

### School Leadership Messages

#### Covid Update

#### Vaccination Programmes in Schools

Vaccination UK have informed us that Covid Vaccinations will be available to 12-15 year olds on the Fortismere site on 13th October. If you have any queries about the vaccinations please contact School Vaccinations UK [here](#).

The **electronic consent form** has been parentmailed by Ms Izzet. Vaccination UK will collate all the consents, Fortismere is not involved with the consent side of the process.

#### Controlling cases

We are still experiencing a steady stream of positive Covid cases. As we informed families last week, extra safety measures are required when a tutor group has more than 10% of the students (3) receiving a positive PCR. The tutor groups will then be kept apart from the rest of the school through adaptations to the timetable and will be required to mask at all times, with extra emphasis placed on hand and respiratory hygiene. To ensure that the rise in case numbers is kept to a minimum, please follow the advice below.

- Students encouraged to wear masks in the corridors and communal areas
- Use of hand sanitiser on entry to classrooms
- Regular hand washing
- Good respiratory hygiene (tissues disposed of in a lidded bin)

#### Setting work for students with a positive PCR:

Students who are experiencing symptoms will not be required to complete classwork as they are unwell. Asymptomatic students will be set work via Google Classroom.

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### Calendar

13.10	Covid vaccinations Remote learning for Yrs 8,9,10 &11
21.10	Year 8 Information Evening
25-29.10	Half term holiday
03.11	Sixth Form Open Evening
04.11	Fortismere Fireworks



Black History Month at Fortismere -  
Work by Lola-Rose Orr 9KM

## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

We have been reading with interest the comments parents and carers have written in the Communications Survey (still live; please see the link below). As we expected, the comments reflect a range of opinions from those who receive most of their information via the Newsletter and those who would prefer a greater use of Parentmail. Parents and carers also seemed split on the use of our new Instagram feed. We will be evaluating your comments carefully, and revisiting our Communications Strategy. We will also be relaunching the 'Co-Headteachers' surgeries' in the near future. This gives parents and carers the opportunity to discuss areas of school policy with the Co-Heads, initially remotely but hopefully, face to face when it is safe to do so. We will circulate dates before the end of this half term.

We continue to see the return to a more normal Fortismere, although the pace of the return is quicker than we may have anticipated. From the Music Festival last Thursday to the outstanding sporting successes reported in today's Newsletter, our students and staff are throwing themselves enthusiastically into the swing of things. In addition to the musical and sporting triumphs are the students who are seeking more power and influence within school. After a very successful set of hustings, today sees the start of the voting process for the 6th Form Leadership Team. The Team comprises of Head Girl and Boy and Deputy Head Girl and Boy. We are very much looking forward to working with the new Team; many of the ideas raised in the hustings suggest that this will be an energetic and hardworking group of students.

We are still in the process of finalising the arrangements for the Covid-19 vaccinations. We have decided that it is easier to manage the process and support learning and the students if we teach the year groups eligible for the vaccine remotely, using Google Classroom. This means that years 8,9,10 and 11 will be taught from home and invited onto site for their vaccination. Years 7,12 and 13 will be taught on site following their usual timetable. The eligible Y7 students whose parents have consented will have their vaccination in the afternoon and will have the opportunity to leave school early, following their vaccination. We are awaiting the final confirmation from Vaccination UK that our plans dovetail with theirs.

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is feeling distinctly unseasonable, with an unusually warm weekend ahead. But the Canada geese are back on our back field so Autumn has definitely arrived. We wish you all a relaxing weekend.



### Fortismere Fireworks: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November

We would like to apologise for an error displayed in last week's newsletter regarding the Fortismere Fireworks. **This school event will be taking place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**



## Black History Month At Fortismere

This week students have had a variety of opportunities to explore the value and purpose of Black History Month. Year 7 students have been looking at poetry by a range of Black and Black Heritage authors in their English lessons, including, amongst others, Langston Hughes, Raymond Antrabus and Maya Angelou. While they are continuing the planned curriculum of poetry analysis, this month they have been able to have an adjusted perspective leading to some very rich and interesting discussions and learning points. In Year 9, students in English were invited to complete an independent research task on a historical or contemporary figure of Black and Black Heritage who they had found particularly inspiring. They had to complete research and prepare a presentation that was delivered to their class, sharing what they had learnt and why they found them inspirational. In GCSE Drama, students have been looking at Nigerian, Yoruba theatre and working on a live theatre production of Andrea Levy's Small Island in order to consider live productions, structure and develop key critical analysis skills. In A level Economics, students have had the opportunity to analyse the economic profile of BBH countries providing necessary insights into contrasting examples and, of course, stimulating interesting discussions.

