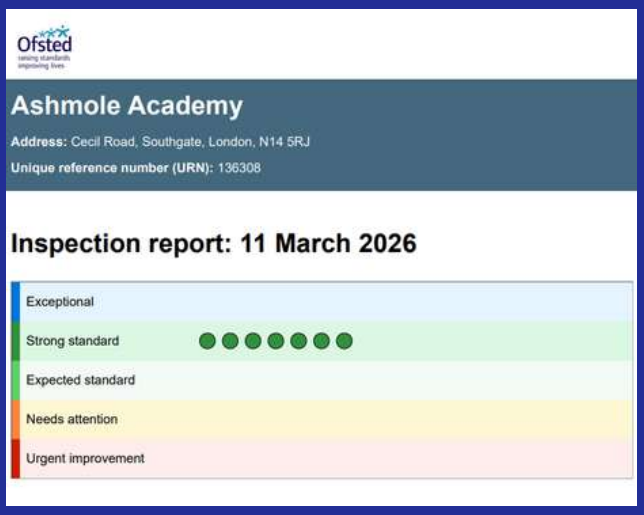
THE ASHMOLE ROUNDUP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Exceptional	
Strong standard	●●●●●●●
Expected standard	
Needs attention	
Urgent improvement	

Ofsted Inspection 2026

We are incredibly proud to share that, following our recent Ofsted inspection, our school has been awarded the "Strong Standard" in all seven areas.

This outstanding result is a reflection of the continued dedication, professionalism, and hard work of our staff, who consistently go above and beyond to provide high quality teaching, care, and support for every pupil. It also recognises the enthusiasm, commitment, and positive attitudes shown by our students, who approach their learning with pride, curiosity, and resilience each day. Equally, this achievement celebrates the strength of our wider school community, including parents, carers, and governors, whose ongoing support plays a vital role in our success.

During the inspection, Ofsted highlighted the positive culture that exists within the school, noting: "Pupils are proud to be a part of the Ashmole community. They enjoy learning because they say their teachers are 'really special.'"
Inspectors also recognised the high expectations across the school, the calm and purposeful learning environment, and the strong relationships between staff and students, all of which contribute to excellent outcomes and personal development.

We invite you to visit our website to read the full report and learn more about the inspection findings.

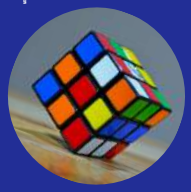
Year 7 Geography

Year 7 Geography students recently took part in an exciting sustainability challenge, where they worked in groups to create and present a persuasive pitch on the best alternative to plastic straws. The options included metal, pasta, bamboo, paper and glass straws, with each team arguing passionately why their chosen material was the most environmentally friendly and practical solution. Throughout the project, students demonstrated excellent oracy skills and confidently presented their ideas. Well done Year 7!

As a follow-up to the project, students then designed and created their own sculptures and pieces of artwork made entirely from recycled plastic materials. The creativity and imagination on display were outstanding, with students producing thoughtful pieces that highlighted the importance of reducing waste and protecting the environment.
The Geography department

Rubik's Cube Success!

Well done to Florence who independently solved her first ever Rubik's Cube! Florence worked with Miss McCalla for 5 weeks, learning how to read Rubik's Cube code until she was able to read and understand it all on her own, and then solved the entire cube! So proud!
Curriculum Support,
Miss McCalla



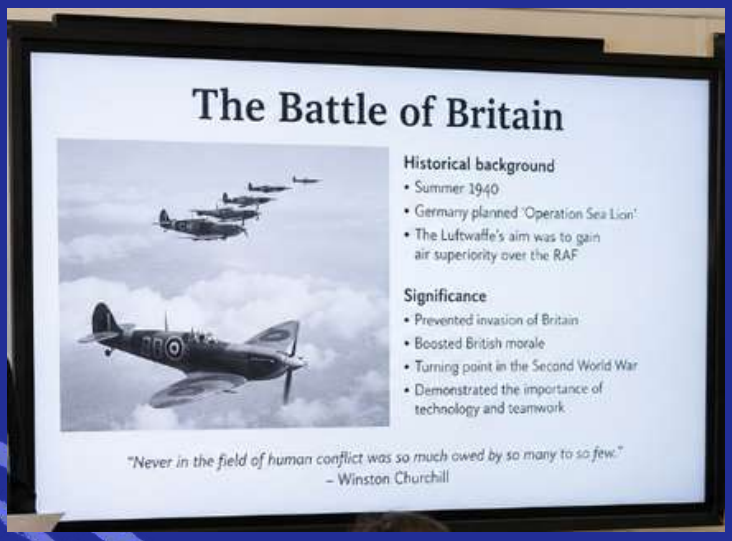
Tennis Club

Tennis Club with Miss Gilmour continues to be as popular as ever, with students from all year groups enjoying the chance to develop their skills, stay active, and have fun after school. Whether beginners or experienced players, everyone is welcome to join the friendly and supportive sessions. It has been fantastic to see such great enthusiasm and participation each week, with students building confidence and enjoying some friendly competition. Further details can be found on the posters in the PE corridor.
Ms Holliday

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 Aaron 7ONL and Efosa 7GAA, have made their way 15,000km to be pictured on the frozen continent - an amazing achievement! Students will have the exciting opportunity to take part again in next year.

