

Reminder to Year 8 Parents -  
Year 8 Pathways Evening Tuesday 06 March at 6pm in the Auditorium



# NewsRound

Keeping parents and students informed

Term 4 Letter 2 Friday 03 March 2017

## Through to National ARTiculation Competition

Well done to Helen Webley Brown for getting through to the finals of this competition after scooping first place at the London Regional heats. She will now represent Ashcroft and the London area at the England ARTiculation Symposium and Finals on 10 March at Clare College, University of Cambridge.



This competition is designed to promote the appreciation and discussion of art. It seeks to engage 16-to-19-year-old students, regardless of background and experience, with art and to develop their public speaking skills. Each student is invited to deliver a 10-minute presentation about a work of art, artefact or architecture of their choice.

Helen competed against eight other schools presenting her ideas about

Bernaude Smilde's work 'Nimbus' in a precise and engaging manner which the adjudicator, Educationalist and author Penny Huntsman, commended.

This is the second time an Ashcroft student has represented London at the National Finals and we wish Helen the very best of luck.

A group of IB students and staff will accompany Helen to support her quest on the day and will also enjoy a talk from British artist, Sir Antony Gormley plus an art-focused tour of the university.



## Achievement Award

You will be pleased to hear, as we are, that Ashcroft Sixth form has for the fifth year running received the Wandsworth Pupil Achievement Award. This is the result of collective sustained teaching and the hard work of everyone.

This was reflective of the high achievers' reception held at the Marble Hall of Wandsworth Town Hall last year to congratulate those students gaining the highest grades in their A Levels and GCSE examinations last summer.

## Special Visitors coming to Ashcroft

As an extra attraction for Science Week we will be welcoming a clutch of incubated duck eggs on Monday. They will be housed in the Science corridor and through a live video link students and staff will be able to view in anticipation their journey from hatching stage to young ducklings.

A few years ago we had a clutch of chicken eggs which hatched and were very popular with everyone. Loads of 'aren't they sweet' echoed along the Science corridor.

Ducks eggs are bigger than hen eggs but nonetheless they will still be very cute to watch in awe and wonder as the shell breaks and they pop their little heads out in the world for the very first time. Several interesting facts about ducks will also be on display so their visit will also be an educational one.



## Well done Year 7 Netballers



Special praise to our Year 7 Netball team who competed in the Borough Netball Tournament this week. On a very wet and windy evening the girls' spirits remained high and produced some fantastic results.

Ashcroft v Southfields Drew 1-1  
Ashcroft v Burntwood Won 5-1  
Ashcroft v Putney High Lost 10-2  
Ashcroft v St Cecelia's Lost 3-0  
Ashcroft v Bollingbroke Drew 0-0

This took us to third place in the group stages narrowly missing out on a place in the final. Despite the rather unpleasant conditions they played well as a team and are gelling well together now.



Are you a reliable, hard working student looking for a new challenge? Why not apply to be a Year 10 Prefect for 2017-2018!

Write a letter of application to Miss Di Bartolo and Mr Dooley outlining why you are suitable for this position. More information on [showmyhomework.co.uk](http://showmyhomework.co.uk) Deadline 17 March at 3:30pm, F201.

## ARE YOU READY TO FOR THIS WEEK'S MATHS CHALLENGES?

How did you do in last week's brain teasers - answers will be published in newsround next week.

Use the appropriate coloured slip to enter the challenges below and post them in the box on the Maths corridor by

# BREAKTIME MONDAY 13 MARCH

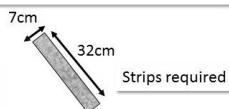
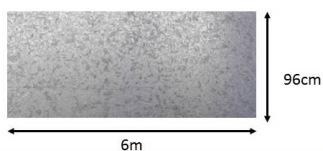
KS3

## MATHS CHALLENGE

You are a lab technician

**Q1** You are required to cut the large sheet of metal into as many of the smaller strips as possible.  
How many can you make?

Sheet of metal:



Use the **green** slips to submit your solutions in the post-box in the Maths corridor by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March (Breaktime)

KS4

## MATHS CHALLENGE

**Q1** How many of the smaller boxes will fit inside the shipping container?

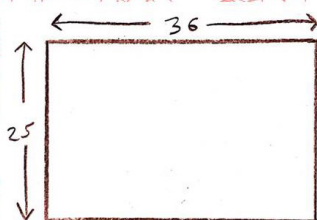


Use the **orange** slips to submit your solutions in the post-box in the Maths corridor by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March (Breaktime)

KS5

## MATHS CHALLENGE

A carpenter needs a square piece of wood measuring 30 inches by 30 inches. The only suitable piece in his workshop is a rectangle 25 inches by 36 inches.



**Q1** How does he saw the wood into **two** pieces, such that the two pieces can be glued together to make the square he wants?

Use the **red** slips to submit your solutions in the post-box in the Maths corridor by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March (Breaktime)

A special screening of the Wizard of Oz for the cast and crew only will take place as below.

They can see for themselves what a splendid production it was due to their outstanding acting/singing and the superb job of all the crew behind the scenes.

**The Wizard of Oz: Celebration screening**  
Friday 24 March 2017  
3.15pm - 5.00pm  
Auditorium  
An opportunity to celebrate your hard work and efforts and watch the show! Refreshments will be provided.

**For Cast and Crew Only**

**In The Spotlight**  
In the spotlight this month...

**Praise & Reward**

Connor Burgess

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

**MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH**

**Praise & Reward**

**STUDENT:** Lily Scott Phillips  
**MONTH:** February

**Music Technology Club**  
**REMIX Competition**

- 10 House Points Per Entry
- Friday Lunchtimes F204 with Mr Hewitt
- Prizes for KS3/KS4
- Remix songs include Drake, Bruno Mars etc
- The Deadline is 24<sup>th</sup> March, so get your entries in!

