



I am very pleased to welcome everyone back to school this New Year - seeing students return in full school uniform with broad smiles to start the day, in the cold month of January, has been a great pleasure.

We have continued to focus on our primary concern which is teaching and learning, both in and out of the classroom, whilst of course still ensuring that our school environment is safe for all. The after-school clubs and activities are now fully open and take-up by students has been excellent, forming an integral part of the extended curriculum at AMSI.

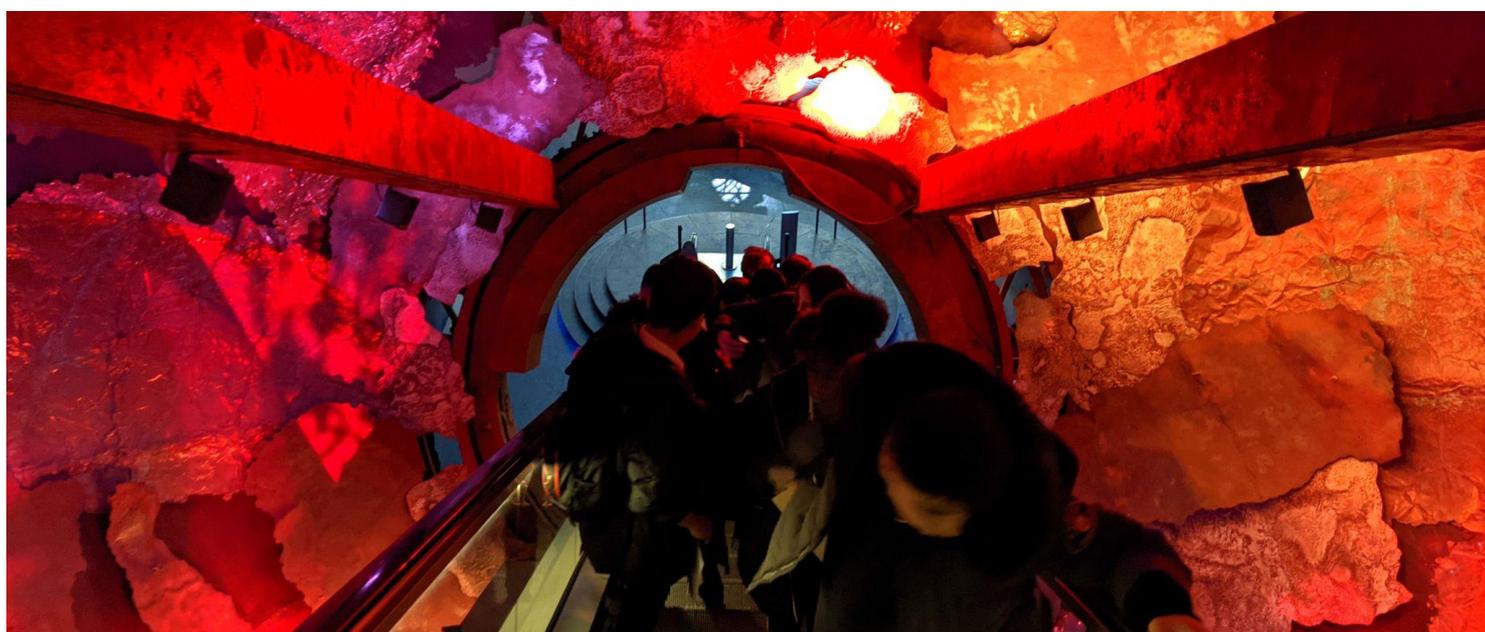
On a separate note, I would just like to highlight how we prepare our students in Key Stage 4 for their next steps after AMSI. Students have recently taken part in some aspirational activities that will support them in their future endeavours upon leaving us. Year 10 participated in two virtual work experience days that were a good example of thinking differently and further developing a highly valued event on our school calendar in previous years.

The students feedback stated that it was a meaningful experience which enabled them to ask a wide range of questions about the world of work to employers across several career sectors. Year 11, however, went a step further with "Present Yourself Day" which served to teach the softer skills required when making an impression in interviews, applying for a position and to gain a general understanding of what is expected from employers in these situations.

At AMSI we have embraced the COVID-19 opportunities from last year, retaining several initiatives that were implemented as they have proved to be beneficial to all. Of course, we will continue to review our context as we progress through 2022.

