


School Leadership Messages	Contents		
<p>Public Exams</p> <p>Almost all the GCSE and A level exams have now finished. Please could parents and carers ensure they have read the school communications on the organisation of the respective results days.</p> <p>Covid Guidance</p> <p>Numbers are once more on the rise. Please can we remind parents and carers that if your son or daughter develops Covid-like symptoms, they should be kept at home for 3 days.</p> <p>Water fights</p> <p>We will be checking school bags to make sure that water pistols are not brought into school. We will also challenge and potentially sanction students who are involved in water fights while at school.</p> <p>Parental support for learning</p> <p>Lateness to school is beginning to creep up again: please could parents and carers be reminded to ensure that sons and daughters arrive in good time for the 8.35am start to the day.</p> <p>Dress Code</p> <p>Please could parents and carers of all year groups be reminded that we do have a dress code at Fortismere and that students in contravention of the code may be required to put on a top or tracksuit bottoms provided by the school. The 6th Form have recently purchased a set of tee shirts which will be offered to Y12s who come to school dressed inappropriately.</p>	Co-Headteachers		
	Library		
	Drama		
	STEM News		
	Latin Club		
	Sport & PE		
	Fortismere & Local Events		
	Calendar		
	27/6/22	Y12 exams	
	28 & 29/6	Y6 Transition Days	
4/7/22	Inset Day: school closure		
7/7/22	Y10 exams		
5,7 & 8 July	Y7 Celebration of Learning		
9/7/22	Fortismere Summer Fair		
13/7/22	Sports Day		
			

Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

As part of Fortismere's recognition of all things Pride this month, Mr McGuiness organised a Pride information and celebration event with support from other staff yesterday evening. There will be greater coverage of the event in next week's Newsletter but we wanted to identify some of the highlights in today's message. Mr Higgins and Ms Temple from the History Department gave an excellent presentation on the aspects of LGBTQ+ history, from an overview of the local history in Haringey to the work in the curriculum, including cross-dressing pirates! The event included music, a range of external speakers and examples of students' work produced during the month. In addition to the staff, students and parents/carers present, we had other staff from Haringey present making this a truly community event. We look forward to this being a regular feature of our school year.



Last Friday saw the A level Art and Photography show. We are in many ways still emerging from the impact of Covid and the return of the GCSE and A level shows are indications of our return to a normal way of doing things. It was the first A level show in 2 years and it was fantastic to see all the talent from the department back on display. The work was, as always, outstanding. One of the notable features of this year was how politically engaged many of the exhibits were, particularly looking at the vulnerable in our society. The work gave a clear indication of the issue which preoccupy our young people and the voices they use when addressing those concerns.

Public exams have all but finished and we would like to take the opportunity once more to congratulate our Y11 and Y13 students for their calm and orderly approach to the exams. Yesterday morning's Physics paper was the last GCSE for many of our Y11. Despite the excitement attached to that, they left the site without any fuss and we are immensely proud of their conduct (and Y13!). We are having building works in the South Wing over the Summer holidays so please read the information carefully about the A level and GCSE results days.

The last two weeks have been astonishing for our sporting girls and boys. Mr Orton and the PE department have continued with their Midas touch and we have received a Gold mark for our sporting excellence. See below for more of a round up about the incredible successes achieved by our students next week and look out for Mr Orton's tweets on the Fortismere twitter account.

We are still patiently awaiting our Ofsted report. As we informed you two weeks ago we are still at the Fact and Accuracy checking stage. We have had some correspondence letting us know that Ofsted would like to conclude the process 'swiftly' so we may have more news soon.

It looks like it's set to be a cooler weekend which is great for sleeping, so long as the weather doesn't interfere with the cricket! We wish you all a lovely weekend.

