

ASHTON HIGHLIGHTS

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OH, WHAT A NIGHT!



Our Year 7 talent show took place on Thursday 7th November at 6.30pm at Ashton Community Science College.

This was a chance for year 7 students to showcase their individual talents, whether it be dancing, singing, playing musical instruments or telling jokes to make people laugh!

The idea for the show belonged to four year 7 friends, Kyra, Imaan, Aisha and Ruby and from a little acorn, a mighty oak tree grew!

Year 7 collectively put their heads together and worked hard as a team to organise the show from start to finish. It was a great team effort by all, and despite being at high school for only half a term, this amazing group of youngsters pulled it off!

This fabulous show was performed in front of a packed audience and wowed all who came.

Take a look at the photos on page two for a flavour of the talent that was on show.

We look forward to future celebrations with our year 7 stars!

Upcoming Events:



13TH NOVEMBER

Parents Consultation 6.30pm –
Academy Conversion
(please contact main reception
to confirm attendance)

29TH NOVEMBER

Inset Day (School Closed)

2ND DECEMBER

Inset Day (School Closed)

5TH DECEMBER

Year 10 Parents' Evening

12TH DECEMBER

Year 9 Parents' Evening

13TH DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch

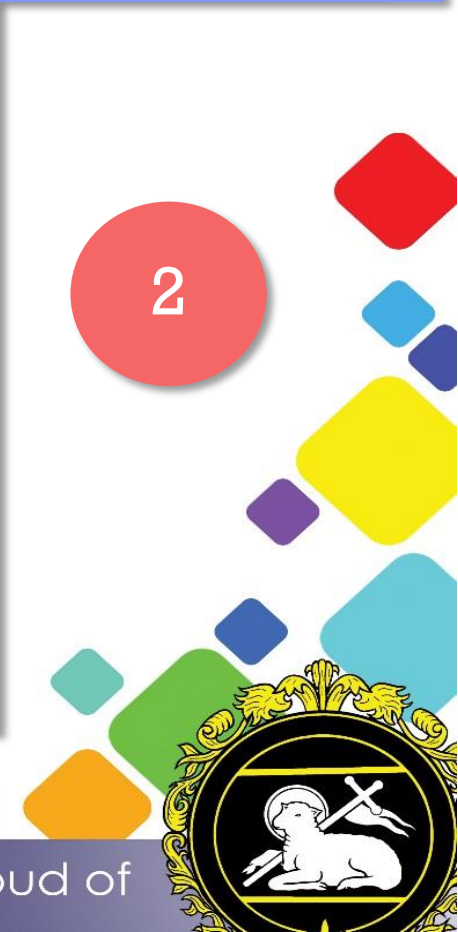
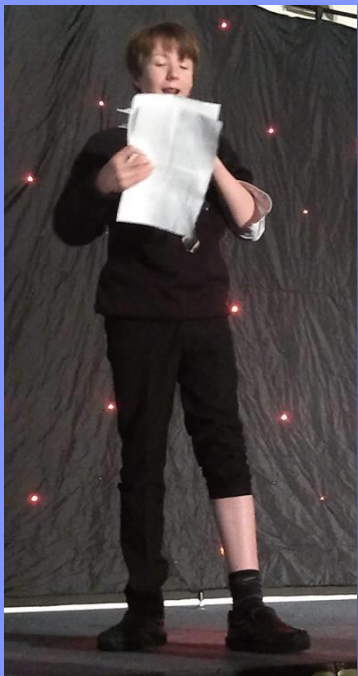
W/C 16TH DECEMBER

Wellbeing Week

20TH DECEMBER

School finishes for
Christmas at 1pm





Did you know Ashton Community Science College has been the host school for Preston School Games since April 2017?

The School Games mission and vision is to *inspire millions of young people across the country to take part in appropriate competitive school sport.*

Regardless of your role, being a part of the School Games can be a hugely beneficial and rewarding experience.

Here are just a few benefits which are available if you would like to be part of it;

- Have fun and enjoy yourselves!
- Develop friendships and meet new people.
- Become more determined and demonstrate resilience.
- Understand and demonstrate the importance of respect for others.
- Learn to develop self control and manage emotions.
- Experience being part of a team and understand your contribution to it.
- Win with pride and lose with grace.
- Learn the importance of practice and preparation.
- Learn how to set realistic goals and work towards achieving them.
- Aspire to improve and challenge themselves.

All Preston schools are working hard to compete and gain a place at the event in 2020.

For more information and how you can be part of it, please contact our School Games Organiser, Harriet Ascroft at Ashton Community Science College on 01772 513002.



Team Preston at Lancashire School Games 2019

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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY



This week we celebrated Wonderful Wednesday with 19 students, across all year groups. These students were all nominated by various members of staff for some quite simply 'wonderful' reasons.

