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## Ashcroft

6th October  
2017

## Sixth Form Open Evening - 5 October 2017



On Thursday night we held our annual Sixth Form open evening. The evening was a huge success and it was very well attended with over 700 visitors. We saw excellent levels of interest from prospective Year 12 students we welcomed many of our own Year 11 students, as well as Year 11 students from local schools. Prospective students had an opportunity to learn more about the ethos of our Sixth Form, to explore the Academy and the Sixth Form Centre and to speak with current students and subject specialists. We received many positive comments from students and their parents, and are delighted to learn that, for most we are the first choice Sixth Form.

I would like to thank our Sixth Form students for their presence and support on the night. I had many comments about how confident, helpful and friendly you were in your interactions with guests.

Mr Chadda

Assistant Principal - Head of Sixth Form



## Apply online now for Sixth Form entry 2018

Our Sixth Form open mornings will take place next week, on 11/12/13 October. If you would like to book a space on one of our tours please visit our website [atacademy.org.uk](http://atacademy.org.uk) and book using our online form.





## Year 7 Welcome Evening

On Tuesday 17th October we will invite all Year 7 parents to our annual Year 7 welcome evening. The aim of the event is to give you, as parents, the opportunity to become acquainted with your son/daughter's form tutor and Head of Year.

There will be a variety of work on display to highlight all of the wonderful projects our new Year 7 students have been involved in since the beginning of the academic year.

We look forward to meeting you all. Please note students attending need to be in full uniform.

*Ms L Gardner - Head of Year 7*

## Cross Country



On 4th October 39 Ashcroft students travelled to Tooting Bec common to represent the Academy in the Borough Cross-Country meet. Many of the students participating had taken part last year and were looking to improve on those performances. For the Year 7s and some of the Year 8s this was their first opportunity to represent the ATA in a sporting event. All the students worked very hard to get to the competition and brought their best efforts on the day. We unfortunately did not bring back any medals; however, many of those participating achieved a personal best. Most notable amongst them was Emmanuel Boketsu who improved his time from 12:02 to 11:53 over 3km.

*Ms J Despins - Teacher of PE*



**10** The Great Ashcroft Bake Off - Final

**12/13**

Sixth Form Open Mornings  
9:15-10:30am

# Y12 Art Trip to TATE Britain & Modern

All Sixth Form art students visited the TATE galleries on Tuesday. They worked with the artist-in-residence at the TATE Britain and enjoyed the new exhibits at the TATE Modern including the new Hyundai Commission at Turbine Hall. They have gathered lots of material to assist them with their coursework projects back at school.

*K Griffiths - Curriculum Manager Art & Design*



# IB Group 4 Project - Life on Mars

This week the IB students completed their Group 4 project, below is a summary by Year 12 IB student Farida Yusuf.

The Group 4 Project is an integral part of the IB programme; it's a collaborative activity where students from all three Sciences come together to present a scientific presentation. As a Chemistry and Biology student I was placed in a team with Noa (a Physicist), Lynette (a Biologist) and Sarah (a Chemist). Everyone in the IB programme was given the topic of Mars to do a presentation on. Through this project I utilised and furthered my planning and team working skills which were essential to produce the best end product. Through hard work and amazing communication within the team we presented on 'Red Planet vs. Blue Planet' which was essentially a debate between 'The Martians' (Noa and I) and 'The Humans' (Lynette and Sarah). The focus of the debate was whose planet was better, enriched by scientific information from Physics, Chemistry and Biology. This ended with a vote in which Mars was voted better (5-4). After all the

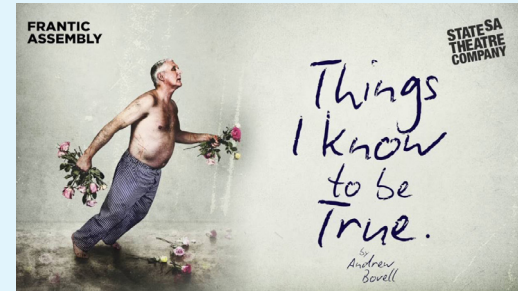


presentations were done from all 3 teams we headed to the evaluation stage, a skill that the IB programme really values. Here we reflected on the skills each individual gained or developed. Finally, a winner was picked from the 3 teams and it was my team that came out victorious!

