

THE ASHMOLE ROUNDUP



Senior Mathematical Challenge (SMC) - October 2025

This term a substantial number of 133 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 - 35%; Bronze - 29%; Silver - 28% and Gold - 8%. This year, 36% of students achieved gold and silver certificates, compared to 21% last year. An amazing achievement by our students.

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

Name	Year Group	Score
Pranit	Year 13	67 - Silver Best in Year
Daniel	Year 13	85 - Gold Best in Year
Dario	Year 12	105 - Gold Best in School
Ruby	Year 11	105 - Gold Best in School



A massive congratulations to the following students who achieved Gold and have been entered into the follow-on round; Senior Kangaroo / British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 (BMO R1):

Name	Senior Challenge Score	Year Group	Challenge
Pranit	105 - Gold Best in School	Year 13	BMO R1
Daniel	105 - Gold Best in School	Year 13	BMO R1
Tobias	72 - Gold	Year 12	Senior Kangaroo
Samuel	72 - Gold	Year 12	Senior Kangaroo
Josh	74 - Gold	Year 13	Senior Kangaroo
Olivia	76 - Gold	Year 13	Senior Kangaroo
Reyansh	85 - Gold	Year 13	Senior Kangaroo
Luke	85 - Gold	Year 13	Senior Kangaroo
Dario	85 - Gold Best in Year	Year 12	Senior Kangaroo
Deniz	92 - Gold	Year 13	Senior Kangaroo





Netball Club

Netball Club is open to all year groups, with sessions running every Wednesday from 3:25-4:15pm throughout the winter months.

Students selected for the team are also invited to attend an additional training session on Mondays at the same time. Hope to see you there!

Miss Holliday



Culture Analysis 9J

On Friday 9J were examining the cultures they had grown before and after washing their hands with soap. They then used a chart to describe the colonies e.g smooth, rough, coloured or filamentous. I'm pleased to say (most) students washed their hands properly.

Mrs Morley

Let's talk periods

Periods are **normal, healthy** and absolutely **nothing** to be embarrassed about.

What is a period?

A period is when the body releases blood from the uterus as a part of a natural 28 day cycle. It lasts around 3-7 days and usually starts between the ages of 9-15.

Free Pads & Tampons

You can find free period products in the:

- Toilets
- Student reception/pastoral office
- Nurse or wellbeing office

Top Tips for Positivity

Remember:

- Everyone's body is different - there's no "normal" period
- To keep a spare pad in your bag just in case
- To rest, eat well and to drink water
- To be kind and considerate - support each other

Advice and support:

If you have questions or worries, you can talk to:

- Your school nurse or pastoral team
- A trusted teacher or tutor
- Your GP (doctor)
- Your loved ones

You can also find good info here:



By Ela Y (Yr 12)

www.girlsfriendsociety.org.uk -

support for young women

www.brook.org.uk -

reliable information on periods and puberty

www.nhs.uk -

facts about periods and menstrual health

Period Poverty

As a school we are committed to tackling period poverty and reducing stigma around menstrual cycles. Ela in Year 12 has created a poster for our students to highlight where to get advice around periods and to ensure our students know they have access to free period products in school.

Miss Cork

Philosophy and Theology Society

We were delighted to kick off a new series of Philosophy and Theology Society seminars last week. Catherine (yr12) led a really interesting presentation on The Devil, exploring how evil and the devil are perceived in different faiths and how different ideas have developed over time. An interesting discussion followed, with students raising a variety of points of view. It was great to see such a range of year 12 students present and well done to Catherine for such a thought provoking first session!

Mr Sanders

Boccia Festival

Well done to our Year 9 and 10 students who took part in the recent Boccia Festival. Everyone had a fantastic morning, showcasing their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. A big thank you to you all for representing Ashmole so brilliantly!

Miss Dean, Curriculum Support



YOUNG BARNET FOUNDATION

Christmas Campaign



Christmas is a time of generosity, kindness, and community, but sadly many children and young people in Barnet face hardship and may go without a gift this festive season.

