

Mufti Day - Friday 16 December

Remember to bring in your £1 for the privilege of wearing your own clothes or a Christmas jumper instead of your usual school uniform. All proceeds will be donated to Cancer Research.



Keeping parents and students informed

Term 2 Letter 6 Friday 09 December 2016

Prizegiving Evening

On Thursday we celebrated the effort and achievements of our students during the last academic year at our annual Prizegiving Evening. This event is one of the most important events in our school calendar and we are proud to acknowledge the hard work of all our students at this special event.

The evening began with an introduction by Dr Dick Whitcutt followed by an address from Principal Marcus Barker whose message conveyed his thanks to students, staff and parents for all their hard work and support which has made Ashcroft Academy one of the best schools in the UK.

Our Guest of Honour, Charlie Walker presented the prizes to glowing smiles and warm applause which filled the auditorium as students who are now in Years 8 - 10, received certificates and gift vouchers for achievement or effort whilst students now in Years 11-12 received certificates and gift vouchers for outstanding work in specific subjects throughout the last academic year. As always the highlight of the evening is the award of numerous cups and shields to high achievers for outstanding success within individual subjects and also in response to community work in the Academy. Mr Roberts cited the achievements of the cup winners which added a more personal touch to the evening.

Charlie Walker also gave an really fascinating speech and an insight into his adventures around the world inspiring everyone to set a goal to challenge themselves, follow their dreams and never give up. Not happy in his work he realised that something had to change and with an interest in travel he took himself and an old bicycle and travelled 43,620 miles over 1606 days across Europe, Asia and Africa experiencing many cultures, cycling through hazardous terrains and sometimes in dangerous circumstances

The evening also provided the guests and audience with two musical interludes, firstly Joshua Shah-Salmon and Jessica Amponsah performed a spine-tingling rendition of 'Hallelujah' and later in the evening Oliver Evans gave us a delightful piano recital of Chopin's 'Waltz in B minor'.



Lloyds Bank visit

This week sixth form students were treated to a session led by representatives from Lloyds Banking Group (Monday and Friday morning). We have had a beneficial relationship with them in the past through work experience opportunities offered to our students. As part of their contribution to the community the group delivered a session which comprised of a presentation session from a graduate (Theoretical Physics) who had joined the graduate training scheme, and an Apprentice who was just over a year into his two year course, as individuals who dealt directly with the future finance aspect of starting on your journey to independence.

Both the Graduate and Apprentice outlined their journeys in terms of their careers and highlighted the importance of ensuring that a positive work ethic is vital through whichever route you take. They illustrated the pitfalls of not working as hard as you can and how this can impact on your career path. Good advice from both was not to sell yourself short!

The team also then outlined some aspects of personal finance in relation to student loans, budgeting and the wealth of packages and apps that are available to assist you in helping to manage your finances.

A very useful session where the students were able to pose questions to the group and gain specific feedback to their queries.



Y13 IB CAS Project - Wandsworth Food Bank's Christmas Appeal



Over the past month the Year 13 IB cohort have been working with Year 7 forms to raise awareness of the Wandsworth Food Bank's Christmas appeal as part of their CAS projects. The students have been educating the Year 7s about why food banks exist and how they work through a number of activities including food bank based games and discussions. On Wednesday, this week, we saw a fantastic response from Year 7 when they brought in

donations and decorated boxes to put them in during form time. On behalf of the Year 13 IB students we would like to thank all of the Year 7s and their families for their generosity in bringing in so many items for our collection. All the items will be delivered to Wandsworth Food Bank's head branch in Battersea this week.

Well done Year 7 and Year 13 IB!

Year 8 Science University Challenge

Well done to the finalists who have competed in 3 rounds of Science questions with increasing difficulty each round and will do final battle next week where only one team will be deemed champions for 2016.

Finalists are Zac Val Gutierrez and Said Abdurahman 8T7 (Voyager House) versus Inmeet Khurana, Roberts Gomins and Muhammed Alam 8T2 (Endeavour House). Good Luck to both teams.

