



## Spanish Trip to Barcelona

Just before half term, the Spanish Department took 34 Year 9 students to Barcelona for an exciting educational visit, giving them the opportunity to practise the language and cultural knowledge they have developed throughout Key Stage 3.

The group spent three nights in the seaside resort of La Cañella and four days exploring the cultural highlights of Catalonia's vibrant capital city. Throughout the trip, students were encouraged to use their Spanish in everyday situations while experiencing Spanish life firsthand. They also enjoyed sampling a range of local cuisine at the hotel, from fresh seafood to traditional churros.

One of the highlights of the trip was a guided tour of Barcelona's historic centre, followed by visits to two of Antoni Gaudí's most famous creations: the breathtaking La Sagrada Família and the colourful Parc Güell. Students were fascinated by the unique architecture and rich history of these iconic landmarks.

The group also enjoyed a thrilling day at PortAventura World and a visit to the interactive museum at Camp Nou, both of which were particular favourites among the students. Before flying back to Heathrow, we spent some time at Montjuïc, the site of the 1992 Olympic Games, where students enjoyed spectacular views across the city.

The trip was a fantastic success, with students representing the school exceptionally well throughout. It was a memorable experience for all involved, and we hope to run the trip again next year.  
Miss Gallani



## Singing Workshop

Our male and female barbershop ensembles recently took part in an exciting singing workshop led by our singing teacher. During the session, students explored the importance of teamwork, confidence, and performance skills, with a special focus on using body language and facial expressions to communicate emotion and meaning rather than relying only on words.



The workshop was both enjoyable and valuable, helping singers to strengthen their stage presence and work more effectively together as ensembles. A follow-up session is planned for two weeks' time as preparations continue for our Summer Concert on Thursday 18th June. We look forward to sharing the results of all their hard work at the concert!

Ms Beacon



## Intermediate Maths Challenge (IMC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Update - March 2026

We are thrilled to celebrate the extraordinary success of our students in the second round of the Intermediate Maths Challenge (IMC). Qualifying for the Grey Kangaroo, Pink Kangaroo, or the prestigious Olympiad, is reserved only for those who achieve top-tier scores in the initial round.



This year, an impressive 13 students from Years 9, 10, and 11 rose to the challenge, delivering a performance that stands as a five-year high for the school.



In the Pink Kangaroo, representing the best of Years 10 and 11, our students secured an outstanding collection of 2 Gold, 3 Silver, and 2 Bronze awards. Our Year 9 invitees in the Grey Kangaroo demonstrated incredible talent, achieving both a Gold and a Bronze award. A massive congratulations to all participants for their dedication, analytical brilliance, and for setting a new benchmark for Ashmole Academy!

Mrs B Shah

Name	Year	Challenge	IMC Second Round Score
Tor N	Year 11	Pink Kangaroo	86 - Gold Best in School
Aimee B	Year 10	Pink Kangaroo	85 - Gold Best in Year
Logan B	Year 11	Pink Kangaroo	84 - Silver
Ruby C	Year 11	Pink Kangaroo	84 - Silver
Elina I	Year 11	Pink Kangaroo	75 - Silver
Bulent O	Year 10	Pink Kangaroo	68 - Bronze
Shayan M	Year 11	Pink Kangaroo	67 - Bronze
Nilay J	Year 11	Pink Kangaroo	Qualification
Cerise H	Year 11	Pink Kangaroo	Qualification
Francisco Z	Year 11	Pink Kangaroo	Qualification
Anson L	Year 9	Grey Kangaroo	95 - Silver Best in School
Zac T	Year 9	Grey Kangaroo	72 - Bronze
Henry S	Year 9	Cayley Olympiad	Qualification

## Creativity and Wellbeing in the Maths Department

If you've noticed some particularly relaxed and cheerful Maths teachers recently, it may be thanks to a recent Maths Department social event. Staff enjoyed a wellbeing afternoon focused on creative art activities, providing a welcome opportunity to unwind and spend time together outside the classroom.

With paint, conversation, refreshments and plenty of creativity, the afternoon proved to be both enjoyable and restorative. The department would highly recommend a little art therapy to everyone! We are delighted to share some of the fantastic artwork produced by our talented mathematicians!

