

Mufti Day

The last day of term has been nominated a 'Mufti Day' where for just £1 students may come into school in their 'normal' clothing and leave their uniform at home. All proceeds will be donated to the Grenfell Tower Appeal.



NewsRound

Keeping parents and students informed

Term 5 Letter 6 Friday 14 July 2017

Manga Mania



Renowned Illustrator Sonia Leong visited our Ashcroft Academy LRC recently to deliver workshops in the very popular Art of Manga Drawing. During the day she spoke enthusiastically about the Japanese style of Manga and used her professional expertise to help KS3 students develop their own drawing skills.

Many of the students who met Sonia were really keen to start drawing and learn the tricks and rules of producing

artwork for graphic novels and comics. Sonia signed all of the work that she produced and donated it to the LRC to award as prizes for the best drawings in a special competition.

Students were asked to draw their own Manga piece which should be brought into the LRC where it will be displayed until Thursday 20 July to be judged and winners will be announced.



UCAS Days

Last week saw the return of our Sixth Form UCAS Days.

On Thursday, students had the opportunity to attend open events at Reading or Cambridge University; the information and talks that the students received will be of great benefit to them when applying to University next year.

On Friday, Leeds University stopped by to offer our students a personal statement workshop – an entertaining and insightful hour indeed! Following Leeds, a panel of our ex-students came in to share advice on succeeding in Year 13 and on University life – lots of hard work, positive attitude and motivation were the key themes throughout!

We rounded off our UCAS events on Friday with Sixth Form Sports Day 2017, but there's more to come on that in next week's edition of Newsround...



IB Results

This week the International Baccalaureate results were published. Students received an outstanding set of results which included a record number of students achieving 40 points or more.

Emma Burley, who achieved 41 points in her Diploma, will be reading History at Cambridge University from October. Kimberley Carstens was another student receiving exceptional results, achieving a new school record of 44 points including five grade 7s. Students' progress was also positive, with the overall results exceeding ALIS predictions.

These superb results allowed our students to secure places at top universities such as Durham and University College London. In the wake of the results the Academy received some very positive comments from students and parents with one parent emailing to say how pleased she was that her daughter (who achieved 42 points) had chosen to study at Ashcroft rather than her alternative choice, Wellington College.

We are still awaiting the final results but the provisional average point score per student of 36 points is likely to put our students in the top 21% of candidates worldwide.

Get Active

Get Active Wandsworth Festival is a FREE community event in King George's Park on Saturday 15th July 12-5pm. It aims to inspire local people to be more active and live a healthy lifestyle.



Who wants to be an entrepreneur?

Mr McGuinness arranged a visit from an entrepreneur to speak to business students from Years 10 and 12 last Monday.

Henri Cammiade, a 28 year old entrepreneur, who has created, managed and sold three businesses and is currently running and developing his 4th business, 'Keeome', a beauty therapy face mask business. Henri explained how he started his first business, having just completed his A levels at school and gone on holiday to Barcelona. Whilst in Barcelona he spotted a business opportunity and his two week holiday turned into a six month stay, where he generated a turnover of £250,000 and a net profit of £50,000. Not a bad start for an 18 year old on holiday.

Henri gave an inspiring talk to our Year 10 and 12 business students who were visibly buzzing by the end of his talk. He showed how students could take an idea and turn it into a business in a relatively short space of time.



Spotlight on Achievement

Well done to Ana-Eva Tudor who had a wonderful experience at the Courtauld Institute of Art last week. Ana-Eva was awarded a place on the four day course, following a competitive application process.

She spent four days working with the gallery's conservation and curating team and attended a special programme of lectures with the institute's professors. Ana-Eva put together a proposal for her own exhibition and presented it at the end of the week at the Courtauld lecture theatre.



Ms Griffiths and Ms Peterson, her Art teachers, are immensely proud of Ana-Eva, for her hard work and enthusiasm throughout the week and fully embracing such an opportunity, she did very well indeed.

London Zoo trip

Last Monday and Wednesday Year 12 Biology students visited London Zoo. In the morning they attended an educational talk on Zoo genetics and breeding, which is directly linked to their A level specification and they spent the remainder of the day researching an endangered species for their project. The Zoo demonstrated how genetic variation can be lost drastically in a single species from one traumatic event such as a tornado. The student also played Tiger Blind Date where they had to find the most suitable male tiger across the world to mate with the female tiger at London Zoo by looking at how closely related they might be and any infertility problems.

