

Eid celebrations

All students who plan to celebrate EID will be granted permission from the Principal to attend festivities, but we would ask parents to write to or email the Academy requesting permission. In line with our attendance policy, all students will have to 'catch up' on the time they miss in study hall. We are aware that students are in the midst of exams, and they are therefore welcome to attend study hall before EID celebrations to complete the work they will miss and also prepare for their remaining exams.



NewsRound

Keeping parents and students informed

Term 5 Letter 3 Friday 24 September 2016

Fun Run information

Just a few reminders about the logistics of the Fun Run on Monday. Obviously safety of our students and staff is paramount with such a big event. However we do hope all students enjoy the afternoon and embrace the meaning of the event - to raise funds for the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability who are hosting the start and finish of the race.

- Those students who are running are permitted to arrive to school in Ashcroft Kit, strictly no hoodies/make-up/jewellery. Normal sanctions will apply.
- Those students not running, are required to be in full school uniform.
- Students race numbers and safety pins will be issued to form groups on the Fun Run morning.
- Students will be in normal lessons periods 1-6 with the expectation that they will have all their equipment/homework/diary etc with them.
- Lunch will be as normal.
- Students who wish to wear their 'hero' fancy dress can change at lunch time in the PE department changing rooms.
- Students will take all their stuff up to the hospital site and will have a designated year group spot for their bags.
- PLEASE do not bring any valuables. The academy will not be held responsible for any loss of valuables on the afternoon.
- Students are permitted to leave the hospital grounds once they have finished their race and a time has been logged.
- Sponsor money to be brought in from Tuesday 28 June onwards with the deadline of 1 week.
- If you are helping out at Open Evening on Monday evening please ensure you return in your uniform or bring your uniform with you to change into after the Fun Run.
- One last thing - REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MEALCARD to purchase your lunch on Monday!

Have a good race everyone and enjoy the afternoon.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Twenty four students, accompanied by staff, journeyed to Burford last Friday to begin a practice for their DoE Bronze award. On arrival they had to carry all their equipment and walk to the Boidier Hurst Scout Camp, their home for the night. With teams following two different routes it was imperative they navigated in the right direction using their map skills.

It was great fun until it started to rain as they endeavoured to pitch their tents. Still wet they went on a trek around Headley Heath before trying to cook the evening meal while it was still raining!

The next day saw the group head off to the meeting point taking the opposite route from the day before.

It was all good practice for the proper assessment in two weeks' time. They hope the weather improves by then.



All about trees

Dr Brickley, a keen horticulturist, organised a Horticultural Society competition last week where Year 7 tutor groups had to identify as many trees as possible that grow or overhang the Ashcroft Academy site.

The winning tutor group was 7T2 who identified 11 trees together with their latin names, mainly due to Sujat Patel 7T2. Outstanding work!!



Ashcroft Follows Tim Peake!

Red seeds	64%
Blue seeds	36%

Poll results:

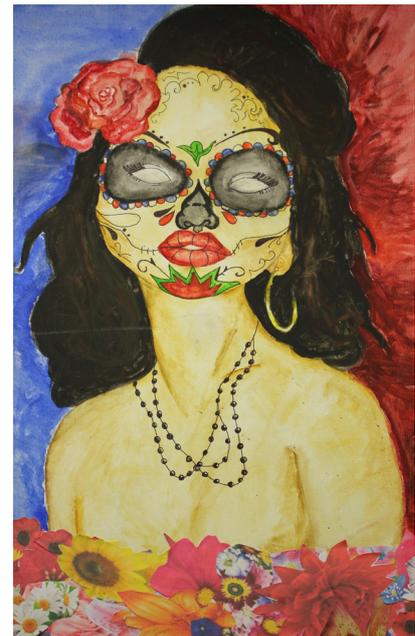
Tim Peake returned to Earth after spending 6 months on the ISS, and what an exciting moment that was! The Soyuz spacecraft touched down with a literal "thud" at Kazakhstan at 0915 GMT on Saturday 18 June. Tim returned with cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko and NASA astronaut Tim Kopra. Russian recovery technicians raced to the landing site in helicopters and all-terrain vehicles to pull the crew from the Soyuz, which measures about the size of a compact car. Tim will be spending some time catching up with his family before returning to his work, which he hopes will include more Space missions - perhaps even a lunar landing! He must be every child's hero!

Meanwhile, over at Ashcroft Technology Academy, we are waiting for the analysis of our Space seeds project by the experts at the UK Space Agency and European Space Agency. Our Ashcroft wide poll predicted that the red batch contained the Space seeds. This week Tim Peake revealed that the blue batch were the Space seeds. This is a surprise as the ATA wide poll predicted the red batch based on how they were growing compared to the blue batch!

