support, Ms Dean



READ 3!



Don't forget to drop into the Library and pick up your entry card for the Summer Reading Challenge. This half term, read 3 books from different genres (Mystery & Thriller, Sci-Fi & Dystopian and Teenage stories) and drop your completed card into the entries box. You'll then be entered into a draw for some end of term prizes including vouchers and stationery.

More details and a large range of possible books are on display in the Library.



We are currently hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in school – our very own pop-up book shop. Students are welcome to come and browse the many and varied YA books for sale on the special shelves in the Library. Purchases can be made online by taking a wish list home which includes a link to a payment site and details. When this is returned the next day, students can collect their new book! The Fair will run until the 18th June. Prices start at £2.99 and hopefully, we'll be able to claim lots of free books for the school Library too!

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Ms England



Year 10 Chemistry

Our Year 10 Chemistry students have been learning about flame tests as part of their Chemical Analysis topic. They really enjoyed carrying out a practical to see the vibrant colours given off by different metal ions when heated in a flame. The students have been really engaged throughout this topic which has allowed them to carry out numerous practical experiments including one where they had to analyse alien blood samples. Well done year 10! Miss Patel.

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Ms Patel



TFL Pioneers

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Mr Pearson



BUBBLE FOOTBALL

THE YEAR 12 BTEC BUSINESS CLASS IS PUTTING ON A BUBBLE FOOTBALL EVENT FOR ALL YEAR 12 STUDENTS ON 2ND JULY!

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: School Sports Field

Year 12 Bubble Football Event

The Year 12 BTEC Business class is hosting a Bubble Football event for all Year 12 students to celebrate the end of exams. Date; Tuesday 2nd July Time: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM. Location: School Sports Field

Note: Students will be off-timetable for Period 5.

There will be a barbecue with halal options, snacks, drinks, music, and food stalls—all located near the Bubble Football pitch.

Tickets:

- £5 - Includes food and access to the spectator area
- £8 per team (additional) - To participate in the Bubble Football match

Physics



Junior Physics Challenge

In May, 20 Year 10 students took part in the Junior Physics Challenge and performed exceptionally well. The Junior Physics Challenge is a national competition designed to challenge the best and brightest Physics students in the country on their understanding of Physics in the classroom and beyond. This year's results were our best ever in the competition with 8 Gold medals, 10 Silver medals (including two students who were just one mark off Gold) and 2 Bronze medals (both of whom were only 1 mark off Silver). Particular congratulations to Shayan who got the highest score in the school and was in the top 200 students nationally.

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Shayan	Cerise	Poshia
Henry	Chloe	Anna
Hamza	Oliver	
Joe	Ruby	
K-Ets	Eliza	
Evangeline	Rayaan	
Ren	Nicolette	
Phil	Manha	
	Naima	
	Bella	

Year 8 Physics Challenge

This year the British Physics Olympiad Committee launched a new Physics Challenge competition for Year 8 students and Ashmole students set the bar very high for future years in this competition. 23 students took part, and all earned at least a Silver. Particular congratulations to Leo whose score of 90% put him in the top 50 students nationally.

Gold	Silver
Leo	Lewis
Akay	Alicja
Valentina	Rayan
Elizabeth	Eliza
Philippa	Angelina
Sadra	Emily
Taylan	Armin
Peter	Erin
Zach	Kaydn
Eda	Amaya
Oliver	Nikolaos
	Mira



Careers opportunities on Google Classroom:

All year groups: Sky Studios

We're now welcoming summer bookings for July and August and would love to invite your young people for a fun, hands-on half-day experience at our cutting-edge TV and film studios during the holidays! Over the course of our Free 3-hour experience, your young people will get the opportunity to make their very own film pitch in our state-of-the-art XR studio, all whilst also exploring the many avenues and possibilities of working in the Film and TV industry and getting a tour of our award-winning Film and Television studio. Each session gives young people the chance to:

- Step into the world of filmmaking and digital media
- Develop creativity and teamwork skills
- Get behind-the-scenes access to a real working studio
- Create their own short film in a state-of-the-art environment

It's a fantastic, inspiring experience for young minds – and a great summer activity for everyone! If you're interested, please email skypacademystudioselstree@sky.uk as soon as possible to secure your slot. Sessions are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and places are filling quickly! If you have specific dates in mind or any questions, we're more than happy to work with you to find a session that suits your group. And just as a reminder – sessions are free, allow a maximum of 36 young people, ranging from ages 10-19, running Monday-Friday 9:30-12:30 and 13:30-16:30

Year 10 and Year 11: Uptree x JPMorganChase WEX

Uptree on behalf of JPMorganChase, have recently invested heavily into providing work experience for students at their JPMC London office and wanted to invite students from your Year 10 and Year 11 cohorts. JPMorganChase wish us to deliver either an assembly style (c 20 mins) or interactive workshop (45 minutes) giving an overview of JPMorganChase and this fantastic work experience programme to engage and encourage your Year 10 and Year 11 groups to apply to the virtual and in-person work experience programme. The London work experience consists of:

- Session 1: 4 August 2025 (virtual)
- Session 2: 11 to 12 August 2025 (in person)
- Session 3: 20 February 2026 (virtual)

If you would like to find out more, or book in an encounter, please email sophie@uptree.co.uk

Students are welcome to find Mr Louca in the Humanities Office for more information about both these amazing opportunities!

Mr Louca