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Message from the Head



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students,

As we approach the end of the academic year, we can reflect on all the change that has happened in the educational landscape.

Firstly, Ashmole Academy itself is going through a change becoming a multi-academy trust overseeing not just the secondary school itself but the creation of a two form primary school on the site opening in September 2016. We are busy working with the Department for Education and will soon be consulting on the primary school and its admission criteria. As part of this development, Mr Sullivan has become the Associate Head Teacher of the Academy working closely with me to

ensure that we remain fully focussed on the success of the Academy whilst developing the primary school.

Nationally there are many educational changes occurring successively over the next few years affecting GCSE and A level. New A level specifications will occur for many subjects in September 2016 with others occurring over the next 2 years. Similar syllabus changes are occurring at GCSE, with the GCSE changes being considerably more radical. Not stopping here, there are National Curriculum changes at Key Stage 3! Fortunately the Secretary of State for Education has promised no further changes whilst all these developments are established.

All these national educational changes will lead to a number of changes in our practices at Ashmole. Information will be going out to parents on what those changes are, and will be placed on the website and on Firefly to keep you fully informed.

We are looking forward to an exciting start to the next academic year, building upon what we expect to be an excellent set of examination results.

The new term starts on Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer break.

Derrick Brown
Head Teacher

1st X1 Football Winners



OUR first game of the season was against St Thomas More. We knew that it was going to be tough but we came out convincing 4-1 winners. We won our next 4 games, scoring 9 goals and conceding just 1. We had started the season tremendously, and were determined to continue our winning run of games.

We continued to win games comfortably, noticeably beating our rivals East Barnet twice, scoring 7 and conceding 0. By winning the rest of our league fixtures, we finished top of the league, meaning we were in the semi-finals where we ran out 1-0 winners to Mill Hill and put us through to the Middlesex League final. The final was played against Drayton Manor. We scored two quick goals thanks to Savvas Petrou

and Michael Rose, going into the 2nd half 2-1 up. The team defended resiliently, and Ryane Tully scored a goal in the last five minutes to make it 3-1. We were officially the best school team in Middlesex!

Our hard work and ability to play attractive football and grind out results when needed resulted in a successful season. The final was the last game for most of our players, who have been playing for the team since Year 7, and it was a memorable win to finish.

The whole team would like to thank Mr Scott, who has managed us since Year 7, and Mr Sulola, who has helped us massively in the last 2 years.

Michael Louca
13N2

'Ask A Nobel Scientist' trip



As a group of twenty, we travelled to the Regents High School in London for the 'Ask A Nobel Scientist' convention. We had the opportunity to

meet four Nobel Prize winners for their scientific discoveries. The first part of the trip was a question and answer session where previously submitted questions

by the students were asked to the panel of Nobel Prize winners. This was a great experience to hear the panel's views on different scientific issues and their responses

to the questions. The Nobel Prize winners commented on how they won their prizes and they described their fields of work. It was interesting to hear about their work, such as researching different viruses and how new organs could be made in the lab.

The second part of the trip was a careers forum. 15 stalls were set up around a room and we could ask scientific professionals about their work and for advice for degrees and jobs in science. The stalls had demonstrations and competitions for everyone to get involved in. One of the stalls even had an Oculus Rift virtual reality gaming headset, which showed us how technology is improving and what could happen in the future. We had the chance to find out about possible careers in science and to see what people have done with scientific discoveries. The whole event was extremely enjoyable and a great experience for us to meet the Nobel Prize winners and find out about different science careers.

Michael Georgiou 12J1 & Tejus Patel 12S1

British Science Week 2015



BRITISH Science Week is a ten day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths with numerous exciting events being staged across the country. This year's celebration took place in March, and the highlight of our celebrations at Ashmole was a heart dissection event for KS3 pupils.

A number of pupils queued to gain entry for the event, so many in fact that a second event was organised for the following week. Pupils were treated to a demonstration of a heart dissection and a discussion of the various functions of the different parts of the heart. They were then encouraged to develop their own dissection skills and identify the different parts of the heart that had been discussed. All of the Year 7 and Year 8 pupils involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves and asked incredibly insightful questions. Miss Moll and Mr Napolitano-Cremin were ably helped by a large number of Year 12 pupils. The event was



such a success that the Biology Department have decided to establish a 'Dissection Club' which will begin before the summer holidays with an eye dissection. Dissections for the new academic year will be timetabled on Firefly in September and we look forward to seeing many of our KS3 Science pupils getting involved.

