



Co-Heads Welcome and review of the week

The first full week of the new school year has been both busy and exciting. The emphasis has been on new beginnings: new students, new school leaders, new courses. Students have settled down well to the new term and it has been great getting out and about and meeting students both old and new.

This week some of the focus has been on leadership, but this time not the adults. The Y13 Leadership Team has hit the ground at full pelt and their ideas for this year, including highlighting the importance of diversity in our

school, are both thoughtful and engaging. The Y11 Leadership Team is in the process of being selected and as usual, a variety of students have stepped up to the challenge. Both teams make an important contribution to life at Fortismere and we very much look forward to working with the Teams this year.

Yesterday saw the new Y7 parents attend an Information Evening. It was lovely meeting so many new parents and hearing the positive comments about how well our new students are settling in. Thank you to Y7 parents for all

their feedback and kind words: one example among many was "I just wanted to say what an outstanding job I think you have done of getting children through the school transition from primary to secondary school." Y7 parents were reminded of the Y7 trip being organised by Ms Arrowsmith and the FSA were on hand to explain their role and encourage parents to get involved, including some rather interesting bridge building, accompanied by wine...

Members of the Leadership Team have been walking around the Broadway after school

to ensure that our students are safe and happy on their way home. Members of the public and local shop owners have spoken favourably about the behaviour of our students in public spaces. Please congratulate your sons and daughters for their po-

liteness when in public, but remind them not to drop litter! We were also told this week by a parent of the extremely considerate behaviour of a group of 6th formers who, alongside a Y8 and a Y10 student, came to the aid of an elderly woman in distress. This

very much exemplifies the kind of behaviour that we expect (and generally see) from our students.

Happy New Year for next week to our Jewish and Muslim families and we hope you all have an excellent weekend.

Latin Lessons and exam results

Our popular after-school Latin club have started again (14th September) for continuing students and a week later on Thurs 21 Sept for beginners. Students should come to room S12 south wing where we will register them and allocate them to groups from beginners to GCSE. We welcome students of all ages who relish the challenge and find it valuable support in their English and modern foreign language work. It is also popular with 6th formers, particularly A level classical civilisation students, and enhances their university applications. Classes are

taught by a team of volunteers, mainly university classics students, led by governor Pat Dugdale. If you would like further information, please email Pat in the first instance: pat.dugdale@hotmail.co.uk.

This summer's Latin exam results were excellent. All students passed their exams and 75% or more achieved A* in the intermediate level 1 exam and also the challenging GCSE-equivalent level 2 exams, a major achievement especially for our younger year 8 and 9 students, many of whom

had been studying Latin for only a year.



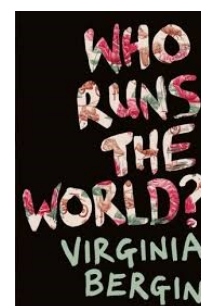
Max Szczech, Jonah Fowler, Amelia Bielby, Ludwik Binmoeller and Tito Rebecchini

Recommended reads of the week

It has been a joy meeting all our new Year 7 students in library lessons and free time and we have enjoyed discussing books that they feel they will want to re-visit in 20 years' time! There were some extremely perceptive and mature ideas, so here's a book that we think will be a "modern

classic" – *The Way Back Home* by Alan Stratton. It's a funny and moving story about family, surviving school and forgiveness. And here's another – *Who Runs the World?* by Virginia Bergin is like a YA version of this year's Baileys prize winner *The Power!* A must

for our young feminists, male and female!



Reading Groups

There is a new Year 9 book group (name undecided!) starting in the library. Come to the first meeting on Friday 22nd September, 12.30pm – you may bring your lunch as long as it's not hot or smelly! This is the baby of two Carnegie Shadows from last

year; contact Mimi Needham-Hewavisenti or Liza Voloboeva (or Mrs Ward) if you want more information.

