



# Newsletter for Parents and Carers

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## Message from Mrs Helen Glass, Headteacher

Please see attached a letter received yesterday from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards, congratulating Fortismere on our 2016 English Baccalaureate results. This is a tribute to everyone's hard work and the fantastic results achieved by our students last year. Whilst we are facing some uncertainties this year, it remains the case that good and outstanding teaching translates into good and outstanding learning and that is the norm at Fortismere, day in and day out. My thanks go to the whole staff team, to the students and to parents/carers for their support.

With just two weeks to go till Easter, it's trips galore at the moment! Key Stage 5 Classics students are off to Athens next week, and KS5 Mandarin students go further afield to China the following week! We wish them all a great time.

Closer to home, it's the Year 8 Y Bank Parents' Evening on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, and I look forward to seeing some of you there.

In the meantime, have a good weekend!

## Year 11 Student Progress – Ms Allaway, Assistant Head and Mrs Fineberg, Assistant Head

Following the Year 11 assembly on Wednesday, please find names of Year 11s who have:

Most recently improved:

- Wilhem Cooper for doing so well
- Sol Matthews in Geography and Drama
- Elo Wilkinson Rowe in Spanish
- Sonny Jouhal in Geography
- Durim Berisha for putting lots of effort in and doing well
- Florence Cotton-Fiest for putting lots of effort in and doing well
- Eddie Jonah for putting lots of effort in and doing well
- Nahiem Williams in English and in Media Studies and for putting lots of effort in and doing well
- Elisha Cox in Media Studies and for putting lots of effort in and doing well
- Melike Kartal in Media Studies
- Medard Szemmelveisz for putting lots of effort in and doing well
- Tallulah Jones in Sociology
- Lila Natour in Sociology
- Dylan Robinson Nugents in Computing
- Halil Yumacki in Computing
- Flossie Grounds in Drama
- Bradley Vince in Drama
- Kimine Thelwell in Drama
- Zoe English for putting lots of effort in and doing well
- Casey Maraj for Improved overall focus
- Nancy Johnston for putting lots of effort in and doing well

Most Positive Points:

Highest Core Values		
Azlan	Muhammad	48
Zahed	Miriam	44
Ferreira	Daisy	43
Mbuta	Jonathan	40
Muramoto	Tehya	40
Brooks	Rafiella	39
Bilan-Carroll	Tara	38
Weston	Georgina	38
Eton	Rita	36
Pintescu	Amalia	36
Middleton	Elliot	35
Clymer	Matilda	34
Wilding	David	34
Harper-Wright	Ella	33
Csori	Georgina	33
Shobair	Omar	32
Boulton	Luke	31
Jones O'Shannessy	Eilis	31
Stevenson	Kimberley	31
English	Zoe	30
Napleton	Agnes	30
Townsend	Louisa	30
Berisha	Durim	29
Ratcliffe	Aliyah	29
De Sousa McMeakin	Sophie	28
Ofori-Atta	Quinton	28

Most Progress overall:

Most Progress Top 25	
De Sousa McMeakin	Sophie
Dale	Lucas
Potton	Maximilian
Avraamides	Alex
Hoskins	Jess
Moore	Jessica
Woodman	Oliver
Bragman-Usiskin	Saffron
Smith	Eva
Chapman	William
Aslanian	Tsuki
Nathenson	Eden
Curtis	Sophie
Weston	Georgina
Hasell	Theo
Krish	William
Phillips	Louis
Zahed	Miriam
Fox	Malachy
Jones	Tallulah
Julian-Temir	Kezhe
Barrell-Kane	Stanley
Ratcliffe	Aliyah
Hilton	Oliver
Dillon	James

**Wellbeing: Year 10 RAP (Raising Awareness and Prevention Project) – Mrs Prinsley, PSHE Co-ordinator**

As part of the Year 10 Wellbeing and RS programme students will be watching the RAP presentation in their Wellbeing lessons on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March (Y Bank Y Period 1; X Bank Period 5).

