

## Leavers Booster jab

Year 9 will be having their Final booster jabs on 11 January. This will take place all day and consists of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio, Meningitis and MMR if there is a dose outstanding. The forms will be given out to the students on the first day of term after Christmas.

# NewsRound



Keeping parents and students informed

Term 2 Letter 7 Friday 16 December 2016

## Christmas Showcase

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without our traditional Christmas Showcase and this year was a magnificent show to end the term and another year.

We have a wealth of talent at the Academy and it is good to see them perform to the delights of their parents, family and friends. This year's show included Christmas Carols, musical trios, the Scholarship Band and Academy Orchestra, original compositions and Christmas inspired drama performances from our Page to Stage drama group.

'Twas the Night before Christmas' is always a favourite poem and was delightfully performed by Page to Stage who also gave outstanding performances in two other Christmas dramas - 'A Christmas Truce' and 'On Christmas Day'. One Voice, our Academy choir, were outstanding performing 'O Come Emmanuel' and 'O Come All ye Faithful' with fantastic solos from Alexia Ozeel, Sam Phillips and Kieran Williams. Kim Trainor, Cameron Armstrong and Linden Mercurius, a trio of our more accomplished musicians are to be commended for their violin, clarinet and piano ensemble.



Oliver Evans, a superb pianist, played his own original GCSE Music composition 'Textbook Waltz' receiving rapturous applause from the audience as did Jessica Amponsah who repeated her Prizegiving performance of 'Hallelujah' accompanied on guitar by Joshua Shah Salmon.

These very talented musicians and actors are to be commended for a most enjoyable concert. Thank you to all who came along to support them and for giving so generously to our adopted charity for the evening 'Education for Life'. Merry Christmas everyone.



## Acting Head of Year

Mr Arthur will be stepping up to the role of Head of Year 8 during Ms Smith's maternity absence. Ms Everest will now take over from Mr Arthur as form tutor for 8T4.

## A new Form Tutor for 7T

We say a fond farewell to Ms Akram this Christmas and wish her good luck in her new post. Mr Moody will take up the baton as form tutor after the Christmas break.

## Ashcroft Honours Lecture trip

Last Thursday Year 7 and 8 members of The Ashcroft Honours programme (formerly known as Gifted and Talented) attended a lecture and the Fringe Event held at the Imperial College London.

The lecture entitled 'Bio-inspired flying robots for future cities' by Dr Mirkpo Kovac allowed the students to be taken on an exciting journey towards a future smart city – a complex ecosystem that could see swarms of friendly flying robots moving autonomously alongside their human neighbours. Dr Kovac demonstrated the latest bio-inspired flying robots in action which were modelled on living organisms that use energy-efficient strategies to adapt and thrive.

The Fringe Event provided a unique opportunity to take a scientific trip of discovery around the globe and meet the scientists and adventurers who work in and explore these varied and exotic locations. Students had the opportunity to test their abilities as Arctic glaciologists, desert geologists looking for dinosaur bones or medical doctors in remote mountain villages and try out the equipment used to carry out this amazing work around the world. A great trip enjoyed by all.

## Art trip

Last week Year 10 GCSE Art students took a trip to the British Museum. The aim of the visit was for students to source ideas for their new GCSE Art coursework project. The students enjoyed entry into the new 'South Africa - The Art of a Nation' exhibition and participated in a unique artist-led workshop, which allowed them to explore the museum's collection in more depth.



## Cinema Screening



Year 7, 8 and 9 students who had won a star badge in Terms 1 and 2 were treated to a special film screening of 'Arthur Christmas' on Wednesday afternoon. The students really enjoyed the film, and the popcorn! Star badges are earned by collecting house points in students' planners and currently over 60% of year 7 are in possession of a star badge – I hope to see many more next term!



# House Photography Competition 2016 - Winners' entries



Our annual House Photography competition generated a great deal of interest this year with over 170 entries from our students and staff – all of which were superb examples of excellent photography skills across a variety of genres. Judges had a very difficult decision to make but eventually everyone agreed on the winners and house points recorded. The winning entries were:

