



THE ASHMOLE ROUNDUP



Maths Challenge - Senior Kangaroo and BMO Results

Last half term, senior students participated in the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge. From this group, a number of high-performing students were invited to progress to the next stage of the competition: the Senior Kangaroo and the British Mathematical Olympiad. This invitation-only round represents a unique opportunity, reserved for those who demonstrated outstanding performance in the initial challenge.



Their success is highly commendable and reflects both their strong problem-solving skills and sustained dedication throughout the competition. Congratulations to all participants, with special recognition to Pranit C for achieving a Merit award in the British Mathematical Olympiad and to Deniz C for earning a Silver certificate in the Senior Kangaroo. Below are the results from both these challenges:



Name	2 nd Round Results	Year Group	Challenge
Pranit C	Merit	Year 13	BMO R1
Daniel S	Qualification	Year 13	BMO R1
Deniz C	55 - Silver Best in School	Year 13	Senior Kangaroo
Reyansh M	40 - Bronze	Year 13	Senior Kangaroo
Luke R	40 - Bronze	Year 13	Senior Kangaroo
Josh S	30 - Qualification	Year 13	Senior Kangaroo
Olivia K	30 - Qualification	Year 13	Senior Kangaroo
Dario K	35 - Qualification Best in Year	Year 12	Senior Kangaroo
Samuel R	35 - Qualification Best in Year	Year 12	Senior Kangaroo
Tobias RC	10 - Qualification	Year 12	Senior Kangaroo

The next upcoming challenge at the end of this month will be the Intermediate Maths Challenge. We wish all those participating from Years 9, 10 and 11 the best of luck.

Mrs B Shah

PORTRAYAL OF WOMEN IN VIDEO GAMES.

FemSoc

Arissa (Y11) presented a fantastic Fem Soc about the portrayal of female characters in video games. It carefully considered their clothing, story lines and portrayal of emotions. Arissa spoke about her favourite characters and the impact of storylines on feminism. Well done Arissa.

Ms Cork



Year 12 Supporting Ashmole Primary School's RE Week

Year 12 students and I were delighted to join Ashmole Primary School in their RE week at the end of January. About fifteen year 12s joined RE lessons ranging from year 1 to year 6. They loved helping the students explore the Big Questions at the heart of the subject, such as 'what is real?' and 'how do we know?'. This culminated in the whole of year 6 doing a question and answer session with four students and me. We were really grilled! Questions included: 'If there is no heaven hell or reincarnation, what happens to us after death?', 'Do we know if Jesus was real?' and 'If God caused everything could something have caused God?'

It is great to see such passion for the subject and the year 12s did a brilliant job in responding to their questions. Well done to all those involved!

Mr Sanders



KS3 Students Shine in Junior Scholar Design and Technology Session

We were extremely impressed by the KS3 students who took part in the Junior Scholar Design and Technology session. Throughout the activities, they demonstrated a high level of creativity, technical understanding, and genuine commitment to the design process. Students approached each challenge thoughtfully, showing strong problem-solving skills and an impressive ability to refine and justify their ideas. Collaboration was a real strength, with teams working effectively together, sharing ideas, and supporting one another to achieve high-quality outcomes. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and engagement were evident throughout the session and reflected a commendably high standard of work, highlighting the considerable potential and promise of this talented group of students.

Technology Department





My Fair Lady: A Spectacular Whole School Production

Our recent production of My Fair Lady was a true celebration of talent and teamwork across the school. Outstanding performances from Anika K (Eliza Doolittle), Andy A (Professor Higgins) and Markus S (Colonel Pickering) led a cast drawn from all year groups, creating a vibrant and inclusive production.



With three sold-out evening performances and a special matinee for Year 7, the show was warmly received by enthusiastic audiences. The Senior Orchestra delivered the original West End score with professionalism, while A Level Art students and staff created a striking set and realistic props.



Above all, the production showcased our students at their very best, reflecting dedication, creativity and our Ashmole Values throughout. Bravo to everyone involved in making My Fair Lady such a success.
Drama Department



Unlock the language of the universe.

From the elegance of calculus to the power of statistics, A-level Maths at Ashmole is about more than just numbers and formulae - it's about diving into the logic of the world, mastering complex problem-solving and building the analytical skills that open every door.

Whether you're aiming for engineering, finance, data science, medicine or other related disciplines, our supportive department will help you develop the tools you need to excel and the confidence to take on any challenge.

Mr Tabor



Cheerleading National Championship!

Isabela in Year 9 is due to compete at UCA (University Cheerleading Association) National Championship Competition in Florida, Orlando in March 2026.

This event is a once in a lifetime opportunity for those that have been selected to represent the UK in this incredible sport. We are so excited to celebrate Isabela being chosen and wish her all the best in this competition.

Ms Miller

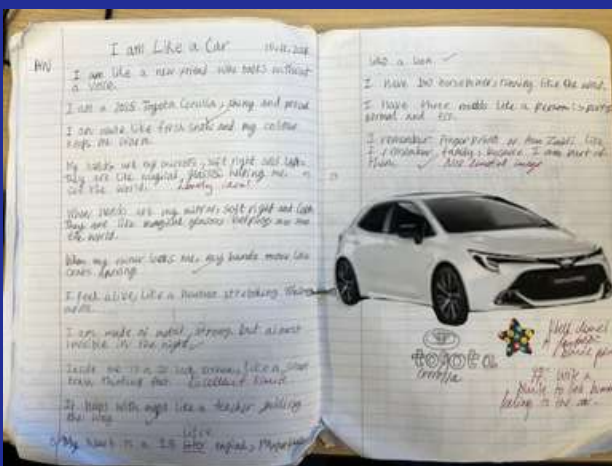
Female vs. Male traits ADHD

When you think of someone with ADHD, you may think of that stereotypical little boy who can't sit in his seat and keeps running around.