Mrs Haque

## Junior Master Chef in the Making!

In a high-stakes cooking class, Bella was a picture of complete focus from start to finish. With a sharp eye and a steady hand, she carefully prepared her ingredients, chopping tomatoes and olives into perfectly even halves with impressive precision.

As the lesson progressed, she continued to demonstrate real confidence in the kitchen, working methodically and showing great attention to detail throughout each stage of the recipe. When it came to bringing everything together, Bella mixed and finished her dish with care, clearly taking pride in her work and the presentation of her final result.

It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and skill on display – a true Junior Master Chef in the making!

Miss Langrish

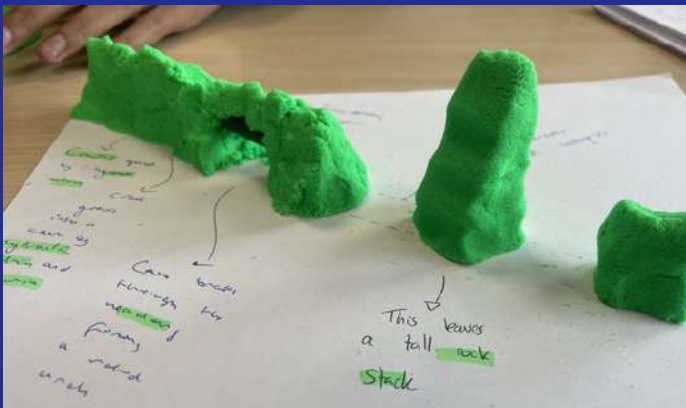
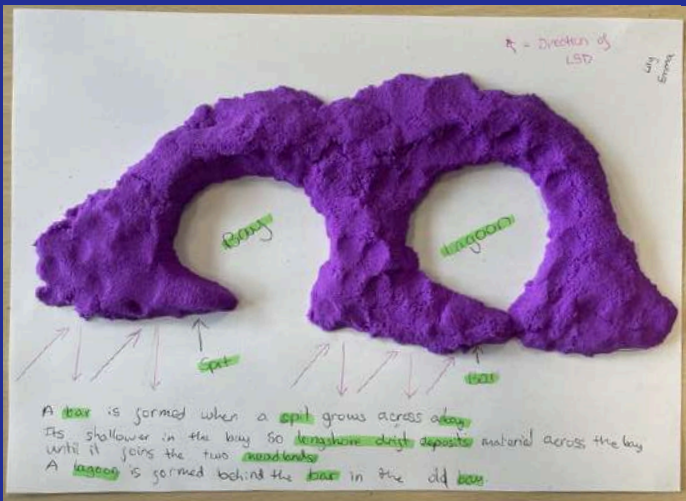


## Year 10 Geography

GCSE Geography students have recently completed the topic Coastal Landscapes and Change. To help consolidate their understanding of key coastal processes and landforms, students used kinetic sand to create models of features such as the cave-arch-stack-stump sequence and to produce 3D diagrams illustrating concepts such as terminal groyne syndrome and the impacts of coastal management.

Students then annotated their models with step-by-step explanations, using key geographical terminology to demonstrate and apply their knowledge. Working collaboratively in pairs and small groups, they produced some highly creative and engaging pieces of work while developing their understanding of coastal processes and management strategies.

Miss Vaughan



## Junior Mathematical Challenge (JMC)

This term 139 students took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge from Year 7 & Year 8. Each challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precise thinking, and fluency, prompting students to engage in deep thought. The results are as follows: Certificate of Participation - 29%; Bronze - 32%; Silver - 29% and Gold - 11%

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



Name	Year Group	Total	Achievement
Jude S-M	Year 8	102	Gold - Best in School
Kadim S	Year 7	89	Gold - Best in Year 7

The following students have been invited to take part in the follow-on round; Junior Kangaroo which will be taking place on Tuesday 9th June 2026. We wish them all the best of luck and congratulate them on their amazing achievement.



