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Message from Mrs Helen Glass, Headteacher

This week, we once again welcomed the Year 6 students who will be joining us in September, along with their parents/carers. The transition days went very well and I have had some lovely feedback so I'm sure the students enjoyed themselves. I hope this introduction to Fortismere life has left them looking forward to the start of the new term.

Public exams have now finished which I'm sure is a relief to students and parents/carers alike! Students should take this opportunity to relax and unwind before the next phase of their lives begins with the distribution of results. There will be lots of support and advice available in August, should they need it.

It was lovely to see our Year 11s enjoying themselves at their Prom on Tuesday night. The event was well attended and great fun. Students had made such an effort to dress up and it was a real pleasure to celebrate with them.

We send our Year 9 language students off on the German Exchange today and I hope they all have a wonderful time. They will be staying in Bornheim, near Bonn and have a packed itinerary, as well as plenty of opportunities to practice their German; such visits really do help cement what has been learned in the classroom.

Don't forget that school is closed to students on Thursday 6th July, as we have a staff training day. We always seek to review and improve our practice and training days give us the chance to focus on this.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at Fortitude on Saturday! This great event, organised by our fabulous FSA and supported by lots of staff, students, parents/carers and members of the local community offers something for everyone, so do please come along.

Have a good weekend.

Refund of Cashless Catering Balances: Years 11 and 13 – Ms Keogh, Business Manager

The last examinations for Years 11 and 13 take place on Thursday 29th June. From 30th June, the Finance Team will begin the refund of cashless catering balances remaining on the students' accounts to parents/carers. Please note, that once a refund has been actioned it can take up to 3 days for the balance to be returned to the bank card on which it was originally paid. We take this opportunity of wishing all students leaving Fortismere the best of luck in their future and in their exams.

Fortinomics – Mr Renner, Head of Business Studies & Economics

Please find attached the second edition of our Economics briefing, produced by Year 12 students.

Higher Education & Apprenticeships Information Evening – Ms K Sullivan (Assistant Head) & Ms Cunningham (Head of Year 12)

On Monday 3rd July we are holding our annual Information Evening for parents/carers of Year 12 students. Guest speakers will present on the pathways and opportunities available to students post 18. It will take place in South Wing Hall 6pm - 7.15pm. Please note that this event is for parents/carers of Year 12 ONLY.

The FA Cup – Ms Vangucci, Teacher of PE

A representative from Arsenal Football Club will be bring the FA Cup in to school on Friday 7th July between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. If you would like to be photographed with the Cup please contact Ms Vangucci (mvangucci@fortismere.org.uk) or Mr Cox (scox@fortismere.org.uk).

Sports Day, Wednesday 12th July – Mr Cox, Head of PE

Sports Day is on Wednesday 12th July. The outline of the programme is below. Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather (sunscreen etc) and they can wear College Colours to support each other. We also advise students NOT to bring valuable items to school that day as, unlike in PE lessons, we cannot lock their valuables away when they are competing.

P1 – all of Year 8 do athletics OR rounders* OR tennis*

P2 – all of Year 7 do athletics OR rounders* OR tennis*

P3 – all of Year 9 do athletics OR rounders* OR tennis*

Lunch as normal

P4 – all of Year 10 do athletics OR rounders OR tennis OR basketball*

2.10pm – buzzer to signal end of P4 and all students to be escorted to the field by their P4 teachers and then sit in their Colleges to spectate/participate in...

- Sprint Finals**
- Tug of War*
- Presentations

*Rounders/tennis/basketball/tug of war – you **need to sign up** in the Sports Hall Office (limited numbers, so be quick!)

** Sprint Finals – you have to have qualified for this in the morning

Athletics – no need to sign up (do as many events as you can)

Music Notes

There is no orchestra on Monday 3rd July at 3.30pm. The last rehearsal of the year is 10th July!

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.

