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Message from Mrs Helen Glass, Headteacher

I hope you all had a good half-term break and are ready for the final weeks of term. Exams continue apace. Our Year 10 Geographers have been on a field trip to Walton on the Naze which I hope they enjoyed, and today, Year 10 Mandarin students leave for China on what promises to be an unforgettable trip. Next week, it's the Year 7 Geographers turn, and they are off to Epping Forest for the week – I hope the weather improves a little for them!

We also welcome back our Year 12s next week following their period of study leave. This really marks the beginning of their final year of studies with us and they will be cramming a lot in over the next six weeks.

It's going to be an interesting few weeks for all of us as we wake to news that there is a Hung Parliament, following the general election! With different parties taking varied approaches to education, we wait to see what the impact will be on our future funding. In the meantime, we will continue to use our funds wisely, providing students with the high quality education and enriching life experience for which Fortismere is known.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Year 12 – Ms Cunningham, Head of Year 12

All Year 12 students will be returning to lessons on Monday 12th June. Lessons begin again at 8.35am on Monday. We look forward to welcoming them all back after exam leave. Year 13 starts here!

Place2Talk – Ms Chad, Place2Be School Project Manager

A reminder that Place2Talk is available for all Fortismere students to come and discuss any worries or concerns they may be dealing with. If a student, or a group of up to 3 students, would like to book a 20 minute chat, please let them know they can get in touch with me at Sejal.Chad@Place2Be.org.uk, or come see me in the Place2Be room (first floor of LINC building).



Wellbeing Event for Parents/Carers, 6th June – Ms Judge (Deputy Head) and the Wellbeing Team

We would like to thank all the parents/carers who came to this event. It was fantastically well-attended and we hope that our parents found Alison Havey and Deana Puccio's presentation useful in supporting and opening up dialogue with our teenagers. We have attached the information sheet promised by Alison and Deana which signposts to other resources that parents may find useful to read.

We also wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents that their sons and daughters have access to everything discussed by our invited speakers and more in our Wellbeing curriculum which can be viewed on our [website](#).

Sincere thanks to Ms Prinsley, Teacher of Wellbeing and PSHE Co-ordinator, for organising this event and the recent Mental Health awareness events. We seek to continue to offer further events to our parents/carers in the coming year and hope that they will be as well supported as they have been this year.

Payments on ParentMail – Finance Department

We often receive queries from parents/carers about where to find items such as school trips or Fortismere events which are available and due for payment on their ParentMail account. Hopefully the information below will provide a useful guide to any parent/carer new to ParentMail or simply as a general reminder to others.

PMX ParentMail Online Payments - How do I buy an item from school?

You will be able to see Payments as an option in your parent feed on either your computer or through the ParentMail App. If you have a notification, it means your school have invited you to pay for something, or have notified you of a new payment item which is now available for you to buy or pre-order.

From my computer : Please see the screenshot shown below:

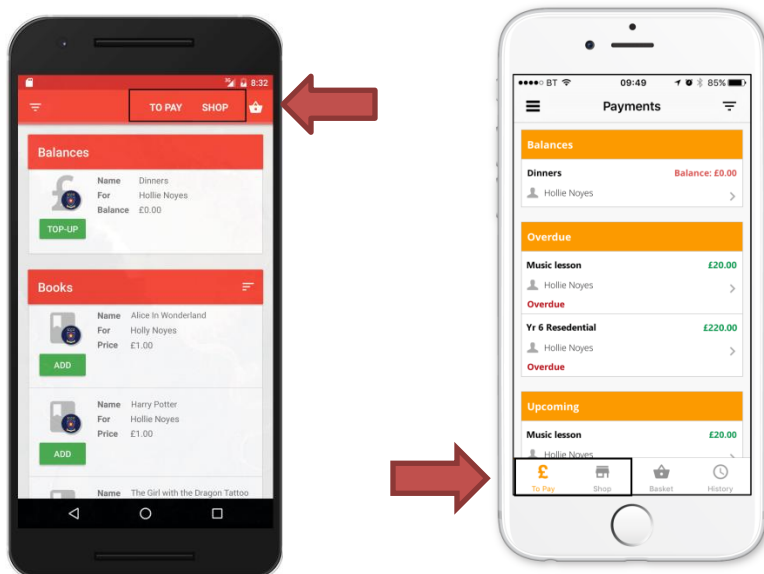


Once in Payments, you will be able to view items “To Pay” or visit the “Shop” which can be found in the top right hand corner of your screen.



