

# NewsRound



## Merit Maestros

Well done to the following students who have completed a merit stage – **Bronze** – Leyla Duman 7T7, Ridouane Brisha 7T5. **Silver** – Lauren Lilley-Bailey 7T5, Ellesse Abbott 7T5, Mario Aleixo 7T4, Henri Basha 7T1, Christopher Lawall 7T5. **Gold** – Reece McBride 7T5. **Platinum** – Elouise McCracken 8T1.

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## Happy New Year

We wish all students and their parents a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Despite the doom and gloom of the economy we have high expectations of our students sitting their GCSE/A Level exams this summer and wish them every success for the future.



## KS4 and Post Exams

For your information we have printed overleaf the timetable for

examinations taking place next week.

Please note that KS4 students will attend normal lessons after a morning exam but will be dismissed to go home after an afternoon exam.

Post 16 students may take the morning off to study for an afternoon exam on the same day. This is the only arrangement for study leave. Apart from this there will be lessons as normal.

## Year 11 monitors

Congratulations to the newly appointed Monitors in Year 11 from January onwards – Lucy Murphy, Samara Zwain, Amna Imran, Chloe Noble, Katie Baker Townsin, Daniel Miles, Zoe Hamilton, Hope Hunter, Holly Young and Stephanie Lincoln. They are easily recognisable by their special blue and silver striped ties.

As Monitors they will take on a variety of duties around the academy from supporting a Year 7 form at registration, providing administrative help in Key Stage offices or supporting staff on their duty rota at break and lunchtimes.

## Street Child Africa Appeal



Thank you so much for your generosity and for supporting the SCA Christmas 2008 Appeal.

There were many inspired activities organised during the last week of Term 2 including an FA Cup Sweepstake, coin donation to cover a map of Africa, cake sales, quizzes and Christmas Card board and Christmas Card stall. Plus everyone could come to school in their 'casual' clothes for the last day (always a popular event!).

We are still receiving donations but up to now we have raised almost £2500 which will certainly go a long way to help these children. For instance £30 will support a child in school for 1 year.



## Grease Production

Rehearsals are going well and the performers are beginning to feel

a little nervous as we near the three performances on 4, 5 and 6 February.

'You are the ones that we want' to come along and support the cast and crew in our first big drama production for many years. The performances will take place in our newly refurbished hall where we can seat up to 320 each evening. Tickets will go on sale from Wednesday next week and can be purchased from Reprographics or from the Box Office during break and lunchtimes (£4 parents and £2 students, staff and senior citizens). Cheques should be made payable to Prospect Education (Technology) Trust Ltd.

Once we have deducted royalties and hiring costs we hope to make a generous donation to the Street Child Africa Appeal with the remaining funds.



## Going Green

Our New Year resolution is to effectively publicise to all, the importance of recycling as much of our waste as possible. Although we have been doing this for a while we have become a bit forgetful and not always using the correct waste bin for our paper or plastic bottles.

Mr Jennings put us all in the picture as to why we should be more committed to recycling when he presented an eye-opening and factual presentation during the key stage assemblies this week.

Most of you probably have to follow local Council guidelines on how you dispose of your rubbish so the idea is not a new one.

Each form room will now have a green recycling box for waste paper which can be emptied regularly into the big container near the restaurant. We also have new bottle and can recycling bins situated in the restaurant too. There is no excuse – if you can't reuse it then recycle it!

## Post 16 News

### Year 11 into Post 16

Many students have already applied to the sixth form which is excellent, however, our closing date Friday 6 February, is not too far away!

Next year promises to be very exciting in the sixth form. You may be aware that in addition to a new performing arts facility, we also hope to have a brand new sixth form centre, separate from the main school. This will allow us to have our own teaching rooms, study area and form rooms. We are very excited at this development which will be of significant benefit to our students.

