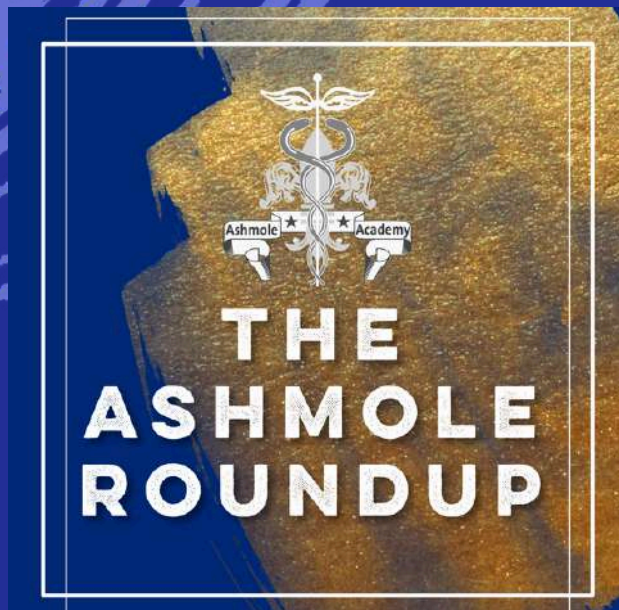
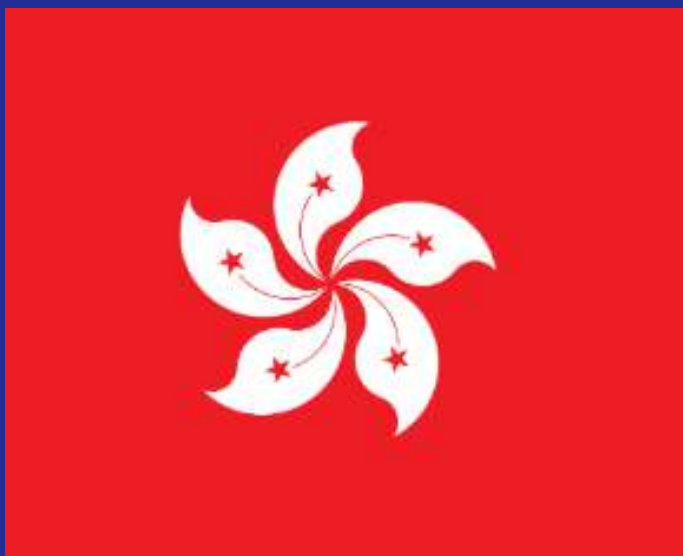




Why Languages Matter

Languages can help us communicate, understand different cultures and connect with people around the world. Although English is one of the most widely spoken languages, learning another language can bring many benefits.

- Improves memory and concentration
- Builds confidence
- Helps us understand other cultures
- Makes travelling easier
- Can create more career opportunities in the future.



"I am Hong Kong Chinese, and my family speaks Cantonese, while Mandarin is more widely spoken across China. I don't speak much Cantonese, but what I do know is food! Speaking another language can help you connect and communicate with family, friends and other people who share the same culture. Languages can bring people together and help us feel connected to our heritage." Myla Y8



"We are Cypriot and speak some Greek. Speaking Greek helps us connect with relatives who currently live in Cyprus. It can also help us when learning languages at school, as we can recognise similar words, phrases and sounds. This helps to boost our confidence when speaking Spanish and French." Sophia Y8



Year 7 Oracy and Debate Workshop

On Tuesday 22nd September, our new Year 7 cohort took part in an oracy and debate skills workshop. The workshop was designed to support students in their understanding of our school oracy pillar and provide them with an opportunity to try out some debating techniques.



Our students will be using these skills during their pastoral sessions when they undertake a student leadership presentation - presenting on a specific debate topic for that week. Year 7 attended the session with maturity and professionalism. Well done Year 7!

Miss Cork



Kings College London Trainee Teachers come to Ashmole

It was a real honour to welcome the 2026 PGCE cohort of Trainee Biology Teachers and their Lecturers to Ashmole.



These new ambitious teachers came to experience how a high performing department operates in an exceptional secondary school. They spent the day observing teaching and learning within the classroom, speaking to teachers and students and experiencing what a day at Ashmole is like. Needless to say they left inspired and excited for their new careers in teaching!



They were so impressed with the professionalism of staff and students alike and were seeking application forms even before they had left. The links forged with the Kings College London Biology department means that Ashmole Biology students will now be able to visit the University and engage in university level Science experiments which are simply not possible in a secondary School setting.

