

NewsRound



Keeping parents and students informed

Term 3 Letter 3 Friday 20 January 2017

ARTiculation Competition

On Wednesday this week, Helen Webley-Brown, accompanied by her fellow Year 12 IB students, made their way to the Courtauld Gallery for the quarter-final of the national speaking competition, ARTiculation. Helen had already won the internal heats and was now ready to compete against nine other schools for a place in the semi-final. Helen spoke brilliantly, communicating her ideas about Bernaudt Smilde's work 'Nimbus' with passion and intelligence.

We are delighted to announce that Helen won the quarter-final and will now speak at the National Gallery on Friday 24 February for a chance to compete in the national final, to be held at Clare College, University of Cambridge in March. Well done Helen!



Sports Review

NETBALL – Praise for the year 7 and 8 netballers who played in a rearranged fixture versus The Norwood School in the South London Netball League.

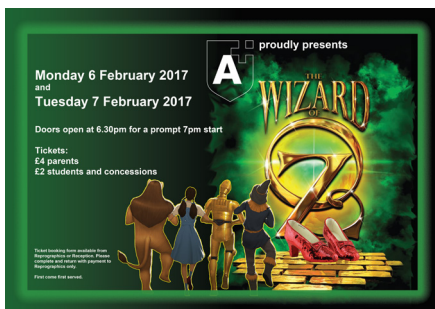
The Year 7 team had a tough first quarter and did not get off to the best start being 5 goals down. However, in the remaining 3 quarters they managed to close the gap and only allow their opponents to score a further 5 goals whilst they also secured a further 5 goals. Final score Norwood 10, Ashcroft 5. Next fixture vs St John Bosco (SJB).

The Year 8 team had a storming game winning their game 12 goals to 4. This is an impressive result and puts us in a good position for the next round vs SJB.

BADMINTON – Well done to the Year 9 badminton players who represented the



Academy on Thursday and managed to be placed third for the tournament. Excellent effort and sportsmanship was shown by all four athletes – Mirza Ahmed 9T7, Yasir Rana 9T7, Wasil Bhatti 9T7 and Fraz Bashir 9T2



Tickets for our Wizard of Oz production are going fast so ensure you complete a booking form as soon as possible if you want to come along and see this fantastic musical production.

Booking forms are available from Reprographics or Reception or can be downloaded from our website via the news/wizard of oz tab. Completed booking forms should be taken to Reprographics.

British Library visit

Praise due to the Year 8 students for being fabulous on Wednesday in the British Library! We had a great experience learning about the history of the building and producing some lovely poetry in groups.



Year 8 Final Times Table Tournament



Well done to all the times table-ists who represented their House and competed in the final. After several qualifying rounds they have shown their prowess in table multiplication and deserve a special mention in reaching the final.

Well done to:

4th place

Umair Ahmed for Discovery! 10 house points!

3rd place

Toheed Ahmed for Voyager! 25 house points!

2nd place

Finda Sam-Sumana for Voyager! 40 house points!

1st place

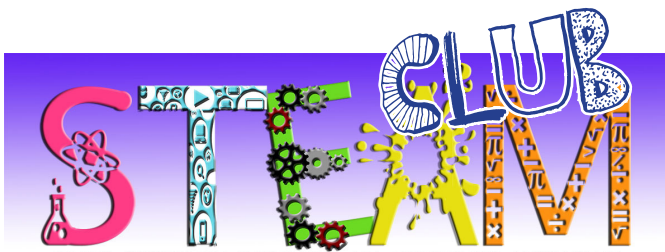
Rueben Butcher-Campbell for Challenger! 50 house points!

Science Setting

In preparation for the resetting of Year 9 into their GCSE Science sets, every student in Year 9 will sit an exam on Thursday 9 February 2017. The exam will assess content taught throughout Key Stage 3, including topics from Year 7, 8 and 9. It is important for your son/daughter to prepare and do well in this assessment, as the result will be a major factor in determining which GCSE Science set would be best for them.

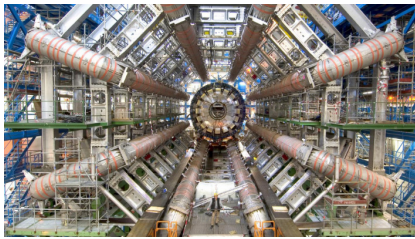
Students were informed of this by their teachers at the start of the academic year and have been reminded throughout the course of the past two terms.

