

NewsRound



Keeping parents and students informed

Term 5 Letter 4 Friday 30 June 2017

Horniman Museum Trip

Last Friday, the Year 9 GCSE Music class visited the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill to explore their vast instrument collection and to take part in a Gamelan workshop.

The students were interested in all of the instruments on display and learnt a lot about the development through the ages of the instruments. After a quick lunch in the sunshine the students made use of the outdoor instruments before taking part in a Gamelan workshop in the hands-on base. A Gamelan is the traditional orchestra of Indonesia and the Gamelan the students studied at the museum was from Bali.

Together, the students learnt and performed a very challenging piece of music called 'Baris' which would be used to accompany a war dance performed in traditional costume. Mr Chadda, Miss Di Bartolo and the instructor were very impressed with Year 9's listening and ensemble skills!



Unusually for such a museum, you can see their collection up-close and face-to-face. You can even pick up, try on and play with some of the objects. They house extraordinary collections of anthropology and natural history as well as an aquarium. And it is free to enter!



KS4 Art Trip

KS4 Art & Design students were inspired by the work on display during their recent visit to Central St Martins art school. They were filled with enthusiasm from seeing degree-standard work at such a prestigious institution which gave them loads of ideas for their own GCSE and future A-Level art projects.



Sports' Days

This week concludes a week of sports' days for year groups 7-10. The final results will be unveiled in a whole school assembly on Friday 14 July. There were some impressive performances with many very close races.

Each day began with a mass participation element in events such as basketball, volleyball, dodgeball and netball on site. Students then travelled to our Openview sports field where they participated in netball, football and athletics. This year we awarded medals for Bronze, Silver and Gold finalists with a new look medal personalised with the ATA logo. It was inspiring to see students pushing themselves that bit further when they knew they could be in a chance to receive a medal. Looking at the recorded athletic times across the year groups, the younger years outperformed the older ones. This is one of the favourite calendar events for all students and gives them the opportunity to show their sporting skills and cheer their house on to victory.

Fastest boy:

- 800m Emmanuel Boketsu (Yr 9)
- 100m Giorgi Ugrekhelidze (Yr 9)
- 400m Sonny Tatham (Yr 9)
- 1500m Cheon Nagarajah (Yr 9)

Fastest Girl:

- 100m Chelsea Traore (Yr 9)
- 400m Junaya Fraser (Yr 9)
- 800m Eibhin Faith (Yr 8)
- 1500m Louise Barnett (Yr 8)



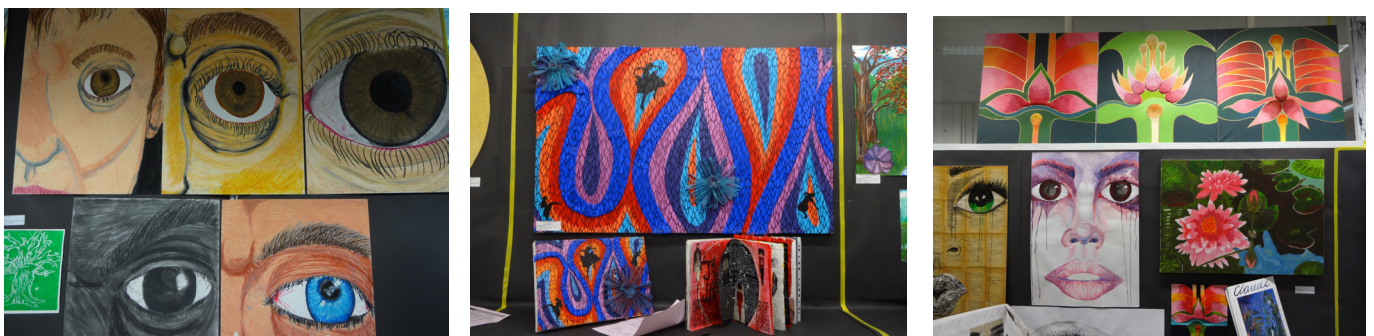
A Level Art Exhibition

A Level Art students' final project work has been on display after being moderated and assessed by the exam board. Once again the students have surpassed themselves with their artistic flair and creativity. Some of the adjectives used by viewers were 'fabulous', 'creative', 'innovative', 'ambitious', and 'accomplished' and here is some of the incredible art work produced:



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. As with the A-level exhibition, it was amazing viewing the incredible artistry of the pieces on show plus the detailed sketchbooks of initial ideas through to the students' chosen final project. Here is just some of the incredible art work produced.



Spectroscopy in a Suitcase Workshops

On Tuesday this week, three ambassadors from Imperial College London presented two workshops for all Year 12 Chemistry students entitled 'Spectroscopy in a Suitcase'. The ambassadors were all postgraduate Chemistry students (Andreea, Sebastian and Kuang Wen) who had volunteered for the role in this Royal Society of Chemistry activity to promote learning and enthusiasm in secondary students.

