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## Ashcroft

24th  
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2017

### KS3 Girls Football

The KS3 Girls football team played in the AFC Wimbledon 5-a-side tournament last week. They have all been very enthusiastic about football the last few months and have shown some real improvements. They had a difficult start to the day with 2 losses to some very competitive teams, but they did not let this get them down and managed to draw in the third match



and win their fourth match of a the day 2-0. Congratulations girls on some impressive football.

Miss Despina

### Y10 Netball Team

The Y10 Netball team had a very successful evening at the borough Netball tournament. The team Won 3 games as well as drawing 1 and losing 1 to finish 3rd in the borough. The girls put up some impressive scores along the way, including a 14-0 win over Southfields and an 11-1 victory over Burntwood. Congratulations to the pupils involved, and hopefully we can improve again



in time for the next Borough tournament, which we will be hosting in January.



# Christmas Showcase - 12th December 2017

Students are reminded to return their reply slips to Ms Smith in the Performing Arts office as soon as possible. Tickets are available from Reprographics and cost £1 with all proceeds being donated to our chosen charity - Glass Door.



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IB Open Forum

## Maths News

The Mathematics Department have launched their new Student Ranking System: All students in KS4 have now been issued a rank for their End of Term 1 test which identifies their position in relation to the set and whole year group. There is already a positive competitive spirit amongst students who are working hard to improve on their current rank in the End of Term 2 tests.

All KS4 students will have this rank in their homework books, so do ask to see it over the school year to get a clearer idea of how they are progressing in Mathematics. Whatever their current position is, the key is to continue improving it until the official GCSE exams. The race is on, so let's see who will climb up the most!

Mr Rowe

## Certificate Collection - 11th December 2017

Current and ex-students are welcome to collect their certificates from the conference room (reception) from 1pm until 3.15pm on this date.

GCSE, BTEC, DIDA and GCE certificates will be available between these times. All uncollected certificates will be securely stored for a minimum of 1 year and maximum of 4 years.

Your certificates are important – they are the only proof of your qualifications and cost a lot of money to replace. The Academy is not responsible for replacing certificates and has a right to destroy certificates after 1 year of storage.

We look forward to seeing many students, past and present.

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Sixth Form Open Forum

## Sarah J Mass Event

Three Ashcroft Students were amongst the audience to see the acclaimed Fantasy Author Sarah J Maas speak in London on Wednesday evening. Sarah, who is based in New York, was on a whistle stop tour of the UK to promote her latest novel 'Tower Of Dawn'. She was greeted by an audience of over 600 fans at The Emmanuel Centre in Westminster who listened intently as she spoke about her life and writing.

Year 11 Superfans Ally Stuart, Polina Kostenko and year 10 student Kloe Walker thoroughly enjoyed the evening and came away with signed copies of Sarah's latest book and special commemorative bookmarks. Polina was especially happy as Sarah revealed that she is having a baby who is due to be born on Polina's birthday next year.



Ms Morgan-Jones

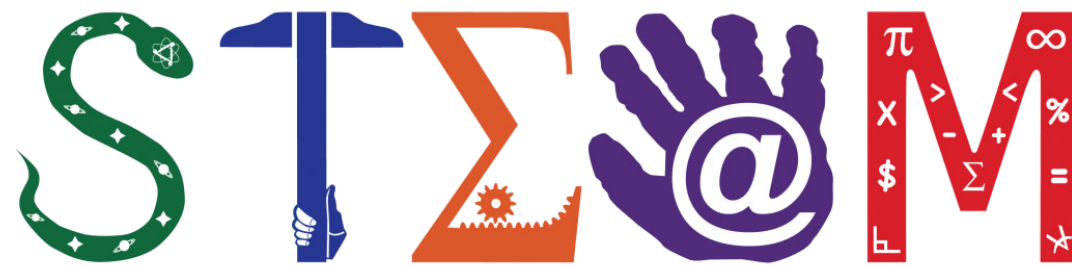
## KS4 ENGLISH STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT!

The following students have been identified by their English teachers as being worthy of this title.

**Allana Norman 1115**  
Allana has devised extra revision strategies to complement those provided in class. She has clearly demonstrated focus by effectively reviewing and writing specific reading and writing targets and then actively working towards them.

**Fraz Bashir 1072**  
Fraz has shown consistently excellent participation in lessons and discussions. This is impressive and to be commended.

