

HOUSES



■ Amber and Annabel - Ashcombe House Captains 2024/25

Ashcombe has had an amazing year of brilliant success and House spirit!

Throughout the Autumn Term, the whole House enjoyed taking part in House Netball, with our Senior team earning a place in the 3rd/4th playoffs where they came out with a win, placing them 3rd overall. Middle School were also successful in reaching the playoffs but narrowly lost, placing them 4th. These are huge achievements which both teams should be proud of. St Catherine's Day, a highly anticipated event of the School year, was a fun day filled with House spirit. Overall, we finished 4th in both U3/L4 and U4/L5 tournaments and 6th in U5-U6 lacrosse and all girls thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this action-packed day. It was brilliant to see the whole House involved, both on the pitch and supporting from the side-lines, embracing the Ashcombe spirit. Thank you to the Sports Captains, Phoebe and Sophie, for organising the teams and ensuring the day ran smoothly.

House Drama was our finest achievement this year as we secured a strong first place with an amazing play written and directed by Amy (U6). This year we had an exciting theme, paintings, and our play was based on the painting *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte* by Georges Seurat. We are very grateful for all the work involved and we recognise just how much of an effort

it was to bring all the elements together, from tech working behind the scenes, to our Ashcombe stars themselves. As well as our first-place achievement we were also awarded the 'Most Creative Design Award', which truly captures Ashcombe's ability to think differently, and it demonstrated the thought and effort put into the performance. Finally in the Autumn Term, we placed 3rd in both the Merit and the Work Cups; these are awards that the entire House contributes to, reflecting our consistency as a House in our hard work and enthusiasm.

As usual, the Spring Term ended with House Gymnastics, where everyone performed their impressive aerobics, rhythmic, dance, solo and trio routines choreographed by the U5 and L6. The day was a great success as we finished in 2nd place overall and Chloe, an Ashcombe U3, was awarded the Roberts Cup for Courage. In the evening, we performed in House Music, amazingly conducted and put together by Georgina and Charlotte. We were very proud of our hard work and incredible performances; all our practice paid off on the final night where we all enjoyed performing the *Bare Necessities* and *Demons* by Imagine Dragons. In Long Parli, in the Spring and Summer Terms, Ashcombe won two trophies: the Merit Cup and the Work Cup. This was a great way to end the year in high spirits.

During the busy Summer Term, Ashcombe was involved in the House Quiz and many summer sports. Sports Day was a very successful and enjoyable event to end the busy term due to the lovely weather and because of the success in the House Relays, where we finished 3rd in the House Athletics Relay, and earned a strong second place in the House Golden Mile.

Throughout the term, we took part in House tennis which is always an enjoyable event involving many girls. The U4/L5s made it into the 3rd/4ths playoffs where they came out with a win. Cricket is also a hugely anticipated event which happens throughout the term. The Senior Cricket team managed to place 3rd which is a big achievement; well done, Seniors!

Our thanks go to the outgoing House Captains, Georgia and Thea, for all their hard work and dedication to the House, making us proud to be a part of Ashcombe. We are excited to take over their roles and are looking forward to another successful year for Ashcombe House!

1. Sports Day
2. House Gym
3. House Drama
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6. Winners of House Drama!