We had full attendance from all 60 students who engaged well in the activities including identifying various molecules using spectra. In addition, samples were brought along with a portable spectrometer by the ambassadors and infrared spectra were obtained by the students.

The visitors were particularly complimentary about the enthusiasm of the students who worked through various challenging identification tasks with support from teachers and ambassadors. The students benefitted from working with different groups of students from the year group for the first time particularly in the case of International Baccalaureate students who worked with A Level students with more experience of analysing spectra.

Ashcroft Technology Academy is grateful to the ambassadors for their time and dedication and to the Royal Society for Chemistry and Imperial College London Chemistry Department, respectively, for their funding and support of the event.



STEAM Club enjoyed yet another STEAM-azing week, with their rotations!

In Mr O'Sullivan's Super Structures Club, the Year 9 STEAMmies put together excellent work again and their bridges are now taking shape. Many will be ready to do the first tests next week. The STEAMmies' bridges have some interesting designs and most have used triangles since they found them to be the strongest shape in the first session. After their first tests, they will have the chance to improve the designs building upon what they discover as weaknesses and strengths in their designs.



With Miss Griffiths, Miss Haviland and Miss Peterson, in the Pin-Hole Camera Club, the Year 8 STEAMmies have postponed their session to next week, due to exams, and we look forward to their pin-hole camera photos when they pick up again next week.



In Mr Hearn's Anatomy of Film Club, the Year 7 STEAMmies started work in earnest on their two versions of 'Sandman 2!'. They worked in their groups to put together a storyboard (one for a stop motion film, the other for live action), and filming should commence in earnest next week! The Year 7 STEAMmies have proven the most enthusiastic group yet, and Mr Hearn has high hopes for a terrific duo of terrifying films!



Free School Meals

REMINDER for Parents/Guardians

If you wish your son/daughter to receive Free School Meals from September 2017, please make sure you have completed the yellow Free School Meals application form and handed it in to Finance by the 20 July 2017.

You can find a copy of this on the Academy website under Academy Information - School Meals – Free School Meals. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Campbell (Finance Officer) on 020 8812 3542

Last Day Term 5

As in previous years the last day of this term will take the format of form time and assemblies including House Champions assembly before students are dismissed.

Years 9 and 10 will be dismissed at 12.30pm and Years 7 and 8 dismissed at 1.00pm.

The last day of term will also be a Muftu Day where students, for a donation of £1, can leave their uniform at home and wear their normal clothes. All monies collected will be donated to the Grenfell Tower fund.

Spotlight on Achievement

PRAISE for Nathanael Pongolati 9T4 who goes from strength to strength with his running. He has now been selected to represent Wandsworth in this year's London Youth Games as part of their Athletics team.

The London Youth Games involves the 33 London Borough's competing against each other in over 40 events and is the largest multi-sport event for young people in Europe.

Nathanael's selection has been based on his performances at the Borough School Championships in the 4 x 100m relay.

The athletics competition will take place on Sunday 9 July 2017 at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. We wish him all the very best of luck with his performance.

TERM DATES 2017-2018 Academic Year

Term 1 begins	Wed 30 Aug (Year 7) Thur 31 Aug (Year 8-11)
Term break	Thur 19 Oct - Fri 27 Oct 2017
Term 2 begins	Mon 30 Oct - Fri 15 Dec
Term break	Mon 18 Dec – Tue 02 Jan 2018
Term 3 begins	Wed 03 Jan– Fri 09 Feb
Term break	Mon 12 Feb – Fri 16 Feb 2018
Term 4 begins	Mon 19 Feb – Fri 25 May
Easter break	Thur 29 Mar – Fri 13 Apr 2018
Bank Holiday	Mon 07 May 2018
Term break	Mon 28 May – Fri 01 Jun 2018
Term 5 begins	Mon 04 Jun – Fri 20 Jul



E-Safety Tip No# 4

Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you have put a picture of yourself online lots of people can see it and be able to download it - **it's not just yours anymore.**



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Multi-choice menu
1	Chicken Flatbread Spanish Omelette with Salad	Lemon Herb Breaded Fish Vegetable Lasagne	Beef Stroganoff Macaroni Cheese	Roast Turkey and Roast Potatoes Vegetable Curried Naan	Fish and Chips Pasta Bake	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
	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	
	Green Beans and Cauliflower	Baby Carrots and Parsley Potatoes	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Peas and Sweetcorn	
2	Summer Carrot, Tarragon and White Bean Soup	Vegetable Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Spiced Citrus Bean Soup	Leek and Potato 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	Apple Crumble and Custard	Trifle	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard	Victoria Sponge	Selection of Cold Desserts	DELI BAR Freshly made to order each day
	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts	Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	
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Meal Deal (Option 1 + 2 or 5) £2.25 students/£2.47 staff Main Meal only £1.95 students/£2.15 staff

Lunch rota for next week

1st sitting Year 8 — 1.05
3rd sitting Year 10 — 1.25

2nd sitting Year 9 — 1.15
4th sitting Year 7 — 1.35