**Susan Service**  
**Headteacher**

# 2022

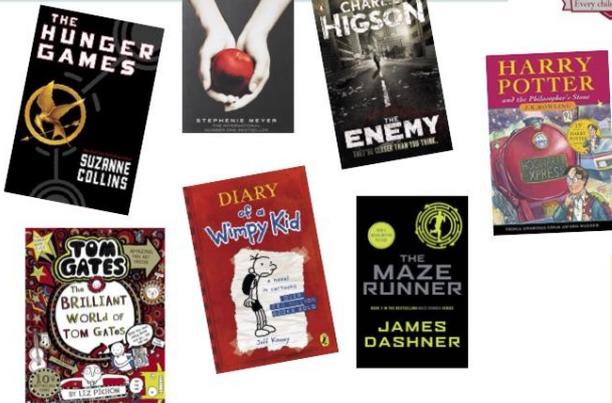


The welcome return of school trips permitted our students to get out of the classroom and visit places such as the Globe Theatre for our Y8 English classes and the Natural History Museum for our Y10 Art class (pictured).



# AMSI Library Return of the AMSI Library!

## Most popular books (Fiction)



## Top readers (so far...)

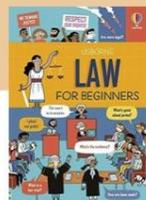
Y7: Sumaya, Yassir  
 Y8: Evie, Haytham  
 Y9: Ayyun  
 Y10: Mohamed  
 Y11: Sonam

**8D** most  
book  
requests

**136** books  
read so far...

**59** requests  
through the  
online form

## Most popular book (Non-Fiction)

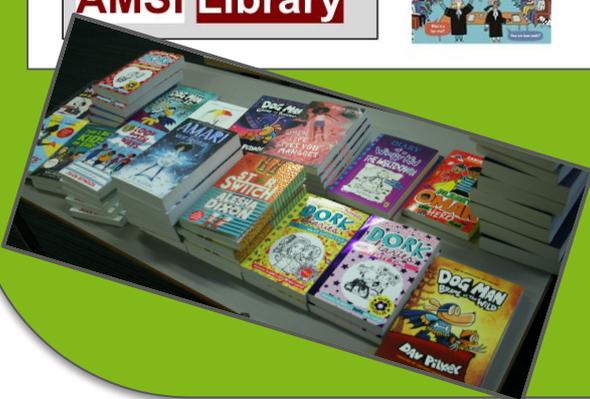


**60** library  
monitor  
volunteers

**9C** most  
library monitor  
volunteers

**2** students  
read a whole  
book in a day!  
(Sumaya, Yassir)

**AMSI Library**



# Maths

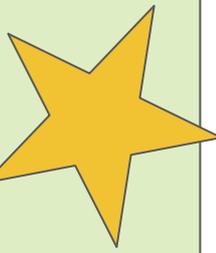
The Maths department would like to recognise some [#amsimathssuperstars](#) for their great work this term. It was an impossible task for teachers to choose only one student from each class for [#AMSINews](#) shout out, well done to all and also to so many more who were shortlisted for a shout out - hopefully your name will appear next time!

**Year 11**  
Tomiyo  
Jhovani  
Zahra  
Sonam  
Ikram

**Year 9**  
Sanjay  
Ife  
Mohamed  
Ahmed

**Year 10**  
Atif  
Nursel  
Elitsa  
Guluzar  
Deniz

**Year 8**  
Rania  
Jason  
Tiannah  
Zoya



**Year 7**  
Tunis  
Shantae  
Alexander  
Safwan  
Bambi



A group of year 11s have been working with Action Tutoring for the last few weeks, and have been getting small group tuition. Action Tutoring has been impressed with the high level of engagement from the group. Well done!

## UKMT: Y9 and Y9 results

Sixty year 8 and 9 students took part in the national UKMT (United Kingdom Maths Trust) individual challenge this year, we had an impressive set of results:

<b>Gold:</b>	<b>Bronze:</b>	
Ayman Y8	Lewis Y8	Leonid Y9
	Mikel Y8	Liana Y9
<b>Silver:</b>	Ayyun Y9	Zakariya Y9
Precious Y9	Rafael Y9	Yaasir Y9
Rosheen Y9	Namkha Y9	Arkú Y9
	Israjenah Y9	Leo Y9
	Nabil Y9	



## UKMT: Kangaroo results

Ayman in year 8 not only achieved the highest result in the individual challenge, he also progressed to the Kangaroo Challenge, in which he scored an impressive result and achieved the highest result of a merit. A brilliant achievement - well done Ayman. Here is a photo of him getting his well deserved certificate from Ms Service.