As I mentioned at the Year 7 information evening, one of the best ways to encourage your children to read is to show that you enjoy

reading too! So here's another unashamed plug for CoverUp, our parent/staff reading group. First meeting this year is on Thursday 21st September with Noah Hawley's *Before the Fall* – 7pm in the library.

Praise for Fortismere students!

A parent wrote to us this week with the following news:

'An unfortunate accident involving a grandmother on her way to collect her 5 year old grandson from Muswell Hill primary school with a pushchair occurred in the Queens Avenue area this afternoon. I understand that the lady was badly injured in a fall and arrived at the primary school badly shaken and bloodied. She was accompanied to the primary school by three female Fortismere students wearing red lanyards. I have no idea who these students are/what their

names are but a group of primary school parents who witnessed their kindness and maturity asked me to write into Fortismere so that these students together with ... Alexander and Olivia (who also assisted) can receive praise for their actions. I hope that you can identify these brave sixth formers.

Without prompting, Alexander helped carry the pushchair for the injured lady down two sets of concrete stairs. sprung into action on seeing the lady and Fortismere sixth formers. Olivia guided the group to the school office, notified

office staff of the situation, located the lady's grandson and reassured him as an ambulance was called.

I hope that the actions of these five Fortismere students can be recognised in some way. All students were wearing Fortismere lanyards and are a credit to your school.'

Thank you so much for letting us know and well done to **Olivia Partridge (YR8), Alexander Partridge (YR10), Ella Carsley, Isabella Etherden and Nancy Mahon (all YR12)**

From the Library

Just to remind our lovely Year 7 students (and everyone else in the Fortismere community) that the library is open from 8am till 5pm, and provides a warm and welcoming place to meet with each other, read comics/books in cosy nooks and crannies, play board games from our huge selection, watch films in the Film Corner and even

do homework!

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the merger of Tollington School with William Grimshaw School to form what is now Fortismere. An exhibition will be up in Muswell Hill Library commemorating this, and we are pleased to have the identical boards in South Wing

foyer for our students to see. If you are a former pupil of Tolly, or know of one, there will be a reunion lunch at Fortismere on Saturday 7th October. For details see www.tollington.com. Good TV for the next few days.... <http://bit.ly/2wn4IS1>

Sixth Form Student Leaders

Our school's student leadership team are working closely with our Head Teachers and sixth form staff to further improve the experience of our students. Mary Bon-su and Joey Gold (Head Students) and Layla Nathan and Kafui Okpattah (Deputy Head Students)

are overseeing teams focusing on charity work, equality opportunities, supporting year 12 and making links with key stage 3 students, drawing together our whole school community. Watch this space for more news from them and their endeavours!





College News

This week we had a visit from a representative at Noah's Ark during our assembly to talk about what they do for families and children with life limiting conditions. Noah's Ark Children's hospice is a local charity that Ephesus have been supporting for the past 5 years. We will be thinking of new and exciting ways to raise money over this academic year as well as joining in with the summer 'Rainbow Run' again!

We are recruiting new student ambassadors this term to help run the college news letter, organise

charity events and much more. If you would like to be part of the team please let your tutors know by next Friday. We would love a selection from each VT group so please sign up and make your voice heard.

I do hope the first two weeks back have been enjoyable, the year 7s seem to be settling wonderfully! Well done.

Miss Williams



College News

Hello from Alexandria!

The Alexandria Team are really excited to start a new academic year. Our year 7s seem to have settled in really well and seem to be enjoying their time at Fortismere. This term I am meeting with them every Tuesday in North Wing so we all get to know each

other better and become a stronger college. Our students Ambassadors will start meeting again from next week onwards to plan and organise events for our charity Teenage Cancer Trust. Last year they did a fantastic job and I am hoping to see more new faces joining the team this year! - Ms Cuenca



College News

Hello from Rhodes- Mr Huxley!