In addition to the many activities in lessons, Fortismere was fortunate to be able to secure 2 exhibition collections on loan from Bruce Castle Museum in Tottenham: 'Black Georgian Londoners' and 'Local Reflections – Haringey Anti-Apartheid Movement.' Organised by our librarian, Gill Ward, these exhibitions panels highlight with images and text interesting historical facts about our local community and will be on display in South Wing Foyer for the rest of the month. We will continue to offer diverse opportunities for our students to engage with Black History Month and I am excited to be able to confirm our BHM Celebration and Exhibition Night for **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November in South Wing Hall at 5pm**. If you are interested in attending this event, please email [nfari@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:nfari@fortismere.org.uk).

## BHM Maya Angelou Poem Writing Competition

Congratulations to Noa Gildad in 8SC who wrote this beautiful poem inspired by Maya Angelou. The theme of the competition was 'Just Do Right' after Year 8 watched a short interview with Maya Angelou about some of the best advice she lived her life by. Well done Noa, lovely words.

## Communications Survey

### Take Part in our Communications Survey!



This is an exciting time for Fortismere's Communications. As detailed in last week's newsletter we will be posting more updates regarding our new communications strategy. We have produced a survey on Mailchimp to get an insight into how our school community views our methods of communications and the launch of our new Instagram account.

**To take part in our communications survey:** [Click Here](#)

If you haven't followed our Instagram account yet, please go check out our account! **Our Instagram Account: fortismereschooln10**

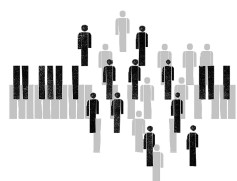
## Music Department Notices

### Ensembles 2021/2022

Music Ensembles are back up and running, due to clashes with other after school activities Junior Choir has been moved to Thursday Lunchtime and Classical Guitar Group has been moved to a Friday Lunchtime. There will be a new "Popular" guitar group starting after the half term with Billy Marrows.

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Senior Strings (G5+)	KS3 Music Tech School Orchestra (Gr2+)
Tuesday	Percussion Group (All welcome)	Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra (7-9pm)
Wednesday	MusicalTheatre Group Big Band (Gr3+)	Bands (Rooms available for practice) Gospel Choir
Thursday	DJ Club Junior Choir (Yr 7-9)	KS4 Music Tech Senior Choir (Yr 10-13)
Friday	Junior Strings (G1-4) Classical Guitar Group	
Saturday	Music Theory Classes (10am - 12pm) Fortismere Community Choir (10am - 1pm )	Afternoon (1 - 4pm) Chamber Groups Rock Bands

### Instrumental and Vocal Lessons: IN SCHOOL



**FORTISMERE**  
SCHOOL MUSIC

There are still spaces available for all instruments and voices during the school week.

If you haven't signed up yet and you want your child to take part in these classes please contact Mel Izzet: [mizzet@fortismere.or.uk](mailto:mizzet@fortismere.or.uk).

### Pure Piano Concert: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November South Wing Hall 7:00pm



We have had lots of interest in the Pure Piano Concert that takes place in a few weeks time. There are still some spaces available for this event and we would really like to see a variety of ability levels, styles and year groups getting involved.

Email: [ejfferies@fortsmere.org.uk](mailto:ejfferies@fortsmere.org.uk) if you want to get involved.

Tickets for this concert can be bought at: [www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk](http://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk)

## Christmas Concert Auditions - Deadline 5<sup>th</sup> November



Preparations for the Christmas Concerts are in full swing at the moment and there will be plenty of music on offer from a variety of our ensembles.

Orchestra, Big Band, Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Percussion Group, Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Guitar Group will all be taking part but we are interested in students in solo and group performances for two nights.

Please ask your child to talk to their music teacher if they are interested or email Mr Jefferies at [ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk) and they will be added to a google classroom.

**The deadline for auditions will be Friday 5th November and we will be asking for video submissions students can submit online.**

Tickets for this concert can be bought: [www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk](http://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk)

## Endangered Instruments at Fortismere: FREE LESSONS

We will be offering students the chance to play instruments at Fortismere that are “endangered” in Haringey Schools. The instrumental lessons will be given free of charge for the first term and we will then look at commitment to the instrument with a view to paying for fees for the rest of the academic year.