From the Mobile App : Please see the screenshots shown below:

Once in Payments, you will be able to view items “To Pay” or visit the “Shop”.



Once you have found an item you want to purchase, simply click on it, and go through any options – such as quantity, size, colour etc. You can then choose to ‘Add to Basket’ and continue shopping, or click ‘Pay Now’ to checkout straight away.

T shirt

T shirt for primary students

Recipient

James Brierley

Options

Small - £10.00
 Medium - £10.00
 Large - £10.00

Quantity

Total: £20.00

There is further information as well as many other useful Help topics on the [ParentMail website](#).

Ephesus Rainbow Fun Run for Noah’s Ark Hospice – Ms Williams, Head of Ephesus

Some of your lovely children have agreed to join me on the rainbow run at Allianz Park on Sunday 25th June to help raise money for our College charity. We are still looking for more recruits, so please feel free to sign up along with us!

To register please visit www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk , it's a really fun event for a fantastic cause. You will find all the information you need on the website, I will be there along with some other wonderful teachers to meet the students. Please note that students will need to make their own way there and back.



If you would like to sponsor us, we have a joint fundraising page to help us reach our £500 target. Please visit www.justgiving.com/ephesus every little helps!

Thank you!

Year 11 Lockers – Mrs Brown, Administrator

Lockers issued to Year 11 students will need to be emptied by Friday 30th June, as the hire period has now come to an end.

If your child has forgotten their locker access code, please ask him/her to see Mrs Brown in North Wing office, Monday-Wednesday only.

All Year 11 lockers will be cleared and reprogrammed during the summer holidays and any contents found in lockers after Friday 30th June will be disposed of.

Year 8 Athletics Success – Ms Vangucci, Teacher of PE

Congratulations to the Year 8 Girls Athletics Team, they came 2nd in the Borough Athletics Year 8 Cup on Tuesday night.

Brilliant performances by Olivia Salagubaite who won the 100 metres, Nina Holdsworth 2nd in 1500 metres, Grace Chapman 3rd in 1500 metres, Evie Macualay 2nd in the Javelin and Aya Pfeurer who came 3rd in the 100 metres.



Exciting Art Department News – Ms Powell, Head of Art

In January Ben Nathan (Art Department) was awarded a place on the *Space Studios London Creative Network Artist Development Programme* and will be showing new work at *Space's* upcoming showcase exhibition, which opens on 15 June 6 – 9pm in Hackney (continues Friday and Saturday, 12 – 6pm). Address: 129 – 131 Mare Street, Hackney, London, E8 3RH. More info [here](#). More of Ben's work can be seen [here](#).

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! In particular, you might want to check out the following:

- UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair on 29th September 2017 at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium
- Barnet & Southgate College Taster Days

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

A couple of months' ago we received pre-publication copies of Anthony Horowitz's latest Alex Rider story, *Never Say Die*. Some of our students read it and their reviews can be seen in the TES. We're very proud! <http://bit.ly/2qUJ1Rh> The author himself tweeted his thanks to the boys and actually said he preferred Fortismere's reviews to the professional one in last week's Saturday Telegraph!

Performance poet and author Steve Tasane delighted a Year 7 class at Muswell Hill Library on Thursday 8th June. The students were astounded by his clever and speedy raps and the spellbinding poem *Tyler's Tears* moved them greatly. Their knowledge of *Oliver Twist* led to some really perceptive questions and answers about Steve's book *Nobody Saw No One* (which is based on the Dickens story) and the subject matter of *Blood Donors* – bloodsucking bugs - left them wanting more. They all loved the games Steve used to get them moving, especially the Obedience Game, and goodness knows what the voters in the polling station on the floor below thought when we all joined in with Steve's poem without words (but with much clapping, clicking and stamping of feet). The sign of a good author visit is that the Year 7s wanted to carry on and not leave the library, even though it was home time! This visit to our local library was the second of our YA Shot visits to Muswell Hill Library (<http://yashot.co.uk/>); we'd like to thank the staff of the library for their generous welcome and lovely space.



