



THE ASHMOLE ROUNDUP



Junior and Senior Scholar Programmes Launch for 2025!

The Junior and Senior Scholar Programmes for 2025 are now underway!



In the final weeks before the October half-term, over 100 Year 7 and Year 8 Junior Scholars and around 70 Year 9 and Year 10 Senior Scholars attended their first sessions of the year.

Supported by a team of enthusiastic Year 12 Advanced Scholars, the students explored thought-provoking questions such as:

- If you could time travel, which era would you visit?
- If you could have a conversation with any fictional character for a day, who would it be and why?
- If you could ask one question to the entire world and receive an honest answer, what would it be?

The sessions sparked curiosity, creativity, and lively discussion – the perfect start to a year of learning beyond the curriculum. We look forward to seeing our Junior and Senior Scholars continue to grow, question, and be inspired throughout the year!

Mr Ford



News from the Library:

- Non-Fiction November

In the Library we are marking the occasion with a wide selection of non-fiction books for you to choose from. Browse the display around the Library desk for ideas!

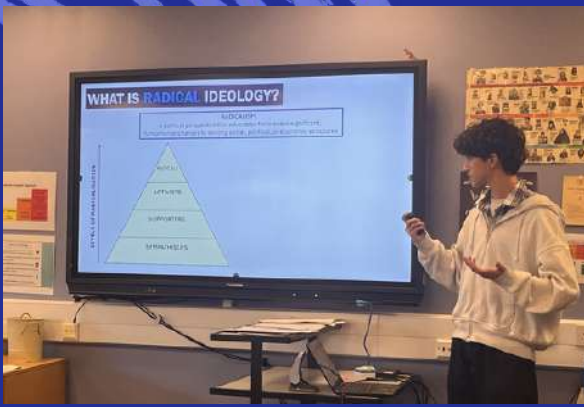
- Book Fair is back soon!

The Scholastic book fair will be set up in the Library from Thursday 27th November for one week. Browse the pop-up book shop for the good deals and consider picking up a wish list form to make a purchase.

Ms England

Scholastic Book Fair





Politics Society Sparks Insightful Discussions

The Politics Society has been thriving lately! Over the past few weeks, Beren, Vesa, and Gabor have wowed audiences with insightful presentations on a dynamic mix of themes – from Feminism and the State to Radicalism’s rise and Neuro-politics in today’s world.

Mr Halford



Bar Mock Trial

This weekend, Year 12 students participated in the regional finals of the esteemed Young Citizens’ Bar Mock Trial competition. Facing strong competition from a number of Independent and Grammar Schools, they delivered an outstanding performance. Each student embraced their assigned role – from barrister and witness to juror, usher, or clerk – and demonstrated remarkable commitment through weeks of thorough preparation and case study analysis.

Mr Halford



Instrumental Lessons

We’re thrilled to see so many students learning instruments this term. A reminder that Pupil Premium students are entitled to a discount on instrumental lessons. For more details, please contact Ms Beacon in the Music Office. Please note that the application form for Spring term’s lessons will be sent via MCAS next week.

Music Department



Netball Match Report

Our netball teams were in action last week against East Barnet School!

- Year 7 (pink bibs): narrowly lost 11-9 in a closely contested game.
- Year 8 (blue bibs): played brilliantly to finish with an exciting 5-5 draw.

Well done to all the girls who represented the school with great teamwork and determination.

Any girls who would like to join the netball teams are warmly encouraged to come along to training after school on Wednesdays.

Miss Holliday





Open Evening in the Music Department

Our Open Evening for prospective Ashmole families was a huge success, and the Music Department was buzzing with live performances throughout the evening.

We were incredibly proud of our student-led bands who performed. 'Broadcast', 'Jevera', 'The Witness', 'Whiplash', and our Sixth Form Band all showcased their talent with confident, high-energy performances.

We also had lots of our musicians helping during the evening answering questions and showing prospective parents around our wonderful department.

Families who were waiting for the Head Teacher's speech in the hall were treated to wonderful piano performances from Daniella, Fadime, Freddie, Hayden, Radu and Skye.