The following instruments are available:

- French Horn
- Bassoon
- Trombone
- Oboe

**If you want your child to take advantage of this brilliant offer please contact the music department to register your interest by emailing the Director of Music at:**

[ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk)

## Online Performances: Fortismere Community Music at it's very best!

There is so much talent at Fortismere and we will always take great pride in celebrating our students' achievements. With this in mind we invite students and parents to submit performances that they would like to share with the Fortismere wider community.

This week we are thrilled to share a performance of *Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man* and *Schumann's Cello Concerto* played by Haru Ogiwara who is presently studying for his A Levels at Fortismere. The performance took place a few weeks ago at St Andrew's Church in Muswell as part of our Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra Concert Series.

**If you are interested in getting involved in this group or any of the other amazing ensembles that we run for both adults and children email the Music Centre manager Joe Winters:**

[FMCinfo@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:FMCinfo@fortismere.org.uk)

▶ Copland / Fanfare for the Common Man , Schumann / Cello Concerto



## Sport & PE Department Notices

### Y8 Football in Middlesex Thriller

On Monday afternoon our Y8 hosted our old rivals APS in the first round of the Middlesex Cup. We raced to a 2-0 lead at Half Time but had missed a host of chances to put the game to bed. We struck early in the second half only to see a determined APS storm back with 3 goals to level the match. Into extra time we went and again, we used to slope to our advantage and struck twice to lead 5-3. Despite conceding a very late goal we didn't really look in danger and held on to proceed through to the next round.

### Cross Country Pictures



As promised, here are some pictures from our wonderfully successful English Schools Cross-Country Cup event!

**Pictures: left (Intermediate Girls, centre (Junior Boys) and right (Junior Girls)**

### U14's complete a great week of football

To cap off a fantastic week of Football for Fortismere teams our Y9 boys travelled over to University College School on Wednesday evening to play in the 1st Round of the Middlesex Cup. I'm delighted to report that a fantastic performance from the boys secured a 6-3 victory and safe passage through to the second round where we will meet St Thomas More. Special mention to Thomas Radley who helped himself to 4 wonderful goals. Well played lads.

### It's the Green light for Freddie!

You may remember that a couple of weeks ago we reported on Freddie Hammersley-Fox in Year 10: being asked to trial for the London Irish rugby team. We are absolutely delighted to report that Freddie really impressed the selectors and has been asked to join the U15 London Irish Squad. What a fantastic achievement Freddie - we are so proud of you. The hard work starts now!

### Football Girls take up the whistle



After comprehensive victories in recent football matches our girl players turned referees to officiate at the Haringey Primary Schools Girls Football Competition. The girls had to work hard all day and received glowing praise from the organisers and competing schools. Well done Girls!

## Y11 Football Boys Safely Through

On the same afternoon as our Y11 also hosted APS in the Middlesex Cup and we are delighted to report that they enjoyed a 5-3 victory after a really good performance. Well Done Boys!

## U18's See Off All Saints!

On Tuesday afternoon our 1st XI travelled over to East London to play All Saints in the 2nd Round of the ESFA National Cup. For an hour the game could have gone in any direction as we struggled to make our final pass count. All saints equalising to make it 2-2 though seemed to kick our boys into life and we slammed in 4 quick unanswered goals to win 6-2 and into the 3rd round. Well done Boys!

## Gaëlle & Zoe's Race for Life

Last Sunday Y8's Gaëlle Thuillier and Zoe Leamy completed an amazing 5k Mud Run.



The girls took on the challenge, not just because they wanted to overcome the tough conditions but also to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Unfortunately, both girls' families have been affected by this cruel disease and the girls wanted to take the chance to remember loved ones and, at the same time, raise some money for an incredible charity.

