

# NewsRound



**Ashcroft**  
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## Contact

Look out for this term's issue of Contact and read about all the events you have been involved in.



### Year 7 Parents' Evening

This evening will take place on Thursday 6 November from 6.00-8.00pm in the Main Hall. A letter of invitation has been sent home this week to all Year 7 parents. This evening has been set-up at the specific request of parents. We expect all parents to attend. If it is likely to be impossible for you to do so, please contact Ms. Valentine as a matter of urgency. On the students' return on Monday 3 November they will be given an appointment card and asked to make appointments on your behalf with the subject teachers you have indicated you wish to speak to on the reply slip attached to the invitation letter.

As some of our staff teach a number of Year 7 classes it will not be possible for you to meet with all of your son/daughter's subject teachers. However, it is our intention that you meet with as many subject teachers as possible. Please note there will not be an opportunity to meet with form tutors and you should contact Ms Valentine directly to discuss any general concerns you may have.

We estimate that each parent will be able to meet with up to 8 subject teachers in total during the evening and appointments will be limited to 5 minute durations.

We would like to see your son/daughter come along with you on the evening. However, we will expect them to wear full academy uniform for the occasion.



### Merit Maestros

Completed merit cards are coming in on a regular basis now that our Year 7 have settled in. This week we congratulate the following students who have completed their bronze and gold cards this week:

**Bronze:** Kelechi Emelle 7T1, Vienna MacDonald 7T6, Harrie Spurway 7T1, Uktu Aydin 7T1, Chantae McKenzie 7T3, Sarfraz Bajwa 7T3, Clarisse Berardier 7T5, Sajil Shahid 7T3, Edward Appleton 7T1, Treyvon Thompson 7T1, Jaimin Desai 7T5, Kelly Kayanja 7T5, Tyra Enchill 7T1, Illias Moulay 7T1, Zakaria Moustirri 7T6

**Gold:** Jochabed Vilone 8T3, Catherine Cooper 8T4, Jasmine Khizar 8T3



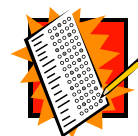
### Street Child Africa

A group of Post 16 students went off to the Barbican this week to attend the second Street Child Africa 6th form conference.

They joined many other sixth formers and key politicians, academics and development experts to discuss and debate the topic 'Are the Millennium Goals Helping Street Children in Africa?'

The students were also able to attend two seminars from a choice of ten which highlighted the terrible existence many African children are forced to live.

We have a close association with Street Child Africa and have supported them for many years through donations from performances and special fund-raising events.



### Public Exams

Reminder to those students who are either taking GCSE resits or early entry in English or Maths that these exams will take place during November - still plenty of time for you to revise!

The schedule is:

Maths	Thur 6 Nov am Wed 12 Nov am
English	Wed 5 Nov am Mon 10 Nov am



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### Geography poster competition

To introduce Year 7 students to the wonders of Physical Geography they were asked to design a poster of their interpretation of Physical Geography.

Well done to Tracy Achonwa of 7T7 who was judged to have designed the best poster. There was some lovely work entered and these have been displayed in the Geography area.



### Passing on Messages

Please could parents, where possible, ensure that any messages that they wish conveyed to their son/daughter are left before afternoon registration (1.55pm). The message can then easily be placed in the register for the Form Tutor to pass on.

If a message is urgent we are happy to convey this as soon as possible to the student concerned. However, we do not deem 'reminders' as urgent and unfortunately we do not have the human resources to deliver these after registration has taken place.

### Year 7 Poem Competition

To celebrate National Poetry Day recently our Year 7 students were set the task to pen a poem on the national theme of 'Work', or in our case 'School'. We had an array of wonderful poems and thank Mr Barker, our Principal who chose three winners from the inventive and humorous prose about their first term at Ashcroft Academy.

The poems are on display for all to read which will eventually be made into a poetry booklet. We congratulate the following students who all receive a merit and a special prize:

- 1st – Ellesse Abbot 7T5
- 2nd – Tracy Achonwa 7T7
- 3rd – Ben Edmunds 7T2

### My School by Ellesse Abbott

**A**t Ashcroft School it is strict but fair  
**T**he staff work to show they care  
**S**chool dinners are healthy and yummy to eat  
**L**ots of pupils looking for seats  
**H**omework is set and must be done  
**b**efore you go out and have some fun  
**C**lubs are at lunchtime or after school,  
**T**here's lots to choose from to suit all  
**R**ules are set and must be obeyed  
**N**o phones or hoodies Mr Barker says  
**O**nly Ashcroft is the Academy for me  
**b**ut my Mum moans when I'm late home for tea  
**F**avourite lessons for me are Maths and PE  
**a**nd a trip to the pantomime for all Y7s to see  
**T**he uniform is blue, white and grey  
**G**oing to Ashcroft makes my day.



## Great British Feast

The theme day 'Great British Feast' was a very big success this week. We had a very positive feedback (!) from students on what was on offer and sales increased by 9%. A good sign that everyone enjoys good old fashioned British food.