Prizewinners for Academic Year 2015-2016

Effort	Attainment
7T1 Mabel Nash	Akira Corr
7T2 Anastasia Champagne	Eibhin Faith
7T3 Ghiajhinn Yatali	Youssef Abou Shady
7T4 Sarah Elmer	Hope Somers
7T5 Samuel Edmondson	Reuben Butcher Campbell
7T6 Zohaa Sheikh	Ladan Warsame
7T7 Sabaa Beekawoo	Lois Levi
8T1 Safa Khan	Lalou Laredo
8T2 Michelle Shah	Tiphaine Haque
8T3 Michas Morris	Hana Elmiqdadi
8T4 Angus Stewart	Amina Riamah
8T5 Millie Trsic	Fatema Siddique
8T6 Elvir Baliu	Sope Johnson
8T7 Kyle Vannucci	Lily Scott-Phillips
9T1 Sabika Mazhar	Minnie Greaves
9T2 Alexandra Stuart	Mohammed Nour
9T3 Deshae Pascoe	Hashir Rana
9T4 Deniro Forrest	Haq Malik
9T5 Mariam Zaadane	Arslan Aftab
9T6 Sonam Choden	Redouane Daoud
9T7 Samir Chowdhury	Kysha Ward

Subject	Year 10 student	Year 11 student
Art & Design	Emmanuela Oduru	Ana-Eva Tudor
Business	Ibtihaj Rana	Tshokey Mindara
Citizenship	Jaideep Grewall	Jaina Desai
Computing	Oliver Evans	Joshua Hau
D&T	Ragheeb Ahmed	Holly Wicker
Drama	Connor Burgess	Ruth Pokuwaah-Asamoah
English	Orla Lamb	Freya Lewis
French	Shaimaa Moulay	Omar Khan
Geography	Adeena Krough	Alice Blackburn-Maze
History	Angelo Desouza	Freya Lewis
ICT	Salmana Cheema	Sarfraz Ahmed
Maths	Aya Hosseini	Sameel Khan
Music	Oliver Evans	n/a
PE	Ethan Patterson	Matthias Abebe
Psychology	Angelo Desouza	Sarah Basha
RS	Aamina Jung	Ruth Pokuwaah-Asamoah
Science	Mahamed Ali	Jumana Jung

Special Cup Winners

Community, Activity, Service Cup	Nazeema Ishmael
Ziggy Kambuts Salver for MFL	Isabella Martinez Reis
Learning Resources Cup	Silas Poulson
Special Achievement Cup	Daniel Oluboyede
International Bacculaureate Cup	Emily Yelverton
6th Form Assistant Principal's Cup	Abby Coppard

Subject Cups

Art & Design Cup	Jennifer Oguguo
Business & Enterprise	Atif Rashid
Computing Cup	Sergej Limanovskij
Design & Technology Cup	Marta Sarosiek
English Cup	Imogen Lovell
Government & Politics Cup	Olivia Chenery
Humanities Cup	Alice Center
Mathematics Cup	Mohammed Ataya
Modern Foreign Languages Cup	Kamisha Acheampong
Performing Arts Cup	Caprice Vannucci
Psychology Cup	Abhik Odedra
Science Cup	Jake Yip
Sports Cup	Mohammed Nour

The Sir Roger Carr Head Student Cup

Fredrika Persson

The Lord Ashcroft Cup for Outstanding Effort & Achievement

Helena Costa

Prizegiving Evening - Guest of Honour Charlie Walker



As Charlie gave such an interesting speech about his travels we thought you may like to know a bit more about him. Charlie's talk was inspiring, thought provoking and engaging. His pleasant manner and sense of humour had our students hooked and genuinely considering how much they could achieve in life.

Charlie is a British adventurer, writer, photographer and motivational speaker. He specialises in long

distance, human-powered expeditions and has travelled by bicycle, foot, horse and dugout canoe. His work has featured in a range of publications including The Times, the Daily Express, Wanderlust, Travelmag, Travel Africa and Sidetracked magazine. He was also named Travel Blogger of the Year in 2013 by the Association of Independent Tour Operators.