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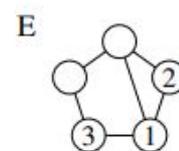
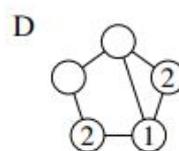
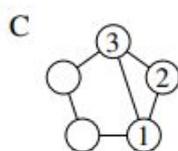
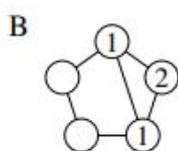
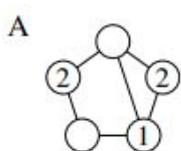
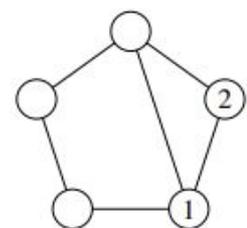
**Maths Challenge:** Here is one you can try now:

If you have found the answers, email a picture of your working out to Mr Chowdhury ([m.chowdhury@amsi.school](mailto:m.chowdhury@amsi.school)).

Two players  $X$  and  $Y$  take alternate turns in a game, starting with the diagram alongside.

At each turn, one player writes one of 1, 2 or 3 in an empty circle, so that no two circles connected by an edge contain the same number. A player loses when they cannot go. In each of the five diagrams below it is  $Y$ 's turn.

In which of the diagrams can  $Y$ 's move ensure that  $X$  loses the game?



# English

## AMSI Trip to the Globe

Last term we embarked upon the first official AMSI school trip since the start of the pandemic!

Around 60 enthusiastic year 8 students – accompanied by 7 members of staff – travelled to the Globe Theatre in Southwark to watch Shakespeare's infamous *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Our students were exuberant when the Hackney Colliery Band, performing a brass instrumental, took centre stage in the opening of the play. The theatrical performance that followed was truly outstanding. Lucky enough to have standing seats in the 'yard' at stage-level, our students found themselves right in the heart of the action. The *Midsummer Night's Dream* Shakespeare Company comprised a diverse, talented, inspirational cast who

created a genuine buzz amongst our students. The acting and costumes had us in stitches as the plot journeyed through its various twists and turns.

Thank you to all the students and staff who attended for a fun day out – and a very welcome return to normality!



## Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

It was an absolute pleasure to watch our young people articulate their thoughts and feelings in a creative, powerful and dynamic way on the 14th October.

The year 10 students who participated in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Challenge were an absolute credit to our school. They were respectful and listened well to other points of view and were exceptionally creative in the delivery of their own points. It is with great pleasure that we announce our top 5 students who will be going on to represent us in the Islington Finals, a huge 'Well Done!'

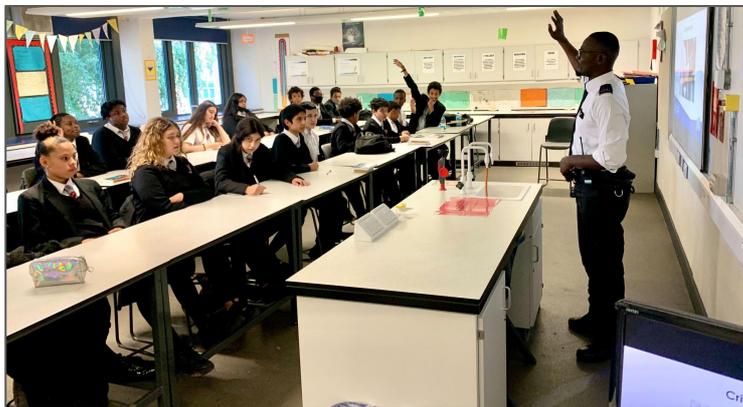


# P.S.H.E.



## Crime Prevention

We thank our Safer Schools Officer, PC Abdul Kamara, for delivering some really informative and engaging sessions to a number of KS3 classes in the run up to the Christmas holidays. Abdul, along with two of his WPC colleagues, gave a first-hand insight into staying safe and the work of police officers in the wider community. Students bombarded him with questions which he answered frankly and with the authority of someone who had dealt with a wide range of situations. We aim to run a series of assemblies in conjunction with PC Kamara and his colleagues later in the academic year.