Library Notices

Cambridge Lectures for 6th Form

Last week you were told about the exciting programme with Murray Edwards College, Cambridge University that we are involved in. Lola Mellows and Lena Jordan from Year 12 had this to say about the day:

"The visit last Wednesday from the English students and professors from Murray Edwards College proved not only enlightening, but also provided an insightful overview for what's to



come at Uni. The in-depth lecture by Dr Sean McEvoy on our chosen A level English text has put us in good stead for our upcoming mocks, as well as our final A-Level exams next year. The Modernism lecture from Dr Leo Mellor was fascinating. On top of that, the ability for us to discuss life at Uni -specifically at Cambridge- with the Murray Edwards College students was a very valuable experience. We thoroughly enjoyed discussing the application, interview, and examination process for Oxbridge applications; which was greatly reassuring for those of us thinking of applying to either Oxford or Cambridge University”.



Recommended Reads of the Week

Carnegie Shadowing is over for another year. For the best of books for children and Young Adults, take a look at some previous winners.



Drama Department Notices

Drama Does Pride

Year 7 Drama Club had a fantastic time at the Pride Celebration Evening on Thursday, performing a short poem – ‘I come from’ by poet Dean Atta. The poem celebrates diversity and the beautiful complexities that make us who we are. The students worked really hard and created the direction of the performance themselves, which was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Congratulations, Drama Club!

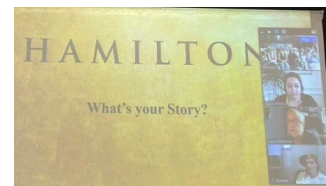


17th Annual Oscars Ceremony Phoenix Cinema – Friday 8th July 2022

Please can all parents of students in Year 9 complete the medical form for the Phoenix cinema trip on Friday 8th July. A parentmail email was sent out before half term. The medical form is here: <https://forms.gle/ncfemzGxST5NNHcJ9> Please complete it by Monday 25 June. The expectation is that all students attend this trip to celebrate the end of Key Stage 3 and their work in Drama this term. Students attending Duke of Edinburgh can attend both trips on this day.

Year 12 A Level Drama Students Hamilton Pilot Programme

Year 12 Drama Students had a zoom meeting with the Cameron Mackintosh Hamilton production team this week. Fortismere students are trialling their new education programme and giving feedback to the production team. We look forward to working with them again after mocks have finished.



Drama Awards Coming Soon!

Each year, the Drama department gives out **Student Achievement Awards** to those students that have, throughout the year, shown hard work, outstanding achievement, incredible extra curricular effort and the most improvement. There are two awards for two students in every year group. Students will receive a custom-designed pin badge they can wear on their lanyards. Awards will be announced in three weeks time!



STEM News

Lift Off in the National Water Rocket Challenge

Tuesday 21 June was not only the summer solstice and the start of astronomical summer, it was also launch day in the National Water Rocket Competition and Fortismere had two teams – Creighton and Tetherdown - taking part at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington. Packing for the trip took a while as students needed rockets, launchpads, pumps, measuring jugs, lunch, sun cream, hats, umbrellas, camping chairs, trolleys, tools and spare equipment, should anything break! The competition consisted of three rounds and points were based on two components, rocket time in the air plus points for landing in a zone. The middle Zone B (65m - 70m) carried the most bonus points compared to Zone A (50m – 65m) and Zone C (75m – 90m). Things were going well and after round two, Team Creighton was in second place. Unfortunately in the third round our rockets veered off course. Both our teams competed extremely well and by the end of the three rounds our best placing was 5th – pretty good out of 50 teams. Above all the students enjoyed a great experience on a very sunny day and were all extremely well behaved and worked together superbly!



Congratulations to Isobel Ayres, Sam Balint-Kurti, Alexandra Beresneviciute, Sammy Bird, Cy Brien-Kato, Anton Brinkmann, Jamie Charlton, Alexander Lefter, Arthur Lugg, Gabriel Poirier, Andrei Scarlat, James Spyrou, and Sabri Yakup.