Charlie's longest expedition was a 43,620-mile bicycle journey reaching the furthest cape in each of Europe, Asia and Africa before returning home. On this journey he traversed 60 countries, encountering extremes of weather, remoteness and physical exhaustion during the four and a half years he was away.



The route Charlie took on his 43,000 mile bicycle

In 2010 Charlie walked 1,000 miles solo across the Gobi desert from China to Mongolia. This feat involved walking over six marathons a week for six weeks whilst carrying enough food and water to survive. Also in 2012 he trekked 600 miles across Central and Northern Mongolia in the company of only a semi-feral pony and a stray dog he found in the forest.

In 2014 Charlie descended the Lulua, a little-known tributary of the Congo River, in a leaky dugout canoe. This journey into remote and effectively uncharted territory of DRC was beset by rapids, waterfalls, hippos, crocodiles and finally, shortly after leaving the river, violent bouts of malaria and typhoid fever.

Charlie is currently planning his next adventure: a 5,000-mile triathlon expedition spanning from the midwinter snowfields of the Russian Arctic to the Bosphorus in Istanbul via a winding river through Kazakhstan. For more information, please visit followingtheline.com.



Science Museum trip

Year 7 and 8 STEAMies had a great time at the Science Museum this week as part of the annual Richie Lecture! As usual, our students were impressing people with their politeness and enthusiasm for learning.

Students heard TV presenter Dallas Campbell tell stories of diving into Mexico City's sewage, flying on an electric plane and views from the top of Burj Khalifa in Dubai. STEAMies also explored the new Wonderlab

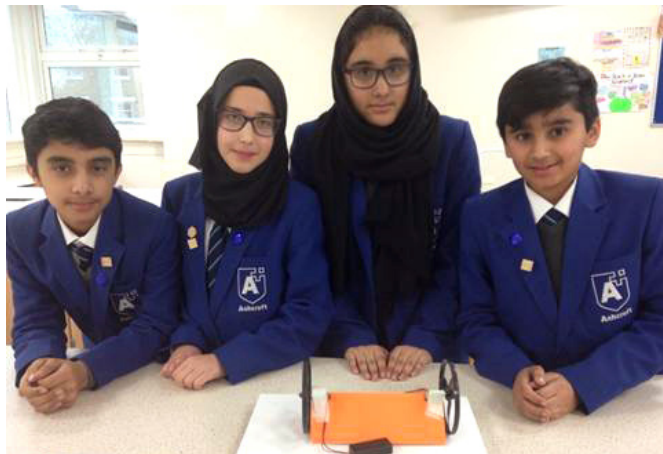


wing of the Science Museum where they were able to experiment with electricity, sound, heat, air, water, colour, friction, balance, centrifugal force and well, just about anything.

Year 7 STEAM Club

With the rest of their STEAM Club cohort out on the fantastic Annual Richie Lectures trip at the Science Museum, these four Year 7 STEAMies carried on with their Dr Who project. They found that our hero was stranded on an alien planet, after losing his Tardis. With just some limited resources available to them, the STEAMies set about to create a space buggy to help the Doctor drive around the planet's surface to search for his Tardis. It wasn't an easy task and several attempts were trialled before a successfully working buggy was built. Well done, STEAMies! You have saved the Doctor from great peril once again!

Wajahat Iqbal 7T2, Sarib Jajja 7T6, Hadiqa Jajja 7T7 and Zeyneb Pehlivan 7T6 and thank you to Mr Williams, Head Science Technician, for supporting the buggy challenge also.



