

Year 8 HPV immunisation catch-up will take place on Wednesday 5 October in the morning for those who missed the recent session or were late with their permission slips.

# NewsRound

Keeping parents and students informed

Term 1 Letter 4 Friday 30 September 2016

## The Great Ashcroft Bake Off

Our annual 'Bake Off' house competition is back again and will take place over two days (Thursday 6 October for Years 7-8 and Sixth Form and Friday 7 October for Years 9-11). All entries submitted must be a result of a student's own effort. Cakes must be taken to the Auditorium after morning registration on the assigned entry day and judging will take place at breaktime and announced during the lunch break. The cakes/biscuits and bread will be sold in aid of a charity (unless you state you would

**Cakes:** submit a cake or cakes that serves a minimum of 6 people. Entries will be judged on decoration/appearance, taste and texture.

**Biscuits:** submit any type of biscuit but enough for six people. Entries will be judged on decoration/appearance, taste and texture.

**Bread:** submit any type of bread large enough to serve at least six people. Entries will be judged on appearance, taste and texture.

like to keep your cake to take back home) to all students and staff. Students can enter one of three entry classes listed on the left. So let's get baking, but be sure to read the competition guidelines in the email sent home to all parents this week. Why not do a test run at home this weekend and use your family as tasters.

Miss Aldred-Hall in the Design Technology department has agreed to supervise a limited number of students from 16.30-17.30 on Wednesday 5 October in the food technology room at school. If your son/daughter does not have access to facilities for baking at home, please ask them to see Miss Di Bartolo who will allocate them a place for this session.

Each student who enters the Bake Off will be awarded five house points and the winning entries will be awarded 200 points for their respective houses.

The two best entries in each class from each house will go through to a grand final on Friday 4 November, with their entries judged live in assembly.

## Tate Modern explored

Last week sixth form Art students attended a research trip at the newly expanded Tate Modern. The visit was a tremendous opportunity for the students as they took inspiration for their own coursework from the rich collection of Art, discovering new artists, movements and techniques in the re-hung galleries.

Throughout the day students skilfully sketched their surroundings whilst on the tube, in the gallery and on the banks of the Thames.



## Debut Netball 2016

Year 7, 8 and 9 had their South London Netball League debut this week. St Cecilia's arrived here on Tuesday night to play all 3 fixtures at once.

With this being our new Year 7s first fixture they were understandably nervous but they played really well. They lost 3-1, but the potential is most definitely there.

Year 8s were up against it with St Cecilia's having a strong shooter. We just couldn't stop them getting the ball to her and she scored on target every time. Year 8's lost, 16-2.

Year 9s were a close match, the first 2 quarters were tough, but in the last quarter, Year 9 upped their game. Although not reflected in the score (we lost 14-10), I really think we could have won had we played a bit longer. We were forcing a lot of errors and turning over the game more frequently.



Well done ladies, next fixture Year 8 Borough tournament, Monday 10 October. See you all at training Monday.

## 'Fighting Back Campaign' Competition

Through our weekly enrichment resources shown during form time students are invited to choose one type of prejudice and design a poster to raise awareness and help combat their chosen issue. The competition is open to Year 7-9 students and all entries must be submitted to Ms Paton by Wednesday 19 October. The winner will receive a prize in assembly, as well as having their poster laminated and displayed around the school for all to see.

### Exam Results 2016

A level 61% A\*-B  
87% A\*-C  
100% A\*-E



IB 38 points per student

BTEC 100% Distinction\*

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## Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 6 October 6.20-8.00pm

