



### Year 7 PGL Trip

On the weekend, we took 83 Year 7 students to Liddington for an exciting PGL residential trip. Throughout the weekend, the students embraced every opportunity to challenge themselves and take part in a wide range of adventurous activities, including axe throwing, archery, zip-lining and the giant swing. Many students stepped outside their comfort zones, showing great courage and determination as they tackled new experiences and supported one another along the way.



It was wonderful to see the students demonstrating exemplary levels of co-operation, resilience and respect throughout the trip. Whether they were encouraging their peers, working together to overcome challenges or displaying a positive attitude when activities became demanding, they represented the school exceptionally well. The warm sunshine added to the experience, and there was a fantastic atmosphere of enthusiasm and enjoyment from start to finish.



The trip provided a valuable opportunity for students to build confidence, develop new friendships and create lasting memories. It was a joy to watch them grow in independence and teamwork over the course of the weekend and we are incredibly proud of the maturity, kindness and positivity they displayed throughout. Overall, the trip was a tremendous success and an experience that will be remembered fondly by both students and staff.



Ms Cooper



## UCL Target Medicine - BECOME

5 students in Year 10 were successful in their application to UCL's Target Medicine BECOME programme. Isaac, Ruel, Treasure, Angel and Naomi spent Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at UCL's Bloomsbury Campus taking part in Clinical Roleplay, Medical Ethics and Clinical Skills workshops.

They also had a Q&A session with doctors and the entire day was led by UCL Medical School students! They also received a tour of the campus. It was a really informative and inspiring day for our students - we are really thankful to UCL for inviting us to yet another successful event!

Mrs D Shah



## Curriculum Support Celebrates Our Poets

Congratulations to all of our students who took part in the Poetry Festival! The Curriculum Support team is delighted to celebrate your success and participation. Your creativity, effort, and enthusiasm made the event a wonderful experience, and we are extremely proud of how well you represented the school. Keep up the excellent work! Ms Dean

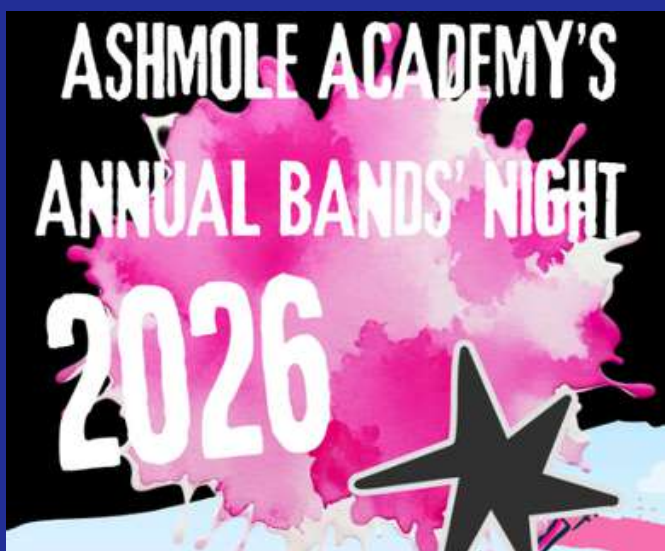


## Year 8 Football Team

Year 8 secured a fantastic 4-2 victory with Mikey M scoring a superb hat-trick. A strong team performance and clinical finishing helped seal a well-deserved win. Well done team! PE Department

## Bands' Night

Earlier this week our student-led bands performed at the Annual Bands' Night Concert which turned out to be one of the best yet! Having picked their own songs and designed their own outfits, each musician looked and sounded like rockstars. We were blown away by the talent that was on display and our audience gave wonderful feedback during and after the concert.



We continue our busy week with the Summer Concert on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June and look forward to highlighting our amazing musicians to friends, families and staff. Music Department



## Oxford Humanities Horizons

We had two horizons trips to Oxford over the last half term, taking 21 students of aspirational students to attend taster lectures, tutorials, lunch in Christ Church hall, Q&A with students and even a college tour.