Mr Kozah



Turkish Club at Ashmole Academy

To celebrate International Translation Day and this year's theme, "Linguistic Diversity and Language Rights" with the message "The power of being understood", we are highlighting the opportunities that come with being multilingual.

Do you speak Turkish? Our Turkish Club runs every Thursday, 3.30-4.30pm and is taught by qualified Turkish teachers. The club supports Turkish-speaking students interested in working towards GCSE and A Level Turkish. We want our multilingual learners to see their languages as a strength and an advantage.

Speaking another language is a valuable skill that can open doors to future opportunities in translation, teaching, healthcare, law, business, travel and many other careers.

If you are interested in joining, speak to your Form Tutor or find Mrs Abdurrahmanoglu to register.

Barnet Festival Netball Wins!

Our Year 11 (pink bibs) and Sixth Form (blue dresses) netball teams competed at the Barnet Festival, winning all of their games! A fantastic achievement and great effort from everyone involved.

Ms Nelson



Femsoc

Evangeline in Y12 delivered an excellent presentation questioning the pressures that exist around women and their bodies. Evangeline compared women's 'health' adverts from the 1950's to our modern day influencers and the impact that this has on the way women view their bodies. Well done Evangeline!

Miss Cork





Year 8 Science - Eye Dissection

Year 8 had the opportunity to take part in an eye dissection as part of their Light and Sound topic. The students were happy to get involved and showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they identified the different parts of the eye. They made careful observations, asked thoughtful questions and really enjoyed getting involved in this hands-on science activity.

Well done, Year 8, for your fantastic engagement!

Dr Terziu



MedSoc

MedSoc was fortunate to welcome back Kavin Kandeepan, Ashmole alumnus and final year Medical student at Plymouth. Kavin spoke candidly to the year 12 MedSoc cohort about life at Medical school, his highlights and the challenges he's faced, and gave extremely valuable advice regarding a degree in Medicine. We're really grateful to Kavin for returning to Ashmole to speak to our aspiring Medics and look forward to welcoming him back as Dr Kandeepan in the future!

Mrs D Shah

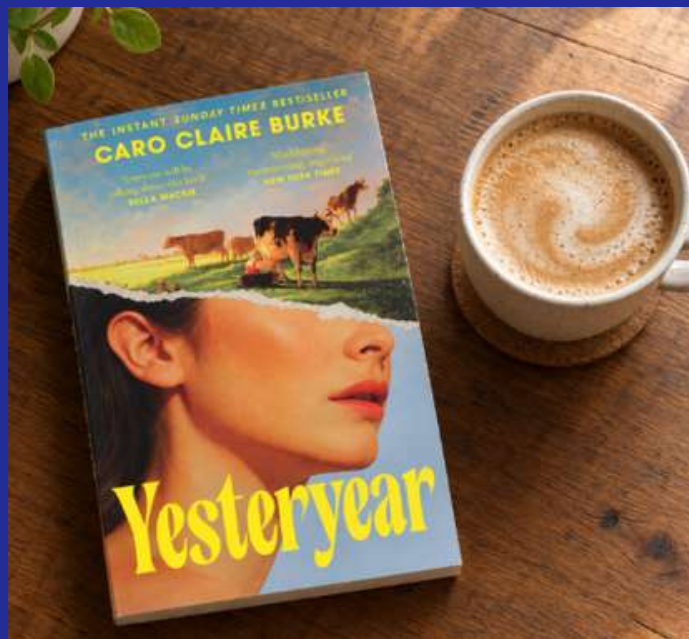


Year 13 Chemistry

In our Year 13 Chemistry lessons, we have been learning about rates of reaction and using data to construct rate equations. The iodine clock reaction is a reaction where colourless solutions are mixed, and after a delay, the solution instantaneously turns dark blue/black. Students were really engaged and enjoyed being able to apply the theory they had learnt to a real practical. Well done Year 13.

Miss Patel





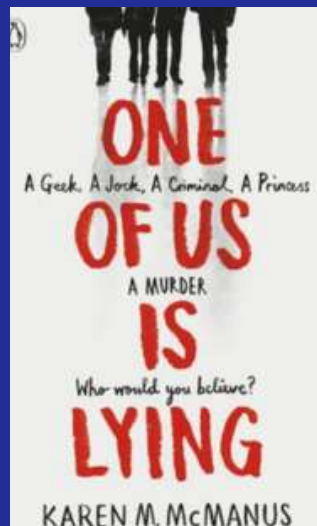
#Bookandbrew

This is a wild ride of a book. Think The Stepford Wives meets to Handmaid's Tale by way of Gone Girl. An unlikeable protagonist and lots of twists and turns - this was the book of the summer for me! Mrs Gray

Student book recommendations:

'A fragile enchantment' by Allison Saft
It's perfect for fans of Bridgerton with that recency era vibe, but combined with magic and lovers quarrels.

