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Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

This week has been a musical sandwich, with Ofsted providing the filling. The Fortismere Community Choir provided an excellent musical evening on Saturday night with a range of excerpts from choral works and opportunities for audience participation with the carols (although the audience were strangely quiet in their rendition of the Coventry Carol...). It was a great opportunity to catch up with former parents and students and was very much a community event.

Two Ofsted inspectors visited Fortismere yesterday for an unannounced safeguarding visit. The students responded magnificently: charming the inspectors with their behaviour and social interactions around the site. They were cooperative and informative and we were very proud of how well they represented the School. Ofsted will be contacting all parents and carers by letter about their findings during the visit and this should be sent out



some time in mid-January.

Continuing the theme of reasons to be proud of our students; the Christmas Music Concert last night (and Wednesday) was a spectacular showcase of talent. From the sublime ('Time to say Goodbye') to the very funny (The Lumberjacks), all tastes were catered for. It was very much a student-led show and the Music Department are to be congratulated for the programme, their incredible hard work at the end of a long term and the technical expertise on show.

And a final note of pride...two Year 12 students helped with the Blood Stem Cell Donor Registration on Saturday. One of the organisers contacted us to say: "They [the two Year 12s] are both a real credit to Fortismere and I wanted to mention how fantastic they were." We are always aware how wonderful our students are but it is nice to be reminded from time to time.

Finally, good luck to the Fortismere 6th form students who will be at the VEX IQ tournament taking place here on Saturday. Huge thanks to Mr Yakup for giving up two consecutive Saturdays to bring the robotics community to Fortismere (unless it is just a Christmas shopping avoidance strategy!).

We hope you have a great weekend.

Dates For Your Diary

- 15 Dec Sixth Form Xmas jumper charity day
- 15 Dec Yr 11 Mock Results
- 18 Dec Last day to bid for Xmas hamper (p. 5)
- 19 Dec May Song play - 7pm, North Wing Hall
- 21 Dec Last day of term before holidays
- 3 Jan Term starts
- 15 Jan Parent Forum, 7:30
- 23 Jan Parent Forum info evening; Go4Schools: "Assessment and New Accountability Measures", 7pm

DON'T
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OUT!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Year 11 Post-Mock Revision Session Schedule

To all Parents of Year 11 Students: Here is the Post Mock Revision Session Schedule for January 2018. Wishing you and your family a peaceful Christmas holiday, *Mrs Finberg*

fortismere Y11 "Catch Up" and Revision Sessions Schedule – JANUARY 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	French Listening Music Workshop	French Exam Technique Music Workshop ICT + Computing Catch up	Spanish Listening Music Workshop Business Studies Revision	Spanish Exam Technique Music Workshop	Mandarin Catch up Music Workshop PE Revision class
After School	ENGLISH Revision Session (invited students) Economics Revision January Drama Tutorial (invited students) Drama drop-in (from March) Dance Week 2 Only	SCIENCE Revision Session (invited students) DT Session	MATHS Revision Session (invited students) History Exam Skills Session Photography Booster Music Open Workshop	History Content Session DT Session Geography Support Session (invited students)	Art Catch up Music Workshop (invited students) Photography Catch Up

LOST PROPERTY

Both North and South Wing offices have many items in Lost Property. Whatever is left unclaimed will be disposed of in the holidays. Please tell your children to come and check for anything that they may have misplaced. Thank you.

The Admin Team

FROM THE FSA

Headteacher Recruitment AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Thank you to all those parents and carers who contributed to the Governor's consultation this term. Including parents, staff and students we received literally hundreds of responses in written and verbal form. As a result we feel fully briefed as to the views of all parts of our community as we go into the search and selection process.

As planned, the recruitment campaign goes live this week with the intent that a decision is made in early February. You'll find links to the advertisement on the school website as the material is released.

Wish us luck!

Mark Chapman
Chair of Governors

There are many wonderful reasons to get involved with or attend FSA events. As parents and carers don't get the chance to see each other very often when children are in secondary school, FSA run events are a great way to keep in contact and socialise. The money raised by the FSA provides funds that staff can apply to for resources that the school does not have the budget for. The FSA is already at work planning events for 2018:

- Phil the Bag: February TBC (start setting aside old clothes and linens)
- Quiz Night: 3 March (sold out last year, Pauline back by popular demand)
- Fun Run: TBC In memory of Vic Shamar, raising money for student mental health
- Cinema Night: TBC (featuring Hairspray)
- Comedy Night: TBC
- Adult Disco: TBC
- International Night: TBC
- Fortitude: 7 July

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FROM THE LIBRARY

HARINGEY CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

Promoting literacy and reading for pleasure



The lovely Oscar from Year 13 in festive garb reading "The Night Before Christmas" to students in our Chapter 2 reading group during VT. Before the distribution of too much chocolate!