# BTEC Drama Trip

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 3 of STEAM 2017-18 and it's certainly full STEAM ahead!

## Year 7 STEAM Club:

In Tessellating Tiles with Miss Haviland, Miss Griffiths and Miss Peterson, the Year 7 STEAMmies translated their designs from paper to the hexagonal clay tiles they cut out last week. They incised their geometric patterns onto the leather hard clay before painting them with a coloured slip.



## Year 8 STEAM Club:

In Mega Maths with Mr Sellars, the Year 8 STEAMmies were helping out some engineers who managed to lose

lose and mix up some valuable rollercoaster data. Examining their work from last week, the engineers realised the skills of the STEAMmies to be able to plot and interpret height/time graphs. The STEAMmies were able to identify 'The Hurricane' rollercoaster solely from the shape and values given by its graph. Excellent investigative work from the year 8s below. Special mention to Faiz Khawaja, who came to the front and explained his reasoning to the rest of the group clearly and accurately. Thanks also to Imtiaz Ahmed, Sixth Form STEAM Ambassador, for helping run the session. Next week we will be designing our own rollercoaster! ar 9 STEAM Club was cancelled this week and will return next Tuesday when STEAMmies will marvel at the wonders of Maths in Language with Mr Revelant.

## Year 9 STEAM Club:

Phenomenal work by our STEAMmies, who played a game which taught them more about word taxonomy and the complex and delicate relationship between words. Given a certain number of categories, the STEAMmies had to find words starting with that letter to win as many points as possible. The winners this week were Marta Carli 9T2, Eibhin Faith 9T2 and Liepa Tamutyte 9T2 - although generally speaking everybody achieved a very high score. Well done all! Keep it up!

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

In STEAM Academia with Ms Khan, the Year 10 STEAMmies and their Sixth Form STEAM Ambassadors welcomed our first STEAM guest Victoria Hamilton, who is Software Support and Training Manager at Tait Stage Technologies. Victoria presented about her educational background and career pathway – Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Further Maths at A'level and a degree in Engineering and Computing. Her exciting work involves stage automation in the West End theatres on the big productions, special effects automation in the movies, and high profile concerts and events. She has worked on productions such as Wicked, King Kong and even a Pink concert; to name a few. The list is impressively extensive! Our STEAM audience was engrossed as they learned about how Victoria embedded the Art aspect into her originally STEM background so that she could harness the best of STEAM in her career. Well done to all who attended for being a fantastic audience and for welcoming our STEAM guest with such positivity! Next week, we look forward to welcoming our next STEAM guest Paul Winter, Senior Director of Neuroscience Clinical Research at GlaxoSmithKline.

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 Wandi
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



Lunch-time guest on  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October  
 in the Auditorium :

Year 10 STEAM  
 Academia, Sixth  
 Form STEAM  
 Ambassadors & any  
 interested Sixth  
 Form students are  
 invited to attend

# Paul Winter

**Senior Director of Neuroscience Clinical Research at  
 GlaxoSmithKline**



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Multi-choice menu
1	Chicken Jalfrezi Vegetable Moussaka	Chicken Chow Mein Vegetable Quiche	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread Vegetable Chilli	Roast Chicken and Roast Potatoes Vegetable Shepherd's Pie	Fish Cake with Potato Wedges Macaroni Cheese	<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
	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	
	Sweetcorn and Carrots	Green Beans and Peas	Broccoli and Macedoine	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas/Sweetcorn	
2	Carrot and Coriander Soup	Vegetable and Watercress Soup	Minestrone Soup	Red Pepper Soup	Vegetable 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 Jelly and Ice Cream	Marble Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Pineapple Upside Down Sponge with Custard	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	Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	

**DELI BAR**  
 Freshly made  
 to order each  
 day

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