At Young Barnet Foundation, we aim to wrap and deliver over 3,000 gifts this year to local children who would otherwise go without.

Can you help us make a difference?

Scan here to buy a gift for a vulnerable child this Christmas and give what you can

Please select the option to deliver to our office or contact us to arrange drop off:
Old East Barnet Library
Brookhill Road
East Barnet
EN4 8SG

www.youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk
info@youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk



Christmas Campaign

Young Barnet Foundation has launched its Christmas Campaign, aiming to deliver over 3,000 gifts to local children in need. Scan the QR code and help make a difference this festive season.

Ms Brown

FemSoc

Tracy from Solace came into speak to our FemSoc students about her work with the domestic violence refuge centre. Our students donate bags and toiletries to Solace every year to support the women who go to the refuge so they can receive Christmas presents.

Miss Cork



Focaccia in Food Tech

This week in Food Tech, Year 8 students have been busy designing and creating their own focaccia bread gardens. Their creativity and baking skills really shone through, resulting in beautifully decorated – and delicious – breads. Well done, Year 8!

Ms Violaris

MedSoc

On Tuesday 18th November we had the pleasure of welcoming Dr Rahul Khamar, Ashmole Alumnus and ST5 Radiology Registrar at Guys & St Thomas' Hospital. Rahul gave an invaluable talk to a room packed with 30 students from Y12 and Y13. The students gained a fantastic insight into a career in Medicine, wider careers linked to their A-level STEM subjects, and also a much more solid understanding of the challenges faced by the NHS in terms of training places and funding. We are really grateful to Rahul for coming back to Ashmole and hope to welcome him again soon.

Mrs D Shah



GOSH Charity Run

A huge well done to all the students who took part in the GOSH Charity Run this week. Their enthusiasm, determination, and commitment to supporting Great Ormond Street Hospital were fantastic to see. We are incredibly proud of everyone who got involved – your hard work has made a real difference.





Excellence in Pupil Development Award

Ashmole has been awarded the Excellence in Pupil Development Award by Optimus Education. This recognises our commitment to providing rich opportunities for students, supporting their wellbeing, and promoting personal growth. It also celebrates the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the support of our parent community. Read more on our website under personal development!

Ms Brown



History Trip - Year 13, Kiln Theatre

Ms. Cork and Mr. Isnardi took our Year 13's to see the new musical 'Coven' at Kiln Theatre in Kilburn. This was a musical based on the Pendle Witch Trials that took place in Lancashire during the 17th Century. It gave the pupils the unique opportunity to see a key part of their A level course being performed on stage in an entertaining fashion.

The pupils very much enjoyed the play and are now keen to see more historical shows on stage!

Mr. Isnard



Mock Interviews - Business BTEC

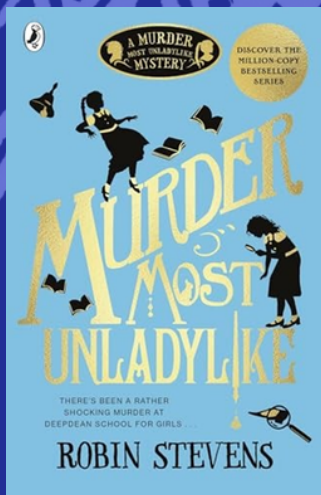
Year 12 BTEC Business students recently took part in mock interviews as part of their coursework. They created the necessary documentation, conducted interviews themselves, and learned how to identify strong responses while reflecting on their own performance. All students conducted themselves with professionalism and were exceptional throughout the process.



Student Achievement

A huge well done to Bella in Year 7 for her fantastic work in Food Technology! Students were challenged to create a puff-pastry Christmas tree, carefully shaping and twisting the pastry into a festive design. Bella's creation was a brilliant achievement and perfectly timed for the Christmas season.

Miss Georgiou, Curriculum Support



Book recommendations:

Ellie in Year 8 recommends

'The Murder Most Unladylike' Book series by Robin Stevens. "If you like murder mystery, it's a really fun book! There are so many of them and I like trying to figure out who's the murderer before the people in the book do..."

