

NewsRound



Keeping parents and students informed

Term 1 Letter 5 Friday 07 October 2016

Flying Theatre Company

Year 8 students were engaged in an energetic and interactive French theatre production 'Bon Voyage' which is designed to boost students' confidence in their ability to understand and speak French.

The production was a great experience in educational language theatre which included comedy, music, magic, circus skills and a bit of slap-stick which kept the students focused and interested throughout.



'Bon Voyage' is about Pierre and Lola who fly to the South of France for a surfing holiday for which poor Lola has to keep watch on Pierre as they try out local transport and follow directions to the beach. Pierre is very excited about his holiday and had the students laughing at his antics. The student audience enthusiastically joined in when asked, conversing with Pierre about the weather forecast.

It was a fun show and the two actors were very skilled in the way they performed to engage their audience. Year 8 student, Sujal Patel certainly enjoyed his few minutes of fame when he was called upon to help with a dance routine.

Wimbledon Book Fest 2016

Year 11 were given the opportunity to attend this year's 10th anniversary of Wimbledon Book Festival specifically to hear Carol Ann Duffy, the Poet Laureate, give a talk. We were pleased to see so many students willing to come along. Carol Ann is an important poet and her poems are on both the GCSE and A Level syllabus. The poems that she read and discussed were from three anthologies of her work:

- from **The World's Wife**: Mrs Tiresias/Mrs Aesop/Mrs Faust
- from **Rapture**: Text/Tea/Syntax/Art
- from **The Bees**: Mrs Schofield/The Counties/Liverpool



Every student that attended also received a free copy of one of Carol Ann's books and many of them sat down to have a read of the poems whilst we waited for our transport back to school. Ms McGruther thought this was a lovely thing to witness and hopes this event showed them that they don't need to be frightened by poetry as a genre.

It was clear on arrival at the event that many schools had only chosen to send Sixth Form students. However there was no difference in terms of engagement across the ages. The students that went represented Ashcroft in an exceptionally positive way, engaging with the poems and the talk. Many of the students there are currently thinking about attending our Sixth Form Open Evening and their maturity during and after the event showed me and the other teachers that they are ready for the next step in their education.

Numeracy Ninjas

Students in Year 7, 8 and foundation Year 9 groups are now taking part in a weekly numeracy intervention run in maths lessons – Numeracy Ninjas. In each lesson students complete a 5 minute skills test which includes: 10 questions on mental numeracy calculation strategies, 10 times tables questions and 10 questions on key topics.

The tests are marked in class by students who record their Ninja Score out of 30. This corresponds to a particular colour Ninja Belt. The intervention will serve to fill any gaps and address misconceptions in students' basic numeracy knowledge, seeking to improve skills which must be mastered before studying GCSE Maths.

Year 7 Parents' Welcome Evening

Ashcroft Technology Academy is pleased to invite all parents and students in Year 7 to an informal Welcome Evening to be held in the Ashcroft Auditorium on Tuesday 18th October.

The aim of the event is to give parents the opportunity to become acquainted with their son/daughter's form tutor and Head of Year, Mrs Gardner. The Special Needs Co-ordinator will also be available for any concerns you may have about your son/daughter's learning development.

The evening is not intended for the discussion of specific issues – however, if there are issues you wish to discuss which will take longer than 5 minutes please contact Mrs Gardner directly and she will be happy to deal with any matters arising.

There will be work on display to show you what sort of projects the students are already involved in this term. The event will begin at 6.30pm and will end at 8.00pm.

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

Wizard of Oz

Compulsory 'Wizard of Oz' meeting for all Cast and Crew – 14 October 2016 3.15pm F216

This is an important meeting for both cast and crew members. During this meeting we will be distributing rehearsal schedules, scripts, letters for 'Wizard of Oz' t-shirts and will be providing importation information regarding the production process.

Letters regarding the meeting and production process have been posted home – **students must bring the signed permission slip at the bottom of the letter, to this meeting.**

We look forward to seeing you all on the 14 October and to the start of the production rehearsals!

THE GREAT ASHCROFT BAKE OFF

On Thursday and Friday this week the lovely aroma sweeping the Auditorium made our mouths water. This was from the wonderful cakes, biscuits and breads baked by our students and staff for our annual House Bake Off.

The artistry, creativity and baking skills of our students was really superb. We had a plethora of big cakes, small cakes, biscuits and bread which all had to be tasted by our judges – what a pleasurable way to spend a breaktime!

On Thursday Years 7, 8 and Sixth Form students were the first to enter their baking delights under their House flag. The four houses were well represented making it an extremely hard job for the judges but winners and runners up had to be selected to go forward to the Grand Final on Friday 4 November. Plenty of time to hone their baking skills to perfection.

Friday saw Years 9, 10, and staff entries which were equally of a high standard. Again the judges were under pressure to select worthy winners.