## Category : Architecture

Winner: Issac Miller 7T1 Discovery



## Category : Natural World

Winner: Joshua Hau 12T7 Voyager



## Category : Wildcard

Winner: Mabel Nash 8T1 Discovery



## Category : Wildlife

Winner: Larvin Paeste 7T4 Discovery



## Category : Multicultural London and OVERALL WINNER

Shanell Cornwall 12T1 Discovery



## Category : Selfie

Winner: Sian Giraud 12T5 Challenger



**WINNERS  
2016**

## Category : Staff

Winner: Mr Chadda Endeavour



## Category : Travel

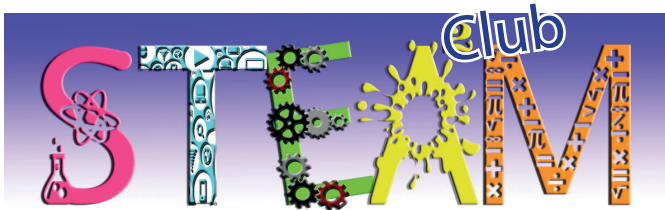
Winner: Sonam Choden 10T6 Endeavour



## Principal's Favourites

Daniyah Kaukab 12T6 Endeavour and Ms McGruther Challenger





### Year 8 STEAM Club

It was the last week of Year 8 Robot Programming Club and all energies were focussed on completing the robot challenge as quickly and as accurately as possible. There was to be only one winner and it had to be a student and not the robot!

Three students had made the final (Sarah, Spike and Inmeet) and all were desperate to win! After quickly learning how to program the robot to “kick” an object away, students were soon demolishing the wall of cones using the robot “foot” and a tennis ball, completing the geometric floor circuit and getting the robot to land accurately on a target. There was a clear winner – Sarah – Well done! Prizes were awarded and the robots returned to lick their wounds! Perhaps they will win next year.....



### Year 7 STEAM Club

Year 7 STEAMies went from enjoying their Christmas meal in the Academy’s restaurant to dissecting the Doctor’s regenerated hearts in Doctor Who Club on Tuesday!

They learned how having two hearts ensures that the Doctor is efficient at carrying out optimum aerobic respiration all the time, to generate energy, hence why the Doctor does a lot of running away from and towards situations, and he runs very well indeed! The STEAMies identified the four chambers of the heart and described the strong texture of the muscle tissue the heart is made of. They also described how the heart pumps blood around the body, transporting vital substances such as oxygen and glucose to the body’s cells. Well done to the STEAMies for your investigative skills, and thank you to the Doctor for letting us have his regenerated hearts!



### Year 9 STEAM Club

Unfortunately no maths STEAMies this week they were too busy enjoying a very delicious Christmas lunch.

### Basketball Victory

Coach Mr Keith was pleased to announce that the Year 9 Basketball team were victorious in the Wandsworth final last Monday with a score of 31 -19 against Graveney. This makes Ashcroft U14 Basketball Champions for the first time in our history.

As Wandsworth Champions, we have qualified to represent the borough in the next phase of the competition in the London School Games. There are



possibly three more rounds and a final to come, overall success would lead to a national competition.

Congratulations to our team: Fozey Abdallah 9T1, Olumuyiwa Obamakin 9T3, Crispin Lowe 9T5, Sidali Hamia 9T7, Kyle Vannucci 9T7 and Thiago Nascimento 9T7

### Year 8 Science University Challenge

The final of the Year 8 Science University Challenge took place this week during an assembly and a full audience of Year 8 students. It was a tense contest with Mr O’Sullivan as quizmaster offering a bonus of 10 for the correct answer to some very difficult scientific questions. At one stage the contestants had to build a bell circuit as quickly as possible.



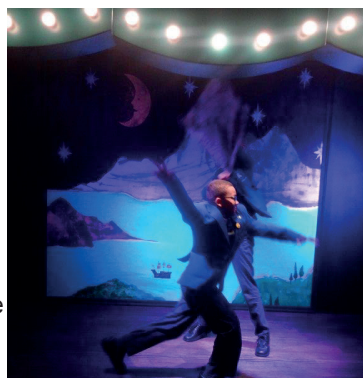
Endeavour House were the runaway winners thanks to their team consisting of Inmeet Khurana, Roberts Gomins and Muhammed Alam 8T2 - they certainly knew their Science!

Commiserations to the Voyager House team Zac Val Guitierrez and Said Abdurahman 8T7. At least they know they are the second best after coming through all the preliminary rounds to reach the final.

### ARC visit the National Theatre

On Thursday 8 December, ARC staff, students and parents visited the National Theatre to see Peter Pan. It was an amazing production and enabled students to experience live theatre with their parents. In the theatre foyer students were able to view an interactive display and use props from other performances.

Otis Raymaker 11T3 said “My favourite part of Peter Pan was where Peter and Wendy flew out of the window, because I loved it when the characters flew to Neverland. My favourite character was Wendy, because she helps Peter to sew his shadow back on and she helps everyone she meets”.