It was an inspiring evening that highlighted the passion and creativity of our young musicians.

Music Department



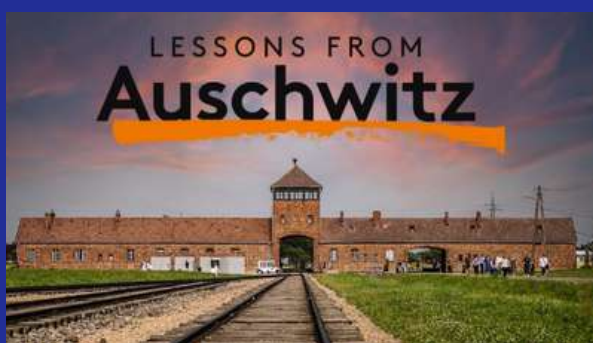
Remembering the Past: A Visit to Auschwitz

Over the half term, two Year 13 History students had the opportunity to visit the Auschwitz concentration camps with the Holocaust Educational Trust. The project was focused on the individual lives of Holocaust victims, and how Jewish life was drastically changed for so many across Europe by Nazi occupation.

Visiting the camps was an extremely valuable and educational experience. When we first arrived in Poland, we visited a Jewish cemetery in Oświęcim and reflected on the thriving community that existed there before the 1940s. We then moved on to visit the camps. First, we visited the museum at Auschwitz I, and it was heart breaking to see all of the artifacts and personal belongings of Holocaust victims on display. Next, we entered Auschwitz II (Auschwitz-Birkenau). We were struck by the immense scale of the camp, and throughout the visit our guide told us about the functions of different structures and how the camps were operated. We ended our visit with a commemorative gathering led by one of our accompanying Rabbis.

The trip was an incredible experience which we are so grateful for. Although the Auschwitz camps are just a small part of the Holocaust, we learned a lot about how Jewish lives were drastically changed in Eastern Europe and how important it is to continue educating students on the Holocaust.

Jessica - Year 13



LESSONS FROM
Auschwitz



MedSoc

This half term we have begun our NHS HOT topic presentations. Our Y12 MedSoc student coordinators Ella, Meisha and Sans presented on Primary Care and General Practice. We had attendance from 20 peers from year 12 aspiring to pursue careers in healthcare. The trio presented the content confidently and provided opportunities to discuss potential interview questions. We continue with these weekly sessions every Tuesday lunchtime in S3.

Mrs D Shah



A Closer Look: Year 9 Study Brine Shrimp

Year 9 got up close with Brine Shrimp (Sea Monkeys) this week! Using microscopes to practise their biological drawing skills, students were amazed by the incredible details they could see at 100x magnification.

Ms Morley

Student Achievements

Well done to Noah, Ben and Harry in year 7 for baking some delicious cornbread in Food Technology! The students displayed professionalism and responsibility throughout the lesson, and received a postcard from their teacher for their incredible work! - Curriculum Support, Miss Georgiou



At the weekend Ellie took part in a Rhythmic Gymnastics competition with her club in Spain. Within her specialist competition, Ellie came first and overall, in her division, she came 3rd. She also won a special award called "Miss Smile", which we can understand why, as she is always smiling! We are so proud of her for her amazing achievement. Well done.



We are so pleased to announce that Jimmy in Y9 completed a course over the half term and is now officially a qualified football referee. A massive congratulations on your amazing achievement!

Miss Miller

YoungMinds

Ashmole students raised over £2000 for the YoungMinds charity at their recent wear yellow non uniform day. Students wore yellow during world mental health day to support YoungMinds a UK based charity that promotes the mental health of children by offering support and resources to help build a more positive outlook -Ms Clarke

YOUNGMINDS
The voice for young people's mental health and wellbeing



Advanced Scholar Programme Winners

Well done to all the winners of the Advanced Scholar Programme who received their prizes in today's Y13 assembly. Winning scholars produced amazing portfolios of over 12 months of extra-curricular work, projects and contributions to the wider school community. Special mention to Alexandra (3rd place), Maria (2nd place) and our Head Teacher's Advanced Scholar of the Year: Aryan!
Mr Ford