Our theme day next month will have a South American flavour – so look out for the special menu posters.

**Winter Special** - Next term we will be offering half-price breakfast deals – they say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day so get in a little bit earlier and try it out for yourself.



## Post 16 v Glyn School, Epsom

Our Post 16 hosted the London Palmer Cup against Glyn Upper School from Epsom at Openview on Thursday.

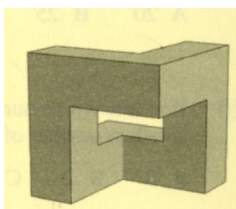
From the outset, our team had their work cut out and their game plan shredded by poor defending which allowed the visitors two early goals. The game was played in good spirit which allowed both teams to play very attractive football. However, once again our lack of concentration allowed the visitors their third goal from set-piece corner. The second half proved more productive for us with determined defending, especially by central defenders, Marek Hachemane and Florent Sherifi. This allowed Carl Morgan and Yafeu Downes to venture more confidently into the opposition half. There were fine displays by Kwame Rennalls, Carl Morgan and Reece Morgan. However, Glyn once again showed their superior fitness & power by scoring three more goals, before we could reply with two consolation goals by Shakir Amrani and the skipper Reece Morgan. The team played with a lot more conviction in the second half, but the game, unfortunately, had already been lost. Report by Andy George

## Mindbender 232

The sculpture 'Cubo Vazado' (Emptied Cube) by the Brazilian artists Franz Weissman is formed by removing cubical blocks from a solid cube to leave the symmetrical shape shown.

If all the edges have length 1, 2 or 3, what is the volume of the sculpture?

A 9, B 11, C 12, D 14, E 18



Answer to Ms Valentine by Wednesday 4 November at the latest. Merit marks for winner.

Mindbender 231: 64 thumb lengths was the answer - In terms of length, 1 arm = 2 forearms = 4 hands = 8 middle fingers = 16 thumbs. So 4 arms have the same total length as 64 thumbs.

Winner: Henri Basha 7T1. Other correct entries received from Uktu Aydin 7T1 and Aqib Rashid 7T7

## Science Trivia 143



Industrially, ethanol can be produced by the reaction of steam and ethene. This reaction is catalysed by what?

Do you know the answer, if so hand it in to Mr Ofuso, Science Department by Wednesday 4 November at the latest.

Science Trivia 142: Carbon Monoxide and water are produced in the incomplete combustion of alkenes. No outright winner this week.

# Weekly Menu

week beginning Monday 3 November 2008



## MONDAY

Meal Deal Lasagne served with Jacket Wedges or Sweet & Sour Quorn with Fluffy White Rice  
Veg: Baked Beans or Seasonal Salad  
Pudding: Dutch Apple Pie with Custard or Fresh Fruit Pieces 1.90

## TUESDAY

Meal Deal Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Mashed Potato or Cheese & Pepper Salsa Tortilla with Cajun Wedges  
Veg: Sliced Green Beans or Seasonal Salad  
Pudding: Milk Jelly Dessert or Fresh Fruit 1.90

## WEDNESDAY

Meal Deal Roast Pork with Roasted or Boiled Potatoes or Vegetable Bolognese with Pasta  
Veg: Fresh Sliced Carrots or Seasonal Salad 1.90

## THURSDAY

Meal Deal Meatballs in a Tomato & Lentil Sauce with Rice or Macaroni Cheese Bake with Garlic & Herb Bread  
Veg: Stir Fried Vegetables or Seasonal Salad  
Pudding: Warm Firecracker Cake with Vanilla Sauce or Fresh Fruit Pieces 1.90

## FRIDAY

Meal Deal Crunchy Topped Fish Pie with Champ Mash or Quorn & Sweet Potato Curry with Fluffy White Rice  
Veg: Garden Peas or Seasonal Salad  
Pudding: Peach & Pineapple Crumble with Custard or Fresh Fruit Pieces 1.90

### Also available everyday:

Pronto Trattoria Pizza Selection from 1.15  
Hot Jacket Potato with selection of hot or cold fillings from 1.15

### A selection of chilled foods:

Daily Sandwich Choice from 80p  
Bloomer Sandwich £1.35  
Filled Wraps £1.15  
Salad Boxes from 80p  
Filled Baguettes £1.65  
Shaker Salads from £1.10  
Pasta Pots from £1.10  
plus Fresh Fruit Box, Melon Slice, Yogurt pots with toppings or fruit yoghurts from 53p

### Chilled drinks:

Sunpride cartons - apple, pineapple or orange 55p  
Calypso Juice Cuplets - orange or apple 32p  
Innocent Pure Fruit Smoothies - mango, pineapple & banana or apple & blackcurrant 80p  
Water and water based flavoured drinks or milk cartons from 55p

### Lunch Rota week beginning Monday 3 Nov

1st Year 11 — 1.00 4th Year 9 — 1.30  
2nd Year 7 — 1.10 Last Year 8 — 1.40  
3rd Year 10 — 1.20