Latin Club

Latin GCSE Class of 2022

In September 2017, five slightly nervous Year 7s started to learn Latin with Fortismere's after-school Latin Club, taught by a newly-recruited volunteer, Paul Staddon, a retired barrister. That was the beginning of one of our most successful Latin groups, thriving even through repeated Covid lockdowns. This month the students finished their Latin GCSE exams and we have high hopes of excellent results. Freya, Ella, Lauren, Dora and Zoe are all very grateful to Paul for teaching them so well and for making the lessons interesting and fun. Thanks also to Dylan Brookes, a classics student from UCL, who taught the girls Latin literature this academic year. "gratias agimus, Paul et Dylan"



This year we have had our largest ever intake of Latin beginners, over 30 in total, and hope lots of them will continue to take Level One exams next year and potentially GCSE in 2025 or 2026. We will be starting new beginners classes, open to all ages, in September 2022 so look out for notices in the Newsletter next term.

If you would like more information on Latin Club in the meantime please contact Pat Dugdale
pdugdale@fortismere.school

Sport & PE News

Gold Award for Fortismere

We are delighted to announce that Fortismere has achieved Gold Level in the School Games Mark 2021/22. [The School Games Mark](#) is a Government-led national award scheme launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust. Schools are rewarded for their commitment to the development of school games across the school and into the community and graded against key criteria including participation, competition, involvement in leadership and links with local clubs and institutions. We are very proud of our students for their dedication and enthusiasm for all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including our young leaders and officials who help to make school and community events possible. We are committed to using the School Games Mark to further develop and progress by encouraging even more of our students to get active and participate in school games. We want all our students to have a positive experience of school sport and PE and to have opportunities to try out new activities both in school and in the community. As a school, we strongly believe in the power of physical activity to engage and improve student well-being and will provide a range of different ways for our students to get involved as participants, leaders or officials. We are so pleased that the hard work of staff and students at our school has been rewarded. Well done!



Super Saturday & Sunday at the London Youth Games

Our 'wonderful week' of sport and results continued into the weekend as a number of Fortismere athletes represented Haringey Borough in different venues across London. On Saturday, the Haringey U15 Girls Hockey team (made up of all Fortismere players) won their group without dropping a single point! They are now through to the London finals later in the summer. On Sunday, the boys Hockey team (again all Fortismere players) were not to be outdone and also comfortably won their group to join the girls in the London finals. Also in action were two of our top Table tennis players who helped the Haringey team to victory. Even more impressive when you consider that this was an U17 event and both Sam and Noah are only in Year 9. Incredible! And finally, Sarah Aina Y9 completed a super weekend by first of all winning a

bronze medal in the Shot putt at the County Championships and then going on to help the Haringey Netball team to victory!

Well done all of you.



Success at Middlesex County Athletics Championships

On Saturday a number of Fortismere athletes represented Haringey at the Middlesex County Athletics Championships. This is one of the highest standard athletics events that school athletes can compete in and a good performance here could see selection for the Middlesex team that will compete at the National English Schools Finals to be held in Manchester later this year. Fortismere's Larissa Wilson, competing a year young in the U17 Girls 800 metres, put in a fantastic display to win the Gold medal and selection for Fortismere. Larissa is one of our top athletes and this rewards all her dedication and training. Well done Larissa! Y8's Elkie Baker, also a year young in the U15 Girls Discus took Silver medal and Sarah Aina, competing at her first major athletics event, won an incredible silver. Spike Blake took Bronze in the U17 Boys 3000metres. Well done to all our fantastic athletes who represented Haringey so well. Next Week it is the turn of the Y7 and Y8's as they contest their very own County Championships. Once again Fortismere is well represented in the Haringey squads. County Championship Results: Junior Girls 1st; Junior Boys 2nd; Inter Girls 3rd; Inter Boys 5th Overall Haringey was 3rd.

