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<p>Industrial Action: Update</p> <p>We are pleased to inform you that the Fortismere NEU has voted to end the dispute. We will be communicating with you later on this term with details of the agreement reached with the NEU.</p> <p>Eden Primary and Fortismere School Street Proposal</p> <p>We are sure many of our parents are aware that the London Borough Of Haringey is consulting our community with plans to create a school street in the Creighton Avenue area, limiting most vehicles from entering the school street during operational hours in periods both before and after school. While we appreciate safer streets are an important feature in our neighbourhoods, we are not sure that implementing a school street on Creighton Avenue will have a positive impact on our students' journeys to school. We also have some concerns that the knock-on impact on local traffic will make many of our students' journeys to school more challenging. We will be submitting our views in the consultation which closes on 2nd May and would encourage members of the community to share their voices. You can find further information on how to do so by clicking the link here.</p> <p>Warmer Weather</p> <p>While we welcome the warmer weather we do need to remind parents and carers of our dress code (available here). Please could your sons and daughters continue to adhere to the dress code despite the projected rise in temperatures. We would also encourage you to provide a hat for use on the back field where there is limited shade.</p> <p>We do not permit students to leave lessons for water unless there is a medical reason. Please could you provide your son or daughter with a water bottle that can be refilled at break and lunch times. Water is also made available in the canteens.</p>	<p>CoHeads' Weekly Roundup</p> <p>FortisMind</p> <p>Departmental News & Notices</p> <p>Safeguarding Information</p> <p>Calendar</p> <table> <tr> <td>01.05</td><td>Deadline for PP6 data entry Y13</td></tr> <tr> <td>02.05</td><td>Y11 Celebration Assembly P1 The rest of the school starts P2</td></tr> <tr> <td>08.05</td><td>Spring Music Concert NW Hall 6.30pm Tickets here</td></tr> </table> <div>  <p>The Year 11 v Staff football match - currently taking place on the field. Not sure of the result so far but we'll have a full match report for you next week!</p> </div>	01.05	Deadline for PP6 data entry Y13	02.05	Y11 Celebration Assembly P1 The rest of the school starts P2	08.05	Spring Music Concert NW Hall 6.30pm Tickets here
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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

We were delighted to welcome back our students this week and trust that our community enjoyed a restful Spring Break.

Of course, school wasn't completely closed as our holiday clubs were in full swing and many of our Year 11 and Year 13 students joined us in school during the break to work with staff on preparations for their forthcoming examinations. It was great to see so many of our students making use of the school's extra provision demonstrating how seriously they take their studies and how committed they are to honing their skills in time for their final assessments. We have been very impressed with their dedication these past few months.

This week students in Years 9 and 10 took part in some brilliantly delivered workshops on keeping safe using London's transport system which all who attended found useful and enlightening. For instance, were you aware that every bus driver in London has a button which can be pressed in the event of an assault being reported to the driver? This connects to a police patrol who will locate the bus and be there in minutes. TfL have taken the initiative to get out and communicate this and other important safety messages to students in London and we were pleased to welcome them. Further information about safety on London Transport can be found further down in this week's Newsletter for parents who would like to discuss this at home.

Fortismere is in the process of gaining the SEND award to reflect the high quality of our SEND provision. Mr Fari, his team in LINC and in fact all of us at Fortismere are proud of our inclusive provision and are keen for it to be recognised nationally. As part of this process we are asking parents of SEND children to complete a survey which we can use as evidence. It would be most helpful if our parents, particularly those who have worked closely with LINC, would share their views. There is a link to the survey in the LINC Notices section of this Newsletter.

We know that a bit of a heatwave may be upon us next week. We always welcome the sunshine here at Fortismere. In the meantime we would like to wish you all a lovely weekend.

LINC Notices

Celebrating Autism Acceptance Month: Embracing Neurodiversity at Fortismere

This April, we are proud to mark Autism Acceptance Month UK, an important opportunity for us as a school community to deepen our understanding of autism and celebrate the rich diversity of minds and experiences among our students. At the heart of Autism Acceptance Month is a powerful message: people with autism are not just to be accommodated but accepted, valued and celebrated for who they are. This message resonates deeply with our school's ethos of inclusion, which champions respect, empathy and the belief that diversity makes us stronger.