**Fayzal Mumin Cali 1111**  
Fayzal has been nominated for showing a turnaround in his attitude towards English this year. He has taken a much more mature approach to his learning and is now moving towards achieving and hopefully exceeding his target grade.



### Year 7 STEAM Club:

In Maths of Language with Mr Revelant, the Year 7 STEAMmies learned that every language game has its own rules as they competed against each other in a game that allowed them to express their creativity with words but with a few morpho-

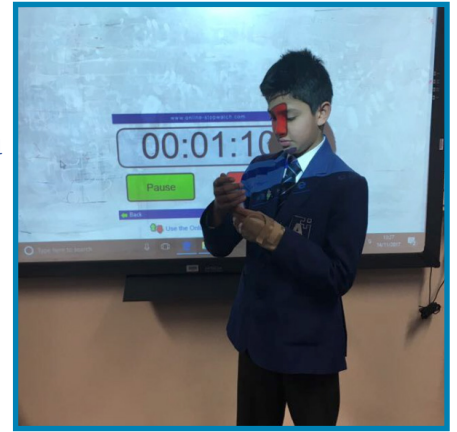
logical constraints. The Princesses team, chaired by Zainab, was the overall winner of our Maths of Language competition. A big thank you to STEAM Ambassador Lucas Williams (12T5) who is also a very able linguist. He has now started leading some parts of the Maths of Language sessions on his own!



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### Year 8 STEAM Club:

In Tessellating Tiles with Miss Haviland, Miss Griffiths and Miss Peterson, the Year 8 STEAMmies started their project by drafting their initial hexagonal designs on paper using a compass, ruler and pencil only. The STEAMmies are expected to complete at least three colourful designs for next week to showcase to the group. Next week they will begin cutting hexagonal tiles out of clay and transferring their completed designs onto them.



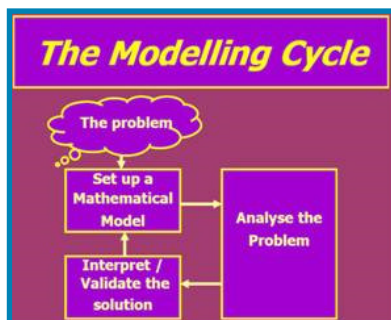
### IMPORTANT Year 7,8,9 STEAM Club REMINDER NOTICE:

Please go to the sessions as outlined below for your current project rotations:

Year Group	Project Rotation	Teacher	Room
8	Tessellating Textiles. <i>Note: please bring your Maths kit to this!</i>	Miss Haviland, Miss Griffiths, Miss Peterson	Art room E110
9	Mega Maths	Mr Sellars	E209
97	The Maths of Language	Mr Revelant	D304

### Year 9 STEAM Club:

In Mega Maths with Mr Sellars, the Year 9 STEAMmies enjoyed a great first session where they started to look at the mathematical modelling process – concentrating on bungee jumping! They came to the conclusion that the length and elasticity of the bungee cord were key factors and that the mass of the jumper would have an influence on whether they would/would not hit the ground! Next week they will analyse the problem and see if they can come up with a solution.



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

A very interesting and inspiring STEAM Academia session with Ms Khan, as our STEAM Academia and STEAM Ambassadors welcomed another STEAM guest, Nadeem Afzal, Solicitor. Nadeem presented about his educational background and career pathway, which has involved working as a Criminal Law Solicitor and Corporate Law Solicitor. Throughout his career, Nadeem has relied upon his passion for his job as well as his STEAM skills to become successful and established. Nadeem shared some interesting case studies with the students, which open up a stimulating discussion on ethics in Law, and when he was asked about how he became so successful in his career he emphasised strongly on the importance of being disciplined in your studies at school, college and university to pave the way for success at your career. Wise advice, indeed! Nadeem's presentation ended with a fascinating Q&A session, and several students expressed an interest in Law as their aspiring career pathway. A truly interesting session with a lot discovered about yet another potential STEAM career





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# Sixth Form News

## Senior Team Maths Challenge

Aya Hussein, Isaac Balbolia, Quang Do Minh and Alex Jonas represented Ashcroft at the Senior Team Maths Challenge at Pimlico Academy last week. After three heated rounds of challenging problem solving, they managed to come 11th out of 18 schools that took part. They showed great team work and perseverance – well done to all of them.