One student showed amazing resilience by taking on the challenge of achieving 100% in an RE online task on Seneca Learning. It took him 30 attempts but he achieved 100%!



A group of year 10 boys worked exceptionally hard on creating and presenting their literature projects. We had students who were nominated for being hard working and polite at all times, and others who were not afraid to put their own names forward for 1:1 reading sessions which really shows they are committed to improving themselves.



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INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF ...



Mrs Parker

What was your previous post before joining Ashton Community Science College?

I used to work in a school near Lancaster where I was the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) and teacher of English and History.

Which subjects do you teach?

English, History, Geography, Religious Education (RE) and Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education.

I am also the Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) here at Ashton.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy reading, baking and going to rock concerts.

What book are you currently reading?

The Infernal Devices by Cassandra Clare and Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman

Describe Ashton in 3 words

Unique, Happy, Friendly

Favourite moment of your first half term?

Walking down the main corridor and passing someone walking a therapeutic support dog, then turning the corner and seeing Albus Dumbledore and Harry Potter in deep conversation! Every day is different. ☺



Miss Brichory

What was your previous post before joining Ashton Community Science College?

Last year I completed my Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) with the University of Cumbria in Lancaster.

Which subject do you teach?

French.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love travelling, hiking and nature. I enjoy belly dancing and Bollywood. I like yoga and meditation. I love to learn new things and I'm currently learning Spanish. I also like reading and writing and I'm currently writing a fantasy book in French!

What book are you currently reading?

Outlander by Gina Gabaldon

Describe Ashton in 3 words

Friendly, Supportive, Positive

Favourite moment of your first half term?

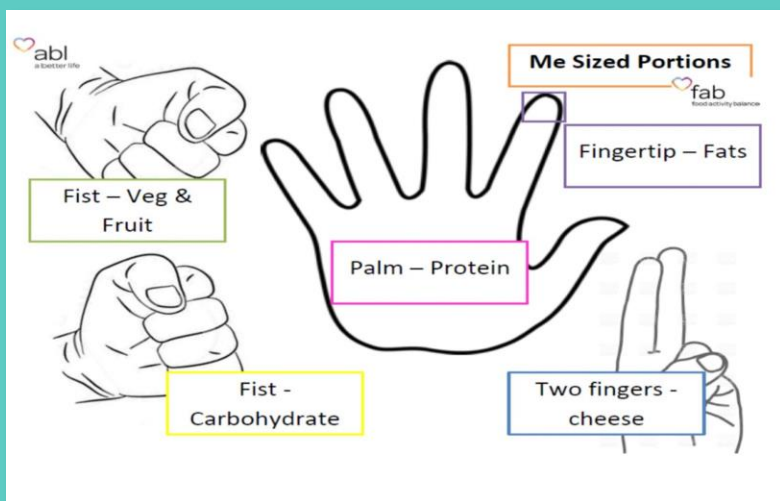
I really enjoyed open evening, everybody was so involved and enthusiastic! It was a parents and to see our pupils so proactive.

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WE ARE WHAT WE EAT!

Here at Ashton Community Science College we recognise the importance of physical and mental wellbeing. We invited a local business called ABL Health into school to raise awareness with our Year 7 students that joined us in September.



Are your portions healthy?

ABL Health will be completing an 8 week programme on the importance of healthy eating and physical exercise and what impact both can have on our mood. Topics that will be discussed range from portion sizes, social eating, types of physical activity, food, mood and meal routine. This week we looked at portion sizes.

"I didn't know that takeaway restaurants add salt to food ... Wow!" - Kaylee

"BOGOF offers in supermarkets make you eat more as you get double the food" - Kyra

"I didn't know that the size of my fist is the amount of carbohydrate I should be eating!" - Thomas

These sessions will no doubt be invaluable for our students and will provide them with the knowledge to improve their own wellbeing.

MATHS CHALLENGE

Both 4 and 8 can be written as the sum of two prime numbers.

$$4 = 2 + 2$$

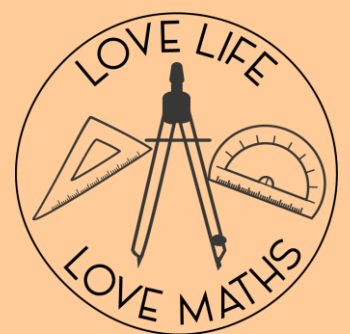
$$8 = 5 + 3$$

How many numbers less than 20 cannot be written as the sum of two prime numbers?

Take your answer to Mr Fern in Room 25 for a smiley.

We will share the answer in next week's newsletter

The solution to last week's puzzle - One hundred and one (101) - Well done if you got it right!



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CANNY CUPPA CREW!

Our Year 11 Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) group organised a coffee afternoon on Tuesday 5th November for a select group of staff, hosted in the Hive.