Mr Napolitano-Cremin

Ashmole and Oxford Alumnus, Mark Meredith returns to speak at Ashmole



MARK Meredith left Ashmole in 1998 to read Maths at Oxford achieving a First and stayed on to complete a PhD. He returned to Ashmole in February to speak to current prospective Oxbridge candidates at the school's weekly UNIsoc.

He felt that the main issue for state school Oxbridge applicants is nerves and stressed the importance of practice interviews and talking about your subject in small discussion groups. He also felt that

extra-curricular activities including sports and public speaking help to increase confidence.

He went on to say that attending Oxford had been a great opportunity for him and led to him meeting many interesting people. Above all it gave him the opportunity to be taught by the very top academics in his subject on a one to one basis. He stressed that you must work very hard or you will get 'found out' but you do get the chance to study in

beautiful surroundings with state of the art facilities and inevitably an Oxbridge education will lead to further opportunities in the future.

His advice to prospective candidates is to work hard to achieve top grades and, importantly, feel confident in applying.

Mrs Lawrence
Gifted & Talented
Co-ordinator

MedSoc Debates



STUDENTS from Year 11 and above have been discussing new scientific discoveries and pressing ethical issues in the medical field from the use of new techniques for dentistry to ways the NHS can help tackle child obesity. The debates are chaired by fellow students, and different ideas are shared and questioned, allowing each individual to not only come up with their own opinions, but gain greater knowledge of the medical scene in preparation for life ahead as a potential medical student. These stimulating debates are definitely benefiting those thinking about taking Medicine at university, or are just curious about what goes on in the Healthcare system! We look forward to these continuing next year.

Theodora Okechukwu
12S2

Your Body, Your Consent



ON Friday 13th March, a group of prospective medical students

from Year 12 visited the Hunterian Museum in London for a Royal College of Pathologists event entitled Your Body, Your Consent.

The event introduced students to several ethical issues including consent for autopsies, tissue donation, medical research involving babies and children, commercialisation of human tissue and saviour siblings to name a few. Students considered different perspectives taken from a range of sources including the public, pathologists and the media. The event provided the opportunity for students to learn more about

biomedical science and its ethical implications as well as to share their views on controversial topics with practising medical professionals.

Maria Andreou 12N1 said 'the event was of value to me as I learnt new things such as the role of the pathologist and the ethical concerns of organ transplants' and Nadia Khanom 12N1 added that 'it was interesting to observe other people's views regarding ethics'.

Mrs Lawrence
Gifted & Talented
Co-ordinator

Music News



Royal Albert Hall

ON 14th April the Gold Scholars' Concert took place. This gave our Gold Scholars a chance to showcase their talent. It was a most enjoyable evening listening to the students and celebrating all that they had achieved. Ella le Bas (10N2), a Gold Scholar who performed said "I enjoyed listening to other students and it was interesting to hear second studies being performed. I don't usually perform in front of my friends so it was good to get this experience."

On 23rd April, 35 Ashmole students took part in the 'Play On' concert organised by Barnet

Education Arts Trust. The concert took place in the Royal Albert Hall and over 1000 students from Barnet schools performed together in celebration of Shakespeare's birthday and St George's day. The first half consisted of old English songs, and the second half was an Opera based on all the different versions of Romeo and Juliet, culminating in a rousing chorus of 'America' from West Side Story. The whole day was a great success and the students came away buzzing having performed in one of the most iconic performance venues in the world.

On 29th April, our Year 10 and

11 GCSE students enjoyed the chance to go and experience the West End Musical, Matilda, as part of the musical theatre genre of their GCSE music syllabus. The performance was enjoyed by all, with Victor Carvalho (10M1) describing it as "funny, well thought out and well played with excellent scenery and stage production."

On 6th May, 14 of our Gold Music Scholars enjoyed a tour of the Royal College of Music, sampling rehearsals and a little bit of student life! They visited the extensive library and the concert halls. They also visited the Music

Museum for a guided tour and had the opportunity to play some rare ancient instruments. Alice Chernaik (10J2), a Gold Music Scholar said "the trip was really interesting and it was exciting to see what the college is like. It made me think about my future plans".

Lunchtime concerts have continued to take place once a month. They provide an ideal opportunity for students to practice exam pieces, play their own compositions or to simply enjoy the opportunity to perform to their peers.

Miss Turner

The Globe Players take the stage at Ashmole

ON Monday 16th March Years 8 and 9 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to watch a performance by the Globe Players, a theatre production company. They performed a wide range of segments from various Shakespeare plays, ranging from *'Much Ado About Nothing'* to *'Richard III'* and even *'Othello'*, which Year 9 are currently studying in English.



The spectacle began with an enthralling speech about Shakespeare's life as a poet and playwright. Then, the actors began performing different passages of the plays giving us insight into the key themes within Shakespeare's writing, such as: revenge, love, ambition, jealousy and, of course, death.

Our favourite element of the performance was a scene from *'Much Ado About Nothing'* when Claudio was falsely deemed a cuckold. It developed our understanding of the themes of love and jealousy, so much so that we were able to link them to *'Othello'*, thus giving us a deeper understanding of Shakespeare's writing.

We would like to thank the English Department for providing us with this stimulating experience and hope to see the Globe Players again.

Ify Okechukwu 9N1 and
Chisara Vidale 9M1



Teachers transform into fictional favourites

WHEN was the last time you enjoyed your lunch with Katniss Joverdeen and Oliver Twist? Well, Ashmole pupils were fortunate enough to wave goodbye to their teachers and step into a world of fictional fantasy. Pupils that were English geniuses or pupils that took part in the 'lucky book dip' were invited to celebrate fictional greatness throughout history.

The lucky book dip was a brilliant idea where you gave in a book you had already read into a large box. On World Book Day those who donated books could choose a book out of the box so it was a fantastic way of recycling. Also, two competitions took place during this lunch time. Firstly, the teachers each read an extract from the book that the characters

they were dressed as belonged to. We observed their costume and the clues given and made a guess of who they were. After that the second competition was a board of photographs of teachers holding books over their faces and we had to guess which teacher was in each photo. Whilst all of this whizzed by we could enjoy a table overflowing with delicious party snacks. Overall it was a brilliant opportunity that exceeded all of our expectations.

Roisin O'Neill &
Bailey Caplan
7J1



Nepal Disaster

As you will be aware Nepal has had two devastating earthquakes one on the 15th April and one on the 12th May. During the week beginning the 25th May the Geography Department presented assemblies on the recent earthquakes in Nepal and collected money to donate to the Disasters Emergency Committees appeal. In total we raised £400 from students and staff

Thank you to all those people that donated money.

Miss Connolly and the Geography Department



General Election Debate at the Ashmole Debating Society



ON the 20th April the Ashmole Debating Society marked the upcoming general election with our very own election debate. Our debate included the Conservative, Labour, Green and Liberal Democrat parties represented by Ali Ahmed, Matthaïos Tuton, Kieran Collins and Beatriz Skau respectively. Key issues such as the economy, welfare, immigration, and the armed forces with particular interest in the future of the Trident

nuclear submarine programme were all debated intently. The vote at the end of the debate showed that the Conservatives won followed closely by the Labour party and in recognition of the clubs congratulations go to Ali Ahmed for his excellent debating skills. The Debating Society will meet again in September.

**Matthaïos Tuton,
President of the Ashmole
Debating Society
12M1**

Berlin Trip



IN the Whitsun half term, 57 Year 10 students studying History and/or German embarked on a five day study trip to Berlin. The trip was particularly useful for the History students as they were able to encounter many aspects of the city which are directly related to their learning about the Cold War and Nazi Germany. Particular highlights included a guided

walking tour of Berlin, taking in sights such as the impressive Reichstag building and the Holocaust memorial; a sombre trip to Sachsenhausen concentration camp and a tour of a Nuclear Bunker built during the Cold War. This really helped to bring to life events and characters the students have learnt about in their History lessons.

The trip also allowed the students to take in various impressive cultural aspects of Berlin, and even to practise their German, usually very successfully, on friendly shopkeepers and waiters. Particularly popular was the guided tour of the Olympic stadium, which was in the process of readying itself for the Champions League final two weeks later.

I was particularly impressed with the mature attitude and enthusiasm displayed by the students as they took in all of the sights and sounds of Berlin, and many decided that they would need to return one day to explore it further.

Mr Gardiner

Year 9 Netball Barnet League Winners



THE highly successful Year 9 Netball team have had an outstanding season ending in the Barnet League Play offs where they secured victory against Mill Hill School to become overall Barnet Champions. An all-round team

effort led by Hannah Coulthard (9S2), allowed for Ashmole to dominate from the start to win the final 6-2. Congratulations on a magnificent season.

