

School Leadership Messages	Contents	
<p>Dress Code</p> <p>We would like to remind parents and carers that although we do not have a uniform we do have a Dress Code. This code is on posters around school and is shared with all parents when joining Fortismere. School is a place of work and the work is learning. Given this, we expect students to dress appropriately for the work of learning rather than how they would dress when not in school. Students will receive behaviour points and, where necessary, will be given T-shirts or trousers to wear for the duration of the school day. As the weather gets warmer, we would also like to emphasise the health risks of students' exposure to strong sunlight; covering up is far safer than exposing skin to UV light.</p> <p>Phones</p> <p>A reminder that all smartphones (and smart watches) are banned from Fortismere. This policy has been in place for many years and all parents and students are made aware of this when joining Fortismere. We do expect parents to work with us in supporting this policy. We will continue to conduct random searches and confiscate phones for a minimum of a week. Our only exceptions to this policy are on medical grounds and those students are closely monitored.</p> <p>Water</p> <p>As the weather gets warmer please could we ask that students bring water to school, preferably in a refillable water bottle. Students will have opportunities during the school day to refill their bottles from the drinking fountains but will not be permitted to leave their lessons for water. Students should also not leave it until the end of break or lunch to fill up their bottles as this will make them late to their next lesson/ tutor time.</p>	CoHeads' Weekly Roundup	
	Extra Curricular Achievement	
	Department News & Notices	
	Half Term Holiday Camps	
	Safeguarding Information	
	Calendar	
	10.05	Y11 Exam Leave begins
15.05	8Y Parents' Evening	
17.05	GCSE Art & Photography Exhibition 6pm NW	
06.07	Summer Music Festival 12pm-6pm	
		

Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

Last week we celebrated Y11 in the pouring rain, yesterday we said goodbye (and celebrated!) Y13 in the blazing sunshine. What a difference a week makes. Y13 dazzled us with their costumes (a lot of cowboys) and their delight at being together and with the staff. They made an excellent audience; laughing in the right places and showing their appreciation of the staff with whom they've worked most closely. The students showed their respect and affection for their Head of Year, Mr Lewis (who had been the Head of Year for the majority of Y13 students since they were in Y9), Mr Robson the Director of the Sixth Form and Ms Montague who looks after the study room and so much more. The presents were lovely and the three members of staff were very moved. This Leavers' Assembly had an added poignancy for the Co-Heads as this was the first year group to be taken through entirely by us. In our speech to the students we reminded them that although they will be leaving us for new adventures, they will always be our students and while wishing them well for the future, we would also like to keep in touch. As Mr Robson pointed out, aside from the exams and Results' Day, we will be inviting students back before Christmas for a mince pie, some mulled wine and their exam certificates. Good luck to Y13 for the coming weeks.

Y11 have already embarked on their GCSEs. Yesterday P5 marked the end of formal teaching and all the Y11 students who attended the last 3 days have really benefited from the tailored revision on offer. The year group sat their Biology exam this morning and many of them reported back feeling relieved that they now had at least one exam under their belts. The core subjects are offering revision breakfasts before morning exams and we would urge students to attend if possible.

Now that Y11 are on exam leave, we have time to work with our year groups as they begin their preparations for next year. Y9 will be moving in the North Wing from half term to give them the opportunity to begin the transition from the South Wing to the North Wing in support of moving from KS3 to KS4. After such a wet Spring, our field has been closed for an unusually lengthy period of time. The lovely weather this week (except a somewhat miserable Bank Holiday Monday) is speeding up the drying out and we anticipate opening the field on Monday. This will also give students the opportunity to use the space at Fortismere without Y11 and Y13, giving them a student area away from their wing bases. However, we would remind parents and carers that there isn't much shade available on the field and as the weather improves, please could students use sun protection and sensible clothing to keep themselves safe from the sun.

It looks set for a Mediterranean weekend and we wish all our families a lovely, warm weekend!

Student Extra Curricular Activities & Achievements

Year 7 Eleanor Representing England

Congratulations to Year 7 student, Eleanor Worth has been representing England as Vice Captain of the U13 Girls Ice Hockey Team in an international tournament in Orleans, France this week. There were teams from France, Netherlands, Austria and Denmark, and the majority of the other teams were mixed. The competition was tough but the girls played their hearts out and represented their country with pride. *Really well done Eleanor and we look forward to hearing lots more about your ice hockey activities.*



Politics Department

Question Time for Catherine West MP

Local MP Catherine West came to Fortismere to speak to the Year 12 A Level Politics students on Tuesday this week - coincidentally the 96th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote on equal terms to men! Catherine West talked about her journey to becoming MP of Hornsey and Wood Green, her time on the shadow cabinet and the vital importance of the youth vote in general election turnout.