This event was the final activity in their communication challenge. Already this term they have taken part in interview role play, designed an advice leaflet for our new year 7 students and prepared a heated debate on whether students should be forced to wear school uniforms.



This final challenge was a chance for students to plan and host a small social event. To that end, they were delighted to welcome their guests to the "Canny Cuppa" and served a variety of light refreshments for all. Students then joined staff at their tables to chat away the hour!



Well done to all students for hosting a successful event. A big thank you to staff for taking time out of their busy day to join them.

Don't forget
Year 11
Parents' Evening

Thursday
14th November
4pm-7pm

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING

We encourage parents of Year 11 students to attend the first of two parents' evenings this year to discuss your child's progress towards their target grades, homework and attitude to learning.

This is an opportunity to discuss recent performance in mock exams with subject teachers to enable us to work together to support your child's learning and ensure continued progress before their next mocks in January.

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FARADAY STEM CHALLENGE

On Thursday 8th November six Year 8 Ashton students took part in the Faraday Challenge at Penwortham Girls High School. The students were tasked with solving a problem. They had to create a prototype, which had to include an electrical circuit that would help during times of humanitarian crises. The group had to narrow down their initial ideas to one that could be built in ninety minutes. They decided to go for a pop up shelter. The shelter had a pressure sensor with a buzzer and a light so that when it was dropped out of a plane a buzzing sound would go off to alert people to its presence. The simple structure could then be used as a temporary shelter before being flat packed ready for its next use.



Unfortunately we didn't come first but the team made up of Martha, Jenny, Chelsea, Adam, Albie, and Daniel did a fantastic job representing our school. They had a great day working together as a team and coming up with one possible solution to this engineering challenge!

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS THROUGH STEM



This week the MTa Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) kit was launched for year 8 aimed at exciting young people about STEM careers and developing team and interpersonal skills. The first task was named 'Tightly Packed'. Each task was aimed at engaging students and focusing their attention on specific STEM qualities.

"It was extremely fun. We explored how we can use objects in the bag and it was very interesting. As a team had to think quite hard because we tried different formations to find the smallest area" – Callum, 8A.



Let's see if the rest of year 8 can rise to the STEM challenge over the coming weeks!

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BRILLIANT CLUB!



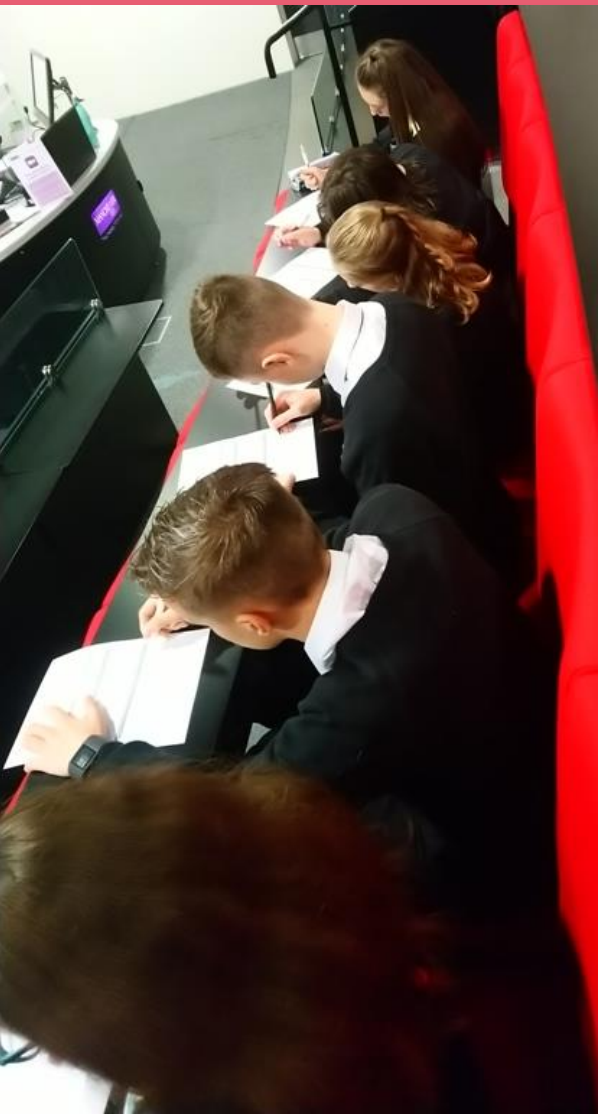
This year we have 24 Year 10 and 11 students who are taking part in the Scholar Programme. This involves a PHD student delivering school tutorials to support our students in developing their knowledge, skills and ambition needed to progress to highly selective universities.



After visiting Manchester University to meet their PHD student, Ashton students had their first tutorial in school this week. Below Grace and Fox share their experiences so far.