Arrangements for last day of term

Form Time and Period 1	House Assembly for Years 7, 8 and 6th Form and Photography Prize winners, House Captains. Live streaming for Years 9, 10 and 11 in Form Rooms
Period 2	Normal timetabled lessons for all students and staff
Period 3 and Period 4	Balloon Debate in the Auditorium for our Honours students and all 6th Form students Normal timetabled lesson for all other students and staff. Students with an ICAS hour will be collected between 11 and 11.30 (dismissed at 14.05) 6th Form students released at the end of period 4
Period 5	Year 10 and 11 Attendance Prize assembly in the Auditorium and dismissed at 12.30. Years 7, 8 and 9 – in form rooms
Period 6	Years 7, 8 and 9 Attendance Prize assembly in the Auditorium at 12.35 and dismissed at 1.05

Certificate collection

This is just a reminder that will be holding a collection 'drop-in' afternoon on Wednesday 14 December, from 1pm until 4pm, in the conference room by the main reception. This is purely for the collection of exams certificates from 2012 onwards as well as all new certificates from the summer 2016 GCSE and GCE exams. Certificates are expensive to replace, and important to have as proof of your qualifications, so we recommend that everybody collects theirs.

The Academy will endeavour to keep all uncollected certificates for a maximum of 4 years. After this time, they will be confidentially destroyed. If you cannot attend the 'drop-in' session then you are very welcome to arrange a collection at a different time. You can do this by emailing the exams email address exams@ashcroftacademy.org.uk.

KS3 SHINING STAR
MONTH **November**

Music Student: **Viktoria Hunter**

Drama Student: **Jackson Makula**

Tickets are now open to all students and parents who wish to come along and celebrate Christmas and support our talented performers. Tickets cost £1 and are available from Reprographics.

Thursday 15 December 2016

Doors open at 6.00 for 6.30pm star

All ticket monies donated to *educateforLife*

CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE



French Spelling Bee Competition

The final Year 7 House Assemblies for the Concours d'Orthographe (French Spelling Bee) took place today. Only the best from each house will go forward to the Grand Final in January these were: Mees Visser, Mahad Mahamud and Sariha Sohail 7T3 (Challenger), Ateeq Dar and Larvin Paeste 7T4 (Discovery), Halima El Fizazi and Yasmin Mouti 7T7 (Voyager), Ramis Ahmad 7T6 and Marguerite Venning 7T2 (Endeavour).

This is a daunting task for our young students who are given an English word and have to pronounce the word in French and then spell it correctly using the French alphabet. Only the brave would take on such a feat to show their linguistic skills to their peers. There will be exciting prizes awaiting for the skilful winners, including 200 house points for 1st place.

Sports News

Boccia Golf

Plunged into unknown territory, having only ever seen a video of a session Mr Burne practised with a few of our Y11 students, a brave group of Ashcroft athletes tried their hand at a brand new sport called Boccia Golf. Simplified, the game is very similar to golf, but instead of golf clubs and balls they use Boccia (a Para Olympic sport similar to boules) balls.

Arriving in the rain, team Ashcroft performed valiantly throughout, beating both Burntwood and Garret Park. Congratulations to Arman Choudry 7T3, Nasra Abdullah 7T6, Matie Koba 8T6, Jaydon Dow 8T7 and Laiba Mian 9T3.



Para Swimming Gala

Praise for the following students who represented Ashcroft in the Para Swimming Gala at Balham Leisure Centre this week. Yet again, they were excellent ambassadors; gracious, helpful, enthusiastic and supportive of one another. We are awaiting the results to find out if some students have secured their place in the Borough finals with a chance to represent Wandsworth in the London Youth Games.

The relay was a particularly impressive race and Team Ashcroft attained gold!

A huge congratulations to you all – Ethan Crick 7T7, Mungo Mylchreest 8T2, Mattie Koba 8T6, Sydney Sanderson 8T6, Holly Flook 9T4 and Otis Raymakers 11T3



Spotlight on Achievement

PRAISE for Drew Coleman 11T1 who has successfully trialed for U16's Surrey Rugby. He is now officially a county player and will train with the Harlequins weekly.

This is a fantastic achievement and a huge step up from Rosslyn Park (who he will still play for).