Throughout the month, and indeed across the school year, we have been and will continue to host a range of opportunities for our students to engage meaningfully with the topic of autism and broader issues surrounding neurodiversity. From tutor time discussions and assemblies, to creative workshops, guest speakers and curriculum-linked projects, our students are exploring what it means to understand and support people with autism and to think critically and compassionately about difference. We are excited about the enthusiasm and thoughtfulness that our young people bring to these conversations. Their willingness to learn and reflect not only strengthens our inclusive culture but also helps to prepare them for life in a diverse and

interconnected world. As we continue these important conversations, we want to recognise the many benefits of deepening our collective understanding of neurodiversity. When we listen to autistic voices, challenge misconceptions, and learn about different ways of experiencing the world, we create a more compassionate and respectful community. We also nurture a school environment where all students, neurodivergent and neurotypical alike, can thrive, feel seen and be supported to achieve their full potential.

Autism Acceptance Month invites us to celebrate difference, not as a barrier, but as a way to be. It reminds us that inclusion is not just a policy or a programme but a practice we commit to every day in how we treat one another. I want to give a huge thank you to all the members of our diverse community, students, parents/carers, staff and volunteers for their support in ensuring that Fortismere is a place where every individual feels valued and empowered. We look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Haringey Autism Resources

Haringey Council is committed to providing support and resources for children, young people, and adults with special educational needs and disabilities. Throughout Autism Acceptance Month, they will highlight the free resources, support services, and activities available through their SEND Service and across the council and borough. **Have a look here** [Autism Acceptance Month | Haringey Council](#)

SEND and Inclusion Award - Parent and Carer Survey

As you may be aware we are working towards achieving a SEND and Inclusion Award this year. As part of this, we need to hear from the parents and carers of children with SEND on their experiences with support here at Fortismere. Thank you to those who have already responded to our survey. Parental engagement is a key part of achieving the award so we would really like a high response rate and to hear all views. The survey is short with agree/disagree questions and should only take you a few minutes to complete. There is space to add comments and suggestions if you wish. [To complete the survey please click this link](#)

Your feedback is hugely important in ensuring that we are reflective on what is working and where we can improve. Please complete the survey by the end of **Friday 2nd May**. Thank you for your support with this.

We have written an **overview of the SENDIA Award** for parents and carers and this might be helpful background to the survey and of general interest to all parents and carers. You can read the Overview and our **LINC Mission Statement** on the website [here](#)

Webinars for Parents & Carers - Haringey Educational Psychology Service

The Haringey Educational Psychology Service is offering a number of free online webinars this term.

- **Emotion Coaching:** a webinar on supporting children to recognise and manage their emotions - for parents of children of all ages. **Tuesday 29th April from 12pm-1pm** [Book a place here](#)
- **Social and Emotional Development:** a webinar on the stages of social and emotional development children typically go through, what you might see at each stage and how parents can help children to navigate the challenges that these stages bring - for parents of children of all ages **Tuesday 10th June from 12pm-1pm** [Book a place here](#)

FortisMind

Mind Online Parent Support Programme

The Parent Support Project Manager at Mind has been in touch with the school about an upcoming parent support programme that will be of interest to some of our families - see the full details below. Please note,

that although the information says your child needs to be on a CAMHS waiting list, I have been told that this is not strictly true. This programme would be suitable for parents of children who are at any stage of the CAMHS referral process, including children who have completed an intervention but may need further support. If this is the case, leave the "which CAMHS team is your child on the waiting list for" box blank.

Self-referrals are now open for our next **Parents in Mind group**. This is an 8-week online support programme specifically designed for parents whose children or young people (aged 11-16) are currently on the waiting list for CAMHS support related to anxiety, depression, self-harm, and suicidal ideation. The 8-week programme starts on **Wednesday 21st May**, and ends on **Wednesday 16th July**, weekly sessions are from **1pm-2.30pm**. (The group will not run during half-term).



You can find more information and a **self referral form** [here](#) or you can email parentsupport@mindeb.org.uk or call 020 8343 5705 with any questions.

Local Mental Health Support Services CAMHS Guide

Barnet, Enfield and Haringey CAMHS have put together an extremely comprehensive tri-borough signposting guide which details local services who provide mental health support for a wide range of different needs. For advice on anything mental health related, including bullying, gender and sexual identity, sleep-wake difficulties, trauma, substance abuse, support for parents and carers and lots more, please **have a look at the Guide which you can access via the school website** [here](#)

Student Wellbeing

Transport for London - Project Guardian Session

This week Year 9 and Year 10 students took part in some fantastic workshops about sexual harassment on public transport. The sessions were provided by TfL as part of their Project Guardian programme ([read about it here](#)) which covers negative behaviour on public transport, being an active bystander and reporting incidents. The workshops were insightful and engaging and equipped students really well to identify and report sexual harassment as well as how to support others who may experience this. The workshops were designed to empower students to keep themselves and others safe while also reassuring them that London transport is a safe place to be.



