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Our Carnegie shadowers celebrating the 2017 Awards!

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Message from Mrs Helen Glass, Headteacher

It was a delight this week to welcome Year 6s joining us in September on their first Transition Day. The move to secondary school marks a huge milestone in their lives. It can be exciting and daunting, so we carefully plan our transition days to help them prepare: we offer tours, sample lessons and opportunities to meet staff and fellow students. I hope everyone enjoyed their first day with us and we look forward to seeing them again next week.

I hope many of you were able to come to the A Level Art Exhibition on Thursday evening. It was fantastic – so many wonderful pieces on show. I am always amazed by the maturity of our students' artistic endeavours. I hope they all achieve good grades, and, more importantly never lose their creativity and passion for art.

It seems that one can't read or watch the news at the moment without learning of more tragedy – another awful terrorist attack in neighbouring Finsbury Park and ongoing horrors across the world. In some ways, coming to school each day and being surrounded by the optimism and vibrancy of our students is quite an antidote; watching their development into fine young people is a great cause for hope!

Wishing our Muslim families a happy Eid next week. Have a good weekend everyone.

Early Closure: Year 6 Tutor Meetings, 28th June – Mr Ward, Assistant Head

A final reminder that students will be dismissed at 12:25pm next Wednesday, to allow for the meetings between VT tutors and their new Year 6 students.

Students with free school meals can collect their meal at break time.

'Fortinomics' – Mr Renner, Head of Business Studies & Economics

Please find attached the first edition of Fortinomics, a newsletter written by current Year 12 Economic students. We aim to inform our school community about economic issues, and introduce key economic concepts to help people understand the world around them. We hope you enjoy it!

Film is Not Dead – Mr Holden, Teacher of Photography

Do you have an old SLR film camera that you don't use anymore? If you do would you be willing to donate it to the Fortismere Photography Department? Due to high demand from our students we are in need of more SLR film cameras to enable the tradition of film to carry on to the next generation of photographers.

If you would like to donate please email me at gholden@fortismere.org.uk



"The camera sees more than the eye so why not make use of it."

Edward Weston

Creative Arts Evening Re:mixed – Creative Arts Faculty

The Creative Arts Faculty invites you to a night of multi-disciplinary performance, dance, music and art! Join us to celebrate the diverse and vibrant creative talents of Fortismere students from Year 7 to Year 13. This year we encourage you to come and see incredible work produced over a range of topics, where we showcase the unique creative community within our school. We want you to engage, discuss and respond to the mixing and layering of these different art forms. We hope you are ready for an exciting and interactive arts event!

Thursday 13th July: doors 5:30pm

Ticket prices: £4 adults, £3 children – tickets go on sale Monday 3rd July on Parentmail.

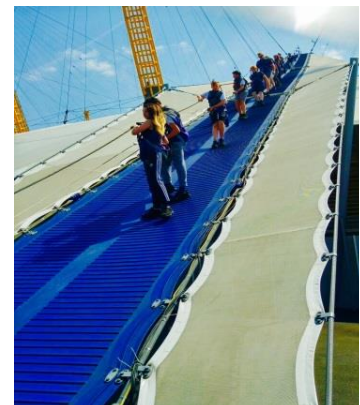
China Trip – Mr Lewis, Mrs Fineberg & Ms Valdés, Teachers of Modern Languages

Between 9th and 18th of June we had the pleasure of taking our 31-strong group of Mandarin learners to Beijing and Harbin. Students (and staff!) were able to enjoy a range of cultural highlights in Beijing such as climbing the Great Wall of China along with visiting Tiananmen Square, the Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven. In Harbin we met up with our Confucius Institute colleagues at Harbin Normal University and students took part in Mandarin lessons, calligraphy sessions and paper cutting workshops. I would like to thank all students for their engagement, their good humour and their continued interest in discovering more about China! 很好!



Learning Mentor Day Trip: 'Building Confidence and Raising Self Esteem' – Ms Tomlinson, Learning Mentor

After a generous donation from the FSA to the Learning Mentors (thank you so much), we were pleased to be able to take some of our students on an exciting trip to the Greenwich Peninsula, London. The money enabled us to do a 360 degree ride on the Emirates Airline and climb (yes CLIMB, in the heat of 36 degrees!) 'Up at the O2'! Our objectives were to enhance the students' experience, to enhance their confidence, self-esteem and resilience, to challenge their ability and to work as a team. Afterwards, it was good to hear students saying they had conquered many of their fears! We hope that they will apply this feeling at school and in their daily lives now. All in all it was a brilliant, successful day, with excellent support from the staff – Mrs Tibble, Ms Arrowsmith, Mr Yakup and Mr Bower. The students were a credit to our school – well done everyone!