The Geography Department



Year 9 History Project

Students in Year 9 History are currently completing research projects on an area of History that they find most interesting, some projects include The Civil Rights Movement in America, Dunkirk & the Battle of Britain, the history of the NHS and King Richard the Lion Heart. Students' research includes them considering the historical background and the significance of the area of History that they are looking at, both at the time and in the present day. Students will then be presenting their project to their class, demonstrating their Oracy skills, particularly the use of their voice and cognitive structure, alongside excellent listening skills to build on what they hear. We can't wait to hear what they have found out!

The History department

Year 12 Women's Health Talk

At the end of last term we were really fortunate to host Dr Ashni Pau, GP and Women's Health specialist, who gave a talk to all of the girls in year 12. Almost 60 questions were submitted via Google Form prior to the talk, which Dr Pau addressed during the hour-long assembly. It was highly informative as girls left feeling more confident, empowered, and reassured. Many even stayed behind to ask questions, advocating for themselves and using the opportunity to discuss any worries. We are really grateful to Dr Pau for taking the time to come in and talk to our students. We hope we can welcome her back in the future.

Mrs Shah and Ms Cork

The Ashmolean Project Competition 2026

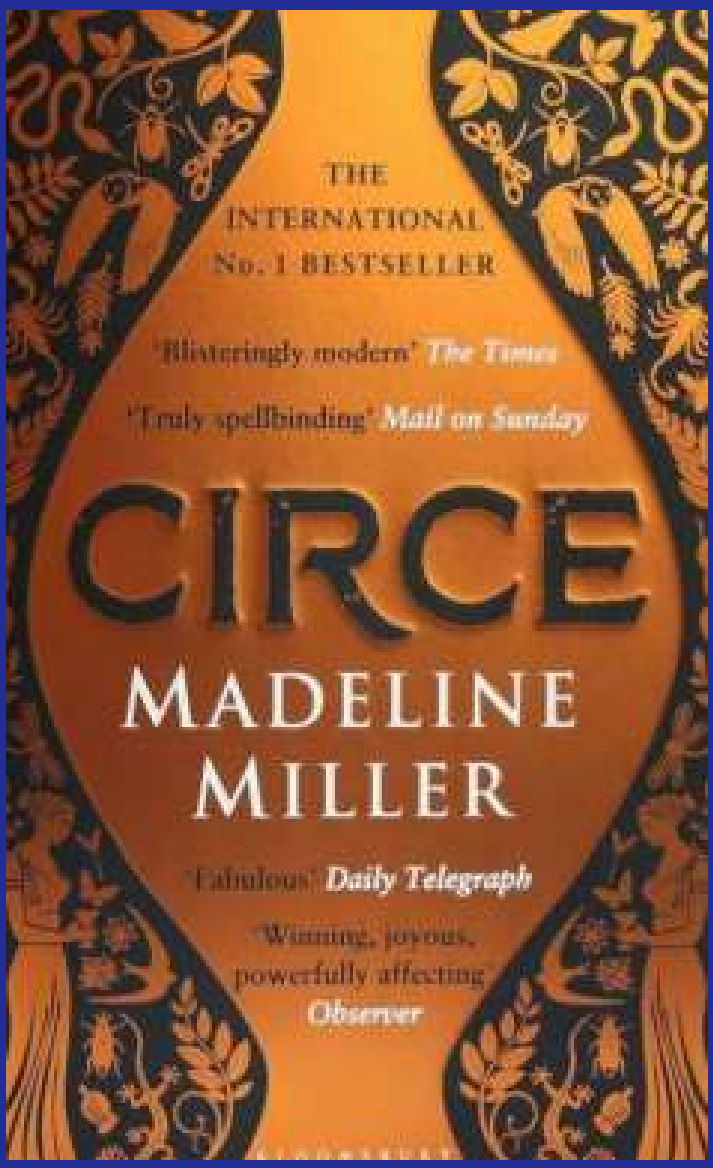
An enormous congratulations to all the Year 12 students who participated. Just before the Easter break, 80 students from Year 12 presented an incredible range of independent projects and faced questions from panels of staff judges. A final 15 were selected to present,this time to a panel of judges including the Headteacher. This week, the winners were announced:

Winner
Zeynep T - Can solar energy be improved enough to become a reliable energy source? Designed and built her own solarpanel tracker

2nd Place
Sofiya P - Does monetary integration amplify sociopolitical weaknesses? A project looking into the impact of the singlecurrency on the Bulgarian economy.

3rd Place Runner Up:
Meisha P - How do kidney transplants affect the outcome of patients with end-stage renal disease? Researched anddesigned an app to help post operation kidney transplant patients.

All the students were amazing and will have gained invaluable experience in presenting in pressure situations and answering questions about a subject they are passionate about. The standard was incredibly high again this year and everyone who took part should be very proud. Well done!
Mr Ford



Reading recommendations:

With a half term holiday approaching, alongside exam season, it's a great time to pick up a new book! It's proven that reading can help your brain to relax, help you to get to sleep and can give you a different type of focus!

Romaisa in 13VAU is reading 'Circe' by Madeline Miller.
"I recommend this book because the character has such a development as the book goes on, the writer has a poetic and calming writing style, and it is a brilliant adaption of a Greek myth!"

Alex in 9SMK is reading 'The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring'
"I recommend this book because it's got a really good plot, the characters are great and I am really enjoying the genre."
Miss Vaughan