There was also time to enjoy the attractions that the Zoo has to offer!

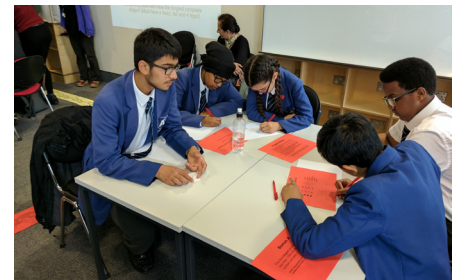
Both days were thoroughly enjoyed by all students.



The Wonder of Maths

On Wednesday this week, Mr Rowe and Miss Sturgess took 10 aspiring mathematicians from Year 10 to Kingston University to attend an event run by the Further Maths Support Programme, regarding Maths and Further Maths at A level.

After arriving, they were treated to a talk about the maths of Chocolate Fountains – with free samples. The students also competed against other schools in a dragon themed maths quiz coming joint third! After lunch, Ben Sparks presented on the 'Creation of Number' which really got the students thinking critically about the mathematics around us. The day was fascinating, and all of the students have been motivated to look in to studying mathematics beyond GCSE.



Arts Week

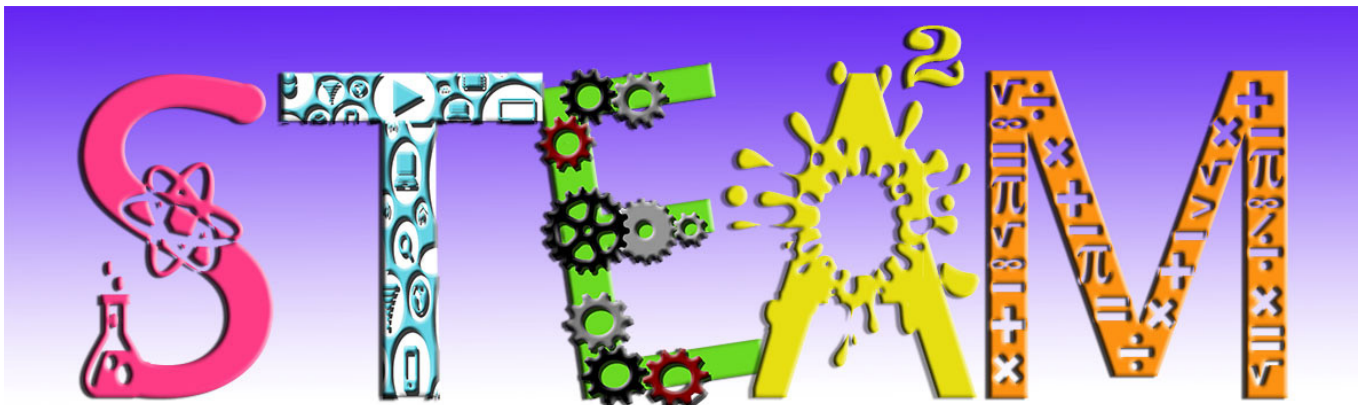
It's all aboard for Arts Week as we celebrate the versatile talents of our students and even discovering new artistes with Drama workshops, Orchestral and Jazz workshops, Singing Workshops, Art workshops, Dance and Singing workshops.

this will culminate with our outside 'Ashtival' musical extravaganza (weather permitting).

There is something for everyone to enjoy.



Date	Event	Students involved	Periods	Venue
Mon 17 th July	Orchestra Workshop	Orchestral musicians (sign-up)	1/2	F201
	Jazz Workshop	Selected musicians	3/4	F201
	Year 9 Drama Workshop	Year 9 Drama students	5/6	F216
	Singing Workshop	Singers (sign-up)	7/8	F204
	Raku Firing Workshop	Year 12 Art students	Period 7 until evening	Stepney City Farm
	Dance Workshop	Dancers (sign-up)	9/10	F216
Tues 18 th July	KS3 Printing Press Workshops, Collagraphs & Etching	KS3 students (invitation only)	P1-8	Art dept.
	Music Production Tutorial	Invited musicians/producers	P1/2	F204
	'Best Friends' performance and Q&A	Year 9 Drama students only	10.10 am – 10.45am	F216
	'Best Friends' performance and Q&A	Year 10 Drama students only	11.00am – 11.30am	F216
	Year 10 Drama workshop	Year 10 Drama students	P9/10	F216
Weds 19 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	Year 12 – Whole year group	6	AA
	Silent Disco	Star Badge Winners	7	AA
	The Big Draw	KS3 students	Lunchtime	KS3 Playground
	'The Platform' Drama Performance	Drama club participants only; praise and reward audience members.	9/10	F216
Thurs 20 th July	Ashtival	Years 7-12 – whole year groups	14:30 – 16:30	KS4 playground green



STEAM Club finished off for this academic year this week and what a STEAM-tastic ending it was!