First Name	Year Group	Total
Jude S-M	Year 8	102 - Gold Best in School
Seth H	Year 8	98 - Gold
Ethan M	Year 8	90 - Gold
Imran A S M	Year 8	90 - Gold
Samuel L	Year 8	90 - Gold
Kadim S	Year 7	89 - Gold Best in Year
Anya H	Year 8	89 - Gold
Yasmin P	Year 8	87 - Gold
Ethan O	Year 8	85 - Gold



## Brass Section Prepares for Summer Concerts

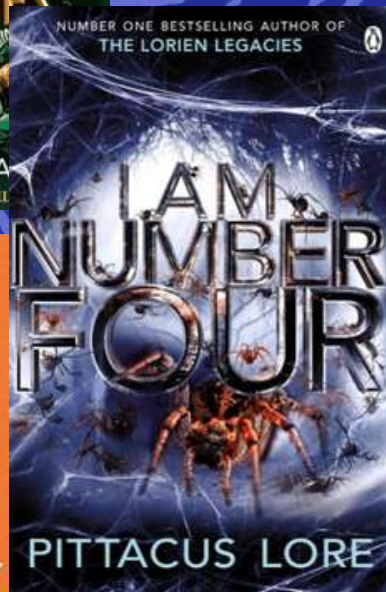
Our brass players have been busy rehearsing for the upcoming Summer Concerts. The horn section has been working on It Must Be Love by Madness with our visiting Brass Music Teacher, Mr Kerr. Under Mr Kerr's guidance, students have been developing their confidence and refining their performance of this popular classic. They will perform the piece alongside our Year 7 Music Scholars and the House Band at the concerts later this term. They will also be performing with other bands, and in our Orchestras. They are very busy musicians!

## Book Reviews

**The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barne**  
I really enjoyed The Inheritance Games because it was full of mystery, secrets and unexpected twists. The story follows Avery, a normal girl who suddenly inherits a billionaire's fortune and has to solve lots of clues to find out why. It kept me guessing the whole way through, and I would definitely recommend it to anyone who likes puzzles, suspense and a little bit of romance. Mia, Year 8

**I Am Number Four by Pittacus Lore**  
I Am Number Four is an exciting sci-fi novel that follows John Smith, a teenager with extraordinary powers who is hiding from enemies determined to hunt him down. I really enjoyed the fast-paced action and the mystery surrounding John's past. The story is full of suspense, and the mix of adventure, friendship, and danger made it a great read that kept me hooked until the end. - Christos, Year 8

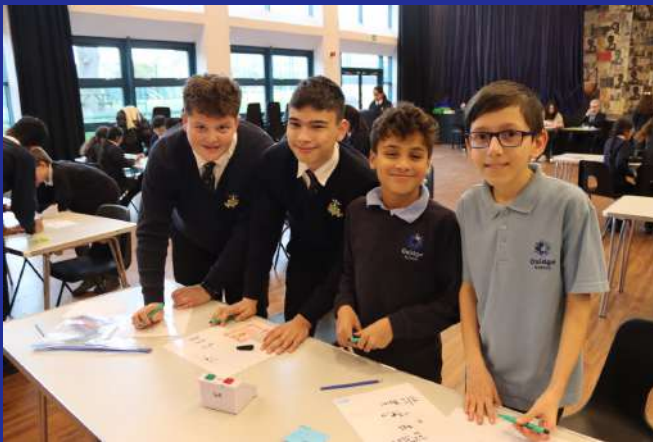
**One Day by David Nicholls**  
One Day is a book that I couldn't stop thinking about after I finished it. The story follows Emma and Dexter on the same day every year as their lives change and develop over time, making the characters feel incredibly real and relatable. It made me laugh, but it was also emotional in places, and I loved how it explored friendship, love, and the different paths people take in life. I would definitely recommend it to anyone looking for a meaningful and memorable read. - Laura, Year 12