National Chinese Teaching Conference – Mr Moorman, Teacher of Modern Languages

Fortismere was well represented at this year's National Chinese Teaching Conference, held at UCL IOE. Ms Huang won an award for being an outstanding teacher of Mandarin; our Year 10 and Year 8 students performed their award-winning short play, coordinated by Sharon Li (our language assistant); and Mr Moorman took part in a panel discussion on the Mandarin Excellence Programme, and also led a workshop on using rap to teach Mandarin, assisted by Year 13 students Anya Vallentin & Tamzin Sherzad.



Year 7 Girls' STEM Event – Mr Bower



Y7 girls attended a STEM activity to celebrate the annual 'National Women into Engineering' day. The activity was hosted by Clive Walker from the Engineering Education Trust. The girls worked all morning on two structural challenges; the results were very creative and remained within the design requirements.



A big thankyou to all staff who volunteered to support the event in their own time.



Middlesex Schools' Athletics Championships – Ms Vangucci

Congratulations to the following Year 7 and 8 students that represented Fortismere and Haringey in the Middlesex Schools' Athletics Championships: Taleka Skeete, Olivia Salagubaite, Nina Holdsworth, Aya Pfeufer, Lewis Millar, Jack Leven and Lucas Mahey.

Jack Levene is Middlesex Champion for Javelin, throwing 32.34 metres; well done! Year 7 Girls are Middlesex Champions; Year 8 Girls were 2nd and Year 8 Boys were 3rd

A fantastic effort from everyone!



London Youth Games – Mr Cox

Haringey finished in 5th position in the London Youth Games Cycling event on Saturday at The Olympic Velopark. The team included three students from Fortismere School: Barnaby Thomson and Felix Hollinbery who competed in both the Male Time Trials and Road Race, and Elizaveta Polyakova Reed who competed in the Girls' Time Trials.

For anybody interested in cycling opportunities, please contact fabienne canale@yahoo.com



Year 8 Girls' Rounders – Ms Vangucci

Congratulations to the Year 8 Rounders team who are champions in Haringey after winning all of their matches last week.

Well done girls!



Back to the Future Cinema Night – Mr Carter, Head of Rhodes

Rhodes Ambassadors raised over £100 for MacMillan Cancer Support at their *Back to the Future* cinema night last Friday. Many thanks to the students who attended and Mrs Ward in the Library.



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.

Uniform: if your child has been issued with items of school uniform (shirts/trousers) this year, please can you return them, washed and ironed, to either North Wing or South Wing office asap.

From the Library

On Monday 26th June we were delighted to welcome author Sarah Matthias to the library. Sarah's books have been about medieval history, but *A Berlin Love Song* is set against the backdrop of World War II. Our Year 9 historians are currently studying the Holocaust, so Sarah spoke to three classes (and a Year 8 class who happened to be in the library!) about the extensive research she did, especially into what Angela Merkel has called the Forgotten Holocaust – the wartime persecution of the Romani people. Although her book is a work of fiction, our Year 9s discovered that there are different ways to immerse yourself into an historical period – and reading well-researched stories is one of them. A fascinating and moving afternoon; we all learned a lot.



I have been following – and bidding on – an online auction called “Authors for Grenfell”. The site has now closed, raising over £150,000 and I'm pleased to say that I have secured two wonderful authors for future Fortismere visits. Watch this space for details...

Recommended Read of the Week

Anything by Anthony McGowan! *Henry Tumour* is black humour told from the point of view of a brain tumour. *The Knife that Killed Me* is as dark as the title and has been made into an excellent film. Anthony also writes short, edgy books for the student who wants a simpler read but with more age-suitable content. And of course his latest book, *Everybody Hurts* (co-written with Joanna Nadin and which we will be reviewing for the TES – volunteers needed!) Get reading, because he's one of the authors who is giving his time to us free in return for the “Authors for Grenfell” bid.

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 .

Fair Funding for All Schools: Carnival Against the Cuts

We have been asked by the Haringey Fair Funding for All Schools Steering Group to circulate the attached flyer, promoting their Carnival Against the Cuts which takes place 16th July 2017.

FSA News



Fortitude Summer Fair – Saturday 1st July 12-6pm