Save Haringey children's librarians <http://bit.ly/2sOA11f>

The Booktrust charity has a fantastic website with lots of really interesting stuff. Here's a link to some suggestions for getting reluctant readers to enjoy books <http://bit.ly/1JX69lo>

Don't forget that buying tickets for Fortitude from the library is CHEAPER than getting them on the gate (£3). We are also the Keepers of the Zorb Timetable, so get booking now...

On Monday 19th June the library will be closed at lunchtime whilst we have our annual Carnegie Red Carpet celebration and see which of the eight shortlisted books wins the coveted Carnegie Medal. You can see why we feel the urge to honour our Shadowers here <http://bit.ly/1Qp8ckW>

We're very pleased that Christine Hamill has made it onto the Laugh Out Loud Awards 2017 shortlist with *The Best Medicine* <http://bit.ly/1VgUu9Y>. Christine's first public engagement was here at Fortismere and we championed her book in the Haringey Children's Book Awards which she won earlier this year.

The next book that we'll be discussing at CoverUp is *The Power* by Naomi Alderman, which won the Baileys' Women's Prize for Fiction 2017 on Wednesday. The meeting is on Thursday 13th July, 7pm in the library and, as is traditional, we will be having our end of term Pimms celebration!

Recommended Read of the Week

My Gym Teacher is an Alien Overlord by David Solomons is also on the LOLLIES shortlist. I chuckled a lot. Funny books are a great way to engage reluctant readers.

FSA News

Fortitude on Saturday 1st July, 12 – 6pm

The countdown to this great day has now begun! We think you'll agree that we have started with a bang and that the range of items on the Silent Auction is incredible! Visit www.jumblebee.co.uk/fortitude2017 and bid, bid bid!

Thanks to everyone who has made this possible!

The Raffle tickets have now been posted and will be with you soon. To get a peek of what great prizes we have, go to www.fortismerschoolassociation.com

What still needs to be done:

- 1) Parents have kindly come forward and agreed to help organise 4 of the stalls for the day, however we still have some more stalls we'd like to have - see below. Perhaps you have an idea of something else you'd like to organise on the day - we are very open to ideas.

- The Bottle Tombola
- The Second Hand Clothes Stall (clothes for teenagers and Vintage Clothes for Adults)
- A Water Gun Game
- The Wang-A-Welly Competition
- Throw a Sponge at a Teacher
- A 'graffiti wall'
- A Coconut Shy
- The Plant Stall

- 2) Booze Tombola – there are 2 ways you can drop off your donations: either give to Maria who will be at the Sunday Market each Sunday or drop off at Anna's home – 15 Leaside Avenue, N10 3BT (email Anna if you have any questions at amthirlwall@googlemail.com)
- 3) Can you deliver flyers to streets near you? We will drop the flyers at your home and will need you to distribute before Monday 19th June? Please contact Philippa if you can help at philippastonebridge@hotmail.com
- 4) Clothes Stall (clothes for teenagers and vintage clothes for adults) - we need your donations! Any vintage / interesting clothing lurking at the back of your wardrobe? Can be quirky, can be fun, can be wildly out of date - it could turn out to be in vogue again in 2018!

Teen clothes: One too many trips to Primark? Fashion changed since this morning? We are looking for clean teen clothing we can sell for a song!

We are looking for any of the following: shirts, skirts, tops, dresses, coats, trousers, suits, hats, sunglasses, shoes (good condition only) and jewellery.



Donations to Maria at the Sunday Market or ask your child to drop donations off at the school library please.

5) Volunteer on the day. To make this event a success we will need an army of volunteers! Please email Kirsty at markskirsty@gmail.com with the time slot you can do on the day; options below:

- a) Set up 9am – 12pm
- b) 12pm – 2pm
- c) 2pm – 4pm
- d) 4pm – 6pm
- e) Clear up 6pm – 7pm

Car Boot Sale: Sunday 18th June 11am – 3pm

Coming up! It'll be in South Wing Car Park and cars cost £15.

If you are interested in participating please email Maria at mariademetriou70@hotmail.co.uk to reserve your space.