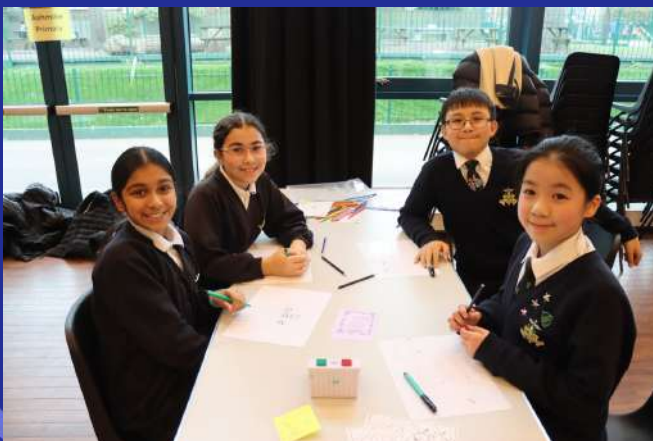
## Math Relay Competition & Year 7 Interform Relay Challenge

We had a Primary and Secondary schools mixed Math relay competition recently where Year 8's of Ashmole Secondary, year 6's of Ashmole Primary and Osidge Primary came together to enjoy a time of working through Math problems in a UKMAT relay style. Congratulations to the winners from Ashmole Primary team. Congratulations to the Osidge Primary team who were adjudged as the team who had the most fun. Well done to all the year 8's who took part and volunteered to support the event.



We also had the year 7 Interform Math relay challenge ably supported by the year 8's during lunchtime in the hall on 28th April 2026. The winning teams were:

Winners - 7GAA  
 Second - 7ART  
 Third - 7HLY  
 Mrs Pereira



## UKMT National Mathematics Summer School 2026

We are delighted to share that Ruby (Year 11) has been invited to attend the UKMT Maths Summer School this summer – an exceptional achievement and a first for our school. Since joining in Year 7,



Ruby has consistently demonstrated outstanding academic excellence, earning “Best in Year” and “Best in School” awards and taking part in national Maths Olympiad and Kangaroo competitions across multiple year groups.

Her dedication, resilience, and passion for mathematics truly reflect our school values of professionalism and endeavour, and she continues to be an inspiring role model for her peers.

We are incredibly proud of Ruby and look forward to seeing her future successes.

Mrs B Shah



### Register For Our 2027 Cardiothoracic Surgery Course Event **Today!**

Registration for our World-Class Cardiothoracic Surgery Course event is now open. Our 2026 schedule can be found by selection option below.

2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

REGISTER NOW

Benefits Of Our Cardiothoracic Surgery Course For Various Audiences

## MedSoc sends students to a Cardiothoracic Conference -By Mrs D Shah

Through a contact of Mr. Das, 6 students in Year 12 were invited to attend a prestigious Cardiothoracic Conference in Central London last month. One of our students shared his experiences of the event: "On 14th May 2026, I attended the London Core Review at the Wellcome Collection. The cardiothoracic conference was a great opportunity to listen to experts from all over the world talk about their field. Learning both about the history of cardiothoracic surgery and modern advancements was fascinating.

Being able to relate some of the topics talked about to our A-Level studies, such as the structure of the heart and role of valves, was also a useful and interesting part of the conference. Another important aspect for us was the option to talk to the professionals, learning more about their experiences and giving us advice. I want to thank the organisers for inviting us to the conference and giving us the opportunity to learn more about careers in medicine." By Gabriel B

## Ashmole Academy Music Department Presents: Summer Concerts

The Music Department is delighted to present its annual summer concerts, showcasing the talent of our students and staff.

### Annual Bands Night

Tuesday 16th June | 7:00pm

An evening of live music performed by our student bands, featuring music from artists including The Eagles, The Cure, Black Sabbath, Michael Jackson, Nirvana, Green Day and Stevie Wonder.

Refreshments available. Tickets via ParentPay.

### Summer Concert

Thursday 18th June | 7:00pm

A showcase of staff-led ensembles, with some exciting student performances and surprises. Refreshments available.

Tickets: £8 Adults | £6 Concessions / Under 18s

We look forward to welcoming you to both events.

# ASHMOLE ACADEMY'S ANNUAL BANDS' NIGHT 2026

TUESDAY  
JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM  
SCHOOL HALL

OVER 18S £8  
UNDER 18S AND  
CONCESSIONS £6

TICKETS VIA  
PARENTPAY

# Summer Music Concert '26

Hosted by Bill and Ruby

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June,  
7:00pm  
School Hall

Tickets available via  
ParentPay  
Over 18s £8  
Under 18s and  
Concessions £6