Year 11 GCSE Art & Design Final Projects

An exhibition of coursework assessment and final exam projects was set up for the exam board moderator recently. The work on display is extraordinarily creative with many hours of hard work put in by all the Art & Design students. It is amazing viewing the incredible artistry of the pieces on show from ceramics to paintings, plus the detailed sketchbooks of initial ideas through to the students' chosen final project.

Here is just some of the incredible art work produced.



Healthy Lunch Winners

To promote Healthy Eating Week students received a raffle ticket each time they chose the healthy dish of the day. Choosing a healthy lunch turned out to be a lucky selection for two students.

Mr Perry chose two raffle tickets at random and a £25 Argos voucher was presented to both Ben Mascoll 10T3 and Danque Hemmings-Robertson 7T2. Well done and spend it wisely!

Postponement of Lille Trip

On advice given by the travel company, the Academy has taken the decision to postpone the trip to Lille on Friday 1 July to Friday 16 September 2016.

This is due primarily to a big sporting event taking place in Lille on 1 July, namely Euro 2016 football matches. At first we were advised by the travel company that this would not be a problem, but as we approach the departure date we have been given more information about the situation in Lille on that day, and postponing the trip to a calmer and safer day is the best option. The times and programme of the trip will stay unchanged and your son/daughter has a confirmed place on the new date.

We will be holding a parent information evening on Tuesday 19 July at 6.30pm so that we can explain in more detail the plans for the revised trip day, detail the things that your son/daughter will need for the trip and check passports.

Please contact luca.revelant@ashcroftacademy.org.uk if you have any further questions.

Date	Event	Students involved	Periods	Venue
Mon 18 th July	String Workshop	String players (sign-up)	1/2	F201
	Orchestra Workshop	Orchestral musicians (sign-up)	3/4	F201
	Year 9 Drama Performance	Year 9 Drama students	5/6	F216
	Singing Workshop	Singers (sign-up)	7/8	F204
	Dance Workshop	Dancers (sign-up)	9/10	F216
	Music Production Tutorial	Invited musicians/producers	9/10	
Tues 19 th July	Arts Award in Action	Y9 Arts Award Music/Drama students only	P1-10	F216
Tues 19 th July	'Unplugged Lunchtime Sessions'	Various	Lunchtime	Restaurant
Weds 20 th July	Silent Disco	Year 7 - whole year group	2	AA
	Silent Disco	Year 8 - whole year group	3	AA
	Silent Disco	Year 9 - whole year group	4	AA
	Silent Disco	Year 10 - whole year group	5	AA
	Silent Disco	House Point Prize Winners	6	AA
	'Page to Stage' Drama Performance	G&T Drama club participants only; praise and reward audience members	7/8	F216
Thurs 21 st July	Ashtival	Years 7-12 - whole year groups	8/9/10	KS4 playground green

PE & GAMES DEPARTMENT

TERM 5 CLUBS

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Mon	Fitness Session - Ms Piggins/Mr Dang	Cardio Fitness Suite - Ms Piggins Weights Fitness Suite - Mr George Cricket - Mr Rowe Indoor Football - Mr Keith	Cricket - Mr Keith Rounders - Mrs Ward
Tues	Fitness Session - Mr Keith/Ms Sequiera	Cardio Fitness Suite - Mrs Ward Weights Fitness Suite - Mrs Ward Nike Girls Fitness - Mrs Ward Basketball - Mr Keith	
Wed	Fitness Session - Mr Cuttle	Cardio Fitness Suite - Mr Keith Weights Fitness Suite - Mr George Table Tennis - Mr Mensah Girls Football - Ms Piggins	
Thurs	Fitness Session - Mr Dooley	Cardio Fitness Suite - Ms Piggins Weights Fitness Suite - Ms Piggins Dodgeball - Mrs Ward Duke of Edinburgh - Mr Dooley Volleyball - Mr Keith	Sixth Form Fitness - Mrs Ward
Fri	Fitness Session - Mrs Ward/Ms McGouran KS3 Basketball - Mr Dooley	Cardio Fitness Suite - Ms Piggins Weights Fitness Suite - Ms Piggins Netball - Mrs Ward	



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Multi-choice menu MEAL DEAL 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
1	Chicken & Sweetcorn Lasagne with Garlic Bread Vegetable Guiso	Sausages & Onions, Potato Wedges Vegetable Layer Pie	Beef Curry and Rice Veggie Pitta Bread and Salad	Roast Chicken (Halal) and Roast Potatoes Cauliflower Cheese	Homemade Tuna Fish Cake with Potato Wedges Vegetable Pasta Bake	
	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 Salad	Baked Beans or Green Beans	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas/Sweetcorn	
2	Leek and Potato Soup	Spring Vegetable Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Minestrone Soup	Vegetable Soup	
3	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)				
5	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Trifle	Chocolate & Mandarin Pudding and Custard	Apple Pie and Cream	Selection of small cold Desserts	
	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit 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 next week: 1.05 Year11/Year 8 1.15 Year 9 1.25 Year 10 1.35 Year 7