Fortismere Athletes Selected for National Championships

On the back of their amazing performances, both on Saturday and throughout the athletics season, I am delighted to announce that both Larissa Wilson (Y10) and Elkie Baker (Y8) have been selected for the Middlesex Schools Athletics team that will contest the English Schools National Championships in Manchester in July. What an incredible feat to achieve selection for the most prestigious schools athletics competition there is. Both girls are 1st year in their respective age groups as well. Well done and Good luck!

Fortismere Sporting Stars

Jordan shines at Trials

Y9's Jordan Neami recently attended Middlesex Football trials in an attempt to get into the U15 squad for next season. Jordan had been invited back to the second stage after impressing at the first round. Good Luck Jordan!



Genevieve Castle is a real Sporting Star

Year 7's Genevieve Castle has represented the school in so many events this year. She really is a talented young lady and always proud to represent the school. Genevieve has been put forward by both her Cricket and Hockey clubs for County Trials. We wish her lots of luck!



Rayn Slam Dunks to Victory

Y9's Basketball star – Rayn Joseph-Smith – competed in an U16 (he's only Y9) tournament at the weekend and I'm delighted to say that his team went all the way to the final and ended up victorious. The Cherry Tree festival (East Finchley) is a 3 v 3 tournament so little time for rest. Well done Rayn we are so pleased for you.



Fortismere Sailors in Action

This weekend sees the London Youth Games sailing competition and we have three of our top sailors representing Haringey. We also have the Manager of the team as one of our parents – Mr Nick Pighills sorts out the Haringey teams and looks after them on their days of competition. Our sailors are:

Rafi - in the Pilo, Hannah – in the Topper 5.3, Aurel – in the Topper 4.2. Good luck on the water this weekend.

Fortismere Runners Off to London mini Marathon

On a boiling hot Tuesday afternoon some of our best Cross-Country runners headed over to New River to contest the Mini Marathon trials. The first six in each race will qualify for the Haringey team that will contest the Mini Marathon, against all the other London Boroughs, in October. I'm delighted to report that every runner we took qualified and it was an afternoon of sheer Fortismere domination.

Tal - Y7 Boys – 1st, Genevieve – Y7 Girls 2nd, Amy – Y8 Girls 1st, Ivey Y8 Girls 3rd, Jess – Y8 Girls 4th
Triziano – Y8 Boys 1st Ben – Y8 Boys 2nd Lucas – Y8 Boys 3rd Spike Y11/12/13 Boys 1st Arthur Y11/12/13 Boys 4th

Fortismere Summer Festival - Saturday 9th July 2022 12pm-6pm

Get Involved and Help Support the School

We still need lots of help with getting ready for the Summer Festival - your time, your skills, your energy, your donations, anything you can offer us! There's also still plenty of time to get a **Martyn Gerrard board** placed outside your property to advertise the Summer Festival. Please contact Ms Demetriou mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk if you can get involved in any way or want more information. Tickets are now on sale from the Library.

Special Educational Needs & Disability Information for Parents

Haringey SEND Parent/Carer Forum Events

Short Breaks Parent Engagement Event – Wednesday 29th June

The Short Breaks Service is being reviewed to better meet the needs of local families. Haringey SEND Parent Carer Forum is co-facilitating two workshops on Wednesday 29th June. There will be a daytime (11.00am) in-person event at Chestnuts Community Centre, and an evening (6.30pm) online event. Book a place and more details via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk).

Walk and Talk in Downhills Park – Monday 4th July

The next monthly Walk and Talk is in Downhills Park. Meet outside Forks and Green café (N15 4AB) at 11.30am, have a walk and a chat around the park and then head into the café for a coffee and cake. Register to attend at sendpcf@bridgerenewaltrust.org.uk or call Lizzie on 07871729863

SEND Review Green Paper Event – Tuesday 5th July

The government has put forward proposals to change the SEND and alternative provision system and they're asking for feedback. Come along to our event to discuss the proposals and give your views. We'll

use this to create a forum response to the government. Join us at Chestnuts Community Centre on Tuesday 5th July, 12.30-2pm. Book via [Eventbrite](#).

