



MedSoc in Spring Term

We had a short but excellent half term as MedSoc welcomed three visitors!

We welcomed GPs Dr Kushal Shah and Dr Ashni Pau, who both graduated Medicine from Imperial College, London and both now work at Friern Barnet Medical Centre. Their talk was invaluable providing in-depth insight into getting into the specialty, the diverse role of the GP, the challenges currently being faced, and all of the reasons to become a GP. Around 25 students attended this talk, some made notes, many asked questions and all left feeling really fortunate to have had the opportunity to hear from them.



We also welcomed Ms Alison Bowman - Ashmole Parent and Project Manager for the East of England Radiotherapy Network. Alison gave an amazing talk on careers in Radiotherapy. Students were engaged throughout the talk as Alison told us about the various ways of targeting cancer cells. A perfect blend of physics, biology and patient care, our Year 12 students listened and asked great questions about this most rewarding allied profession.



We are so grateful to our visitors for taking the time to come in and speak to our year 12 students aspiring to healthcare careers.

Mrs D Shah



Reviews of Year 8 trip to Ashmolean Museum and Gardens

“On the 25th of March members of the Junior Scholars who were in year 8 travelled to the Ashmolean Museum and the Botanic Gardens, Oxford. We travelled by coach and everyone was looking forward to it as the museum had the same name as our school, Ashmole!

My favorite part was the bit where we learned about the different types of plants used for medical purposes throughout history. It was really interesting to see how some plants were still used as medicine many years later but for very different purposes.

I learned a lot about the history of the Ashmolean Museum and some fascinating facts about plants. Two things I learned were:

1. Our school is named after Elias Ashmole.
2. Humans are more likely to pay attention to colours that aren't green, especially when outdoors.

Overall, the trip was really fun and i would give it 4/5 stars.” Anoushka Y8



“I had a great time during our trip to the Ashmolean Museum and the University of Oxford Botanic Garden. I think the Ashmolean Museum is a great place to visit, and I enjoyed the various historical items on display. I particularly enjoyed the ancient artifacts and the detailed drawings. The museum is well designed, and it is easy to move from one era to another. In fact, there is something interesting in every section of the museum. The Botanic Gardens were also a great place to visit. I enjoyed the variety of plants from all over the world. I also enjoyed the glasshouses. The gardens were a great place to relax and learn something new. I had a great time during the trip and also learned a lot.” Albert Y8



Femsoc

Lena and Anaya delivered a clear and engaging presentation on the history of being “lady-like” and gender expectations. They explored women’s dress, key legal changes, and how these have shaped societal expectations over time. Their points were well explained, and they demonstrated a strong understanding of how attitudes have evolved and continue to influence society today.

Well done, Lena and Anaya!
Miss Cork





Biology and Life Sciences Talk

On 17th March, we were fortunate to host Dr Jacqueline Dickson of Imperial College London, School of Medical Sciences. Dr Dickson spoke to 120 students from year 10 and all of our Year 12 A-level Biologists about the degree and career options that Biology can offer.

Students listened carefully about the different degree courses at Imperial and asked excellent questions about the A-level entry requirements, the amount of lab and clinical work, and the application of their training in medical contexts. It was so refreshing to hear about careers outside of Medicine that are both incredibly well respected, while also being so rewarding. We are thankful to Dr Dickson for coming in to speak to our students and hope we can welcome her back again.

Mrs D Shah



Year 9 Trip to Oxford

"On Wednesday the 4th of March I went on the Oxford trip, it was very interesting to speak to the students to get an insight into what life was like at Oxford, and the taster lecture at the end was very good because we got to speak to one of the professors about some key content in courses and we did some fun creative activities in teams. It was very impressive when we walked around the university, the "main quad" was particularly amazing it was very large with perfect grass and a fountain at the centre. The trip was a brilliant opportunity to ask questions and gain an insight into student life at Oxford." Erin Y9



Comic Relief Day 2026

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our recent Red Nose Day events. We would also like to recognise our students and staff for taking part in the "Beat the Teacher" challenges and completing their mile during PE lessons. Your enthusiasm and willingness to get involved made a real difference to the success of the event.

Thanks to this collective effort, we are proud to have raised £1106 for this charity!

Mr Scott



Royal Free - Allied Healthcare Workshop

On Friday 20th March, 16 students in year 12 attended an afternoon of workshops in allied healthcare at the Royal Free Hospital. There were 15 stations with representatives, so students were introduced to a broad range of professions, including pharmacy, speech and language, midwifery, audiology, infection control and theatres, radiography, and more! They found the day insightful, learning about the roles of the various allied health roles, and also received a talk about the entry requirements, job prospects, and pay scales. We are really grateful to the team at the Royal Free Hospital for inviting us back and providing such an invaluable experience. Mrs D Shah



Femsoc

Amelie and Anna delivered a fantastic Fem Soc on women's health, linking current issues and stigmas to historical diagnoses of women's bodies. This led to some excellent discussions around government plans and the increasing focus on prioritising women's health and reducing waiting times. Thank you, Anna and Amelie! Miss Cork

When women's emotions were treated as illness.



By Anna & Amelie

Year 10 Trip to Clifford Chance Law Firm

"My visit to Clifford Chance was a truly inspiring and memorable experience. The trainees who volunteered were extremely welcoming and engaging as well as very helpful in answering the many questions that I had. I had an amazing time learning about careers in law and am extremely grateful to have had an opportunity like this!" Emma Y10



Fictional Worlds Competition

On the 19th March, Ashmole sent 9 teams to the UK's annual 'Fictional World's Competition', where students had to study fantasy texts, including: Harry Potter, Fahrenheit 451, The Giver Ready Player One

To difficult motions against a variety of private, state and grammar schools in a competitive debating format. This was more so an exceptional competition, because for many it marked their first official external debating competition. Whilst we had some solid victories, our Senior B team including Max, Naima and Ameana secured runner up at the competition! Please congratulate the kids if you see them around.

Mr Sergiou





Multi-Sport Festival

It's coming home!! Nine Year 7 boys represented the school at a Multi-Sport Festival in March, where they delivered an outstanding performance, winning every single one of their games. Their teamwork, determination, and positive attitude secured them a well-deserved trip to Wembley, an incredible achievement.

Well done, boys you should be extremely proud of yourselves! Miss Langrish



Year 12 Futures Day

On Thursday 26th March, Year 12 students attended their 'Futures Day'. We were joined by business leaders from local businesses to multi-national corporations, alongside representatives from UK universities and apprenticeship providers.

Some of our visitors delivered seminars to students explaining what it is like to work in their industry and the most effective ways to prepare for that career. In the sports hall and assembly hall, our students wandered around 60 stalls gathering information, prospectuses and tips for the future.

Year 12s described the event as a great step in being well-informed about their future choices.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in making it a brilliant day for our students.



Year 12 Personal Guidance

Year 12 students are currently taking part in careers guidance sessions led by a Level 6 qualified adviser.

These meetings are designed to help students explore their future pathways, including university, apprenticeships, and employment options. The adviser provides personalised support, ensuring that each student receives informed and impartial guidance.

Talking through ideas, aspirations, and next steps with your child can help them reflect more deeply and feel confident about the choices ahead.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Careers Team here at Ashmole.

Mr Louca