Students then had the opportunity to ask questions; topics covered included immigration, the next general election, international relations and education policy. The questions were great and it was a fantastic and informative session!

Mr Riddell

Art & Photography Department

GCSE Art & Photography Exhibition

The Art & Photography Department would like to invite you to the GCSE Exhibition on **Friday 17th May, 6pm-8pm in NW**

PLEASE NOTE, THE DATE HAS CHANGED FROM THAT PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED

This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students and see the breadth of work they have produced over the last two years. We look forward to seeing you at our special event.

GCSE Art & Photography Exhibition
Friday 17th May, 6pm-8pm



Fortismere - Creighton Avenue - Muswell Hill - N10 1NS

Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Exhibition

Congratulations to Elias Zika (Y12), Nicole Elezi (Y11) and Isabel Spyrou (Y11) who have been selected to appear in the student equivalent of the RA Summer Exhibition. Their work will appear online and be exhibited in the gallery. We'd also like to congratulate all the other students who entered from Fortismere - every submission was fantastic. [See RA website](#) for details of when and where you can see the artworks.



Library Notices

Top Tips to Keep your Children Reading

When your child is reading, make sure their phones are turned off or in a different room. It's the biggest distraction possible. If they get a notification on their phone then they're off and don't get back to the book.



Writing Competitions Reminder

We have some magnificent creative writers at Fortismere; it's good to get some recognition beyond the school gates...

- The closing date for the **Henrietta Branford Writing Competition** is 31st May. The theme is "presence" [full details here](#)
- The closing date for the **Foyles Young Poet Award** is 31st July [full details here](#)
- And the most prestigious of them all – the closing date for the **Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop Writing Competition** is 31st May. The theme is "journey" [full details here](#)



Recommended Reads of the Week

After a busy week in politics, including the anniversary of women over 21 winning equal suffrage in British elections after fighting for many years for the right to vote, here are some books in our library to get you thinking.



Sport & PE Notices

Year 10 Tennis v Mill Hill School

Congratulations to our Year 10 boys tennis team who beat Mill Hill School in all four of their matches last week.



Under 15 Mixed Cricket v Highgate School

Well done to our Year 10 mixed Cricket Team who played a cup match last Thursday against Highgate School. Unfortunately they were knocked out of the cup but it was a great performance by all our students. Kai Small got 82 runs and Abeshay took two catches against a very strong Highgate Team. Well done!



Upcoming Fixtures - Next Week

Mon 13th May	Swimming Gala: meet at 8.35 in the Sports Hall Y7/Y8 Tennis v UCS Away meet at 1.45pm
Tue 14th May	Y7/Y8 Haringey Athletics Championships - All day at New River
Wed 15th May	U13 Girls Cricket
Thur 16th May	Y9/Y10 Haringey Athletics Championships - All day at New River
Fri 17th May	English Schools Athletics at Lea Valley

Fortismere Holiday Camps

May Half-Term Holiday Camps - Places Filling Fast

Booking is now open for the May half-term holiday camps which will run from Tuesday 28 May to Friday 31 May. Our camps are really popular and filling up quickly so if your child would like to do some sports, comic club, cooking or some pottery book now. Full details and booking information are on the school website - [See Fortismere Holiday Camps](#)

School Fundraising

Donations by Direct Debit

Direct Debit is a convenient way to set up a regular donation to support the school. Support from our families is invaluable and will make a real difference to our students. Use the following link to **set up a direct debit** and ensure you select Bacs Direct Debit as your payment method: [Set up a Monthly Direct Debit](#) You can also arrange a regular monthly payment or make a one-off donation via our school website: [See this page](#)

Thank you for your support

Ms Demetriou

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Sullivan) about any safeguarding matters or concerns please use the My Voice [link](#) or QR code alternatively contact your child's Head of Year



Year 7	Ms Fox kfox@fortismere.org.uk
Year 8	Ms Jackson kjackson@fortismere.org.uk
Year 9	Ms Cuenca icuenca@fortismere.org.uk
Year 10	Ms Williams kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk
Year 11	Ms Boot aboot@fortismere.org.uk