The winning entries were as follows:

Challenger House

- Year 7 : 1st Dulcie Nash, 2nd Mees Visser
- Year 8 : 1st Milly Wood, 2nd Sam Edmondson
- Year 9 : 1st Millie Trsic/Olive Jones,
2nd Aaliyah Padre Gomes/chelsea Traore
- Year 10 : 1st Janu Arachchige
- Year 11 : 1st Freeha Pasha/Afia Sardar
2nd Victoria Pillinger de Jesus/ Adeola Warner
- Year 12/13 : 1st Anna Durrant, 2nd Alexia
- Staff : 1st Ms Shaw, 2nd Ms Soliman

Discovery House

- Year 7 : 1st Fiza Sadiq, 2nd Bagdagul Unal
- Year 8 : 1st Louise Barnett, 2nd Mia Carter
- Year 9 : 1st Holly Flook, 2nd Angus Stewart
- Year 10 : 1st Wajeeha Iqbal
- Year 11 : 1st Nayab Rashid/Wajiha Bajwa
- Sixth Form : 1st Tom Moran, 2nd Farhiya Abdi
- Staff: 1st Ms Niklekaj, 2nd Ms Karim

Endeavour House

- Year 7 : 1st Reuben Yatali, 2nd Grace Looker-Norton
- Year 8 : 1st Sujal Patel, 2nd Marta Carli
- Year 9 : 1st Daniela Paz Vasquez, 2nd Charles Wickham
- Year 10: 1st Sonam Choden, 2nd Vera Zeballos
- Year 12/13 : Mariam Jallow
- Staff: 1st Ms Griffiths, Mrs Khan

Voyager House

- Year 7 : 1st Halima El Fazazi, 2nd Vicky Gao
- Year 8 : 1st Kenza Ferrag
- Year 9 : 1st Lilly Scott Phillips/Atka Haq, 2nd Natalie Welch
- Year 10: 1st Khadija Ahmad
- Year 11 : 1st Ruqiong He
- Year 12 : 1st Silas Bauloson, 2nd Melissa Agoro
- Year 13 : 1st Moni Searneabat
- Staff : 1st Ms Akram, 2nd Mr Rowe

Principal's Favourite :

Finley Styles 7T7 Voyager
Mandari Santosa 9T6 Endeavour and
'The element of surprise' a mysterious
staff member also from Endeavour House



MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

Praise & Reward



STUDENT: Sope Johnson

MONTH: September



In The Spotlight

In the spotlight this month....

Praise & Reward




Isabella Costa

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...for outstanding effort and contribution to Performing Arts.

KS3 SHINING STAR

MONTH September

Drama Student:



Marguerite Venning

Music Student:



Reuben Butcher - Campbell





Sports - Football Round-Up

Year 7 Football

The first game of their Academy football career resulted in a 4 – 1 loss to Ark Putney Academy.

However, this group of students demonstrated good potential and Mr Keith expects results to improve with more training and getting to know students' abilities. A special mention to

Ryan Madouri of 7T5 for an impressive performance.

Year 8 Football

An excellent start to the football season with an impressive 5 – 1 win away to Bolingbroke Academy. Goals coming from Roberts Gomins 8T2 (2), Masoud Ahmed and Joshua King 8T3 (2).

Year 9 Football

A competitive match between Ark Putney Academy eventually saw an Ashcroft win by 2 – 1. Goals coming from Umair Rana 9T4 and Faizaan Butt 9t5.

Year 10 Football

The first game of the year in Year 10 saw us drawn away at Ryden's Enterprise School in Walton on Thames. This is in the English Schools Football Association Cup that is a national competition. Mr Keith is pleased to inform you of an outstanding 8 – 0 victory for Ashcroft with goals coming from Daquane McIntosh 10T5 (2), Faisal Mumin Cali 10T1 (2), Shayan Azari 10T1 (2), Calum Thomas 10T1 and Jordan Edet 10T1. Of particular mention goes to the man of the match performance by Bradley Thompson 10T5 and Shayan Azari 10T1 for scoring two goals on his playing debut.

Year 11 Football

The Year 11 football team were entered into the English Schools Football Association Cup, which is a national competition, after performing well at the local borough level. Unfortunately, their first round result was a defeat against a strong team from Nower Hill School in Harrow. It was a learning curve for our students who were playing against a side playing for professional Academy teams.

Wandsworth Cross Country Race

Well done to the following students who represented the Academy at the Wandsworth Cross-Country Race this week. They all put in an excellent effort and many even achieved personal bests.

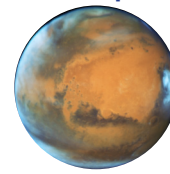
The event took place on Tooting Bec Common and was widely attended by all secondary schools in Wandsworth.

A special mention to Year 9 girls who did rather well in their categories - Holly Flook 9T4, Olive Jones 9T5, Lily Scott Phillips 9T7, Maddie Blinkhorn Jones 9T4 and Charlotte Blackburne-Maze 9T3.

Year 10 Mohammed Nour was the hero of the day after winning the KS4/5 race, running 3 kilometres in a fantastic 10 minutes 4 seconds. Way to go Mo!



World Space Week



World Space Week is here (October 4-10)!

Quite appropriately, the most eagerly anticipated aerospace announcement of the year came last week in the shape of **SpaceX** founder **Elon Musk**, revealing his grand plan for establishing a **human settlement on Mars!**

How is this different to previous visions for travel to Mars? SpaceX have theorised a cheaper, faster method of transport to Mars which will also enable return journeys to Earth! Exciting stuff!!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	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 DELI BAR Freshly made to order each day
1	Chicken Jalfrezi Vegetable Moussaka	Chicken and Sweetcorn Lasagne 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	
	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Stone Baked Pizza Jacket Potato	Chicken Joes Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joes Wrap Jacket Potato	
	Sweetcorn and Carrots	Salad and Peas	Broccoli and Macedoine	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas/Sweetcorn	
2	Carrot and Coriander Soup	Vegetable and Watercress Soup	Rocket and Courgette Soup	Lentil 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	Oaty Apple Crumble and Custard	Pancake with Mousse	Jam & Coconut Sponge and Custard	Pineapple Upside Down Sponge with Custard	Selection of small cold desserts	
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Lunch rota for next week

1st sitting Year 11/10 — 1.05

2nd sitting Year 7 — 1.15

3rd sitting Year 8 — 1.25

4th sitting Year 9 – 1.35