Maths Department Notice

Success in UK Maths Trust Challenge

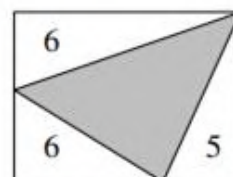
In March, eight of the most talented mathematicians in Years 10 and 11 took part in the Pink Kangaroo Maths Challenge run by the UK Maths Trust. Qualifying to take this Challenge is a success in itself as eligibility is based on top scores in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge held in January. The Pink Kangaroo includes some particularly knotty maths puzzles, so congratulations to all those who took part including:

Jamie Charlton and Riccardo Gagliardi in Year 10 and Peter Dolan and Ethan Risse in Year 11. Special congratulations to Aurel Bouayoun (Year 10) who gained a Silver Award, Joseph Thomas and Thomas Banisar who gained a Silver Award in Year 11 and Dylan Zwikker who achieved a Bronze Award.

Oscar Lundgaard (Year 11) did particularly well in the Intermediate Maths Challenge (being one of the top 500 scorers) and was therefore invited to take part in the Maclaurin Mathematical Olympiad. He performed extremely well, scoring in the top 25%, and was awarded a Certificate of Distinction.

If you would like to try your hand at one of the Maths Challenge questions, here is the last question from the 2025 paper:

25. The diagram shows a rectangle which has been divided into four triangles. The areas, in cm^2 , of three of the triangles are as shown. What is the area of the shaded triangle?



A 11 cm^2

B 13 cm^2

C 14 cm^2

D 15 cm^2

E 16 cm^2

Science Department Notice

International Chemistry Olympiad Success

In late January, a number of our Year 12 A level Chemistry students elected to take part in the prestigious International Chemistry Olympiad competition run by the Royal Society of Chemistry. All of them worked diligently in their preparation for this, as well as during the extremely challenging exam. We were delighted with the results and would like to congratulate all of the students who took part. In particular, we would like to mention Udit Bhattacharjee who was awarded Silver and the following students who each gained a Bronze: Edward Hawkes, Leike Bahan, Lola-Rose Orr, Milo Adams, Otto Moore, Rose Culpin and Samuel Bird.

Drama Department Notices

Year 10 Drama Trip: National Theatre

Year 10 got the opportunity to see the Olivier award winning show *Dear England* at the National Theatre on Thursday evening this week.

The show follows the story of Gareth Southgate and his journey as England manager, along with the trials and tribulations facing him and his team along the way. The students were enthralled throughout and even those who don't like football absolutely loved the show. An absolute must see!



Careers & Work Related Learning

Thinking About a Gap Year?

Projects Abroad specialises in helping participants become international volunteers, supporting people to fulfil their potential and at the same time making the world a better place. Have a look at their website for information on Gap projects and opportunities here [Gap Programmes | Gap Year | Projects Abroad UK](#) You can watch this webinar [here](#) on the benefits of undertaking a gap project.

Managing Wellbeing During Exams

In this webinar, hear from the University of Lincoln and one of Unifrog's mental health champions about their top tips for managing exam and test stress, finding the best revision style, and signposts to some useful resources for accessing support.

Wednesday 7 May at 4.30pm (45 minutes) Sign up here: [Managing your wellbeing during exams and tests : Unifrog Event](#)

Channel 4 Virtual Work Experience Programme

Explore working in the creative industry through this Channel 4 work experience programme delivered across a series of modules that you can tailor to your areas of interest. More details and how to register on can be found here: [4Skills Work Experience Programme](#)

Weekly Careers Newsletter

And a reminder to look at the weekly fortismere Careers Newsletter on our website [here](#) - this week's edition has opportunities linked to Earth Day (22nd April) and renewable energy.