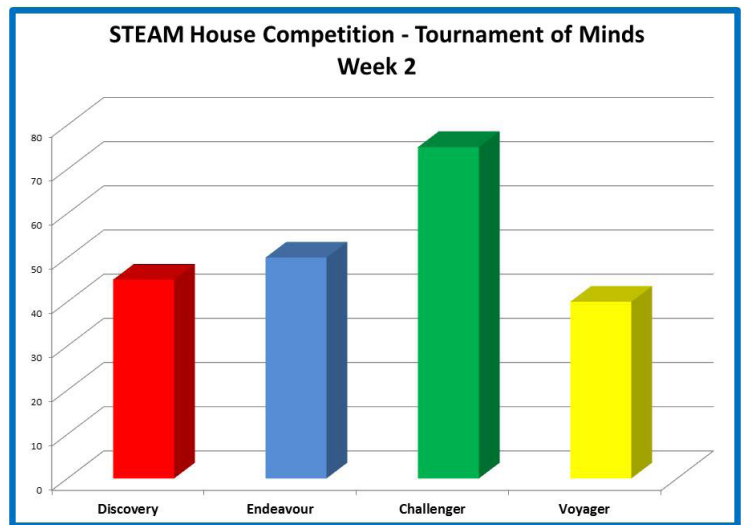




## STEAM House Competition

STEAM are into week 2 of their exciting Tournament of Minds (ToM) house competition with Ms Khan and Ms Dowson. The challenge brief is to create a Pack-Away toy made from recycled material, consisting of 5 independent pieces, and which must be entertaining. The STEAM house teams have been using resources from cardboard to rubber bands, with most groups finishing their initial design processes. The range of ideas is extraordinary and the STEAMmies have really embraced the challenge. Challenger house has already finished one of their prototypes and are sharing current the lead position as far as development, but the range of ideas on display by all the house teams could put any one of the houses in the overall winner spot at the end of the competition. With only 3 sessions to go, all students are working hard and the teams are beginning to mesh, assigning roles and completing work together at home. Well done to all participants. Fantastic work so far.

Which STEAM house team will prevail as ToM Winners at the end of this term, with their innovative toy designing. The STEAM-ToM scoreboard currently looks like this:



## Elsewhere in STEAM this week: STEAM Cooking

In Ms Josephs and Ms Niklekaj's Cooking Club, the Year 7 STEAMmies made banana cake and our chefs were once again so clean and professional, measuring flour and sugar, or mashing the bananas. They produced such delicious banana cakes



## STEAM Design



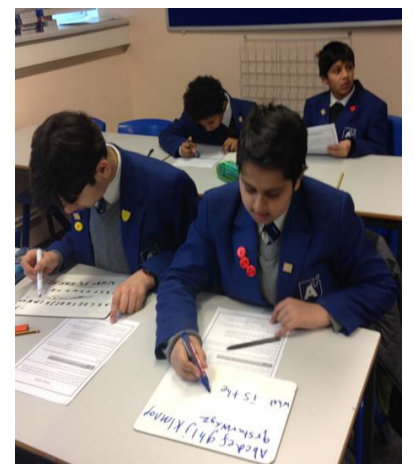
In Mrs Aldred-Hall's Textiles Rocket Club, the Year 8 STEAMmies continued with their hand stitched soft circuit with LED's.

In Mr Morrissey's Rocket Car Club, the Year 8 STEAMmies continued with their rocket cars, making the cars as aerodynamic as possible.



## STEAM Language

In Mr Revelant's Maths of Language Club, the Year 7 STEAMmies competed against each other to decode secret messages.



## STEAM Science

Mr Mensah's 'Explaining Mysteries with Science Club' was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances but don't despair it will be back next week!

# KS3 ENGLISH STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT!

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



## REMAINDER TERM DATES 2016-2017

**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

## Short Story Competition 2017

**Deadline:** Wednesday 29 March

**Email Entries:** [shortstory@ashcroftacademy.org.uk](mailto:shortstory@ashcroftacademy.org.uk)  
 or hand to Mr Collins, English Department

### Discursive

Any non-fiction theme/topic  
 600 words  
 10 points per entry  
 200 points for winner



### Children's (KS3-5)

Aimed at primary school students (Reception-Y6, you decide which!)  
 350 words  
 10 points per entry  
 200 points for winner



### Short Story:

**K3/KS4+5**  
 Any theme/topic  
 600 words  
 10 points per entry.  
 200 points for winner



### Illustrated (K3-5)

24 panel limit.  
 10 points per entry.  
 200 points for winner



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with New Potatoes Vegetable Quesadilla	Fish Pie Stuffed Pepper	Chicken Fajita Macaroni Cheese	Roast Pork and Roast Potatoes Vegetable Pie	Fish and Chips Goats Cheese Tart	<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
	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Pizza Jacket Potato	Pasta King Jacket Potato	Chicken Joe's Wrap Jacket Potato	
	Green Beans and Macedoine	Baby Carrots and Salad	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Salad and Peas	
2	Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Tomato and Basil Soup	Spicy Bean Soup	Leek and Potato 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	Rice Pudding	Bread & Butter Pudding and Custard	Pear Upside Down Cake and Custard	Chocolate and Orange Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Banana Bread and Custard	
	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	Fresh Fruit Selection of Cakes and Biscuits	



**Meal Deal (Option 1 + 2 or 5) £2.15 students/£2.36 staff**    **Main Meal only £1.83 students/£2 staff**

## 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