The Haringey Children's Book Award is now in its fourth year, set up by the school librarian community in Haringey to promote literacy and reading for pleasure across the borough through interaction between schools. The award aims to get more children reading and share fantastic books with them that they may have not noticed. Our Year 7 HCBA group will read the shortlisted books, do various activities on them, and then join other schools from around Haringey for workshops and the award ceremony itself - at Heartlands High School on 27th March - where they vote on the winner. Our first meeting was on Friday 15th December, but if your child missed it for any reason and would like to join our weekly Friday sessions, do get him/her to speak to Mrs Ward in the library, Ms Adams or Mrs Coles.

YEAR 7 REVIEWS

Some wonderful reviews of a new book from our Year 7 students and published in the Times Educational Supplement: <http://bit.ly/2nPQLaH>

WRITING COMPETITION

BBC Young Writers Award - deadline is March 2018

You have until March 2018 to submit your entries to the BBC Young Writers Award competition <http://bbc.in/2z2mGZ6>. We have some super-talented creative writers out there, so get the juices flowing over Christmas and get pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard). Take a look at all the tips on the home page and read previous winners.

RECOMMENDED TELLY

Follow this link for fab TV <http://bit.ly/2y8zpK9> I shall be watching Brian Cox (swoon) and "The Science Behind Dr Who" (double swoon).

NOTES FROM NON

A weekly tip from Non Pratt, our Patron of Reading



"Don't push them towards 'the classics'. It's the fastest way to put them off reading altogether."

RECOMMENDED READS

Christmas trilogy

Matt Haig has written an adorable Christmas trilogy. "A Boy Called Christmas", "The Girl Who Saved Christmas" and "Father Christmas and Me" are spectacularly illustrated by Chris Mould and are a perfect addition to any Christmas stocking for all ages. The books tell the "true story" of Father Christmas and the magic of this time of year. I suggest the hardbacks because they are sparkly and special. **Mrs. G Ward**



EVENTS

HARINGEY DANCE COMPETITION



Congratulations to Maddie Kennedy, Livia Mullen, Lily Letford and Mia Lancaster who performed their own contemporary dance piece 'The Resolution' at the Haringey Dance competition on Wednesday evening. The girls worked really hard and performed a beautiful piece which had a strong anti-bullying message. According to the judges the dance "closely matched the story and changed the mood in the room". The girls were up against tough competition from various dance styles and entries from across the borough. I am incredibly proud of their efforts and am pleased to say they placed third in the competition which is an outstanding accomplishment.

FORTISMERE COMMUNITY CHOIR A HUGE SUCCESS

The Community Choir gave its Christmas concert last Saturday. They sang a selection of festive music (as well as some sublime motets by Bruckner and Poulenc) before inviting the audience to join in with all our favourite carols.

The concert, held at St Andrews Church, was a wonderful way to send out 2017, which has been a great year for the Music Centre, surrounded by the local community of parents, teachers, students and residents of Haringey.

Thank you to all who came to sing – we're looking forward to seeing you all next year for Haydn's secular epic, The Seasons, performed in May. To find out more, or join in with the choir, visit: www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk.



UPDATES

Silent Auction: Give yourself a gift. Win a Fortnum and Mason Christmas Hamper!

Win a lavish Fortnum and Mason Hamper in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the start of Creighton School!

Packed to please even the most discerning palate, the Grosvenor Hamper is filled to bursting with an impressive feast for Christmas. Contents include the famous Old English Hunt Marmalade and Blackberry Preserve, which are joined by sweet pleasures, such as Cinnamon Dusted Milk Chocolate Almonds and scrumptious Piccadilly Salted Caramel Biscuits. To drink there is Fortnum's Breakfast Blend Loose Leaf Tea and Jubilee Blend Coffee Beans, ensuring you're spoiled for choice. Finally, there's a bottle each of Dao Tinto

and Bordeaux Blanc, retrieved from the Fortnum and Mason cellars to enhance this hearty menu.

Get bidding now (and help the school with much needed funds) with this wonderful hamper for a Christmas present for you, or as a present for someone special: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/creightonchrissiehamper>. Contains alcohol. Dimensions: 49(L) x 31(W) x 22(H)cm. Please note that it is an offence to purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic liquor if you are under the age of 18. The auction closes on Monday 18th December.

Thank you for your support of the school, teaching students on the hill since 1906.



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SUPERSTITION, HERESY, WITCHCRAFT

TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2017

7.00PM

NORTH WING HALL
FORTISMERE SCHOOL

TICKETS £4.50

Harry Potter trip: magical

Sixty Fortismere Year 7 students enjoyed a magical trip to the Warner Bros. Harry Potter studio tour. The studios were in full Christmas spirit with plenty of (at the time) fake snow covering everything. Some of the highlights included taking the Hogwarts Express, broomstick flying, and the Forbidden Forest. As a DT department-led trip, we learned a lot about the design and construction of the sets, models, props and costumes. Some of the more foolhardy students even tried Butterbeer. All the students were immaculately behaved and a credit to the school. 100 points to Gryffindor!