### Crime Prevention



### Central North BCU Response Policing



## S.E.N.D.

### Sensory Room - Pupil Support CG04

Schools are busy places and at times the sheer volume of stimuli can be too much, particularly for pupils with ASC and other special educational needs, making the school a potentially stressful and disturbing place.

'Sensory spaces' are a practical and effective way to help relieve anxiety or overstimulation. They offer a way to soothe and de-escalate, and research shows they can also increase participation and focus.



We are pleased to announce that we now have a new and well-equipped Sensory Room in Pupil Support - CG04

Please follow us on Twitter [@AMSI\\_school](#)  
Any feedback or suggestions for the next edition can be given using #AMSI NEWS

# JUST AS YOU ARE

EMPOWERING TEEN PARENTS  
EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION

The AMSI community would like to say a huge 'thank you' to one of our parents, Ms Sofia Strachan, who runs Just As You Are, a PSHE group that visits schools and covers topics such as Healthy Relationships, Consent/Safe Sex and Domestic Violence.

All students received an age-appropriate assembly covering a particular subject and were fully engaged in Ms Strachan's hugely moving story and wisdom. We look forward to a return visit as soon as possible for a further week of assemblies.

For any parents/guardians wishing to have any input or advice on our recently revised RSE policy, that has

been updated in accordance with new government guidelines, please go the following link <https://www.artsandmedia.islington.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/RSE-Policy.pdf> on our school website and forward any comments to [R.Robinson@amsi.school](mailto:R.Robinson@amsi.school)



# Meet the Staff

## With Student Voice



Mr Basham

**What are you looking forward to at the moment?**  
Just enjoying every minute of being with my first born child

**How long have you been teaching at AMSI for?**  
Over a year now

**What was the best thing that happened to you in 2021?**  
The Vegetarian Whopper at Burger King

**What subject did you get your degree in?**  
Geography

**What are you currently reading or enjoying watching?**  
Rory Stewart's 'Travels Across Afghanistan'



**Which AMSI Cornerstone do you think is most important and why?**  
**RESPECT** because it will lead to all the most important things in life

**Where did you grow up and go to secondary school?**  
Edmonton and I attended Edmonton County

**Who would play you in a biopic movie about your life?**  
I would play myself

**Why did you choose teaching as a profession?**  
Every day is different and it's fun to work with children and it's a challenge!

**Who is your favourite musician/band/performer of all time?**  
A band called 'The Prodigy'



**What single luxury item would you take with you to a desert island?**  
A packable life-raft

**What is your favourite type of cuisine if you had to pick one?**  
Proper Italian pizza!

**How would you describe yourself in one word?**  
Ambitious

**Tell us a joke?**  
Why did the M&M go to school – because he wanted to become a Smartie!

**If you could give your 16-year-old self, one piece of advice, what would it be?**  
Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do anything if you put your mind to it!

**If you could have dinner with one famous person (alive or dead), who would it be and why?**  
David Attenborough because he is an amazing geographer

**What would your chosen 'superpower' be?**  
The ability to be able to slow down 'Time'.....

**If you had to be a different nationality, which one would it be?**  
Japanese

**What is the worst job you have ever had?**  
The one when I worked for my Dad!

**What is your biggest fear?**  
Having regrets

**Which word or phrase do you think you most overuse?**  
I'm so hungry!

**A lazy beach holiday in Barbados or trekking in the Andes?**  
Trekking in The Andes



Thank you to Mr Basham – hope you don't regret completing this.

# Art

Our amazing year 7's have been studying the artist Mike Libby.

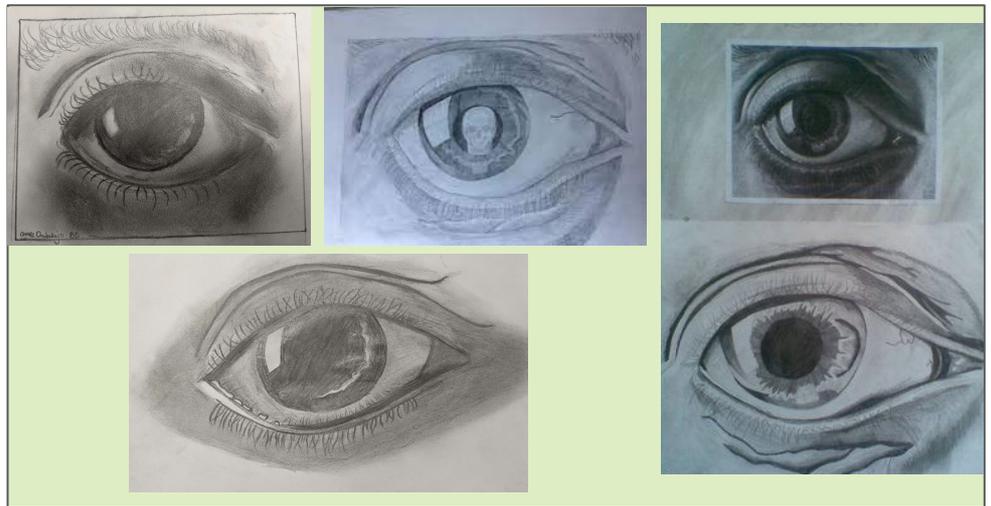
The art department has managed to get in contact with this artist, as we are organising a mini competition!

