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## Ashcroft

13th October  
2017

## Year 9/10 Curriculum Evening

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to invite you to an information evening on Wednesday 8th November at the Academy for all Year 9 and Year 10 students and their parents. The evening will start promptly at 6:30 and run until approximately 8:00pm.

There will be a number of short presentations from Mr Mitchell, the Principal, Dr Smith, Deputy Principal, Mr Collins, the Curriculum Manager for English and Mr Obradovic, the Curriculum Manager for Maths. Other members of the Leadership Group and Year Teams will also be present to answer your questions.

The evening will look at the new GCSE system and we will provide much focused feedback and guidance on what you and your son/daughter will need to do in order to maintain a very good grade and improve a poor grade. We will give you an outline of the new exams and suggest revision and learning techniques that will help students develop effective study skills and improved exam results. We will also outline the support

improved exam results. We will also outline the support we will be offering students as they get closer to taking their GCSE exams.

After the presentations, staff will be available to talk with you should you have any questions, or concerns. We will also have a selection of revision guides and equipment available for you to purchase.

This is a very valuable opportunity for you to support your son/daughter at a very important time in their educational career and we would strongly advise that you attend. We understand that the most effective results happen when home and the Academy work closely together and we look forward to seeing you on this evening.

Yours Sincerely

Douglas Mitchell - Principal

## Prizegiving photos

If you would like to request a copy of your child's 2016 Prizegiving photograph, please send an email to [conor.hewitt@ashcroftacademy.org.uk](mailto:conor.hewitt@ashcroftacademy.org.uk), with your son/daughter's name and tutor group, as of this year.



## Rowing Club

The students in rowing club continue to show fantastic development on the water. They are now regularly rowing from Putney to Hammersmith bridge. The rowers are also managing to now get the boat in to the water with a fewer knocks, as they become more experienced in carrying them. The rowers have really turned in to a supportive community and have shown fantastic sportsmanship.

Ms A Dowson



## Important Message Regarding Squid



Currently there is a problem with the connection between our Restaurant and the Squid Online Top Up System. Due to this problem, the balances and transactions that you are seeing when you log in to your child's lunch account are not correct.

In addition to this, any money that you have topped up online is not reaching their individual account at present.

Squid and our Restaurant software provider are both currently working to resolve this problem ASAP. Hopefully this problem will be resolved over the weekend

If you normally use Squid to Top Up please can I advise you on Monday to send in with your child, cash or a cheque (made payable to "Prospect Education (Technology) Trust Ltd to ensure their meals for the following 3 days until we break up for the end of term.

I am sorry for the inconvenience that this may have caused.

Once squid is up and running as normal I will send out an email to confirm this

If you have any problem please feel free to contact Mrs Campbell (Finance Officer) on her email [nicky.campbell@ashcroftacademy.org.uk](mailto:nicky.campbell@ashcroftacademy.org.uk).



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Year 7 Welcome Evening

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Staff Development Days

## Sixth Form Assessment Week

A Level

A reminder for students

Assessment Week is just around the corner. You have been working hard in preparing for your assessments over the last few weeks - please keep up the momentum and ensure that you carry out focused revision in your study periods. During the week, we expect to see you studying in the Sixth Form Centre, making focused use of your time.

Please check the exam schedule carefully and ensure that you arrive in good time for your exam.

IB students' exams commence at 8am, so please ensure that you arrive in good time for an earlier start.

	Mon 16th Oct	Tues 17th Oct
9:00 - 10:30	Geography	English/French
10:45 - 12:15	ICT (Y13)/ Computer Science	RS/D&T
1:15 - 2:45	History	Chemistry
3:00-4:30	Biology	Further Maths/ Gov. & Pol.