Year 11 interviews for the sixth form will take place in early March. By this date, students should be very clear about their sixth form choices, but it will be our decision as to whether or not we enrol students onto their preferred courses. It is essential that those students who apply for A level, demonstrate their A level potential in their GCSE grades. To put it quite simply students MUST achieve a range of passes at grade C and above to be enrolled for A levels. Employers, admissions tutors in higher and further education will look at GCSE results, in particular at the core subjects of English, maths and science, so it is imperative that students achieve in these areas.

### Post 16

The exam season is here (again). Needless to say, students should prepare themselves fully and we wish them all the very best. The results will be available in mid March.

### UCAS

Congratulations to all Year 13. A high percentage have applied to university and those who have not are taking a gap year. Students are now receiving offers from university which is excellent.

Should any parent wish to discuss any aspects of the sixth form at Ashcroft, please email [mike.roberts@ashcroftacademy.org.uk](mailto:mike.roberts@ashcroftacademy.org.uk)

## Club reminders

Textiles Workshop - Wed 1-1.50pm  
Guerilla Bagging - Thur 1-1.50pm Y10  
Textiles Catch-up - Tue 1-1.50pm Y8/9  
Dance Club - Mon 1-1.50pm in Hall

## KS4 Science Examination January Timetable 2009

All exams will take place in the Hall  
Figures in brackets represent number of candidates taking exam

Morning Session : 8.50am	Afternoon Session : 1.45pm
<b>Monday 12 January</b>	
Science A Unit 1 (B1, C1, P1) Foundation 40m (31)	
Science A Unit 1 (B1, C1, P1) Higher 40m (127)	
<b>Thursday 15 January</b>	
	Science A Unit 2 (B2, C2, P2) Foundation 40m (32)
	Science A Unit 2 (B2, C2, P1) Higher 40m (123)
	Chemistry A Unit 1 (C1, C2, C3) Higher 40m (20)
	Add App Science A UN4 (Chem) Foundation 45m (29)
	Add App Science A UN4 (Chem) Higher 45m (12)

## GCE January Examinations Timetable 2009

Morning Session : 8.50am	Afternoon Session : 1.45pm
<b>Monday 12 January</b>	
Geography A GGA1 Unit 1 1h (1)	ICT INFO1 Unit 1 1½h (17)
Geography A GGA2 Unit 2 1h (3)	Computing CPT2 Unit 2 1½h (8)
Geography GGA3 Unit 3 1h (2)	ICT ICT1 Unit 1 1½h (9)
Geography GEOG2 Unit 2 1h (12)	Computing COMP2 Unit2 1h (8)
	Law LAW01 Unit 1 1½h (10)
<b>Tuesday 13 January</b>	
Mechanics 6677/01 M1 1½h (1)	Physics 2821/01 F & M Written 1h (3)
	Physics 2822/01 EL & PH Written 1h (2)
	History 6521/1F Seeds of Evil 1h (1)
<b>Wednesday 14 January</b>	
SHD SH204 L2-Unit 4 1½h (8)	
<b>Thursday 15 January</b>	
Core Mathematics 6665/01 C3 1½h (3)	Media Studies 2732/01 Written 1h (16)
	Physics A PHYA2 Unit 2 1½h (15)
	RS RSO4 Unit 4 1h (2)
	RS RSO6 Unit 6 1h (2)
<b>Friday 16 January</b>	
	History 6522/2F G&R 1918-29 55m (2)

### Being Prepared for Exams



It is imperative that students are prepared to sit their exams by ensuring they have the all the writing and drawing equipment they will need.

Please make sure you bring along a clear pencil case containing HB pencils, colouring pencils, black biros, ruler, eraser and pencil sharpener plus compass, protractor and possibly a scientific calculator if necessary.

An exam kit comprising the essentials in a clear case can be purchased from Reprographics for £1.35.