The year 7's who put in excellent effort with their Mike Libby drawing homework will have the chance to ask Libby a question, and have a copy of their drawing sent to him!

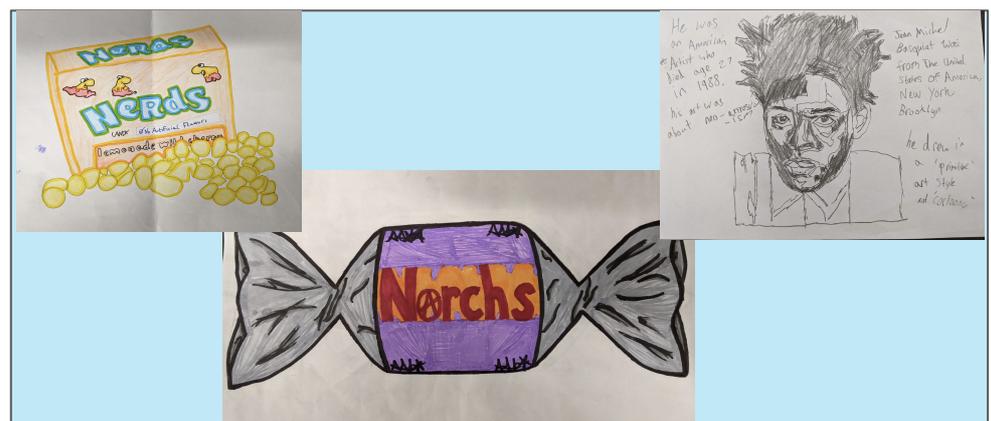


Our talented year 8's have been paying close attention to MC Escher's famous eye drawing. We have been analysing this image and the students have very creatively found meanings within the image... what can you see? Take a closer look..

Next term, we will be drawing our own portraits, and focusing on our feelings, identity and what makes us unique.



Our year 9's have been studying pop art and consumerist culture. At the moment they are learning how to draw packaging, how to place colours together, and font design!



Our very talented GCSE students are rapidly developing their drawing skills; we are focusing on different textures, surfaces and natural forms. We are also looking at how to create our very own hybrids, such as the mushroom frog above.

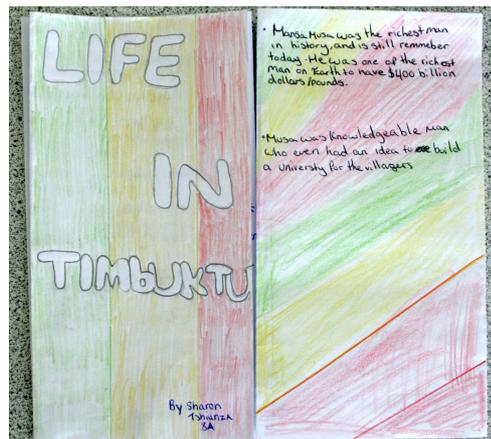
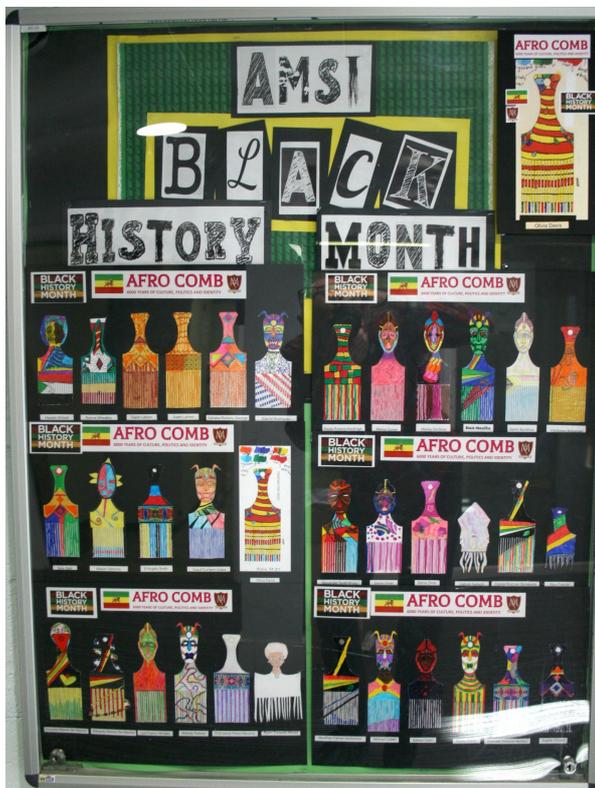


