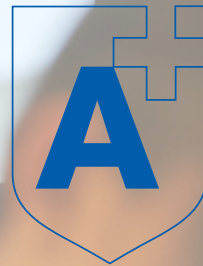


NewsRound



Keeping parents and students informed

Term 1 Letter 3 Friday 23 September 2016

Year 8 trip to Lille

At Ashcroft we firmly believe that our students should experience the French language in real life contexts from KS3 onwards. This is why the MFL Department organised a trip to Lille, allowing around 80 year 8 students to participate in an exciting adventure in the Hexagone. After the memorable experience that is the Eurotunnel, we all safely arrived in Lille albeit very early in the morning.



Once there, students visited the Lille zoo, took part in a photo competition and a microtrottoir (survey) that allowed them to explore the town centre and to get to know some of the lovely French residents, who were always ready to help them with their activities.

After a scrumptious lunch at Flunch, to top it all off, students visited a traditional boulangerie, where they saw a demonstration of how bread is made and tasted real, all-butter pain au chocolat.

It was great to see our students gaining more confidence with pronunciation and not being afraid of making a mistake when speaking in French to the Lille locals. It looks as if our Year 8 are going to be a cohort of very strong linguists... Well done Year 8, keep it up!

Year 12 IB CAS trip

Last weekend our new Year 12 IB students (with some special guests from Year 13) attended a residential visit to High Ashurst Outdoor Centre in Surrey. The aim of the trip was to help the students develop the skills and understanding they will require during their Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) programme. Students practiced goal setting, taking part in activities such as climbing, orienteering and woodland skills and reflected upon the extent to which they met the eight CAS outcomes after each activity.

They also took part in a 'CAS lesson' in order to further understand the CAS element of their IB Diploma and learnt how to build a camp fire. An enjoyable weekend was had by students and staff!



Student Welfare

Year 8 girls HPV vaccination - takes place on 28 September. Please return

consent forms as soon as possible even if it is a negative consent.

All Year 7 students have been issued with a Health questionnaire from the local Health Authority, the forms need to be completed and returned to the Academy in the first instance. They will be eventually collected by the local authority School Nurse assigned to the Academy.

Year 12 IB Science

The year 12 IB students have successfully completed the first core element of their diploma and all gained full marks for their group 4 projects.

This year's theme was the science behind the Paralympics and they had a day to research, experiment and present their findings. Presentations were of a very high quality about fascinating athletes' stories and the equipment they use. The winning team made an excellent presentation about the effects of drugs on athletes and their regulations linked to the news report on the Russian team ban.

Wandsworth Award Ceremony

High-flying students from all Wandsworth schools celebrated their GCSE success by attending a special awards' ceremony held in their honour at Wandsworth Town Hall recently. Students were welcomed by Mayor Councillor Richard Field and other dignitaries who applauded the tremendous achievements of Wandsworth's Young People and how grateful they were to the schools, teachers and parents for all their hard work and support in ensuring the borough's best ever set of results. Six of our top achieving GCSE students attended and were delighted to be among their peers to accept an award for all their hard work and achievement.



Year 7 Science Exam

Our new Year 7 science setting exam will take place on **Friday 30 September**. It is important they revise everything they have done so far in science this term to enable the Science department to set groups according to their ability.

Period 1 & 2 - 7T1, 2 and 3
Period 3 & 4 - 7T4, 5, 6 and 7



Sixth Form Open Evening

All Year 11 students and their parents thinking about the next step in their education are invited to come along to find all there is to know about our sixth form and the courses

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 6 October 2016 6.20-8.00pm

Principal and Head Student Address 6.30pm



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IB	38 points per student
BTEC	100% Distinction*



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STEAM is off

Robots calling Year 7s! - In the "Robotic Programming" session with Mr Haddleton, the robot "Guru" ambassadors came to meet and greet their robots! Each guru ambassador was allocated an individual robot in order learn its capabilities, features and how to program it. We have four amazing robots and four amazing guru ambassadors all ready to meet our new Year 7 students next week. Year 7s will all be assigned to work in teams with one robot and guru per team. They will learn how to prepare and program their robot for the upcoming Robot Olympics! May the best robot and team win!



The year 8 'STEAMies' became World War II pilots and bombers this week learning about the famous dam buster raids and how thinking outside the box helped solved a difficult problem.

The STEAMies used mathematical techniques to guide their pilots to be able to fly exactly 60ft above the water...at a speed of 220mpn...in the middle of the night! Excellent construction work and enthusiasm from everyone, well done.

Session 1 of the Doctor Who Club took place today. The Year 9 STEAM Club members investigated a mysterious water from the planet Chemitosis, which is very dirty but then changes colour when mixed over and over and over again. They uncovered that each time the water was mixed a different chemical reaction was taking place, which involved bond breaking and bond forming in different ways until the water turns absolutely clear. Seems that the Doctor can turn to Science to solve mysteries after all and he got to enjoy a clean glass of water also!