Antibullying Week

This week it is Anti-bullying week. The students have been doing activities during tutor time and also our Anti-bullying ambassadors have been delivering all assemblies. Our focus is about how bullying can affect us, how to have a positive mindset and how we can be upstanders within our community. We will finish the week on Friday with a non-uniform day in support for Children In Need. If pupils want to take part, then please donate £2 each via parentpay before Friday!
Ms Clarke

Ashmole Academy Music Co-curricular timetable Autumn Term 2025-2026			
	Before School/Lesson 1 8:30am-9:05am	Lunchtime 1:45pm-2:15pm	After School 3:20pm-4:30pm
Monday	Senior Voice KS4/5 (GCSE music and A level students must attend) Mr J Mr Christmas/Mr Angland	Beginner Bands (KS3 new bands only) MUL, Mu2 and Mu3 Mr Angland	'My Fair Lady' Show Choir Ms J, Mr J Mr Christmas
Tuesday	GCSE Music/A Level Music surgery Mr J Mr Christmas	Create/GCSE composition Mr J Ms Dismore	Folk Band Mr J Mr Angland
Wednesday	Year 9 Music Scholars' Enrichment Mr J Mr Christmas	BVOX (Boys' Barbershop Group) open to all year groups Mr J Mr Christmas	GVOX (Girls' Barbershop Group) open to all year groups Mr J Mr Christmas
Thursday	Junior Voice (KS3) Mr J Mr Christmas	String Ensemble All levels (Instrumental and vocal) Mr J Ms Dismore and Mr Christmas	Junior Orchestra All year groups and absolute beginners welcome Mr J Mr Christmas
Friday	Music Scholars' Meetings (KS3) Mr J Mr Christmas	Jazz Band Mr J Mr Simpson	Chamber Choir Mr J Mr Christmas

Extra-Curricular Music

Our extra-curricular programme continues to thrive, offering something for everyone. Here are the highlights! Show Orchestra - currently rehearsing music from a West End score for our upcoming whole-school production of My Fair Lady. Their professionalism and dedication have been outstanding! The performances are Tuesday 6th February, Wednesday 7th February and Thursday 8th February 2026. Beginner Bands have been hugely successful, and we are delighted to see several new Year 7 student-led bands forming as a result. KS3 Choir now has over 50 members, rehearsing every Thursday morning before school. Students are developing their vocal and rehearsal techniques, and singing in three-part harmony.



BVOX (Boys' Barbershop Group) and GVOX (Girls' Barbershop Group). Both groups are learning to sing in close harmony, developing their listening and ensemble skills. We're already planning a friendly "BVOX vs GVOX Sing-Off" - watch this space! All our music clubs are free of charge, so please encourage your child to get involved! Check the Extra-Curricular Timetable for details or ask a member of the Music Department if you have any questions.



Careers @ Ashmole

Year 12 Interview Skills Day

On Wednesday 12th November, all of Year 12 took part in the Interview Skills Day. Students had prepared for their day by creating a CV and cover letter and researching Marks and Spencer, the company the position was with.

Students were in groups of 5 and took it in turns to be interviewed by one of our 51 business volunteers. The rest of the group listened in and offered their advice on how to improve their interviewing skills and their wider employability. Within each group, the business volunteer fed back individually and announced a group winner - a student who would have got the job.



Year 12 students thoroughly enjoyed the day, many remarking on how valuable the whole experience was in helping them prepare for future interviews.

The business volunteers were taken aback with how the students conducted themselves - their professionalism and endeavour were on full show throughout the day. Well done to all of Year 12 on a fantastic day.



Queen Mary - Apprenticeship Talk

Year 13s attended an apprenticeship talk from a representative from Queen Mary University. They were offered support on how to apply for degree apprenticeships and advice moving forwards.

Current Opportunities on Google Classroom:

- BDO Apprenticeship Webinar
 - Event: Forvis Mazars: Careers Outside London
 - Insight into Fragomen - The World's Biggest Immigration Law Firm - Online Event
 - Insight into Wates STEM Event
- Mr Louca