Rhodes has a history of promoting Fortismere's values within our students whilst at the same time encouraging a sense of community, support and belonging. We want our pupils to be free thinking and conscientious, pursuing their

academic goals and tackling new challenges whilst at the same time developing an awareness of the world around them and their role in it. We want our students to be role models. Through competition on the sporting field and in other areas of school life we want to

foster a sense of drive. Embracing challenges, leading, learning to communicate and being part of a team. Through our charity work we look to give something back, see world from the viewpoint of others and actively make a difference.



College News

Hello Colosseum parents/carers,

Welcome to new Y7 parents/carers- I hope your Y7s have enjoyed their first two weeks of new experiences! Welcome also to Mr Zhang is the joint tutor for C9 alongside Mr Brearley and C5's new tutor Ms Riddell.

As I mentioned in my parentmail, I have taken over from Mr Strathdene as Head of Colosseum. I know some of you and your children already from having taught them English over the years, but I am delighted to be getting to know new faces and embarking

on new challenges with you all. I am starting a Colosseum 'Champion of the week' recognition this year: can I ask that over the coming months if your child participates out of school in a competition, sports events or examination (dance exams etc) that you wouldn't mind sharing information on that you let me know on: kmangan@fortismere.org.uk I would love to hear about what they are doing and make them 'Colosseum Champions'!

Congratulations to C6 who are the Colosseum positive points leaders this week. I will be rewarding the VT group with the most positive points at the end of this half term so keep going....



Equipment and Reading Books

Reminder to bring equipment to school:

Please could parents and carers remind their sons and daughters to bring the correct equipment to school every day.

A reading book is part of the equipment that needs to be brought to school every day (at Fortismere, every child is a reader!).



Year 12 News

Year 12 are looking forward to their trip to the Emirates Stadium on Friday 29th September for the UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair. This will be a great opportunity for them to start thinking about the courses and institutions that they might want

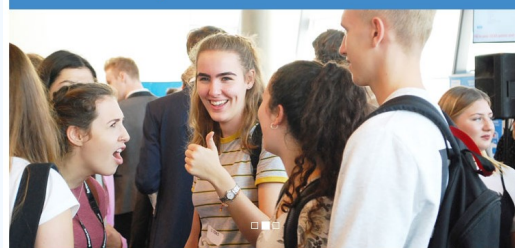
to move on to after their Sixth Form studies. They will have the opportunity to meet with universities and employers, and attend seminars on different aspects of the post-compulsory education experience.

Mr Kenny



Find a Uni UCAS Points Calculator Institutions Fair

UK University Search Fairs 2017



Sports News

EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE – TERM 1

Please find attached the sports club timetable for term 1.

We have an extensive range of sports clubs available so we hope that all students will attend at least one sports club this term.

The timetable is also available to view on the school website.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES ATTACHED.

Please find attached the confirmed junior and senior football fixtures. Please note that these

dates are very much provisional and often subject to change. Students in the football teams must always check fixture information with their team managers on a weekly basis.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES THIS WEEK

Year 7 v PVA (A): Tuesday 19th
September

Year 8 v PVA (H): Wednesday 20th
September

Year 9 v PVA (A): Thursday 21st
September

Year 10 v PVA (H): Thursday 21st

KARATE CLUB

Karate will be continuing on Thursday's after school led by Sensei Berisha, a 7th Dan ITKF who has taught Karate at International Level!

For more information about joining see either Mr Kelsey or Mr Cox.

Thanks

The PE Department

Harry Potter Trip - Ms Bhambra

Harry Potter Studios Christmas Trip An Update

A school visit for **60 Year 7** pupils to the **Harry Potter Studio in Watford** has been organised to take place on **Wednesday 6th of December 2017**.

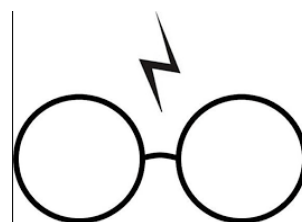
The trip sold out in less than 3 hours of it going live on Parent-

mail – a record in itself!!

Unfortunately, I am unable to increase numbers and take more pupils to the Harry Potter Studios on this occasion.

However, due to the demand we will try and arrange another visit to the Studios at the end of the summer term.