Fortismere Holiday Camps July & August 2022

Summer Holiday Camps

With lots of fun and games to enjoy from Sports, Art, Drama, Coding to Chess and multi sports, our holiday camps are ideal if you find it hard to juggle work and keep children entertained. Activities will run between **09.00 am-15.00 pm** each day at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE.

The full week will cost £80*, an early **08.00 am** drop off option will be offered, where the children will be provided with a light breakfast of toast, cereal & juice.

Tiny Twinkles Age 3-6

Perfect for 3-6 year olds led by professional actors with a love for early years! Each day the children will explore all genres of creative arts- learning songs & dances, acting out role play adventures, exploring arts & crafts plus lots of games and crafts.

Week 1 25th July Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-week-1-tickets-314464641207>

Week 2 1st Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-week-2-tickets-314494540637>

Week 3 8th Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-week-3-tickets-314497449337>

Week 4 15th Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-tickets-314501020017>

Sports camp Age 7-15

This will give children the opportunity to have fun and interact with others through a range of sports activities such as football, rounders, tennis and fun competitions.

Week 1 25th July Sports camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-sports-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-316382397267>

Week 2 1st Aug Sports camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sports-age-7-15-week-2-tickets-316450470877>

Week 3 8th Aug Sport camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sport-age-7-15-week-3-tickets-316459548027>

Week 4 15th Aug Sports Camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sports-age-7-15-week-4-tickets-316620950787>

Chess Camp Age 7-15

Chess has been growing in popularity (online), boosted also by the popularity of the chess scenes in the recent Queen's Gambit TV show. This course aims to develop students' chess skills which can also indirectly help analytical and evaluative skills needed also in the classroom. The chess course will look at tactics, strategy, chess openings and endgame play, helping to become a better player.

Week 1 25 July Chess Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-chess-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-316622876547>

Week 2 1ST Aug Chess Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-chess-club-age-7-15-week-2-tickets-327900568427>

Dance Age 6-12

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.

Week 1 25th July Dance Age 6-12

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-dance-tap-jazz-and-musical-theatre-age-6-13-tickets-316626748127>

Week 2 1st Aug Dance Age 6-12

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-dance-tap-jazz-musical-theatre-age-6-13-tickets-316655915367>

Gardening Age 7-15

Garden planning outdoors and in, designs, types of plants and soils, videos, research and drawing activities, digging and planting of plants and more.

Week 1 25th July Gardening Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-gardening-camp-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-315264523677>

Week 2 1st Aug Gardening Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-gardening-camp-age-7-15-week2-tickets-315271153507>

Drama Age 7-15

This week the children will work on improvisation and comedy skills. Lots of drama games and exercises with the children to develop their confidence and skills.

Week 1 25th July Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-tickets-318698494777>

Week 2 1st Aug Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-week-2-tickets-318699036397>

Week 3 8th Aug Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-week-3-tickets-318702025337>

Art Age 8-15

Students will make life sketches, collages, and will also build structures out of cardboard and glue using these in graphics as an inspiration for their own streetscapes. These activities will open the eyes of young people to the world of fine artists, designers and architects. Anyone from 8 years old is welcome. Our environment is encouraging, inclusive and non-competitive, allowing students to move at their own pace and thus develop their unique skill-set

Week 3 8th Aug Art Age 8-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-art-club-age-7-15-week-3-tickets-321226997597>

Week 4 15th Aug Art Age 8-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-art-camp-week-4-age-7-15-tickets-321228802997>

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Update & Information

Safeguarding in school

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Kirsten Sullivan) about any safeguarding concerns please email safetalk@fortismere.org.uk alternatively you can speak to your child's Tutor or their Head of Year:

Year 7 jarrowsmith@fortismere.org.uk

Year 8 kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk

Year 9 kjackson@fortismere.org.uk

Year 10 dward@fortismere.org.uk

Year 11 glewis@fortismere.org.uk

Ms Sullivan

Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead