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# NewsRound



Keeping parents and students informed

Term 1 Letter 6 Friday 14 October 2016

## Poet Visit

In celebration of National Poetry Day, performance poet, Adisa the Verbalizer, visited the Ashcroft LRC to present his poetry to enthusiastic and excited students from Years 7, 8 and 9. Adisa wowed his audience with his special brand of thought provoking verse and encouraged students to participate by finishing lines of his poems. Such was his popularity that students queued after his sessions for a chance to talk with him and to receive his autograph.



## Payment for Music Tuition Important reminder for parents/ carers

Please ensure that payment for music lessons is made to your son/daughter's music tutor by the deadline specified on invoices issued. Please ensure that your son/daughter does not bring cash into the Academy and that his/her tutor is paid via BACS or cheque as stipulated on the invoices/music tuition agreement.

## Sixth Form Open Evening

We had a splendid turnout to our Sixth Form Open Evening last week. It was good to see so many of our present Year 11 students and their parents coming along to see for themselves the courses on offer in September 2017. The evening was also well received by external students and their parents many of whom were interested in our IB Diploma courses.

Application forms to our sixth form should be returned by the closing date Monday 9 January. Please complete all sections of the form and return it to Louise Melchior, Sixth Form Admissions. The application form is also available to download from our website under the Sixth Form/Prospective Students/ Application section.

We would like to thank all our staff and sixth form students who supported the evening.

## Designer visits Ashcroft

Year 11 Product Design and Textile students were in for a treat when professional designer and founder of knitting pattern design company 'JimiKnits', Jimenez Joseph, visited the Design and Technology department to talk about her education, career route and the design process as a whole. The students were shown samples of her current work; demonstrating how she develops her designs, to how she arrives at the final product.



Students were also introduced to patents when Jimenez openly spoke about her existing inventions which began as ideas seeking to 'solve a problem'. The afternoon sparked a real interest in students and questions began to fly around the room; they wanted to know how she modified certain designs, what her inspiration was and how much it all costs!

Later in the session students were invited to take a closer look at her products and developments books, this gave students some valuable and relevant insight into the development of their own coursework.

Jimenez also offered some feedback to individual students stating, "I really like the way the students were able to talk about what inspired their designs and can clearly see the story in their design developments".

## JPF "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

Speakers Trust and funded by the Jack Petchey Foundation. Every year over 500 schools across London and Essex take part and is the biggest public speaking event of its kind in the world. The challenge is open to all Year 10 students who are keen to hone their desire to speak in public and represent Ashcroft at the Wandsworth Regional Final next March. The winner will then represent Wandsworth at a semi-final to select 15 top speakers to enter the Grand Final next July.

To kick off the challenge, a workshop will be take place on Tuesday 8 November with a trained speaker who will help students develop key communication skills and give tips on how to win over your audience. The best speakers on the day will go through to an assembly knock out where a panel of judges (Ashcroft staff) will choose the person to represent us at the regional final.

Interested Year 10 students should see their Form Tutor or Mr Barry, English Department, Room D201 to acknowledge their interest in taking part.

Jack Petchey's 'Speak Out' Challenge is a programme run by

## House points

Year 7-9 students are able to earn points for their houses by being awarded 'house points'. These are recorded on the house page at the back of their diaries and Year 11 prefects record them every Thursday morning.

House points can be awarded for any positive reason. For example, for particularly good contributions to class discussions, excellent book work or for helping a member of staff hand out/ tidy away resources and winning house events.

A certain number of house points accrued are awarded by 'star badges' which can also lead to special 'star badge winners' events during the year.

This system gives our students a sense of achievement and a goal to do well.

### Netball Success

Praise for the Year 8 netballers who aced Monday's netball tournament at Burntwood. We were able to field two teams which is fantastic and a huge increase in numbers from last year.