A list of all pupils attending the trip on the 6th of December will be placed outside DT2 on Friday 22nd of September.



Fortismere Music Centre– Mr Winters

Fortismere Music Centre provides opportunities for the local community to get involved with music through the school. We offer Instrumental lessons on Saturdays to learners of all ages and abilities. We also have two strong community ensembles: Fortismere Community Choir and Fortismere Com-

munity Symphony Orchestra. Both are friendly and welcoming, playing a range of repertoire over the year. We are always looking for new players and singers. Term begins this Saturday 16 December. If you are interested in instrumental lessons, or in joining either

of the ensembles, please get in touch with the Centre Manger, Joe Winters, at fmcinfo@fortismere.org.uk

Please find attached a flyer for our first concert of term: Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra playing Rachmaninoff, Beethoven and Glinka on 25 November.

FSA Welcome Evening

Please come to the FSA First Meeting of 2017/2018

Monday 25th September at 7.30pm

Drinks and snacks provided (not that we are trying to bribe you or anything!)

The FSA carries out a vital role at Fortismere - both raising much needed funds (over £60,000 last academic year) and putting on events that bring our community together. You are warmly invited to come along to find out more about the work of the FSA. We

will go through planned events and talk about any new ideas people might have about how to raise funds and have fun at the same time.

We would love to see new faces. We are looking for new members to join and contribute, in whichever way suits you. You might want to have a formal role on the committee, be able to offer your skills from afar (promotional expertise, event management, musical skills etc.) or just be a 'loose' committee member who can help out at the

events. Whichever suits you and whatever you can offer, we would love to see you at the meeting.

Please do come along and meet us! We are a friendly group and you don't have to commit to attending every meeting; we appreciate that people have busy lives!

Have a great week!

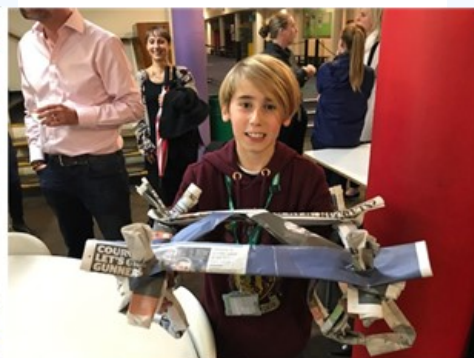
FSA Committee

Please do read the attachments to see the benefits of PTA groups!

FSA - Year 7 Reception

Many thanks to all the parents/carers who stayed after the presentations last night to meet the FSA and other parents, it was a lovely night and it was great seeing all the new faces. If you could not attend but wish to have your

details shared with the other parents in your child's class please send an email to markskirsty@gmail.com – including your child's name, child's class, your name, mobile number and email address.



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Lives Transformed Through Education

On this page we will be featuring news from former Fortismere students



Anna Milligan

Anna left us this summer after completing her A Levels in Sociology, Spanish and Photography. Anna is due to begin her degree in October 2018. This year she is volunteering in Chile with Project Trust.

"I'm currently living in South Santiago, Chile for the year working as an English teacher with pupils aged 4-18. Whilst there are many project styles to choose from, I have opted to live with a host family to practise Spanish. Although this year abroad sounds like a huge jump I am sure

Alumni News

that it will be an amazing experience for me. Alongside building resilience and improving my cultural awareness I also have the opportunity to become part of a community many miles away from home. It is certainly not your average gap year, training and fundraising in itself was a challenge! I am sure this year will be full of surprises, laughter and maybe a bit of homesickness! It has started very well and I am so pleased I have had the opportunity to do this."