Contact the school

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Year 7 Haringey Rounders – Ms K Williams & Ms Petterson

Well done to the girls' Year 7 Rounders Team who won all their matches against other schools in the Borough in the Haringey competition. The girls rightly deserved their first place win, playing in very hot conditions yesterday and last week. They showed outstanding sportsmanship and they displayed excellent team work! Congratulations!



Careers Information – Ms Phillips, Careers Advisor

There will be lots of information and support available when students receive their exam results over the Summer:

I will be available on both Results Days (GCSE & A-Level) to assist students should they not achieve predicted grades to take up chosen University courses or A-Level/BTEC courses. I will be based in the LINC Building (ground floor opposite the Learning Mentors' office) to see students and parents/carers to talk over next steps if students do not obtain necessary entry requirements.

Haringey Early Help and Prevention Service is offering a GCSE Results Day Drop-In service on Thursday 24th August at Wood Green Library from 10am to 4pm. Advice and guidance on next steps will be available to Year 11 students. The Drop-In will be found on the second floor of the Library (High Road, Wood Green, N22 6XD).

There is lots of information being added to our website all the time about open days and opportunities that might be of interest to our students, so don't forget to take a look!

Reminders from the Admin Team

Student Absences/Appointment: please remember to report your child's absence due to sickness before 8.35am by calling 020 8365 4429 or email attendance@fortismere.org.uk and copy in your child's Form Tutor. (Please note that absence known in advance should be made via the Leave of Absence request form, available on our [website](#)).

Lost Property: ideally, label your child's possessions so that if they do get mislaid, they can be returned. Alternatively, don't forget to regularly check Lost Property in both Wings for missing items.

Access to Site: to support our Safeguarding, parents/carers/visitors will not be allowed onto the school site unless they have an appointment about which the office has been informed in advance.

From the Library

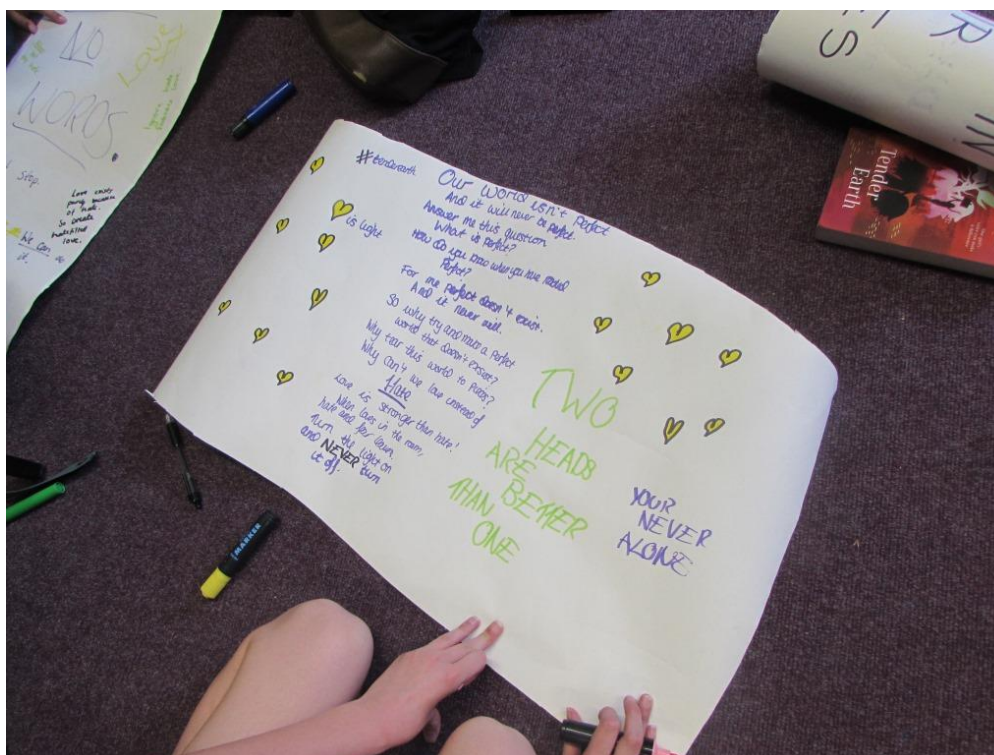
On Monday 19th June the winner of the Carnegie Medal 2017 was announced. And our shadowing group celebrated in style. The library was closed, we ate party food, we talked books, we watched the awards ceremony live on the big screen and we congratulated ourselves on 227 well-written and perceptive reviews on our Carnegie site <http://bit.ly/1Qp8ckW> (227 reviews is *almost* a record – sorry, you were beaten by 250 reviews posted in 2015!) The marks of a successful Carnegie year? 1) When you are told, “I wouldn’t have usually picked this book up, but I’m so pleased I had to read it – what else have you got by him/her?” 2) “Can we form our own reading group next year? Can we use the library?” Yes, of course you can!

