



THE ASHMOLE ROUNDUP



Year 12 Go Ape Trip

160 Year 12 students visited Go Ape in Trent Park earlier this month for a Team Building Experience. They completed a Treetop Challenge and took on a number of team-based challenges too.

“I really enjoyed the trip to Go Ape, even though it was extremely challenging and physically demanding. At first, I was really scared because of the height and some of the obstacles were really intimidating, but as I went through the course, I started to get more comfortable and really enjoyed it. My group and I did the Challenge Plus route together, which made it more fun because we could encourage and compete with each other, to see who could do it best. Finishing the course felt really rewarding because I had managed to get past my fear and do something outside my comfort zone. I’m thankful to the teachers who organised the trip, and I would definitely go again.” Peyton

“Go Ape blew my expectations through the roof. I thought it would be a nice day just walking around through trees and a few ziplines. However, the adrenaline hit as soon as I stepped onto the first part of the course and got a taste of what the rest of the day was going to look like. We went higher and higher and my heart rate just got faster and faster. The trip allowed us to make some core memories with friends I love - especially when we all sat on the trees and just chatted, or swung through the obstacles and nets, capturing each other’s journeys while laughing and making jokes. I am so glad the school took us on this amazing trip and I look forward to more trips like this in the future.” Said



Year 7 Achievements

I would like to congratulate our new Year 7s for having an incredibly successful start to their school career at Ashmole Academy. Throughout this Autumn Term they have shown Professionalism with their attitudes and have Endeavour in all of their lessons. The transition from primary school can be a challenge and each and every student has worked hard to adapt to the new environment. I am extremely proud of all of their achievements this term. Well done!

Ms Miller



MedSoc

On Wednesday 7th October, we welcomed visiting speaker Sohini Boron, Director of Home Instead Barnet. Sohini's agency provides dementia care services tailored to the needs of those living with dementia. Sohini gave MedSoc students a journey through the umbrella term 'Dementia'. This included teaching our students about the different forms, including Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, etc., stark statistics about the ageing population in Barnet and the increasing prevalence of dementia, and strategies to support people living with dementia. It was incredibly informative and many of our aspiring medics plan to use the strategies they learned during their volunteering placements at care homes, and in their future careers in healthcare. We are so grateful to Sohini, a parent of our Ashmole community, for taking the time to come in and deliver this talk. We hope to welcome you back soon.

Mrs D Shah



#Bookandbrew

Fans of 'Normal People' will really enjoy 'Heart the Lover'. By Lily King. It is a book about relationships, growing up and confronting past mistakes. King's writing is, at times, visceral and brutal: I read it in a day over the holidays! Anyone wanting a bit of well-written escapism should read this novel.

Ms Nelson



Year 12 Drama

Year 12 are currently researching practitioners in their Devising Component in Drama. They have been looking at a company called Gecko who use lighting in their performances to help tell the story through visual storytelling. We spent a lesson with LED lights exploring their positioning, shadow making and the impact lighting has on a character's face. Alongside this, we experimented with torches and the impact they can create on a stage where everything else is in darkness.

Mrs Orsborne



School Show- Our House

After a great couple of audition days with over 150 students across all year groups auditioning, the school show has now officially begun! This year's production is Our House, based on the music of the band Madness, the show follows Joe Casey and the different avenues his future could take depending on a decision on his sixteenth birthday. Rehearsals are underway and we look forward to sharing updates throughout the process, leading up to show week in the new year.

Drama Department

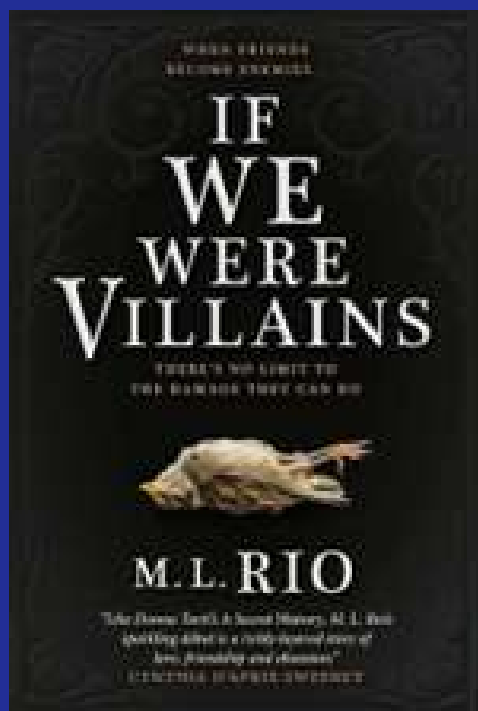


Music Extra-Curricular

Our Co-Curricular timetable in music is as busy as ever. This half term we have offered 10 staff-led clubs, weekly projects for KS3 music scholars and enabled multiple student-led bands to rehearse throughout the weeks. Voice has enjoyed performances in assemblies this week and both senior and junior orchestra continue to be popular. Senior Orchestra are working on the Overture from The Marriage of Figaro and Junior Orchestra are doing Entry of the Gladiators. Next term will continue to build on the success of our ongoing extra-curricular offer and build up to festive performances before the Christmas break.