IB

IB assessment week	Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th
Session 1	English	Chemistry	Biology
8am - 10am	Form: JAN P1: LRV P2: HDB	Form: JAN P1: BDA P2: BCO	Form: JAN P1: GBI P2: PKA
Session 2	Maths	Economics/Art/Psychology	MFL
11am - 1pm	Break: JAN P5: RMA P6: ABY	Break: JAN P5: PME P6: ABY	Break: JAN P5: APN P6: LRV
Session 3	Physics/Music (F204)	Geography	History
2pm - 4pm	P7: JAN P8: EFL P9: MRO	P7: JAN P8: DME P9: JST	P7: JAN P8: NAR P9: LDS

# Great Ashcroft Bake Off - Technical Challenge

This week saw the Technical Challenge of 'The Great Ashcroft Bake Off'. Thirty student finalists from the highly competitive initial round stayed after school to bake. Their challenge? To make a Swiss Roll from a recipe of their choice in 90 minutes. Swiss Rolls are notoriously difficult and they all put in a lot of hard work, but there could only be one winner- Eva Wolf and Era Hashani 7t6- who worked collaboratively. All placed finalists were judged on their hygiene, organisation and technical skill, as well as on the taste and appearance of the end product. The judges were very impressed with the quality of students' baking. Equally they were overwhelmed by the standard of staff entries, with the staff crown being awarded to Ms Griffiths, CM for Art, whose floral themed Swiss Roll was beautifully intricate.



Ms S Paton - CAS Coordinator

Please note that from Monday 16th October 2017 we will no longer accept the old style £1 coins.

## Performing Arts

Christmas Showcase - Save the Date!

The Christmas Showcase will take place on Tuesday 12th December. Further details about timings and tickets to follow.

The Performing Arts Department.



Reminder! Year 10 students, your deadline for the payment of the theatre trip to see, 'Things I Know to be True' is due on Thursday 19th October 2017

Miss L Smith - Head of Year 9 and Teacher of Drama



Week 4 of STEAM 2017-18 and it's been a STEAM-tastic week indeed, with the Years 7,8,9 completing their current project rotations.

### Year 7 STEAM Club:

In Tessellating Tiles with Miss Haviland, Miss Griffiths and Miss Peterson, the Year 7 STEAMmies translated completed the underglazes on their clay tiles. They discussed the process of the clay work being fired; both students and staff cannot wait to see them come out of the kiln!

### Year 8 STEAM Club:

In Mega Maths with Mr Sellars, the Year 8 STEAMmies' focus was designing a rollercoaster – the main brief was that it had to be buildable! There were some great designs with loop the loops and big drops – all worked out using the modelling formula  $h=s-16t^2$  to make sure that the designs were possible. Praise to the STEAMmies below from some great modelling this term – well done and enjoy your next rotation! Thanks also to the 6th form ambassadors for helping out and 'keeping it real'!

### Year 9 STEAM Club:

In Maths of Language with Mr Revelant, participation by our STEAMmies was tremendous! Every language game has its own rules, and our Year 9 STEAMmies competed against each other to express their creativity with words but with a few morphological constraints. The Chicken Nuggets team, chaired by Anastasia Champagne, Marta Carli and Eibhin Faith, was the overall winner of our Maths of Language competitions and they received a number of prizes. A big thank you to Lucas Williams (12T5), able linguist and Sixth form ambassador, who has helped with the organisation of these three sessions.

Well done Year 9s, keep up the excellent standard of work and do not forget that there is a bit of Maths in every language!



### Year 10 STEAM Academia and Sixth Form STEAM Ambassadors:

Another exciting STEAM event as we welcomed our second STEAM guest, Dr Paul Winter, Senior Director of Neuroscience Clinical Research at GlaxoSmithKline. Paul presented to our STEAM Academia and Ambassadors about his educational background and career pathway – Zoology and Chemistry at A'levels, and Neuroscience at degree level with a PHD in Physiology & Pharmacology. His exciting work involves studying the human brain, with a focus on short term and long term memory and the teenage brain. Paul shared his dyslexia with the students and described how he overcame challenges in his education to become a successful neuroscientist. Our STEAM audience was engrossed as Paul presented how Neuroscience connects with STEAM. A Q&A session followed afterwards and a special request made for Paul to return so that our STEAM students could learn more about his work. Some of our aspiring medics enjoyed speaking with Paul afterwards. One of our Sixth Form Ambassadors, Marcos Abreu Costa, helped to present a special thank you gift on behalf of ATA's STEAM Enrichment Programme to Paul also. A truly interesting session with a lot discovered about a potential STEAM career pathway. We look forward to welcoming Paul back again in the future! Well done to all who attended for being a fantastic audience and for welcoming our STEAM guest with such positivity! Ms F Khan