In Mr O’Sullivan’s Super Structures Club, the Year 9 STEAMmies experienced an amazing finale. There was a rush to finish the bridges and crucial decisions had to be made regarding the limited resources, some groups ran out of sellotape before they were finished building. There was a large range of designs, some went with a simple design by just piling up the paper straws, and others went for more complex designs with triangles supporting their structures. In the end the winner was a simple design of straws piled up to make pyramid shapes to form the basis of the bridge, this bridge designed by Jakub managed hold over 5kg, the next strongest bridge held 3.5kg.



In Mr Hearn’s Anatomy of Film Club, the Year 7 STEAMmies watched the club’s inspiration, ‘The Sandman’ once more, before going on to be even more spooked by a more recent film, ‘Virus’, which paints a horrifying picture of the near future and the dangers it may hold if we are not careful with the way we apply technology. It’s a simple message but it should be re-stated: stay safe online!



With Miss Griffiths, Miss Haviland and Miss Peterson, in the Pin-Hole Camera Club, the Year 8 STEAMmies final week of rotation delivered some of our best photographs of the year! The students have now perfected the exposure and developing time required. A big well done to the Year 8 STEAMmies for their fantastic effort and commitment. A great shot here taken by Sarah, can you spot her silhouette?

Wow! STEAM Club has been STEAM-azing this year! Very well done to all the STEAMmies! Full STEAM ahead!

A reminder that STEAM applications are now open for the new academic year. Please see Ms Khan in Science for an application form.

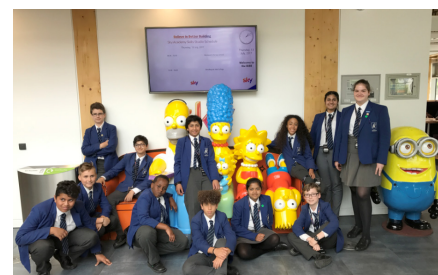
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Reaching for the Sky

Year 9 STEAMmies attended the MyKindaFuture and YourLife STEM event at Sky Academy & Sky Sports Studios. The students enjoyed participating in interactive workshops to develop key skills plus a tour of the Sky Sports Studios also. They produced a news feature in the Studios as well – an official recording of which we look forward to receiving soon.

During our travel to and from the venue, as well as during the course of the day, they remained perfect ambassadors of the Academy. Special mention to Jabril who won best problem solver and was awarded a certificate!

Our STEAMmies demonstrated a great deal of expertise and confidence in their knowledge of STEM compared to the other schools who attended, showcasing exactly why Ashcroft Technology Academy’s STEAM Club is indeed the best STEM Club in the UK!



September 2017 applications now open

STEAM CLUB
Years 7, 8 and 9

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Year 10

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12:45pm LUNCH
1:15pm The DB-eXcel Tournament
2:15pm: Penalty Shoot-Out
2.45pm: Warm down

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10am: Dynamic Warm up
10:30am: Multi Level Crossbar Challenge
11:30am: World Cup Doubles

Due to the tournament element of the course we encourage participants to book for the duration of the course. The aim is to develop each player's all round game as well as implementing fun and teamwork into the camp. In an enclosed all weather 3G pitch with toilet facilities and a drinking fountain for refuelling water bottles. Our experienced coaches are FA qualified. CRB/DBS checked with safeguarding and emergency aid so you child will be in safe hands.

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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# 6

Never meet up with people you've met online – they are not always whom they seem. Speak to your parent or carer about people who do suggest you meet up as you could be in danger.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with New Potatoes Vegetable Quesadilla	Tuna Lasagne Spicy Rolled Chickpea Gyros	Chicken Fajita Macaroni Cheese	Roast Pork and Roast Potatoes Vegetable Pie	Fish and Chips Goats Cheese Tart	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
	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Pizza Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	
	Green Beans and Macedoine	Baby Carrots and Salad	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas	
2	Carrot and Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Spicy 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	Fruit Crumble and Cream Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Banana Bread and Custard Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Chocolate/Strawberry Mousse with Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Chocolate and Orange Cake with Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Selection of Cold Desserts Fresh Fruit Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	



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