Miss Clarke

Year 10 Plate Final



ASHMOLE were drawn against London Academy in the Plate Cup Final. It was a tight game with many chances going to each team. However, it was Daniel Coker-Ojo's pace and power which was causing London Academy's defence problems which resulted in the first goal. Unfortunately London Academy replied with a goal with only 10 minutes left. The game

looked like it was heading into extra-time when Captain Thierry Faucherand scored a sublime 40 yard strike with 45 seconds left on the clock.

A great result and a well-earned victory. Well done to all the boys who contributed to the school team throughout the year.

Mr Hammond

Girls Football League Final



ON 18th May, after numerous victories throughout the year, it was the girl's football league final. Our team was rather anxious and nervous; however we remained optimistic and co-ordinated as a team. The final score was 1-0 to Ashmole, the winning goal being executed by Eleanor in Year 8 moments before half time.

Our goalkeeper was Zoe in Year 9, and it was thanks to her that we

managed to prevent the opposition from scoring on many occasions throughout the entire match, so she played a vital role in the game. Overall, we are incredibly happy and pleased with the final result.

Our thanks go to Miss Holliday, Mr Sulola, Mr Hammond and Mr Scott who helped in our success.

Imogen Garfinkel
9N1

Third XI Season Review 2014/15



THE 2014/15 season was a season to remember for all involved in the third XI. In a season full of twists and turns it ended with the third XI being champions of the Barnet Cup. There were a few new players coming up through the ranks from Year 10 including Daniel Coker Ojo, Thierry Faucherand and Micah Cox, as well as the welcome return from injury

midway through the season for James Flint. These would prove to be key players in the third XI's season of glory, as well as the more experienced players Chris Mardapittas, Joseph Hember, Ravi Bhojani, Paul Evagora and Shayan Nabavizadah who are all in their last year at Ashmole.

Joseph Hember
1352



Jack Petchey Award Summer Winners

Terence Dobson 9J1



Terence was chosen by his peers and the school council for working so hard towards his youth parliament

campaign which led to him being elected as deputy for this year. His prize will go towards the world's first throw-and-shoot camera which can be used to track moving sports players or events.

Owen Jenkins 12/S2



Owen was chosen for his help with the running of 'Code Club' and his assistance with the school radio and AV

department. His prize will go towards a digital colorimeter which measures the absorbance of different wavelengths of light in a solution.

Matthaios Tuton 12 M/1



Matthaios was involved in setting up a very popular debating club attended by 30 to 40 year 11 students during lunchtimes.

Matthaios prize will be used to buy African drums to be used in music clubs, shows and lessons.

Mr Sulola



Mr Sulola has been selected by the School Council for this year's Leaders Award for all his work and time he has dedicated to the sports teams in and out of school.

Scan the code with your smartphone to take you straight to the school website.



Senior Team



Pictured above are the new Senior Team: Sarah Carroll, Matthaios Tuton, Maisie Ward, Julian Prow (Head Boy), Ronaldo Castro-Patrick, Sophia Karydis (Head Girl), Ryane Tully and Sophie Busby

The Senior Prefects are: Ivan Fairhurst, Fartun Guled, Ali Ahmed, Elliot Bertram, Ellie Reeves, Eleanor Demetriou, Nethie Savva, George Rose

QUIZ NIGHT

On Friday 12th June over 100 parents, friends and staff took part in a quiz and curry night

held by the school. Quizmaster, Mr Grisedale, kept the teams in order and after a keenly fought contest the winning table was 'Hello Darling' by half a point. A

very enjoyable evening was had by all and £725 was raised for school funds. Look out for details of our next event 'a Race Night' to be held in early 2016.

Dates For Your Diary

Summer Term will end on Thursday 16th July 2015 for students
Thursday 13th August A level results
Thursday 20th August GCSE results

AUTUMN TERM 2015

Interviews for Year 12	27th August
Staff Training Day	1st September
First Half Term	Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 23rd October
Half Term	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
Second Half Term	Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2016

First Half Term	Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February
Half Term	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February
Staff Training Day	Monday 22nd February
Second Half Term	Tuesday 22nd February – Thursday 24th March
Easter Bank Holiday w/e:	Friday 25th March – Monday 28th March

SPRING TERM 2016

First Half Term	Monday 11th April – Friday 27th May
May Day	Monday 2nd May
Half Term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
Second Half Term	Monday 6th June – Wednesday 20th July (Last day for students – Monday 18th July)
Staff Training Days	Friday 1st July Tuesday 19th July Wednesday 20th July



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