RAP workshops have been carefully designed to equip teenage girls and boys between the ages of 13-18 with the tools to avoid becoming a victim of rape and sexual assault. These presentations are not about physical self-defence, sex and relationship education nor about intimidating teenagers but are about empowering them with the common sense skills to be able take care of themselves and each other.

The RAP Project focuses on real life cases, laws, statistics and guidelines. Consent, online pornography and social media are also addressed. Please see our [website](#) for more details about the presentation and the speakers. There will also be a presentation in June for all parents/carers by the RAP presenters, Deana Puccio and Allison Davey.

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## Health Clinics

Ongoing support is also be available – Michelle Cohen, the NHS nurse allocated to Fortismere, provides a student drop-in service on Tuesday mornings between 8am and 10am. Students of all ages are welcome to come along and topics covered will include the impact of smoking and alcohol on health, nutrition, puberty, positive sleep patterns and the impact of social media on learning.

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## International Women's Day Celebration – Ms Topping, Head of Creative Arts

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm in North Wing Hall

An evening celebrating the achievements of women and girls around the world has been organised by Fortismere's Year 11 girls. The evening will include speeches, art exhibits, poetry and music. Some of the guest speakers contributing to the evening are Bafta award-winning actress and writer Rebecca Front, Shadow Foreign Minister Catherine West MP and sociologist and writer Ann Oakley. The charity that will benefit from this event is *Women for Women International* and representatives will be available on the evening to give information about their incredible work.

This promises to be a very unique and inspiring evening. Tickets will be available on ParentMail from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Prices: £3.50 adult and £2.50 child.

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## Year 11 GCSE Performance Exam Nights – Ms Overs, Head of Drama

If you have a child studying GCSE Drama, you may have seen that tickets for the exam nights have gone on sale on Parentmail this week. There will be 3 nights with different performances on each night. If your child is doing the exam, please ask them which evening they are performing on and please do buy a ticket for that corresponding night and come and support them! We promise you some excellent shows. Price £3.50 each, all taking place in North Wing Hall; tickets are non-refundable.

- Tuesday 28 March 6pm
  - Wednesday 29 March 6pm
  - Thursday 30 March 6pm
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## Performance Opportunity for Year 10-13 Students – Ms Overs

If your child has expressed an interest in the Roundhouse project, please could you print the attached form, fill in and return to Ms Overs in the North Wing Drama office. This opportunity is open to all students in Years 10-13. Please return form to the NW Drama office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

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## Safer London Workshop for Key Stage 3 Parents: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm- 8.00pm, School Library (Use South Wing Entrance) – Ms Judge, Deputy Head and the Wellbeing Team

Safer London have approached us with an opportunity to offer a workshop here at school on 28<sup>th</sup> March specifically aimed at parents/carers of students in Key Stage 3. They will be will be discussing information on Child Sexual Exploitation, online safety, healthy relationships and how best to support your child at this stage in their lives.

We appreciate that this is quite short notice but given the content of the workshop we are sure that many of our parents/carers will want to take the opportunity to get involved in discussion around these topics.

This workshop will kick start a series of events aimed at supporting our Sexual Relationships Education programme and more general issues around wellbeing and highlighting specific areas of concern for parents and carers of secondary age students. These events will take place across the rest of the academic year and will be targeted across the age range of our students. We will be informing parents and carers more about these when we have dates confirmed.

In the meantime we would like as many of our Year 7-9 parents and carers to join us on Tuesday 28th March. We would be grateful if you could let us know if you will be in attendance so we have an idea of numbers so please could you contact us on [events@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:events@fortismere.org.uk) to let us know if you plan to attend.

On our [website](#) you will find a really useful leaflet that we use within school but is also useful for parents and carers to read, produced by Safer London for CSE Awareness Day which is on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

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### **Focus Football: Half-Term Camp – Mr Cox, Head of PE**

Please see a poster on our [website](#) for details of this football camp running during half-term at Hazelwood Sports Ground in Palmers Green.

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### **Revision Advice – Ms Westley, Communications Officer**

It's that time of year again when students will be thinking about exams. The school provides lots of information and guidance on revision, but you might like to make students aware that there is a new page of advice on our website ([Students / Revision Advice](#)).