# Humanities



Mr Wallen Ms Mirza Ms Charlery

In Humanities and the wider school we have recently celebrated Black History Month at AMSI. The students have studied a creative and caring curriculum from ancient civilisations to the windrush generations. Students have also, in Design Technology, created beautiful artistic Afro-Combs which are displayed in our reception area. Furthermore, students have enjoyed Afro-Caribbean cuisine every Thursday which has been very popular to celebrate Black History Month.



# MFL



Mr Castillo Ms Vickers Ms Galvez

From the 27th September to the 1st October, year 7 students took part in a Word Hunt competition to find as many 'Hello' words in different European Languages as they could in order to celebrate European Day of Languages'.

Students participated brilliantly and were very excited to find the words hidden around the year 7 corridor. We had 3 winners who have all received prizes for their efforts and participation - massive congratulations to Shantae, Eduarda and Ritaaj!



# Meet the Staff

## With Student Voice



Ms Elliott-Acunzo

What are you looking forward to at the moment?  
Summer

What's the most important thing we should know about you?  
I am fair, kind and nurturing

What are you currently reading or enjoying watching?  
Squid Game!

Which AMSI Cornerstone do you think is most important and why?  
Respect as it is fundamental to everything.

Where did you grow up and go to secondary school?  
Islington & went to St Mary Magdalene Academy (I was the first ever year group 2007)



Who would play you in a biopic movie about your life?  
Zendaya Or Zoe Kravitz

Who is your favourite musician/band/performer of all time?  
Frank Ocean



What single luxury item would you take with you to a desert island?  
Mosquito repellent !

What is your favourite type of cuisine if you had to pick one?  
Moroccan

How would you describe yourself in one word?  
Amazing!

If you could give your 16-year-old self, one piece of advice, what would it be?  
Stop putting other people's happiness before your own

If you could have dinner with one famous person (alive or dead), who would it be and why?  
FRANK OCEAN because he is amazing at his craft

What would your chosen 'superpower' be?  
Mind-reading

If you had to be a different nationality, which one would it be?  
Dutch



What is the worst job you have ever had?  
Working as a waitress in a Vietnamese restaurant

What is your biggest fear?  
Spiders & death

Which word or phrase do you think you most overuse?  
'Do you know what I mean?'

A lazy beach holiday in Barbados or trekking in the Andes?  
Barbados , all day!

Thank you to Ms Elliott-Acunzo – you are **'Amazing!'**



**"WELCOME BACK"** We are open for business and will be updating and extending the AMSI Club timetable in the New Year.



# KS3 CLUB TIMETABLE 2021-22



CLUB	MFL Buddy Club YR 7 - 9	LGBTQ And allies YR 7 - 9	Geography Action for Conservation YR 7 - 9	Chess Board games YR 7 - 9	Music YR 7 - 9	Art YR 7-8	Dance YR 7 - 9	Debating YR 7 - 9	Multi sports Invitation YR 8-9	Football Girls YR 8-9	Football YR 7-8	Home work Support YR 7 - 9
STAFF	Ms Vickers	Mx Suklar Ms Morgan	Miss P Charlery (Ex provider)	Mr Owusu	Az	Ms Eley Ms Di Maria	Ms Stephanou	Mr McLoughlin	PE team	LFS (Ex provider)	LFS (Ex provider)	AMSI staff
ROOM	BG05	BG05	PENDING	CGO1	Music room PENDING	BG05	A104	B B106	Sportshall	Astroturf	Astroturf	Canteen
TIME	12:40 - 1:15 Lunch Club	3:10 - 4:10 <b>Members to attend HW support until 3:10 opening time.</b>	2:20 - 4.00	2:20 -3:20	2:20 - 3:20	2:20 - 3:20	2:15 - 3:30	2:20 - 3:20	2:20 - 3:20	2:20 - 3:20	2:20 - 3:10	2:15 -3:10
DAY	Wednesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Daily
START	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

## ICT News

### Google for Education and Chromebooks

Chromebooks are a new type of computer designed to help students to get things done faster and easier. Chromebooks provide a gateway for everything a student needs in order to learn and everything a teacher needs to guide them with their studies.