Library Notices

Football Challenge from our Patron of Reading

Dan Freedman, sends this message: *I had a little idea which I thought might be fun for the budding football writers and experts at your school... I'm one of about 400 football writers in England who have a vote in deciding who becomes the Premier League Footballer of the Year. This is a prestigious award given to the player who is judged to have been the best in the season of English football. The last three winners of the Men's award have been Phil Foden, Erling Haaland and Mohamed Salah. The current holder of the Women's Footballer of the Year is Khadija 'Bunny' Shaw of Manchester City.*



As I consider who to give my vote to for this season, I thought it might be fun to open it out and see whether any of the football experts at your school might like to try to convince me to vote for a specific player that they feel most deserves the award... So, feel free to pass this opportunity on to your aspiring football writers. Mrs Ward will send me the students' decisions as to who should be the Footballer of the Year and I will take this into account in my own thinking and final decision. If the students would like to support their choice with a piece of writing explaining their decision (ie why a specific player should win), they are more than welcome to. I will send some of the best pieces of persuasive writing I receive on to the Football Writers' Association management team for them to see the young writing talent that's coming up through the ranks. Mrs Ward needs to send me everything from Fortismere by 6th May, so email gward@fortismere.org.uk now!

Recommended Reads of the Week

Welcome back from the Easter break. It's now time to start planning your next batch of holiday reading, so why not get wrecked on an island with one of these?



Sport & PE Notices

Haringey Recruiting for the London Youth Games

Haringey Sports Development are recruiting for this year's London Youth Games events. If your child is interested in these events tell them to see Ms Vangucci for details or to sign up.

- **Aquathon** (swim followed by a run) 29th June 9am-1pm London Aquatics Centre
- **Indoor Rowing** (rowing machines) 8th June 10am-4pm Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub
- **Kayak Sprint/Kayak Slalom** 8th June 9.30am-4pm Fairlop Waters



Upcoming Fixtures

Mon 28.04.2025: Haringey Schools' Swimming Gala, Park Road Pool - Meet 9.15am Sports Hall.

Tues 29.04.2025: Netball friendly v Highgate Wood & Dukes Academy - Meet 1.30 pm Sports Hall

Athletics Trials Next Week

The Haringey Schools' Athletics Competition is fast approaching - if you would like to represent the school in this exciting event please come to the trials taking place next week.

Tues 29.04.2025	Year 7 - On the field
Weds 30.04.2025	Year 8 - On the field
Thurs 01.05.2025	Year 9 & 10 - On the field

The Athletics Competition is taking place on Tuesday 13th May at New River Sports Stadium for Years 7 & 8 and on Thursday 15th May for Years 9 & 10.

Music Department Notices

Sign Up for Some Music Making This Term

It's not too late to sign up for one of our many music-making activities this term - see below for more details.

Fortismere Community Choir had its first get-together this week, starting work on songs from **La La Land** and Katrina and the Waves' **Walking on Sunshine**. All welcome to join our fun and friendly rehearsals in the Music Block starting Wednesday, 23rd April at 7 pm. Just turn up on the night, no need to book.

Saturday Music - School of Rock (and Pop) starts tomorrow, as do Piano, Drums and Guitar lessons. There is some availability for piano lessons, so email fmcinfo@fortismere.org.uk if interested.

Student choirs - Junior and Senior Choir will be rehearsing in the Summer Term on Wednesday lunchtimes in the Music Concert Hall. There are two big concerts to rehearse for this term - the Spring Concert on 8th May, and then the Summer Festival on 6th July. Choir is a great opportunity for new students to give singing a go!

Student Spring Concert - The next student concert is fast approaching! Book tickets [here](#) to join us for this concert of solo and ensemble performances showcasing the many musical talents of Fortismere students.



Student Health Notice

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - Tuesday 29th April

A reminder that the Year 8 HPV vaccinations are scheduled for next Tuesday 29th April. This is the first of two days allocated for the vaccinations. It is essential that your child attends their allocated time slot on the day; otherwise, they may miss their vaccination. If you have not provided consent for the vaccination, your child must remain in their lessons as normal.

Vaccination Schedule: Alphabetical by Surname: In North Wing Hall

- 09:15 – 09:40: A B
- 09:50 – 10:40: C D E
- 11:10 – 12:00: F G H
- 12:10 – 13:00: I J K
- 14:00 – 14:30 L

If you have any questions regarding the vaccinations, please feel contact me mizzet@fortismere.org.uk
Ms Izzet

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Reminder Gaming & Gambling Awareness Session - Tues 29th April 7pm-8.15pm online

In partnership with the Metropolitan Police, **Ygam** is offering free online awareness sessions for parents and carers across London to help increase understanding of the risks associated with gaming and gambling.

[Book a place here](#) The Ygam website has helpful resources for parents and carers in the [Ygam Family Hub](#)

Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead about any safeguarding matters or concerns please contact Ms Sullivan on safeguarding@fortismere.org.uk

Alternatively you can make a safeguarding referral using *My Voice* [use this link](#) or the QR code. You can also contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Support Manager.