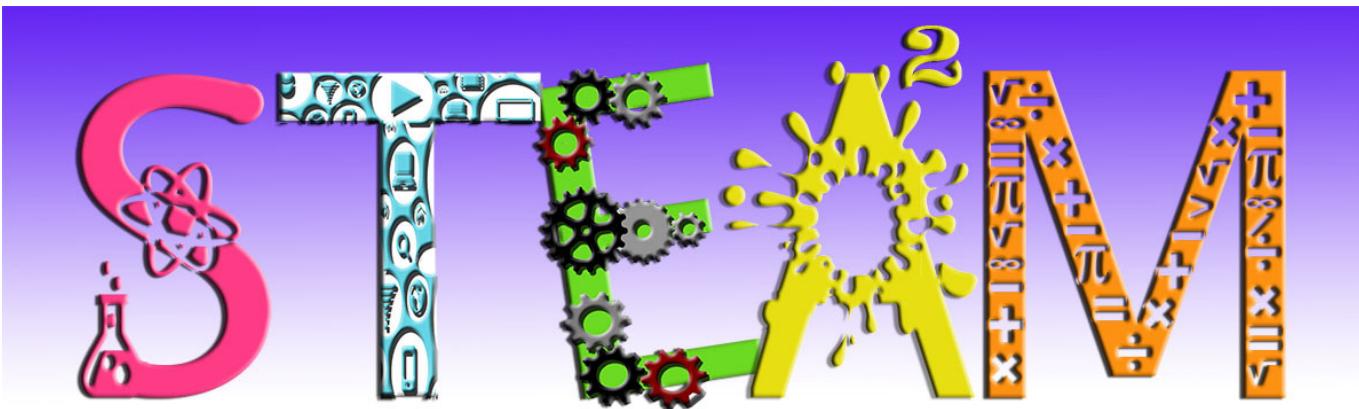
Principal and Head Student Address at 6.30pm

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We look forward to seeing you

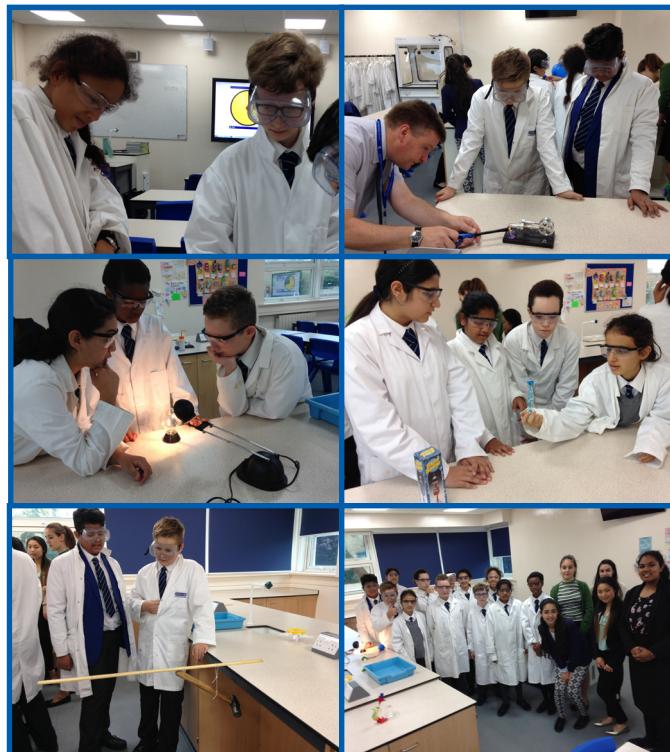




### Year 9 'STEAMies' and Dr Who

These students observed the wondrous adventurous world of Doctor Who and used Science to explain "How do....?" scenarios. They looked at and explained scientific concepts for experiments such as: a) dipping bird, b) hand boiler, c) Crooke's radiometer, d) Sterling engine, e) Floating metre stick, f) Large balloon v small balloon. They worked very well and held enriching discussions and asked probing questions. We also thank our sixth form students for assisting.

Saad Salahudiin 9T3, Shania Tieku 9T3, Karen Fernandes 9T3, Mimi Aulaqi 9T4, Amaar Zafar 9T5, Angus Stewart 9T4, Luka Wilson 9T5, Jakub Szkolski 9T3, Shay O'Donnell 9T6, Safa Khan 9T1, Souraya Louafi 9T7, Dejane Oakley-Joseph 9T1 ably assisted by Laura Parras 12IB2, Mariana Rodrigues 12IB1, Ana-Eva Tudor 12IB2, Kathleen Eng 12IB1, Kimberley Carstens 13IB and Nazeema Ishmael 13IB



### Year 8 'STEAMies' go Mega-Maths

Another excellent Mega-Maths session with great help from our 6<sup>th</sup> form ambassadors. This week Year 8 'STEAMies' continued with the World War II dam busting theme looking at the role of mathematical modelling. The 'STEAMies' started by drawing accurate scale drawings using a conversion between centimetres and feet. Not too difficult, except that this had to be combined with a conversion from yards to feet and drawn accurately on an A4 sheet. The task was to find the bomber's 'line of sight' angle when it was 425yds away.