Anna's photos of Celebrating Fiestas Patrias (Chilean Independence Day at her school)



Below is an excerpt from an email Anna has recently sent to us:

"How are you! Hope all is well. I've been in Chile for 20 days now. Having the absolute time of my life! I love teaching, especially the little kids. They come running up to you screaming "Miss Anna!" and give you lots of hugs and kisses. It is so bizarre here because one of the customs is to kiss every pupil on the cheek before they come into the classroom and with 40 students in a class it takes a while! Can you imagine that happening at Fortismere :)"

From the FSA

'Cash-strapped schools are facing redundancies, reduced subject choices and even running out of paper.' Headline from the Guardian, January 2017

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2017/jan/31/the-reality-of-budget-cuts-in-schools-survey>

The reality of budget cuts in schools – survey | Teacher ...

www.theguardian.com

'The Belfast Telegraph is reporting that parental participation in education has a direct impact on how well children do at school, whether that be primary or secondary.' <https://schoolsimprovement.net/volunteering-can-aid-childs-progress-education/>

How volunteering can aid your child's progress in ...

schoolsimprovement.net

The Belfast Telegraph is reporting that parental participation in education has a direct impact on how well children do at school, whether that be primary or ...

[She] says: “Evidence tells us how much parents matter, and we know that parental participation in education has a direct impact on how well children do at school.” “Showpiece events like school fairs help resource important extras for the school that otherwise it wouldn’t be able to afford. But what’s driving the parents in the PTAs is that they want their child’s school to be brilliant, not that they want to be a fundraiser.”

FOCUS FOOTBALL



Dear Parent/Carer and child,

We are delighted to announce that Focus Football are continuing their Pre School Football Development Programme at Fortismere School for Years 7-11.

We have an unrivalled success rate in developing young footballers and are now aiming to go a step further. Our staff are all highly qualified in coaching, recruitment and sport science with over 40 years' experience between them in both professional and academy football both as coaches and players working at clubs such as Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham, Queens Park Rangers and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The development programme will start back on Friday 15th September and will run on Fridays 7:30am – 8:25am until Friday 24th November. There will be a cost of £60 for the 10 weeks of sessions which can be paid via cash or cheque made payable to Focus Football and given to the coaches prior to the first session along with the emergency contact reply slip below. Training will be held on the astro pitch or Gym , weather dependent and students should meet at the astro turf pitch for 7.30am in training kit. (PE kit suitable)

We look forward to seeing your son for the first session back on Friday 21st April. Astro turf footwear and sports kit must be worn for the session with warmer clothes brought in case of outdoor training session. Fruit and water would also be advised.

Kind regards
Focus Football
info@focusfootball.co.uk
www.focusfootball.co.uk



EMERGENCY CONTACT REPLY FORM

Parent Name

Childs Name

Childs Date of Birth

Parent Contact Number

Second Point of Contact in case of emergency

Medical issue/previous injuries

Please Print Parents Name

EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORTS TIMETABLE: SEPT ~ DEC (TERM 1)

WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?	WITH WHO?
MON <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7-9 FOOTBALL CLUB • Y10 FOOTBALL CLUB • GIRLS INDOOR FOOTBALL Y11 GCSE DANCE CLUB 	ASTRO FIELD SPORTS HALL SW HALL	3:20 3:20 3:20 3:20	MR HAWKES / MR KAY MR MICHAEL MS VANGUCCI EXTERNAL COACH
TUES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y9/10/11/12 NETBALL CLUB • TABLE TENNIS CLUB • Y9-11 LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL 	NETBALL COURTS SOUTH WING GYM SPORTS HALL	3:20 3:20 12:25	MS VANGUCCI / WILLIAMS MR MICHAEL MR COX
WEDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SENIOR FOOTBALL MATCHDAY • Y7-8 LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL BADMINTON CLUB 	FIELD SPORTS HALL SPORTS HALL	1:15 12:25 3:20	MR HAWKES / MR COX MR COX MS BAILEY
THURS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOCKEY CLUB • HANDBALL CLUB • Y7/8 NETBALL CLUB RUNNING CLUB 	ASTRO TURF SPORTS HALL NETBALL COURTS SPORTS HALL	3:20 3:20 3:20 7:45AM	MR KAY EXTERNAL COACH AP SAINTS COACH / MS JACKSON MR COX
FRI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 LUNCHTIME MULTI SPORTS 	SPORTS HALL	12:25	MR COX