During our recent visit to Manchester University we met our PHD student. We also got the chance to look around the university. This was our favourite part of the day as we got to experience student life and the kind of place we hope to study at in the future.

We also took part in a lecture about choosing universities and subjects to study. This was an eye opening experience as we had not previously known how many options there are at further education.



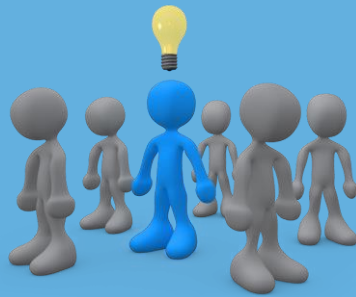
Finally, we had our first tutorial with our PHD mentor. Our mentor's topic is "How maths and science can be used to study LGBT health". The other group are studying amino acids.

We now have 6 upcoming tutorials in school before we have to write a 2000 word essay that we will be assessed upon.



STUDENT VOICE & STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Year 7 - Tues 12th Nov
Year 8 - Wed 13th Nov
Year 9 - Thur 14th Nov
Year 10 - Fri 15th Nov



Have your say!
Speak to your
form captain

This month's topics for discussion -

Do you think student behaviour has changed this year?

Do you think the corridors are more peaceful?

What are your thoughts on the new homework strategies?

Do you think they are having a positive impact on students completing homework?

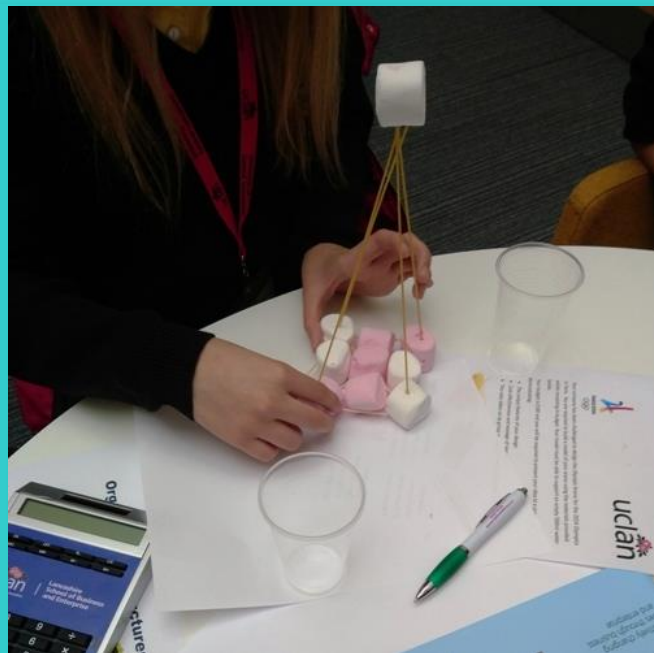
UCLAN LAW TRIP



Our Year 10 students took part in a visit to the Law faculty at UCLAN on Monday 4th November. Staff and students re-enacted the trial of Derek Bentley from 1952. Students were selected for the roles of barrister, clerk of the court, witness and defendant. The remainder of the group played the part of the jury.

We learned about the different types of law that are practised in the UK and discussed how society has changed since 1952. We realised that this has affected how law is practised now and how this case played an important part in the abolition of capital punishment. It made us think about how further changes in society may cause a change in how law is practised in the future.

We also visited the Lancashire Business and Enterprise faculty where we had the opportunity to take part in a spaghetti and marshmallow challenge. It gave us a real insight into how we need to be able to showcase our employability skills in assessment centre tasks as part of an interview process.



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SPORTS RESULTS – LAST WEEK



<u>Sport</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Our Player of the Match</u>
Rugby - Boys	Year 9	Won	Archbishop	Blake Murray
Rugby - Boys	Year 9	Won	Our Lady's	Dominic Simpson
Football - Boys	Year 7	Lost	Our Lady's & Broughton	Harrison Price
Football - Boys	Year 11	Won	QEGS (Cup Game)	Layton Hartley
Football - Boys	Year 11	Won	St. Michael's (Cup Game)	Jack Towers



<u>Sport</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Our Player of the Match</u>
Netball - Girls	Year 9	Lost	Broughton	Eve Brown Sophia Saint
Netball - Girls	Year 10	Lost	Broughton	Megan Slater
Football - Girls	Year 11	Lost	Our Lady's	Millie Morris

This Week's Fixtures - Boys

Rugby



Mon 11th Nov
Yr 8 vs Archbishop
& Our Ladys

Football



Tues 12th Nov
Yr 9 vs Broughton

Wed 13th Nov
Yr 10 vs Archbishop

This Week's Fixtures - Girls

Netball



Tues 12th Nov
Yr 9, 10, 11 vs Longridge

Football



Thurs
14th Nov -
U14 vs Moor
Park &
Broughton

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