The scores were as follows:

- Ashcroft Vs Graveney B WON 5-0
- Ashcroft Vs Burntwood A WON 1-0
- Ashcroft vs SJB B WON 1-0
- Ashcroft vs Bollingbroke WON 3-0

This took us to 1<sup>st</sup> place in our Pool and on to the final facing Graveney A team.

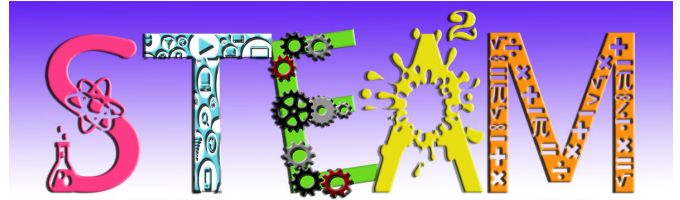
We were apprehensive before the final as Graveney had been winning their matches in their pool by at least 13 goals. After a tough first half, the team really tried to pull it back in the second half. However, we just ran out of time. Final score, Graveney 5, Ashcroft 1.

This concludes us as 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Borough. Much better result than last year. Very well done ladies. Certificates to follow.



### Term 1 ends

This term has gone so quickly. A reminder that Term 1 ends for all students on Wednesday 19 October when they can enjoy a break from school and be refreshed for Term 2 on Monday 31 October.



The Year 9 STEAMies investigated the structure of DNA in this week's Doctor Who session and extracted DNA from kiwi fruit. They learned that DNA is found in the nucleus of cells, carries the genetic code for characteristics and has common nucleotide bases which are arranged in different ways to code

for an organisms structure and function. They went on to discuss the potential DNA possibilities in the Doctor, the Daleks, the Cybermen and the Ood! It was Biology on Go!


This week in Mega Maths Year 8 STEAMies saw how mathematical equations could model roller coaster movement. They looked at how the equation:  $h=400-16t^2$  represents the first few seconds of a coaster dropping from 400ft! The STEAMies used the equation to draw graphs and work out the average speed of the coaster over the first 5 seconds of its journey – finding it averaged 80kmh. The keen eyed among you will notice that we have moved from imperial to metric units which was another task the STEAMies performed well. Excellent work and enthusiasm yet again!



### End of British Summer Time

A reminder that clocks will go back at 2am on the last Sunday in October, Sunday 30 October. This means that all clocks are taken back 1 hour meaning you get an extra hour of sleep or if you forget a very early breakfast the next day!

## MENU NEXT WEEK

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	<b>Multi-choice menu</b>  <b>MEAL DEAL</b> Choose a hot meal from Option 1 plus something from Options 2 or 5  Choose a soup from Option 2 plus something from Options 3 or 4 or 5  Choose a sandwich from Option 4 plus something from Options 2 or 5  Choose the Salad Bar option plus something from Options 2 or 5  
<b>1</b>	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with New Potatoes Vegetable Quesadilla	Fish Pie Stuffed Pepper	BBQ Chicken and Rice Macaroni Cheese	Roast Pork and Roast Potatoes Vegetable Pie	Fish and Chips Goats Cheese Tart	
	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joes Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joes Wrap Jacket Potato	
	Green Beans and Macedoine	Baby Carrots and Salad	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas	
<b>2</b>	Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Spiced Citrus Bean Soup	Leek and Potato Soup	
<b>3</b>	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	
<b>4</b>	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	
<b>5</b>	Apple Crumble and Custard	Victoria Sponge	Eton Mess	Chocolate and Orange Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Selection of small cold Desserts	
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**Meal Deal (Option 1 + 2 or 5) £2.15 students/£2.36 staff    Main Meal only £1.83 students/£2 staff**

### Lunch rota for next week

1<sup>st</sup> sitting Year 11/9 — 1.05    2<sup>nd</sup> sitting Year 10 — 1.15    3<sup>rd</sup> sitting Year 7 — 1.25    4<sup>th</sup> sitting Year 8 — 1.35