Miss Vaughan recommends

'Sunrise on the Reaping' by Suzanne Collins. "If you have enjoyed the Hunger Games Trilogy and the Ballad of Songbirds & Snow, then this book is for you! The book is about Haymitch's games and offers insights into the brutality of the Hunger Games and the world of Panem, revealing how early events shaped the characters and plot of the later books..."



Theatre Production

Earlier this month our A-Level Drama students went to see a new production 'The Meat Kings of Brooklyn Heights' at the Park Theatre

. The play explored American immigration policy by following the lives of workers in a New York butcher and the lengths they go to in their pursuit of prosperity. Watching live theatre is an integral part of the A-Level course, both for the exam but also to inspire the students' own performances.

All of our students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and we hope to take them to more productions in the new year.

Mr Ozgun



Girls Indoor Athletics Team

Well done to our girls' indoor athletics team, who secured an impressive 2nd place overall! They were only a few points away from the top spot, and their hard work, determination, and fantastic team spirit truly shone through. We're incredibly proud of you all—keep up the amazing effort! Great things are ahead.

Ms Fitzgerald



ESU Mace debate, Round 1

We are successfully through to Round 2 of the Mace debate having beaten 4 other schools in a close competition in our library on Tuesday evening. The motion was: This House Would impose a tourism tax in major cities facing over tourism. The arguments were brilliantly composed and judges commented on our ability to manage questions from the opposing team. A huge well done to all students involved and to Mr Sergiou and Mr Falconer.

National Year of Reading, 2026

We have set our school community the target of reading 25,000 books this academic year as a part of the National Year of Reading. We are well on the way with a little over 4,000 books read so far. This includes students and all staff. Everyone is invited to complete a 'Recommendation slip' which will then be displayed around the school to share great books and promote a love of reading.



Proof It!

Science and Humanities have trialled 'Proof It' over the past few weeks, an initiative where students check their writing for common mistakes. Students said it was good because they don't normally spend time checking and it made them feel more confident that their writing made sense. Teachers spoke about the number of students who had made changes to their writing as a result of Proof It, showing how much can be gained from just a few minutes spent on checking accuracy. Thanks to everyone involved.

Mr Littleford



Stand up to discrimination

Our Year 7 and 8 students had a fantastic session educating them about how to be upstanders in the face of bullying. Stand up to Discrimination gave us detailed examples of bullying behaviour and supported our students in understanding how they could be upstanders.

Miss Cork

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Careers@Ashmole

Year 12 Interview skills day

Following on from Interview Skills Day on 12th November - Year 12s will be reflecting on their interview skills in tutor time over the next couple of weeks. They will also receive the written feedback from their interviewer to aid them with this reflection.

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Career Pathway Assemblies

During week commencing 17th November, we invited various professionals and providers to speak with our students about their future pathways.

- Ms Warner delivered an inspirational talk about her career in TV and Entertainment.
- Barnet and Southgate College spoke to Year 9 about their programme of vocational courses.
- First Rung shared with Year 10 about their offer, including their Apprenticeships programme.
- Queen Mary University spoke to Year 12 about Degree Apprenticeships.

The remaining year groups will hear from a provider in the coming weeks or in the new year.

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Unifrog

All students would have received a reminder about how to access Unifrog in tutor time. Unifrog is a fantastic resource to support students in researching both post-16 and post-18 courses and HE settings. It also has a Careers Library that students can search to find out more about different industries and jobs.

If your child has any issues logging in to Unifrog then please contact careers@ashmoleacademy.org.

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Work Experience Week

Work Experience week will be launched in Year 10 and Year 12 Assemblies this week and letters will be sent home to parents. The key dates are:

22nd June - 26th June 2026 - Year 12 Work Experience

29th June - 3rd July 2026 - Year 10 Work Experience

This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 10 and 12 students to gain valuable experience and transferrable skills within the world of work. All students are required to find their own work experience for this week and to complete the form provided on Google Classroom by Tuesday 10th February 2026.

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