Ms Berry

## Senior Maths Challenge

On Tuesday 7th November, 133 students across Sixth Form and Year 11 sat the Senior Maths Challenge, and we had some fantastic results! Three students achieved a gold certificate, 26 students received a silver and 52 students achieved a bronze certificate. Well done to everyone who took part!

Special mentions should go to Marcus Ahmad, who qualified for the British Mathematical Olympiad, and Zsofi Steingart and Danay Solomon who have both qualified for the Senior Kangaroo. Congratulations!

Ms Sturgess

## Year 13 Senate House Library Trip

This week Year 13 A-Level English Literature students visited The University of London Senate House Library to develop their research skills and understanding of their coursework topics. We discovered the collections of the library, and the students got a valuable taste of academia as they trawled the six floor of shelves that make up the collection. Students explored the full breadth of academic writing around the idea and culture of The American Dream and its presentation in the texts that they are researching for their coursework essays.

Mr Collins



## Biology in Action

Last Thursday, the Biology IB students attended a very exciting 'Biology in Action' event in central London with many other 6th form students from across the country. Accompanied by Ms Dos Santos and Mr Moloney, they had a packed schedule of five interactive and engaging sessions delivered by renowned scientists and communicators. The sessions included topics ranging from political debates about the use of GMOs, to an introduction to the complex science of how our sense of smell and taste may be very different from one person to the next. They heard from surgeon Tim Underwood and his research into how to revolutionise cancer treatment with a more targeted individual approach. The students found all the sessions very interesting, but they also had an extra session on how to improve exam technique, by learning how our memory works, and how to maximise what we remember and understand. Some students in particular were very inspired by the talks, and came away from the day emboldened to pursue a career in Biology.

Mr Moloney



# CHRISTMAS CAROLS for the RHN

Join us at the Holy Trinity Church on West Hill for a special evening of carols, musical performances, mince pies and mulled wine – raising money to support our music therapy services.

**7 December 2017 at 7pm**

Holy Trinity Church  
Beaumont Road  
London SW19

## Featuring:

THE LONDON CHORUS

PUTNEY HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

THE ROYAL HARMONICS



**29 November 2017**

11am – 4pm

Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability  
West Hill, Putney SW15 3SW

# RHN Christmas Fair

All of your Christmas stocking filler needs under one roof – from books and toys to jewellery and bags. A little something for everyone!



Free parking, entry and delicious treats. Donations welcome.

Tickets: Adults - £18 Children and concessions - £14

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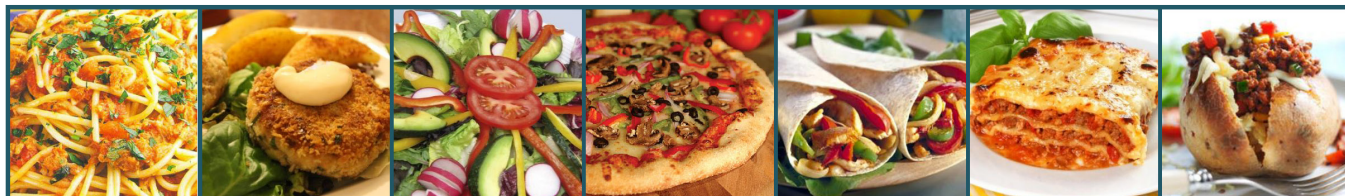
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**WEEK FOUR Meal Deal (Option 1 + 2 or 5) £2.25 students / £2.47 staff Main Meal only £1.95 students / £2.15 staff**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>1</b>	Chicken & Sweetcorn Lasagne with Garlic Bread Vegetable Quesadilla	Sausages & Onions, Mash Potato Vegetable Layer Pie	Beef Curry and Rice Chilli Beans Pitta Bread and Salad	Roast Lamb and Roast Potatoes Cauliflower Cheese	Homemade Tuna Fish Cake with Potato Wedges Vegetable Pasta Bake	<b>Multi-choice menu</b>  <b>MEAL DEAL</b> 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
	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	
	Green Beans and Salad	Baked Beans or Macedoine	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas/Sweetcorn	
<b>2</b>	Thai Butternut Soup	Pea and Mint Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Minestrone Soup	Vegetable Soup	
<b>3</b>	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)	
<b>4</b>	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)	
<b>5</b>	<b>Fruit Crumble custard</b>	Fruit Sponge and Custard	Fresh Fruit Salad	Apple and Cinnamon Steamed Sponge Custard	Jam and Coconut sponge custard	
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