The girls raised over £700 - an incredible achievement! I have posted a link to their 'Race for Life' donation page if anyone would like to contribute a bit more. Well done girls we are all so proud of you! **If you would to donate to the girls' fundraising page please:** [Click here](#)

## Fixture Results

### Last Week's Results:

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September

- Football Y8 Boys 'A' v APS @ Fortismere (Kick off 2:45pm) Middlesex Cup **Won 5-4 (AET)**
- Football Y11 Boys 'A' v APS @ Fortismere (Kick off 2:45pm) Middlesex Cup **Won 5-3**

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

- Football 1st XI v Stepney All Saints (A) (Kick off 3:00pm) ESFA Cup **Won 6-2**
- Football Y7 'A' v St Clements Dane (A) (2:30 pm Kick off and 4:30pm return) ESFA Cup **Postponed**

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

- Football Y9 v UCS (A) (Kick Off 4:00 pm and 6:30pm return) Middlesex Cup

### Next Week's Fixtures:

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October

- Football Y10 Boys v St Thomas More (A0 Middlesex Cup 1st Round)

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

- Football Y8 Boys A, B, C Teams v Highgate (A) Friendlies
- Football U16 Girls v Coloma Convent Girls School Croydon (A) ESFA Cup 2nd Round

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

- Football 2nd XI U18 v Latymer School (A) Middlesex Cup 2nd Round
- Football U13 Girls v Gladesmore (H) Middlesex Cup 1st Round

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October

- Football Y8 Boys v King Solomon (A) ESFA Cup 2nd Round
- Football - 1st XI v UCS (A) Middlesex Knock Out Cup 1st Round

## Extra-Curricular Autumn Timetable 2021

PE Extra-Curricular Activities Timetable

Time of Activity	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime:</b>	<b>Y7 Badminton:</b> Sports Hall GK <b>Y7 Table Tennis:</b> SW Gym SC <b>Y7 Games:</b> Astro SO AB <b>Y11 BB:</b> BB Courts MV <b>Y10 Fitness:</b> Fitness Room MH	<b>Y8 Badminton:</b> Sports Hall So <b>Y8 Table Tennis:</b> SW Gym SC <b>Y8 Games:</b> Astro MV AB <b>Y11 BB:</b> BB Courts GK <b>Y11,12 &amp; Y13 Fitness:</b> Fitness Room MH	<b>Y9 Badminton:</b> Sports Hall MV <b>Y9 Table Tennis:</b> SW Gym SC <b>Y9 Games:</b> Astro SO & AB <b>Y11 BB:</b> BB Courts MH <b>Y10 Fitness:</b> Fitness Room KJ	<b>Y10 Badminton:</b> Sports Hall MH <b>Y10 Table Tennis:</b> SW Gym SC <b>Y10 Games:</b> Astro GK KW <b>Y11 BB:</b> BB Courts AB <b>Y11,12 &amp;13 Fitness:</b> Fitness Room MV <b>All Years Cross-Country:</b> Coldfall Woods SO	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Form Badminton:</b> Sports Hall SO Y11,12& 13 Table Tennis: SW Gym GK <b>Y7, Y11 &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Form Games:</b> Astro MH AB MV <b>Y11 BB:</b> BB Courts SC <b>6<sup>th</sup> Form Fitness:</b> Fitness Room LB
<b>After School:</b>	<b>All Year Group Cross Country:</b> Mr Orton School Field	<b>All Year Group Hockey:</b> Mr Kay Astro	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Form Badminton:</b> Sports Hall	<b>All Year Group Cross Country:</b> Mr Orton School Field	
	<b>Y7 Boys Football:</b> Mr Kay School Field (Boots & Shin Pads required)	<b>Y8 &amp; Y9 Football:</b> Mr Orton Mr Cox Mr Alam School Field (Boots & Shin Pads required)	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Form Football:</b> Mr Orton Field (Boots & Shin Pads required)	<b>Y7 Netball:</b> Ms Boot Netball Courts	
	<b>Y9 &amp; Y10 Netball:</b> Ms Jackson Netball Courts	<b>Y8 Netball:</b> Ms Williams Netball Courts	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Form Fitness:</b> Fitness Room	<b>Sixth Form Handball:</b> SW Gym	
	<b>Y7, Y8 &amp; Y9 Rugby:</b> Mr Cox School Field	<b>Y 10 &amp; Y11 GCSE Practical Club and Badminton:</b> Mr Hawkes Sports Hall	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Form Netball:</b> Ms Boot Netball Courts	<b>KS3 Badminton:</b> Ms Bailey Sports Hall	
	<b>Sixth Form Handball:</b> Sports Hall			<b>All Girls Football:</b> Ms Vangucci Astro (Boots & Shin Pads required)	

## Library

### Patron of Reading Visit



It was wonderful to have our Patron of Reading, Sita Brahmachari, in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

She came to talk to Year 7, mainly about her book “When Secrets Set Sail”; this was the book sent out to the students before the summer holiday and which they have been working on in their English lessons this term.