But there are actually different types of ADHD.

- **Hyperactive type** (more common in males - you probably know about this)
- **Inattentive type** (more common in females - you probably don't know as much about this)

Since, like autistic girls, ADHD females have different traits to males, they often get late diagnosis' too. Many women with ADHD get a diagnosis in their 30s, 40s or even 50s, compared to males where only one third of ADHD males get diagnosed after age 12.



Gender inequality in neurodivergence

Florrie (Yr9) presented a brilliant FemSoc about gender inequality in neurodivergence. We discussed how men and women display different traits and many of the 'typical' traits of neurodivergence are associated with men. We also discussed how a lack of visibility and diagnosis can lead to mental health concerns for women. An absolutely brilliant session, well done Florrie! Miss Cork

Collecting now for the Great Big Book Swap

If you have any YA books that you have finished with, you might want to consider donating them to the Big Book Swap taking place in the first week of March (part of World Book Day celebrations.)

Drop off old books to the Library soon and you'll be able to visit the Swap on the 2nd March to pick up some new reading material.

Ms England

Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge

On Wednesday 4th February, Meral Yr10 represented Ashmole Academy at the Barnet Regional final of Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge. This event encourages young people to use their voices to promote positivity and change whilst boosting their own confidence with public speaking. Meral's speech about challenging the stereotypes and misconceptions around autism and ADHD was engaging, passionate and thought provoking and highly praised by the audience. We are incredibly proud of Meral's achievements.

Miss Smith

Writing Poems

Great work Aun, this is an incredible poem! Definitely a poet in the making. We look forward to seeing more of your amazing work. Curriculum support, Miss Langrish.

Beauty Standards - Femsoc

Bella (Yr11) delivered a fantastic presentation to Fem Soc on beauty standards the body hair. We discussed the history of selling razors to women in a gloomy WW1 economy and the impact that media has on beauty standards. A very thought provoking and insightful session from Bella! Ms Cork



MedSoc - Volunteering at Barnet General Hospital for UCL Medical School Exams

Volunteering at Barnet General Hospital for UCL medical OSCE exams gave me valuable insight into how medical students are assessed and the skills required for a career in medicine. Observing these fast-paced, practical exams highlighted the importance of time management, critical thinking, and remaining calm under pressure, showing how medical degrees prepare students for real hospital settings.

By Meisha P



When I volunteered at Barnet Hospital in November, I supported the Education Centre during UCL medical students' OSCE assessments. My role involved timekeeping and coordinating station instructions, which required focus, responsibility, and teamwork. This experience deepened my understanding of medical school assessments and provided valuable insight into the realities of studying medicine.

By Rayan K



Senior Scholars Marketing Workshop

Last term around 40 Senior Scholars applied to attend a special workshop run by Jas Ahmed, Strategy Director at Accord Marketing.

Jas very kindly agreed to come in and talk to our scholars about how advertising and marketing works. He showed examples of how different strategies are used to keep brands relevant and recognisable to customers. Our scholars were then given a chance to design their own marketing campaign and present their ideas to Jas.

The workshop was fun and informative, giving those who attended a fascinating glimpse into the world of advertising and marketing.

Thank you, Jas! We look forward to inviting you back in again soon.



“During the marketing workshop, we created a poster advertising a country to visit. I enjoyed learning about different types of marketing and advertising, and the session helped me explore possible career paths and work experience opportunities.

Tom - Y10 Senior Scholar”

Mr Ford

Careers@Ashmole

Y10 & Y12 Work Experience Week

Thank you so much to the students that have returned their work experience forms or to those that have come to us with their questions.

We have extended the deadline for work experience forms to Friday 20th March.

The work experience dates are:

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

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

Forms are available for students to collect from the Humanities Office or can be downloaded from Google Classroom if needed.

If students have any questions, please can they come to find either Mr Louca or Ms Pieri Gonzalez in the Humanities Office, which is opposite HU2.

Apprenticeship Week

This week is Apprenticeship week and there are a few opportunities on Google Classroom:

- Y10 to Y13 - Unifrog's Apprenticeship Fair

Wed 11 Feb, 4pm - 6pm

Online

Sign up here:

<https://webapp.spotme.com/login/eventspace/apprenticeship-fair>

- Y12 & Y13 - Degree Apprenticeships: Everything You Need To Know (University of Hertfordshire)

Thu 12 Feb, 4.30-5.15pm

Online

Sign up here:

<https://www.herts.ac.uk/study/open-days-and-events/online-events-and-webinars/advice-and-guidance>

Y12 Careers Fair - parent volunteers wanted!

On 26th March is the Year 12 Careers Fair - Futures Day. Y12 students are able to speak with representatives from a range of universities, apprenticeships and businesses. We're always looking for parent volunteers to be available to speak with students about their current job and career pathway. Timings are 9.30am to 1pm.

Please contact careers@ashmoleacademy.org if you'd be interested in volunteering. Thanks so much in advance.

NHS Careers Fair at Middlesex University

NHS Health and Social Care Careers Fair at Middlesex University Campus in Hendon is on Thursday 5 March 2026, 4.30 - 7 pm.

This event is aimed at Year 10 - Year 13 and is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn more about the 350+ careers available within the NHS. On the day, students can:

chat with healthcare professionals and receive personalised advice

learn about the NHS and social care in live talks and career panels

ask questions about the routes into the sector during talks with healthcare workers

Students can book their place here:

<https://www.mdx.ac.uk/study/information-for-schools/resources-for-schools/nhs-social-care-careers-fair>