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Co-Heads' Welcome and Review of the Week

It has been another extremely busy week at Fortismere. Thank you to all the parents and carers who allowed us to borrow your sons and daughters for Open Evening. It was a fantastic event attended by well over 1,500 parents and their children. The Fortismere students were excellent ambassadors for the School: Year 13 students guided, years 7-11 helped out with individual departments and a small number of Year 8s and 13s delivered talks as part of the Co-headteachers' speeches. We were also deeply impressed by the musicians who opened the six co-head teachers' speeches; the talent available in Fortismere never ceases to amaze and delight.

We are now well into term and cross curricular and enrichment activities are gathering pace. Latin Club is now in full swing and Year 13 Film Studies students had the pleasure of being introduced to the Library in the BFI, supporting their research for the subject. Students have been shown the full range of extra-curricular activities available in the School during VT and we would urge your sons and daughters to take full advantage of what is on offer. If any students have a burning desire to pursue an interest in School which is currently unavailable, please ask them to get in touch and we will see what we can do.

The revamped system of detentions at Fortismere has revealed that the two main areas which land students in the shorter 20 minutes detention are being late and problems with organisation. Please could you ensure that your sons and daughters are leaving home in a timely manner so that they arrive to School on time. Waiting for friends (or buying a Frappuccino on the way into School!) can delay them and result in a detention. Similarly, could you reinforce the School's message of not dawdling between lessons, information on lates is available on Go 4 schools for parents to check.

Coming up:

- 06/10/17: Year 7 DLCs (10.20am start for all other students)

Some students are also experiencing difficulties with packing their bags for School. Despite being very grown up and sophisticated, we have a number of students who would still benefit from parents and carers ensuring that they remember to bring in their homework, pack their PE kit, have their lanyard in

their bag and have a reading book. It is quite a long list and there are a number of students who need help with remembering and getting themselves organised for School. We would rather have students equipped than detained!

Thank you for your continued support and the many

positive comments we are receiving. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Parents' Forum on October 16th.

From the Library

How reading rewires your brain for more intelligence and empathy <http://bit.ly/2wjc6gx> I told you so!

Some good TV this week... <http://bit.ly/2x77Q3I>

Our Royal Society Young People's Science Book judging panel (Year 7s and 8s) met in Lab 5 this week to try out some of the experiments from Professor Robert Winston's shortlisted book, *Home Lab*. We made slime and bath bombs,

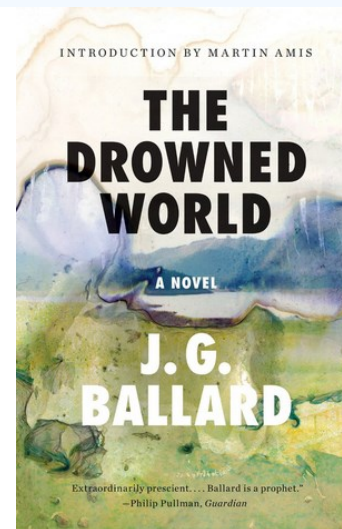
and watched huge balls of ice melt when sprinkled with salt (food colouring made the most amazing patterns). We had a great time and made a lot of mess – thank you so much to our brilliant science technicians for setting this up (and clearing up afterwards!)



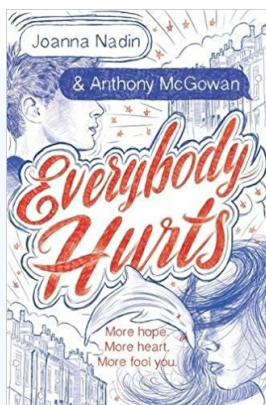
Our Year 7s have probably told you that they have been choosing a free book from the BookBuz collection <http://bit.ly/2xEalTn> during library lessons. This is a “welcome to Fortismere” present from the library and from the wonderful Fortismere School Association who have funded this special treat for all our new students.



Our first CoverUp meeting of the school year was most enjoyable when we talked about our reactions to Noah Hawley's *Before the Fall*. It was great to welcome new members, and wine and conversation flowed! Our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd November, 7pm in the library. We'll be discussing *Drowned World* by J G Ballard – surprisingly, our first real trip in sci-fi. Hope to see even more new members then!



Recommended Reads



Everybody Hurts is a gritty, funny and moving dual narrative book for slightly older students (it has some Big Swears in it. And a couple of Naughty Bits). It's written by Anthony McGowan, who will be visiting Fortismere next week, and Joanna Nadin and has been reviewed by some of our Year 9s for the TES (will put a link in the Newsletter when it's published). If you enjoyed *The Fault in our Stars*, you will love this. I preferred it...

Sports News

RESULTS:

Football

Year 7: PVA 2-8 Fortismere

Year 8: Fortismere 11-0 PVA

Year 10: Fortismere 3-1 PVA

U13 Girls: Fortismere 1-1 Comp-ton

100% record so far from our boys' football teams – well done!