### Present Academic Year Sep 2008-Jul 2009

<b>TERM 3</b>	<b>Mon 5 Jan - Fri 13 Feb 2009</b>
Term Break	Mon 16 Feb - Fri 20 Feb 2009 (incl)
<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>Mon 23 Feb - Fri 22 May 2009</b>
Staff Development	Fri 3 Apr 2009
Easter break	Fri 3 Apr - Fri 17 Apr 2009
Bank Holiday	Mon 4 May 2009
Term break	Mon 25 May - Fri 29 May 2009 (incl)
<b>TERM 5</b>	<b>Mon 1 Jun - Fri 17 Jul 2009</b>
Term break	begins Mon 20 Jul

### Academic Year Sep 2009- Jul 2010

Staff Development	Wed 26 - Fri 28 Aug 2009
<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>Tue 1 Sep - Fri 23 Oct 2009</b>
Term Break	Mon 26 Oct - Fri 30 Oct 2009 (incl)
<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>Mon 02 Nov - Fri 18 Dec 2009</b>
Term Break	Mon 21 Dec 2009 - Mon 4 Jan 2010 (incl)
Staff Development	Mon 4 Jan 2010
<b>TERM 3</b>	<b>Tue 5 Jan - Fri 12 Feb 2010</b>
Term Break	Mon 15 Feb - Fri 19 Feb 2010 (incl)
<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>Mon 22 Feb - Fri 28 May 2010</b>
Staff Development	Thu 1 Apr 2010
Easter Break	Thu 1 Apr - Fri 16 Apr 2010 (incl)
Bank Holiday	Mon 3 May 2010
Term Break	Mon 31 May - Fri 4 Jun 2010 (incl)
<b>TERM 5</b>	<b>Mon 7 Jun - Fri 23 Jul 2010</b>

# Weekly Menu

week beginning Monday 12 January 2009



## MONDAY

Meal Deal Lamb Pilaf or Vegetable Pitta Pockets with Cajun Wedges  
Veg: Peas or Seasonal Salad  
Pudding: Mixed Fruit Pie with Custard or Fresh Fruit Pieces 1.90

## TUESDAY

Meal Deal Beef Bolognaise with Pasta Spirals or Fruit Caribbean Curry with Pilau Rice  
Veg: Golden Sweetcorn or Seasonal Salad  
Pudding: Warm Carrot Cake with Vanilla Sauce or Fresh Fruit Pieces 1.90

## WEDNESDAY

Meal Deal Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes or Plain Jacket Wedges or Roasted Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread Slice  
Veg: Fresh Broccoli Florets or Seasonal Salad  
Pudding: Chocolate & Orange Mousse or Fresh Fruit Pieces 1.90

## THURSDAY

Meal Deal Beef Cobbler with Creamy Mashed Potatoes or Quorn, Potato & Leek Pie  
Veg: Fresh Carrots or Seasonal Salad  
Pudding: Peach Conde or Fresh Fruit Pieces 1.90

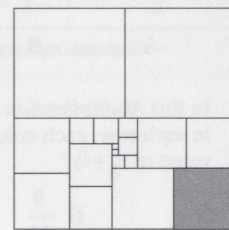
## FRIDAY

Meal Deal Salmon Wrap with Chips or White Rice or Vegetable Chilli with Rice  
Veg: Baked Beans or Seasonal Salad  
Pudding: Sultana Sponge with Custard or Fresh Fruit Pieces 1.90

### This week's lunch rota

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	

## Mindbender 238



A large square is divided into adjacent pairs of smaller squares with integer sides, as shown in the diagram (which is not drawn to scale). Each size of smaller square occurs only twice. The shaded square has sides of length 10. What is the area of the large square?

A 1024, B 1089, C 1156, D 1296 or E 1444

Answer to Ms Valentine, Student Progress Manager, by Wednesday 14 January. Winner receives a merit and is entered into a winners draw.

Mindbender 237: Answer E 180. Winner Ben Edmunds 7T2. Other correct entries received from Iliass Moulay 7T1, Fazeela Ishmael 9T3.



## Science Trivia 149

Which important scientist created the theory that electrons are located within a fixed distance from the nucleus on a certain energy

level?

Answer to Mr Oforu, Science Department, by Wednesday 14 January. Merit for the winner.

Science Trivia 148 : Answer Aleph0 - no winners!