A letter detailing useful resources to aid revision and a list of topics covered during KS3 has been sent home to all parents which should help to prepare for the exam and enable parents to check what their son/daughter is revising.



STEAM trip to CERN

Five lucky STEAM-Honours students: Angus Stewart 9T4, Safa Khan 9T1, Hannah Colwell 8T2, Zohaa Sheikh 8T6 and Samuel Edmonson 8T5 will be visiting the CERN Laboratories in Switzerland on Thursday, 26 January – Friday 27 January. Whilst there they will be able to learn about the working of the Large Hadron Collider.

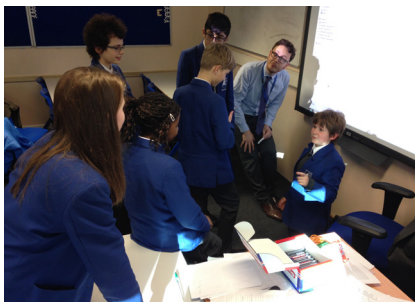


This trip was awarded to Ashcroft Technology Academy's STEAM Club at the House of Lords STEM Inspiration Awards event back in November, when we won the Best STEM

Club 2016 award. It is a unique privilege and enrichment opportunity for our students to be visiting this facility. The students were chosen on the basis of their inclusion in the Academy's Honours programme as well as their 100% attendance to STEAM Club sessions. We look forward to hearing all about their trip when they return.

STEAM Language

In Mr Revelant's Maths of Language Club, the Year 8 STEAMies learned that being an alien and trying to



communicate with a strange form of non-verbal language is notoriously difficult even for the most experienced linguists. However, this was certainly not so difficult for our STEAMies, who acted out scenarios

with different aliens and tried to communicate to them a certain need, which the others had to try and fulfil – need for water, shelter, food etc. Great role plays carried out and clear messages communicated!



Tournament of Minds

STEAM House Competition

News of an exciting STEAM competition! STEAM are excited to announce a forthcoming inter-house competition: Tournament of Minds (ToM). This competition

is open to all STEAM students and involves working in house groups to solve a specific challenge, using STEAM skills.

Details of the challenge will be released once the ToM competition commences after the February term break and there will be fabulous prizes for the winners.

Meanwhile, we are recruiting participants for this competition via the sign-up sheet on the STEAM noticeboard outside the Science office.

STEAM students can sign up in house groups of between 3-5 and the groups may have a mixture of Year 7,8,9 to provide a better chance of sharing skills and winning.

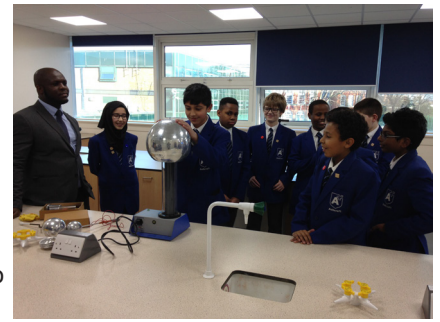
Deadline to enter is by Wednesday 25 January 2017. STEAM students may see Ms Khan or Ms Dowson for further information.

STEAM Science

In Mr Mensah's Explaining Mysteries with Science Club, the Year 7 STEAMies looked at how the Van der Graff generator works.

STEAMies took turns experiencing how it can cause their hair to stand on end. They also observed how it can cause sparks to explain how lightning occurs. STEAMies built on that idea to explain how there could be havoc when lightning strikes in the sea because salt water is a good conductor of electricity.

They also used a model boat, a bowl of water with a methane gas tunnel connected at the bottom and observed what happened when gas was pumped into the water, gradually sinking the boat to the bottom. The STEAMies were very impressive at explaining what happened and also showed a lot of curiosity.



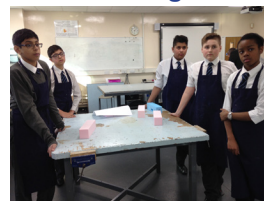
STEAM Cooking

In Ms Niklekaj's Cooking Club, the Year 8 STEAMies baked healthy option savoury muffins. STEAMies participated by measuring/mixing ingredients such as cheese, eggs, olive oil, flower, semolina, spinach and yogurt. The muffins looked and tasted delicious! Though STEAMies were not very impressed with the savoury choice to start with (they would have preferred a sweet option) they were very impressed

with the finished product and were very happy to take home two muffins each. STEAMie Raza said 'they are actually really good!' Some of the muffins went to different staff to try, so happy customers once again.