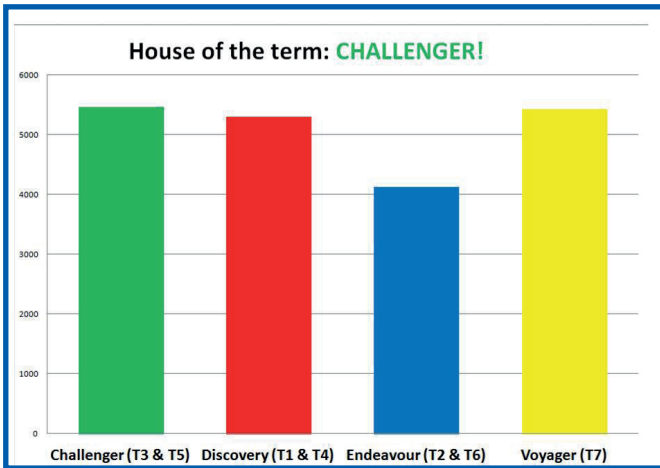


### Wandsworth Schools’ Music Winter Sounds



On Wednesday evening two of our GCSE Music students performed with the Wandsworth Concert Orchestra in their annual ‘Winter Sounds’ concert at Burntwood School. Lily Scott Phillips (9T7)

and Joshua Craig (9T2) performed a variety of challenging repertoire with the orchestra including ‘I Got Rhythm’ by George and Ira Gershwin, ‘All I Want for Christmas’ by Mariah Carey and a very exciting Gospel Medley! It was a truly fantastic evening of music and the Performing Arts department here at Ashcroft are very proud of Lily and Josh’s achievements.



### End of Term Assembly

After announcing winners of the various house competitions that have taken place during Term 2 and certificates given out to the Photography competition winners the house points graph was very close with Voyager and Challenger neck and neck. Then Ms Bartolo announced that the photography competition points had yet to be added and one house had done really well in the photography competition and had accumulated loads of points - did this change things?

With a drum and roll and what seemed a long silence it was announced that Challenger had just crept into first place with a total point score of 5454 with Voyager just trailing behind by just 32 points followed closely by Discovery and Endeavour respectively.

**We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful and Happy New Year**

Thanks to Ashcroft Academy in helping to raise **£134.12** for the poppy Appeal. Our special contribution will make a marked difference to the Armed Forces community and their families.



### REMAINDER TERM DATES 2016-2017

<b>Term 2 begins</b>	<b>Mon 31 Oct - Fri 16 Dec</b>
Term break	Mon 19 Dec – Tue 03 Jan 2017
Staff Dev Day	Tue 03 Jan
<b>Term 3 begins</b>	<b>Wed 04 Jan – Fri 10 Feb</b>
Term break	Mon 13 Feb – Fri 17 Feb 2017
<b>Term 4 begins</b>	<b>Mon 20 Feb – Fri 26 May</b>
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
<b>Term 5 begins</b>	<b>Mon 05 Jun – Fri 21 Jul</b>

### 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
<b>Term 2 begins</b>	<b>Mon 30 Oct - Fri 15 Dec</b>
Term break	Mon 18 Dec – Tue 02 Jan 2018
<b>Term 3 begins</b>	<b>Wed 03 Jan – Fri 09 Feb</b>
Term break	Mon 12 Feb – Fri 16 Feb 2018
<b>Term 4 begins</b>	<b>Mon 19 Feb – Fri 25 May</b>
Easter break	Thur 29 Mar – Fri 13 Apr 2018
Bank Holiday	Mon 07 May 2018
Term break	Mon 28 May – Fri 01 Jun 2018
<b>Term 5 begins</b>	<b>Mon 04 Jun – Fri 20 Jul</b>

**WHO?**  
Raheem Choudry  
9T5

**NOMINATED BY:**  
Miss Cliff

**TEXTILES**

**WHY?**  
Raheem is an absolute pleasure to teach. As soon as I give him instructions, off he goes steaming ahead of all the other students and then coming back for more stretched and challenging activities. He is a polite and considerate student who is also very helpful towards his peers. He is keen and enthusiastic and very hard working.

**20 House Points**

**Design & Technology Students of the Term**

**WHO?**  
Jason Xie  
11T5

**NOMINATED BY:**  
Mr Morrissey

**ENGINEERING**

**WHY?**  
For excellent work in lessons and showing commitment to the subject by attending after school sessions.

**20 House Points**

**Design & Technology Students of the Term**

**WHO?**  
Wajeaha Iqbal  
10T4

**NOMINATED BY:**  
Miss Bailey

**FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

**WHY?**  
She is a diligent worker and has good interactions in lessons. Works well independently as well as part of a group. All round positive attitude to her studies.

**20 House Points**

**Design & Technology Students of the Term**

**WHO?**  
Ahmed Wafic  
13T2

**NOMINATED BY:**  
Miss Cannaford

**PRODUCT DESIGN**

**WHY?**  
For his total commitment and enthusiasm for the subject. He started year 13 completely focused and that has not wavered, choosing to work on his coursework at any given opportunity. A model student!

**20 House Points**

**Design & Technology Students of the Term**