PLEASE NOTE THAT CLUBS ARE FOR **ALL YEARS / BOYS & GIRLS**
UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

2017-2018 FULL MIDDLESEX HARINGEY FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Day	Date	Opponents	2nd XI	Yr 10	Yr 9	Yr 8	Yr 7
Sept --2011							
MON	11 TH	STM		A 3G			
TUES	12 th	STM				A 3G	
WED	13 th	STM					H
THURS	14 TH	STM			H		
TUES	19 TH	PVA					A
WED	20 TH	ENFIELD	A				
WED	20 TH	PVA				H	
THURS	21 ST	PVA		H	A		
WED	27 TH	NPS				A	
THURS	28 TH	NPS		A	H		
October							
WED	4 TH	FINCHLEY	A				
WED	4 TH	HWS				H	A
THURS	5 TH	HWS		H	A		
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WED	18 TH	HARRIS		H		H	
THURS	19 TH	HARRIS			H		H
November							
WED	8 TH	GREIG CITY	A				
WED	22 ND	PRESTON M	H				
December							
WED	6 TH	ST IGNATIUS	A				
WED	13 TH	ALEC REED	H				
Jan --2018							
Wed	17 TH	ASHMOLE	A				
Wed	31 ST	CHRIST COLLEGE	A				
February							
TUES	20 TH	HEART				A	H
WED	21 ST	HEART			H		
WED	21 ST	DRAYTON M	A				
THURS	22 ND	HEART		A			
TBC		GLADES					
TBC		GLADES					
TBC		GLADES					
March							
TUES	6 TH	GCA					
TBC		GCA					
TBC		GCA				A	
WED	7 TH	ELTHORNE PARK	H				
MON	12 TH	WHS					A
TUES	13 TH	WHS				H	
WED	14 TH	WHS		H	A		
MON	19 TH	APS		H		H	
TUES	20 TH	APS			A		
WED	21 ST	APS					A

Fortismere Music Extra-Curricular Timetable 2017-18

Ensemble		Room	Times	Year Group	Standard	Staff
Monday	Blanche Neville	Mu1	3.30-4.30pm		By invitation	External musicians
	Music tech / Recording club	Mu4	12.30-1pm	Y7-13	All welcome	Mr Lavelle
	Orchestra	Concert hall	3.30-4.15pm	Y7-13	Gr3+	Ms Ogilby
	Junior String Ensemble	Concert hall	12.30-1.00pm	Y7-9	Gr1-3	Jayne Wright
Tuesday	Acoustic Guitar Group (popular song)	Mu1	12.30-1pm	Y7-13	All welcome	Matt Lomas
	Year 7&8 choir	Mu1	12.30-1pm	Y7&8 only	All welcome	Ms Ogilby & Charlie Jones
	Community Orchestra FMC	Concert Hall	7.00-9.00pm	Open to adults & students	Gr 7+ players	Conductor: Thomas Gregory
	Concert Band (Wind & Brass & Percussion)	Concert Hall	3.30-4.15pm	Y7-13	Gr2+ esp. saxophones	Ms Topping
Wednesday	Vocal Ensemble	MU2	12.30-1.00pm	Y9-13	All welcome	Ms Le Brun
	Samba Band	Concert Hall	3.30-4.15pm	Y7-13	All welcome	Ms Le Brun
	Gospel Choir	Mu1	3.30-4.00pm	Yr7-13	All Welcome	Collette Allen
Thursday						
Friday	Drumheads	Concert Hall	12.30-1pm	Y7-13	All welcome	John Dillon
Saturday FMC	Community Choir FMC	Concert Hall	10.30-1.00pm	Open to Adults and students (£35) Y10+	All welcome	Conductor: Marvin Perrott

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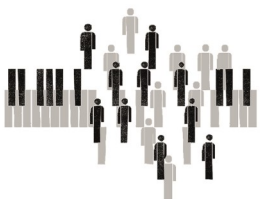
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