FIXTURES:

Mon 2nd Oct:

Y9/10/11 Girls 5 aside Football Event

Tues 3rd Oct:

Year 7 Football v HWS (A)

Cross Country Haringey Event

Y7/8/9 Netball v Dukes Academy (H)

Weds 4th Oct:

Y8 Football v HWS (H)

2nd XI Football v Finchley (A)

Thurs 5th Oct:

Year 9 Football v HWS (A)

Year 10 Football v HWS (H)

Fixtures subject to change.



Haringey Cross Country Tuesday 26th September 2017

Congratulation to the girls that represented the school on Tuesday at the Haringey Cross Country League. Well done to Mimi Blake who won the race.

There were 110 girls competing.

Same time next week, girls, for second meeting!



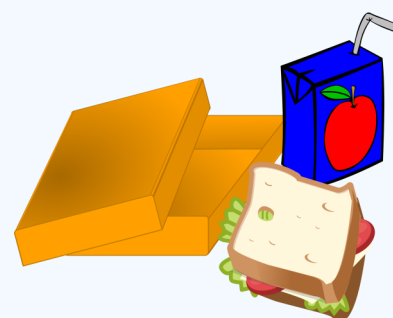
SECONDARY GIRLS

1st	Fortismere A	23
2nd	Highgate Wood A	46
3rd	Fortismere B	76
4th	Heartlands A	106
5th	Fortismere C	137
6th	Heartlands B	232
7th	St Thomas More A	263
8th	Gladesmore	291
9th	Fortismere D	292
10th	Heartlands C	313
11th	St Thomas More B	331
12th	Highgate Wood B	334
13th	St Thomas More C	453

Cashless Catering System Biometric Scanning

We understand from Harrison's Catering Manager that some of the new Year 7 student biometrics are not reading easily on the canteen cashless system. If this is the case with your child, would you please ask them to see Ms Greenwood, ParentMail Co-ordinator in S/W office to

Make an arrangement to have their finger rescanned. This will help to speed up through-put at break and lunch times. If you have a child in another year group to which this applies, they are also invited to do the same.



FSA News

Fireworks Evening

Thursday 2nd November

This year we are giving Ally Pally a run for their money and we are going to have the fireworks synchronised to music!

Savings to be made if you buy your tickets before the event: £5 if bought before 2nd November or £7 on the night. Have dinner and a few drinks before the start, dance to keep warm and get dizzy on the

rides before the Great Fireworks display!!

Tickets available online at:

www.fsaevents.moonfruit.com

Or from the school library from 3rd October.



Christmas Fair

Sunday 3rd December

Last year we had 98 stalls, this year we want to have more...

If you are interested in having a stall or know someone who might be, please contact Philippa for more details - email:

philippastone-bridge@hotmail.com



Other Ways to Help the FSA

Come to a Planning Meeting!

The next FSA planning meeting is this Monday 2nd Oct, 7pm-8.30pm.

1st floor, SW Conference Room (Tetherdown entrance, glass door next to water fountains, near or-

ange awning; end of corridor on the left).

Make a Donation!

Please also help Fortismere with a regular donation to the FSA:

www.justgiving.com/fortismereschool

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Alumni News

Lives Transformed Through Education

The week the four shortlisted candidates for the 2017 Turner Prize were announced seemed like a good time to remind ourselves that Rachel Whiteread (CBE) is an alumna of Creighton School.

As the first woman to receive the Turner Prize (for House, 1993) she continues to be an inspiration for young aspiring artists at Fortismere and elsewhere.



@Family Recipe of the Week



Cooking Activity: - Chicken Curry

Ingredients:

4 chicken breast
400g passata/can of chopped tomatoes
125ml single cream
2 onions
3 cloves garlic
5cm ginger
2 chillies
2-3tbspn oil
1tspn cumin seeds
1tspn garam masala
½tspn turmeric
½tspn black pepper

Method:

Heat the oil in a large pan, add the finely chopped onion, ginger, garlic and fresh chillies (if using).

1. Cook until the onions have softened and turned golden in colour.
2. Chop the chicken into small pieces while the onions are cooking.
3. Add the garam masala, turmeric, cumin seeds and black pepper and stir.
4. Add a splash of water to deglaze the bottom of the pan.
5. Pour in the passata/chopped tomatoes and allow the masala to bubble.
6. Stir in the chicken/Quorn pieces.
7. Cover with lid and allow to cook on a low heat for 25-30mins

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**FORTISMERE SCHOOL
SOUTH WING HALL,
ENTRANCE VIA
TETHERDOWN.**

Christmas

FAR

**OVER 50 STALLS...
AFFORDABLE GIFTS**

LOCAL MAKERS & DESIGNERS.

**ARTISAN FOODS, SOAPS, JEWELLERY, ART.
LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, DRINK, TEA AND CAKES.**

*Sunday 3rd December
11am - 4pm*

Entrance £1 Adults Children 50p

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