But, being Sita, she managed to cover many other topics too, and her enthusiasm and joy about reading was infectious. Sita says she doesn't like the word “Patron” because that implies someone who is better than others, and she believes everyone is equal; she'd far rather be called Patronus of Reading, with all its magical implications.

She later tweeted, “*What a privilege it is to be asked to do a reunion tour as @PatronofReading, and what fantastic, creative Year 7s I met today.*” After two hours in South Wing Hall, Sita came back to the library for a cuppa and was besieged by excited Year 7s for the whole of lunchtime – every single one of her books is now on loan (and many more of her other recommendations too!)

### Half Term Date for your Diary





You may have heard of the giant puppet, Little Amal, the living artwork of a young Syrian refugee child. Since July she has walked across Europe to focus attention on the needs of young refugees.

**On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** at 2pm she will be on the South Bank as part of Welcome Wishes, a free event based around “Swallow’s Kiss” by Sita Brahmachari and Jan Ray. Other notable authors will be there too.

To find out more about the Welcome Wishes event: [Click Here](#)

## Recommended Reads of the Week

It's World Sight Day next week. Try these books, all available in our library.



## Fortismere Holiday Activity Camp

### October Holiday Camp Book Now! Open to the Community

With lots of fun and games to enjoy from D&T, Chess, Robotics and Coding to Drama and Multi Sports, holiday camps are ideal if you find it hard to juggle work and keep the children entertained. Activities will run between 9:00am-3:00pm each day at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE. The full week will cost £80\*, an 8:00 am drop off option will be offered, where the children will be provided with a light breakfast of toast, cereal & juice.

**Please contact Maria Demetriou for information on subsidised places:** [mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk)

### Holiday Club Activities: Limited Spaces

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October Ballet, Tap and Musical Theatre: 5 Spaces Available

[Ballet, Tap and Musical Theatre Tickets](#)

Each day the children will explore different styles of dance with an emphasis on ballet and tap. Children will work on technique, dance routines and choreography, as well as projects designed to encourage creativity when storytelling through dance. The participants will work towards final pieces and will be given plenty of time to interact with others and make lasting friendships!

Leaders are professional performers with a background in theatre and dance. *This holiday club is open to*

children aged 7-15 years.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October Chess Club: 5 Spaces Available**

[Chess Club Tickets](#)

Chess has been growing in popularity (online), boosted also by the popularity of the recent Netflix TV series The Queen's Gambit. This course aims to develop students' chess skills which can also indirectly help analytical and evaluative skills needed also in the classroom.

*This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October Drama Club: 5 Spaces Available**

[Drama Club Tickets](#)

The children will work on improvisation and comedy skills. *This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October Drawing Animation and Comics Club: SOLD OUT**

[Drawing Animation and Comics Club Tickets](#)

Overview of the comic and cartoon industry and how they have been used as tools for storytelling and communication over the years. Children will be shown how the human body works and is designed to move. As well as character design for different types of characters and how they fit into the stories you want to tell and overview of comics storytelling, layout and structure.

The children will also look at writing comics and how to produce clear lettering by hand for comics and different colouring techniques both traditional and digital. Using the skills gathered so far, children will work on their own comic stories. By the end of the course each student will produce their own complete 8 - 12 page comic strip. *This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October Little Imaginations: 5 Spaces Available**

[Little Imaginations Tickets](#)

Our camps cover all areas of creative arts, as well as active play and science experiments. *This holiday club is open to children aged 3-6 years.*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October Multi Sports: 10 Spaces Available**

[Multi Sports Tickets](#)

This will give the children the opportunity to have fun and interact with others through a range of sports such as football, rounders, tennis and competitions for the chance to win a fabulous prize. *This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October Robotics: SOLD OUT**

[Robotics Tickets](#)

Children will gain an overview of how robotics is used and integrated in computer science, IT and STEAM. The children will look at the robotic creation, design, operation and the use of robotics in everyday life and in the professional working world. *This holiday club is open to children aged 9-15 years.*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October Street Dance: 10 Spaces Available**

[Street Dance Tickets](#)

Students will learn routines and steps from this popular dance style. *This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.*