Here is a quote from one of our Humanities students:

Isabella S

"I have been on both Oxford trips in Year 9 and 10, it allowed me to see how university life is and not only has taught me many things but has also motivated me to do really well in life so that one day I could be in a university such as Oxford. It's such a special opportunity which I think should carry on for years to come as it has so many benefits to it".

Mr Sergiou



## Drama Showcase

Our second Annual Drama Showcase was a spectacular success! With twice the number of students participating and a large audience to match, the performers delighted their friends and families with their performances. Accompanied by the popular BVOX and the new Ashmole Trad Collective, it was a joyous evening for all. This year's theme was 'Twisted Tales' and each group was tasked with taking a classic fairy tale and putting their own spin on it. The students worked tirelessly and we are so proud of what they showcased. Well done all!

Mr Ozgun



## Ashchella - A Festival of Fun at School!

Get ready for Ashchella, our exciting school festival taking place on 1st July from 12:30pm to 3:20pm at Ashmole Field! This vibrant event promises an afternoon packed with music, games, food, prizes, and great entertainment for everyone to enjoy. Tickets are available for just £6.00, giving students access to a fantastic festival atmosphere filled with fun activities and unforgettable memories. There will also be a raffle with amazing prizes, including a pair of trainers as the main prize, plus many more exciting rewards to be won.

Grab your ticket from the first floor of the Sixth Form at the start of lunchtime and join us for an afternoon of good vibes, good music, and good times at Ashchella!

Ms Holliday

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**Ashchella**  
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FUN • GAMES • MUSIC • FOOD • PRIZES

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TICKET PRICE  
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MAIN PRIZE: A PAIR OF TRAINERS!  
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## Final Scholar Challenge

Last week's Scholar Challenge Final was a tense and entertaining contest, with The Brummies crowned 2026 champions. The competition began in February, with 26 mixed teams of students from Years 7-10 competing every Thursday lunchtime. After months of high-quality quizzing, three teams reached the final, where the standard remained exceptionally high. We were delighted to welcome back former University Challenge winner Harry Scully as our questioner for the final. All participants performed brilliantly, demonstrating impressive general knowledge and teamwork under pressure. We look forward to running the challenge again next year.

This year's finalist were:



The Brummies	The Kiwis	The Berliners
Zach G	Ilyas A	Ethan G
Leo J	Akay O	Ethan o
Ahmet C	Alfie F	Ruby O
Liam A	Aaron S	Leah S

Mr Ford



## Year 7 Poetry Festival 2026

On 4 June, 40 Year 7 students took part in our annual Poetry Festival, celebrating the creativity and hard work they have shown throughout the year. The evening featured poems on themes including myths, monsters, family and art, as well as a special performance from Year 11 student Shanice W, whose poetry has recently been published in the Young Writers I Have a Dream anthology.

The judges were highly impressed by the standard of performances and selected the following winners:



Best Anthology - Mason

Best Individual Poem - Ruby

Best Group Poem - Philip and Leon

Best Performance - Maria and Martha

Special Award for reflecting the Ashmole Values - Aun

Ashmole Young Poet of the Year - Alice

Congratulations to all our fantastic performers for a wonderful show.

Miss Smith





## Poetry Festivals 2026

A brilliant day for the whole Ashmole Trust community as we heard performances of poems written by staff and students from all 3 schools. During the morning, 30 students from Years 2 to 6 visited to perform in the library to a group of adults and peers. Poems covered a huge range of topics from friendship to the environment. Well done to all.



In the evening a hall packed with families supported Year 7 students performing the poems they had written in English and viewed the amazing anthologies they had produced. There were several winners including Ashmole Poet of the Year: Alice Year 7 who bravely performed her poem again in briefing on Friday morning (alongside staff haikus)!



It was great to hear so many students sharing their thoughts and experiences with such a varied audience. We value oracy highly in all aspects of the community and school day and this was an excellent example of how enriching it can be.  
Mr Litterford