Netball Match

Praise for the Year 9 netballers who thrashed La Retraite Catholic School 13 goals to 3 in the South London Netball League.

There were some elements of really decent netball and Mrs Ward is proud that in the face of some very poor sportsmanship from the other team, we kept our heads held high and didn't stoop to their level.

Now looking forward to the next round where we will face Bollingbroke in the New Year. Well done to:

Amal Isse 9T3, Lily Scott Philips 9T7,
Maddie Blinkhorn Jones 9T4, Charlotte B-Maze 9T3,
Courtney Jenner 9T2, Millie Trisc 9T5,
Natalie Welch 9T7, Olive Jones 9T7,
and Yasmin Nassef 9T3



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 13 December

MAIN MEAL

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings
(Halal available)
or
Goats Cheese, Spinach and Savoury Vegetable Slice
(also available without cheese)

Served with Roast Potatoes,
Brussel Sprouts, Carrots,
Cauliflower and Gravy

PUDDING

Choice of Yule Log or Christmas
Pudding served with Custard

**Free Drink and
a Cracker**
(with Main Course)

OTHER OPTIONS

Pizza, Jacket Potatoes, Salad Bar
or Sandwich selection

£2.15 STUDENTS

£2.36 STAFF

REMAINDER TERM DATES 2016-2017

Term 2 begins Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec
Term break Mon 19 Dec – Tue 03 Jan 2017

Staff Dev Day Tue 03 Jan
Term 3 begins Wed 04 Jan– Fri 10 Feb
Term break Mon 13 Feb – Fri 17 Feb 2017

Term 4 begins Mon 20 Feb – Fri 26 May
Staff Dev Day Fri 31 Mar
Easter break Fri 31 Mar – Mon 17 Apr
Bank Holiday Mon 01 May
Term break Mon 29 May – Fri 02 Jun 2017

Term 5 begins Mon 05 Jun – Fri 21 Jul

TERM DATES 2017-2018 Academic Year

Term 1 begins Wed 30 Aug (Year 7)
Thur 31 Aug (Year 8-11)
Term break Thur 19 Oct - Fri 27 Oct 2017

Term 2 begins Mon 30 Oct - Fri 15 Dec
Term break Mon 18 Dec – Tue 02 Jan 2018

Term 3 begins Wed 03 Jan– Fri 09 Feb
Term break Mon 12 Feb – Fri 16 Feb 2018

Term 4 begins Mon 19 Feb – Fri 25 May
Easter break Thur 29 Mar – Fri 13 Apr 2018
Bank Holiday Mon 07 May 2018
Term break Mon 28 May – Fri 01 Jun 2018

Term 5 begins Mon 04 Jun – Fri 20 Jul



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
1	Chicken Jalfrezi Vegetable Moussaka	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Christmas Lunch</p>	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread Vegetable Chilli	Roast Chicken and Roast Potatoes Vegetable Shepherd's Pie	Fish Cake with Potato Wedges Macaroni Cheese	<p>Multi-choice menu</p> <p>MEAL DEAL Choose a hot meal from Option 1 plus something from Options 2 or 5</p> <p>Choose a soup from Option 2 plus something from Options 3 or 4 or 5</p> <p>Choose a sandwich from Option 4 plus something from Options 2 or 5</p> <p>Choose the Salad Bar option plus something from Options 2 or 5</p>	
	Pasta King Jacket Potato		Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato		
	Sweetcorn and Carrots		Broccoli and Macedoine	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas/Sweetcorn		
2	Carrot and Coriander Soup		Vegetal ess Soup	Minestrone Soup	Lentil Soup		Vegetable Soup
3	Salad Bar (small bowl with multi choice)		(small 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)		
5	Oaty Apple Crumble and Custard	<p>ith a</p>	Jam & Coconut Sponge and Custard	Pineapple Upside Down Sponge with Custard	Eve's Pudding and Custard		
	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits		Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of small cold Desserts Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	Fresh Fruit Selection of Cakes and Biscuits		



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