Tuesday 20th June was World Refugee Day, and our ex-Patron of Reading, Sita Brahmachari, came in to work with some of our Year 7s. She talked about her latest book, *Tender Earth*, and drew some amazing and empathetic responses from our enraptured (if incredibly hot!) students on the theme of “We are far more united that what divides us”. They lay on the floor and created some wondrous posters (see below); it was very moving to see how affected they have been by recent tragedies and events. I was also honoured to attend the official launch of the *Tender Earth* at Archer Academy in the evening. See what Sita says here <http://bit.ly/1mZfiUI> Every student received a copy of the book a couple of weeks ago so they could read some of it before meeting Sita – they were delighted to get it personalised on the day.



Don’t forget that you can get your offspring to buy Fortitude tickets from the library – cheaper than getting them on the day at £3! And we also have the timetable for the zorbs here – get a timeslot booked before it’s too late.

Date for your diary: the Royal Society’s Summer Science exhibition starts in a couple of weeks. It’s an amazing free festival for everyone <http://bit.ly/2rhKxSt>



Recommended Reads of the Week

The Carnegie shortlisted books are now on display for general consumption by the rest of the school – and we have multiple copies, so plenty for everyone. The Carnegie Medal winner (we agreed with the judges – only the second time in Fortismere’s shadowing history) is *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys. Our second choice is *The Smell of Other People’s Houses* by Bonnie Sue Hitchcock. Take a look at the Carnegie site for the rest of the shortlist – they are all well worth reading.

<http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/>

Raising Money for Sarcoma UK: 3 Peaks Challenge – Mr Carter, Head of Rhodes

I’m supporting Sarcoma UK, the only cancer charity in the UK focused on all types of sarcoma. Sarcoma is a cancer of the bone and soft tissue. I lost my mum to this disease last year, which has had a huge impact on me and my family. I am aiming to complete the national Three Peaks challenge on 7-8th July, climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon (the three highest mountains in each of Scotland, England and Wales respectively), hopefully in 24 hours.

My mum, dad, sister and me climbed Snowdon several times in my youth so it seems appropriate. My dad will be joining me for the final leg up Snowdon and on completion we’ll raise a toast to my mum and scatter her ashes in a place she loved.

Please click link for more info, to donate and/or to laugh at a picture of me in a shellsuit circa 1986. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carter3peaks>

Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra: Concert on 1st July

FCSO are proud to announce their summer concert will be taking place on Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm in St Andrew’s Church in Muswell Hill.

The programme for the evening is Brahms’ *Symphony No.4*, Mendelssohn’s *Violin Concerto* and Berlioz’ *‘Roman Carnival’ Overture*.

Tickets are available online: www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk .

FSA News

Fortitude Summer Fair – Saturday 1st of July 12-6pm (just one week to go!!)

There's still a lot to do before the big event...!

Please clear your calendars and volunteer, go through your cupboards for donations for the vintage stall and booze tombola, dust off your recipe books and bake a cake for the Cake-Off or quiche for the salad stall.

How you can help	Detail	Contact
<p>Booze Tombola</p> 	<p>Drop off at Anna's home – 15 Leaside Avenue, N10 3BT, if you cannot drop off email Maria and we'll make other arrangements to collect your donation</p>	<p>amthirlwall@googlemail.com mariademetriou70@hotmail.co.uk</p>
<p>Cake – Cake Off -Stall</p> 	<p>We will be having a Cake off Competition, judging at 1pm on Saturday – chance to win a signed copy of Lisa Faulkner's book 'Tea and Cake' – please contact Rani if you will be able to bake – drop off on the Friday night at 15 Grand Avenue or on the field on the day</p>	<p>ranijowett@gmail.com</p>
<p>Salad & Quiche Stall</p> 	<p>The ever-popular Salad Bar will once again return to Fortitude, which means we're on the look out for kind volunteers to bring in salads and/or home-made/deli-style quiches on the day of the event. If you are able to help in this way or just want a bit more info on what's involved, we'd love to hear from you contact Mary</p>	<p>lukeandmary@blueyonder.co.uk</p>
<p>Vintage Stall</p> 	<p>We need your donations! Any vintage/interesting clothing lurking at the back of your wardrobe, teen clothes? Ask your child to drop donations off at the library please</p>	<p>mariademetriou70@hotmail.co.uk</p>