Once the drawings were set up, the sixth formers introduced trigonometry and showed how we could use it to make the required calculations.

The 'STEAMies' concluded that scale drawings were preferable to trying to work out the angles from real life, but trigonometry was a much more accurate (and quick) way to find out the answer.

### Space Seeds

Following on from our adventure growing space seeds, a project entwined with Tim Peake's stay on the International Space Station last year we congratulate Safa Khan 9T1, Anastasia Champagne 8T2, Eibhin Faith 8T2 and Marta Carli 8T2 for being selected to present their "Space seeds" project work to Astronaut Tim Peake, the UK Space Agency and the European Space Agency. This will take place at the Principia Schools Conference at the University of Portsmouth on Wednesday 2 November 2016.

STEAM Club and the staff and students at Ashcroft are very proud of this remarkable achievement and look forward to seeing the rehearsals of their presentations in forthcoming year assemblies. This will be the SECOND time that Ashcroft students will meet Tim Peake. Some of you will remember our interview of him last November on BBC Breakfast Live.



## Always being prepared

We would suggest that every student prepares their school bag the night before as we are unable to guarantee that forgotten items brought into reception by parents reach the student by the time they actually need it.

## Remote Access

Students are reminded that they can access their user area on the Academy network from home by going to our website and clicking on the locked padlock symbol next to the 'show my homework' icon on the top right hand side of the home page (as shown in the diagram below). This will open the staff and student access page, just click on launch Remote Desktop link and follow the instructions.

This will enable you to either open work you have saved on the Academy network in your user area or vice versa to save work you may have done on your computer to your user area.



## Morning Fitness - a good start to the day

All students are welcome to morning fitness with the PE Dept every morning from 7.30pm. Please arrive in full uniform and not your PE kit or you will be sanctioned. Students wishing to 'write off' an ICAS hour by joining a fitness session may only do so if the ICAS hour is for lateness. They must inform the PE teacher at 7.45am that this is their intention and then the teacher will email ICAS. They must complete the full session.

Morning fitness finishes at 8.15 where students must get changed into their full uniform, unless they have a PE lesson period 1.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Multi-choice menu
1	Chicken Flatbread Spanish Omelette with Salad	Mediterranean Fish Vegetable Lasagne	Chilli con Carne and Rice Open Vegetable Tart	Roast Turkey and Roast Potatoes Vegetable Curried Naan	Fish and Chips Pasta Bake	<b>MEAL DEAL</b> Choose a hot meal from Option 1 plus something from Options 2 or 5
	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Chicken Joes Wrap Jacket Potato	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Chicken Joes Wrap Jacket Potato	Choose a soup from Option 2 plus something from Options 3 or 4 or 5
	Green Beans and Cauliflower	Baby Carrots and Parsley Potatoes	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Peas and Sweetcorn	Choose a sandwich from Option 4 plus something from Options 2 or 5
2	Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Spiced Citrus Bean Soup	Leek and Potato Soup	Choose the Salad Bar option plus something from Options 2 or 5
3	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)	
4	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)	
5	Apple Crumble and Custard	Fruit Salad	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard	Victoria Sponge	Selection of small cold Desserts	<b>DELICIOUS</b> Freshly made to order each day
	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Selection of Cakes and Biscuits				

**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

1st sitting Year 11/7 — 1.05  
3rd sitting Year 9 — 1.25

2nd sitting Year 8 — 1.15  
4th sitting Year 10 — 1.35

## Inter-House Dodgeball Competition

Last Friday students from the sixth form took part in the first house competition of the year - the 6th Form Inter-House Dodgeball Competition. The students took the event very seriously and after several very intense and passionate games, Discovery House were declared the winners with Challenger in second place. Endeavour and Voyager were placed third and fourth respectively. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all who attended and a good beginning to our inter House competition schedule.