# P . E . DEPARTMENT

## TERM 1 CLUBS

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Mon	Fitness Session – Miss Despins	Cardio Fitness Suite/ Weights Fitness Suite – Mr Keith Cricket –Mr Rowe/Mr Dove Basketball – Mr Dooley Dodgeball- Miss Despins	Football – Mr Keith Netball – Mrs Ward Girls Football- Miss Despins Duke of Edinburgh- Mr Dooley
Tues	Fitness Session – Mrs Ward/Miss Sear	Cardio Fitness Suite/ Weights Fitness Suite – Mrs Ward Table Tennis- Mr Dooley Basketball- Miss Despins Badminton – Mr Keith	Rowing- Miss Dowson/Miss Richards Ultimate Frisbee- Miss Henry Periods 9+10 Year 7+8 Football-Mr Carroll
Wed	Fitness Session – Mr Dooley	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision – Mr Keith Weights Fitness Suite/ Cardio Room- Miss Despins Table Tennis – Mr Mensah/Mr Stenning Girls Nike Training Club- Mrs Ward	Jujitsu – Mr Wandii
Thurs	Fitness Session – Mr Keith Basketball- Mr Dooley	Cardio Fitness Suite/ Weights Fitness Suite – Mrs Ward Basketball- Mr Dooley Girls Football- Miss Despins	Fitness – Mrs Ward
Fri	Fitness Session – Mrs Ward Basketball- Mr Dooley	Volleyball- Mr Keith Weights Fitness Suite/ Cardio Fitness Suite- Mrs Ward Basketball- Mrs Ward Year 7 Multisports- Miss Despins	

## Ashcroft Technology Academy

# PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT



## Enrichment Timetable 2017-18

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time (1.20pm – 1.50pm)	Orchestra All year groups Miss Di Bartolo – F201  Page to Stage Y9-11 Ms Smith – F216	The Platform Y7 and 8 Miss Britten and Miss Falkner-Lee – F216  Advanced Collective Invited musicians only Miss Di Bartolo – F201	Music Technology Club All year groups Mr Stokes - F204	Scholarship Band Music Scholars only Mr McGuinness and Miss Di Bartolo – F204	One Voice Choir - all year groups Miss Thompkins, Miss Faulkner-Lee and Miss Di Bartolo- F204
After school	GCSE Music Power Hour Miss Di Bartolo 3:15 – 4:15pm – F201			Step into Dance All year groups 4.30pm – 5.30pm - F216	

Practice rooms can be booked at break time for use at lunchtime.

Monday – Wednesday: Y8-13, Thursday – Friday Y7-8

# Cricket Trials Wandsworth Youth Games

- Players **must** live or go to school in Wandsworth  
- **Must** be in school years 8 and below (born on or after 1 September 2004)

**Girls: 6pm – 7pm      Boys: 7pm – 8pm**

**Saint Cecilia's School, SW18 5JR**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Training for selected squad every Wednesday until January

Contact Matt Doherty on 0208 871 6857 / [lyg@enablelc.org](mailto:lyg@enablelc.org) for more information or visit [enablelc.org/lyg](http://enablelc.org/lyg)



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b>	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
	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
<b>2</b>	Carrot and Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Spicy Bean Soup	Leek and Potato Soup
<b>3</b>	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)			
<b>4</b>	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)	Any sandwich (max price £1.50)			
<b>5</b>	Fruit Crumble and Cream	Banana Bread and Custard	Chocolate/Strawberry Mousse with Shortbread Biscuit	Chocolate and Orange Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Selection of Cold Desserts
	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of Cakes and Biscuits

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



**Meal Deal (Option 1 + 2 or 5) £2.25 students/£2.47 staff      Main Meal only £1.95 students/£2.15 staff**