STEAM Design



In Mr Morrissey's Rocket Car Club, the Year 9 STEAMies focussed on designing an aerodynamic shape for their rocket cars. They designed the side profile of the car and this was transferred onto the body of the car before being cut out in their next

session.

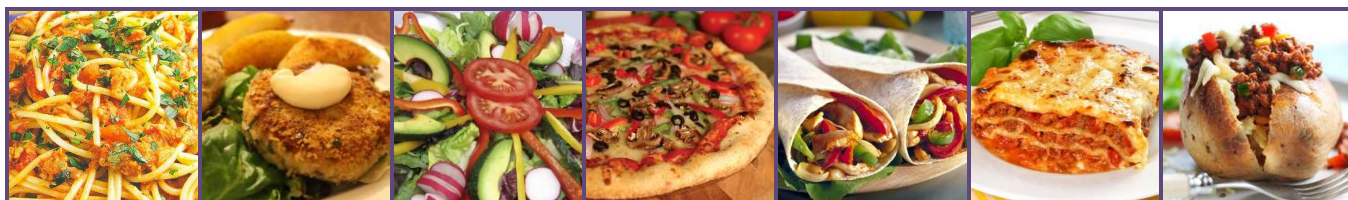
In Mrs Aldred-Hall's Textiles Rocket Club, the Year 9 STEAMies progressed with their Textile Rockets projects. They used sewing machines to stitch on the reflective tape to the nose and wings of their rocket key rings and made the portholes using eyelets with an eyelet press. Next week LEDs!





KS3 ENGLISH STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT!

The following students have been identified by their English teachers as being worthy of this title.



	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 Jalfrezi Vegetable Moussaka	Sausages and Mash Vegetable Quiche	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread Vegetable Chilli	Roast Chicken and Roast Potatoes Vegetable Shepherd's Pie	Fish Cake with Potato Wedges Macaroni Cheese	
	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	
	Sweetcorn and Carrots	Green Beans and Peas	Broccoli and Macedoine	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas/Sweetcorn	
2	Carrot and Coriander Soup	Vegetable and Watercress Soup	Minestrone Soup	Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	
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	Oaty Apple Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Marble Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Jam & Coconut Sponge and Custard Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Pineapple Upside Down Sponge with Custard Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Eve's Pudding and Custard 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 for next week

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



LONDON YOUTH GAMES TENNIS TRIALS



WHEN: SUNDAY 5TH and 12TH FEBRUARY

WHERE: NATIONAL TENNIS
CENTRE, PRIORY LANE,
SW15 5JQ

TIME: 6.30 to 8.00pm

AGE: SCHOOL YR 7 – 12



All participants should
have an LTA rating
between 10.2 – 5.2



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LONDON YOUTH GAMES BASKETBALL TRIALS



WHEN: FRIDAY 13TH, 20TH, 27ST JANUARY

WHERE: BATTERSEA SPORTS CENTRE, HOPE STREET,
SW11 2DA

TIME: Girls: 4.30 to 6.00pm

Boys: 6.00 to 7.30PM

AGE: SCHOOL YR 12 & UNDER



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Year 11

Summer School Monday 3 - Friday 7 July 2017



Summer School overview

This is an exciting opportunity for you to spend a week at LSE (London School of Economics and Political Science) taking part in a range of social science subjects, whilst learning more about university. There will be the chance to meet LSE academics and get a taste of how university subjects are taught. Finally you will meet other students from across London and make new friends!

The week consists of:

- Classes, lectures, workshops and group discussions
- Opportunities to develop team-work, problem solving, project and presentation skills
- An off site trip
- Advice on applying to university
- An LSE certificate presented in a closing ceremony.

Participants will get a free lunch each day and travel expenses will be reimbursed. Please note that the summer school is non-residential and runs from 9.30am until 4pm each day. Participants must attend all five days of the programme.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in applying to the LSE Summer School then contact your teacher to see if you are eligible to apply. You will then need to complete an application form which includes a short personal statement.

The deadline for completed applications is Friday 24 February 2017.

Please note, we are unable to give feedback on individual applications.