Gabriella, Year 11



'One of us is lying' by Karen McManus

It's a murder mystery of 4 main suspects all high schoolers! It's not THAT gruesome, it's really good and makes you sit on the edge of your chair! (Literally and figuratively!) - Sam, Year 8

KS3 Book Club

KS3 book club will be starting after half term - the list of texts includes 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell and 'Some Places more than Others' by Renee Watson. The full list and texts can be found in the school library. The reading of the books has begun and we can't wait to start talking about them with our KS3 students next half term.

Miss Clack



Reading Bingo

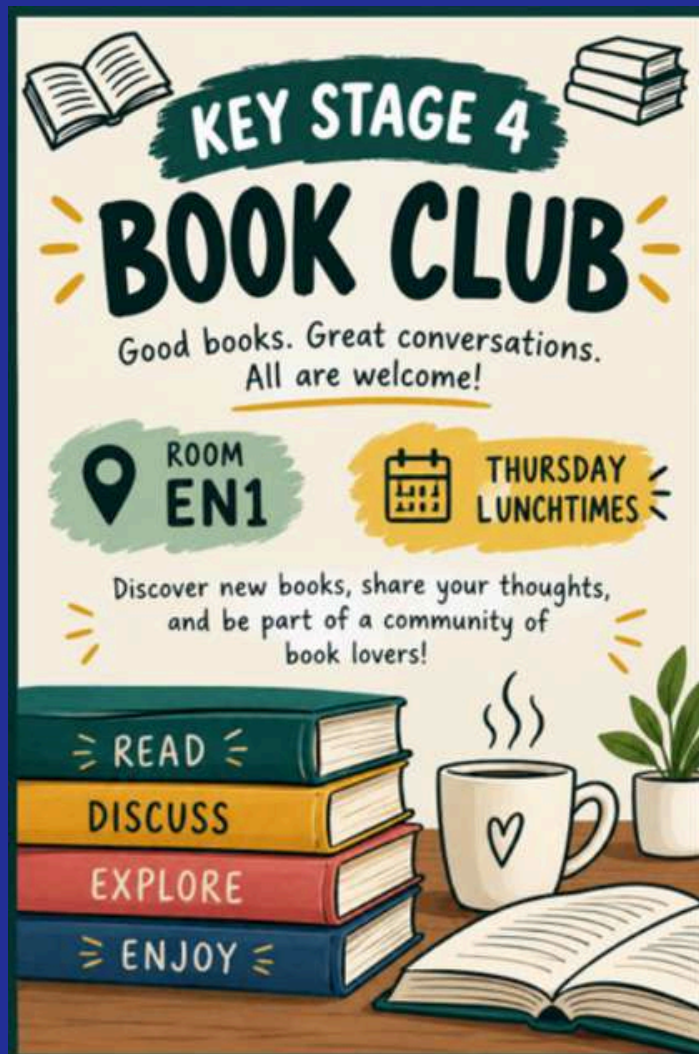
We're encouraging all of our KS3 students to read for pleasure and discover books they might not normally pick up. Our Reading Bingo Challenge gives students a fun range of reading challenges to complete – from trying a new genre to reading a book recommended by a friend. Every book counts, so students can read at their own pace and work towards completing their bingo card.



Collect reward points for reading:

- a line of 4
- all 4 corners
- a full house

Once you have read the book, tell your English teacher to get your reward!



KS4 Book Club

KS4 book club runs every Thursday at lunchtime in EN1. The following books will be on the agenda for student led discussion for this term and will change next term. We can't wait to see you there!

Miss Demetriou

1. Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
2. The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas
3. Lord of the Flies by William Golding
4. The Book Thief - Markus Zusak
5. Maggot Moon by Sally Gardner
6. Shatter Me by Tahereh Mafi
7. Heartstopper by Alice Oseman

Reading challenge

As a school collective we're aiming to read an incredible 25,000 books this academic year! This will be recorded via our English lessons. Reading regularly helps us discover new ideas, broaden our vocabulary and imagination, and develop skills that support success across all subjects. We encourage students to make time for reading at home too – whether it's a novel, comic, graphic novel or a non-fiction book, every book counts towards our 25,000-book challenge!

Miss Vaughan