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### **Voluntary Contributions Update – Ms Keogh, Business Manager**

As you will be aware, last term we asked parents/carers to consider making a voluntary contribution to complement the school's budget which is under significant pressure from increased costs and the National Funding Formula. You will have received a letter about this, via ParentMail, in January and it is available on our [website](#), in case any parent/carer wishes to make a donation.

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### **Careers Information – Ms N Phillips, Careers Advisor**

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 be interested in the following:

- Studying abroad, the **Student World Fair** takes place at the Emirates Stadium on 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- **London Higher Education Exhibition** at ExCel on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March

Full details of these events, and more, can be found on our [website](#).

## 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](mailto: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.

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## From the Library

The next meeting of CoverUp, the parent/staff reading group, is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm in the library. We will be reading and discussing *The Outrun* by Amy Liptrot. Do come along, everyone is welcome.

The first meeting of the Year 8 Carnegie Shadowing Group is next Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March when our shadowers will be getting the first of the eight books that they will be reading between now and the Red Carpet Party on 19<sup>th</sup> June. We are really looking forward to seeing the reviews on our special website – links will be given in future Newsletters – especially as Fortismere students are noted for their ... candour! In the meantime, take a look at the shortlist which has just been announced [www.ckg.org.uk](http://www.ckg.org.uk) .

Over the next week, Year 7 students will be bringing home the Reading Champions reading list. They will be choosing at least two books to read from the big selection and promoting one of them to their English groups over the next few months. This will culminate in a lovely bookish evening on 29<sup>th</sup> June when Fortismere's Favourite will be chosen. In the meantime, please take a look at the booklet when it comes home and perhaps help your child to choose.

## Recommended Read of the Week

*Beck* by the late Mal Peet with Meg Rosoff is an uncompromising and brilliant tale of a dual heritage orphan growing up in a foreign country. Life affirming on the whole but extremely grim in places; definitely a Year 8+ read.

## FSA News

### Fortismere Food Market



It's happening!! Muswell Hill is getting its own food market!

We hope that it is a real winner with the locals and will continue to grow each week with the support of the community.

Proceeds from the market will go to the FSA and ultimately the students.

If you wish to have a stall or know someone who does please contact [stall4alluk@gmail.com](mailto:stall4alluk@gmail.com). Updated information about stalls can be found on the FSA website: [www.fortismereschoolassociation.com](http://www.fortismereschoolassociation.com)

We are delighted to say that Paul James "Mackenzie" Crook will be our guest to open the new market on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Mackenzie is an actor, director, comedian and Bafta-winning writer, best known for playing Gareth in *The Office*, Ragetti in *The Pirates of the Caribbean* and Orell in *Game of Thrones*. He is also the creator and star of BBC Four's *Detectorists*. He will be cutting the ribbon to open the market at the Tetherdown entrance to Fortismere at 11am.



### Outdoor Movie Night – Grease Singalong!

The word is out! It's Grease Singalong, on the field! Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, gates open at 7pm.

This promises to be a lovely evening for all the family. Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs; 100 VIP seats will be available to hire for £5 (look up 'air loungers' to see what we mean)

Tickets on the gate £7, free for under 5s. £5 in advance from the library and online:

[www.fsaevents.moonfruit.com](http://www.fsaevents.moonfruit.com)

(Bring a copy of your paypal receipt with you)

This event is being kindly being sponsored by Autowerke and we've been reliably informed there will be a great car there for you to take a look at and get you into that 'Grease mood'!

Any questions please email [markskirsty@gmail.com](mailto:markskirsty@gmail.com)

If you can volunteer on the night please let us know - we will need a good few of you lovely parents...!



# is the word GREASE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Gates open 7.00pm for a GREASE Karaoke. Film starts at 8.30pm

**SAT 22ND OF APRIL on FORTISMERE SCHOOL FIELD**

Popcorn with every ticket! Bar, hot chocolate, sweets and food stalls.

*Bring your lawn chairs, blankets.* VIP inflatable seats to hire on the night

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