European Language Day

The European Day of Languages

is a time to celebrate the 6,000+ languages spoken around the world, promote language learning and have some multilingual fun, which we intend to do.

We will run a quiz during form time based on the history of language and other activities during MFL lessons.

As a multi-cultural school we have many different languages spoken at home by students with English as their second language.

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Sveiki
Jó Napot
Tere
Γεια σας
Hello
Labas
Dobry Deń
Zdravo
Cześć
Buongiorno
Bonjour

Buenos días
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Auditions are over

Well done and thank you to all who auditioned for our whole Academy production of The Wizard of Oz.

With almost one hundred students auditioning, the casting process was an extremely difficult (and long) one! We would like to congratulate those who were successful

and encourage those who weren't successful this time, to audition for Ashcroft's Got Talent next year, or the indeed the next school production (the year after next).

We are extremely excited to be working with such a talented cast. We will be in touch soon regarding 'next steps' and rehearsals.

Here's to Dorothy, Tin Man, Scarecrow and Lion following the yellow brick road to find what they are looking for!

Regular rehearsal sessions on Monday and Friday after school will commence on 4 November.



Jacqueline Wilson's SUPER FAN SPECIAL

Saturday 22 October, 14:00
Rose Theatre Kingston



Are you a Jacqueline Wilson Superfan?

On **Saturday 22 October** LRC are going to the **Rose Theatre** in Kingston to celebrate the **Launch** of her new book, **Clover Moon** - and **YOU** could be there too!

TEN LUCKY STUDENTS will be taken to this event and will receive a signed copy of the book.

SO COME ON ALL YOU SUPERFANS

To win a ticket, all you have to do is write the first page of a new Jacqueline Wilson story (250 words max) and draw a front cover.

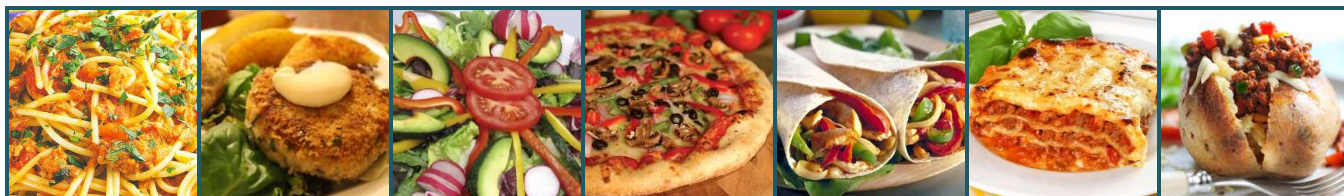
Competition deadline: **Friday 14 October**
GOOD LUCK!

We have made a few changes to our PE Clubs on offer for Term 1 to accommodate for the popularity of certain activities. The timetable below is the updated version and will also be on display on the club board in PE.

P.E. DEPARTMENT

TERM 1 CLUBS

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Mon	Fitness Session – Ms Despins	Cardio Fitness Suite – Mr Dooley Weights Fitness Suite – Mr George Cricket – Mr Keith/Mr Rowe Year 9 Boys Basketball – Ms Despins	Football – Mr Keith/Mr Carroll Netball – Mrs Ward Mixed Touch Rugby- Ms Despins Duke of Edinburgh- Mr Dooley
Tues	Fitness Session – Mr Keith	Dodgeball – Mrs Ward Year 7-9 Girls Basketball- Miss Despins Badminton – Mr Keith	
Wed	Fitness Session – Mr Dooley	Year 8+ Basketball – Mr Keith Weights Fitness Suite – Mr George Table Tennis – Mr Mensah/Mr Stenning Cardio Room- Miss Despins Girls Nike Training Club- Mrs Ward	All Years Girls Football- Ms Godfrey
Thurs	Fitness Session – Mrs Ward Basketball- Mr Dooley	Cardio Fitness Suite – Mrs Ward Year 7+8 Mixed Basketball- Miss Despins Dodgeball – Mr Dooley	Fitness – Mrs Ward GCSE Catch-up- Mrs Ward Introduction to the art of JiuJitsu – the taster sessions - Mr Wandt
Fri	Fitness Session – Mrs Ward Running Club- Mr Dooley	Cycle Fit (cardio room)- Mr Dooley Volleyball- Mr Keith Weights Fitness Suite – Mr George Year 7 Multisports- Ms Despins	



	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	
2	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joes Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joes Wrap Jacket Potato	
3	Green Beans and Salad	Baked Beans or Green Beans	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas/Sweetcorn	
4	Leek and Potato Soup	Spring Vegetable Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Minestrone Soup	Vegetable Soup	
5	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)	
6	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)	
7	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Trifle	Chocolate & Mandarin Puddle Pudding and Custard	Apple Pie and Cream	Selection of small cold Desserts	
8	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