Music Department





Student book recommendations:

If We Were Villains: The Sensational TikTok Book Club pick: M.L. Rio: Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies

If we were villains by M L Rio

"It has an intriguing plot that perfectly blends mystery and drama" - Anne, 12MOC

I am Rebel by Ross Montgomery

"A heartwarming adventure story, it's very descriptive and well written. There are many interesting characters, and they are all very different."

Niah, year 8



Celebrating Black History Month

Dip into diversity and celebrate Black History Month by trying some of our fantastic, displayed YA novels by authors of colour. Genres include Fantasy, Historical, Coming-of-Age stories, Dystopian and Humour. There's something for everyone!

Alternatively, explore some of the thought provoking non-fiction titles displayed around the Library desk to learn a bit more about Black History.

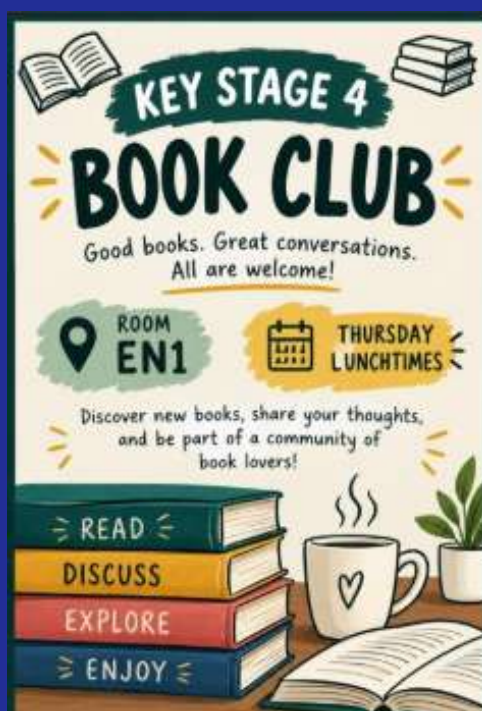


WANTED: Year 8/9 Library Monitors

Could you volunteer a little time one lunchtime a week to help in the Library?

Reward points - Guaranteed access at busy times - End of Term 'thank you'

If you are interested in the post, ask for details and apply to Ms England.



Reminder: Book Clubs

We have lots of copies of the KS3 and KS4 Book Club reading list available on a separate shelf in the Library. Get borrowing some of these great books and drop into some or all of the lunchtime activity / discussion sessions in EN2 after half term.



Katya Balen

Carnegie winning author of “October October”, “The Light in Everything” and “Ghostlines”.

Themes include family life and overcoming conflict. These books are beautifully written and always heart-warming. Perfect for a half-term read. They are on display and you can always ask at the desk for more information on each of them!



Patrick Ness

Carnegie winning author of “A Monster Calls” and The highly recommended “Chaos Walking” Trilogy
YA Sci-fi/Dystopian at its best: Relentlessly exciting and tense. Big themes of War, Colonisation and gender politics. Enter a world where men’s thoughts are broadcast out loud!!

New KS4 Books:

Great new crime/mystery series from the author of The Inheritance Games!

Miss Vaughan



London through different eyes

London’s diversity can be explored through art, such as Lady in Blue, a sculpture in Trafalgar Square by Black American artist Tschabalala Self. It celebrates the presence and diversity of contemporary London. For our EAL students and families, Black History Month is an opportunity to celebrate our different cultures, languages and backgrounds, while recognising the contributions of Black people to London and British society.

Exploring cultural events and museums helps develop cultural awareness, vocabulary and understanding of different perspectives. As a school community, we are proud of our diversity and encourage everyone to learn from one another and celebrate our shared sense of belonging.

As a school community, we are proud of the diversity that makes us who we are and by exploring London together, we can celebrate our shared experiences, learn from one another, and strengthen our sense of belonging.

Here are some family-friendly cultural activities taking place in London this October half term:





1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair

📍 Somerset House | 15-18 October

The Music Is Black: A British Story

📍 V&A East

Diwali on the Square

📍 Trafalgar Square | Sunday 25 October, 1-7pm |

FREE

Black History Month at London Museum Docklands

📍 London Museum Docklands | Until 25 October

Light & Movement: Diwali Family Day

📍 Museum of the Home, Hackney | 27 October | FREE

We'd love to hear all about what you've been up to! If you visit any of these places over half-term or discover something new, please let us know!

Happy half term!

Mrs Abdurrahmanoglu