At AMSI we are now in the fortunate position of being able to provide all our KS3 students with a Chromebook device to complete work at home and in school which is already having a great impact on learning outcomes. Teachers are now using a blended approach to teaching. Chromebooks allow accessing on-line

resources such as MathsWatch, Educake, BBC Bitesize, etc. Additionally, users have access to Google applications such as Google Docs, Google Drive and Google Classroom.



Working together, we can ensure that we minimise risk and ensure all students make the progress they require.



**Please wear  
face masks**



# Careers@AMSI

## Presenting Yourself Day - Year 11

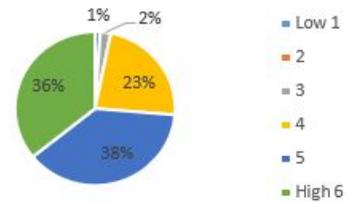
It was really pleasing to see our year 11 students embrace the opportunity of 'being a professional' for the day. It gave them a chance to 'step out of the playground' and engage with those who were with us from the world of work.

We had 23 business volunteers in school for the day, from a wide range of professions. Students worked in small groups with our volunteers on CVs, covering letters and mock interviews as well as

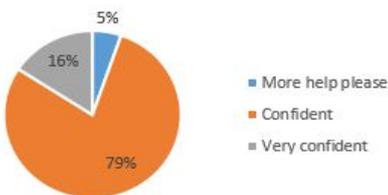
hearing about career routes in a 'Share Your Career Path' talk in the theatre.

The business volunteers were really impressed with our students' attitude and their engagement in the process and were only too happy to let us know which was really pleasing. Overall the students took on the challenge and completed a questionnaire at the end. Below are the results from 94 returns out of 130 students

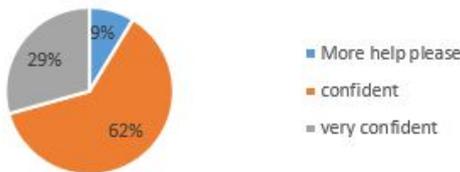
How useful did you find the workshop in helping you to build on marketing yourself for the future beyond school?  
(scale 1 low - high 6)



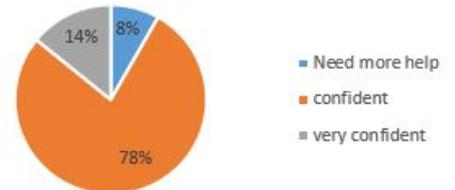
Working with a business professional today, has this helped you to identify your achievements, qualities, skills and work related learning experiences?



Working with a business professional today, has this helped you with understanding the strengths and areas of improvement for your own CV?



Working with a business professional today - how did you feel after the mock interview?



## Upcoming Events

Friday 11th Feb  
INSET Day

14th - 18th Feb  
Spring Half Term Holiday

24th Feb  
Year 9 Options Evening

16th Mar  
Year 9 Parents' Evening

## The School Day

### Key Stage 3

8:15-8:30 - Arrival & Line-up  
8:30-8:45 - Reg/Assembly  
8:45-9:40 - Period 1  
9:40-10:35 - Period 2  
10:35-10:50 - Break  
10:50-11:45 - Period 3  
11:45-12:40 - Period 4  
12:40-13:20 - Lunch  
13:20-14:15 - Period 5  
14:15-15:15 - End of Day/Ex School (Mondays only)

### Key Stage 4

9:10-9:25 - Arrival & Line-up  
9:25-9:40 - Reg/Assembly  
9:40-10:35 - Period 1  
10:35-11:30 - Period 2  
11:30-11:45 - Break  
11:45-12:40 - Period 3  
12:40-13:35 - Period 4  
13:35-14:15 - Lunch  
14:15-15:15 - Period 5  
15:15 - End of day/AIM



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