

Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

Welcome back to what has been, for many of our students, a three day week. We are delighted to see so many of our students well rested and ready of the challenge of the final term. Year 10 have been very good at organising themselves for their Year 10 exams and their behaviour has been impressive. We hope that next week goes as well as this week. Year 11 are preparing for the final push, with language orals and Photography next week.

Thank you to the many parents who participated in the Pastoral Review via the parent survey. The Review has now concluded and after considering all the evidence and views collected we have decided to move to a hybrid system from September. We will be transferring the Head of College role to a Head of Year role students will be in tutor groups of 27. For Key Stage 3 the tutor groups will be based on the mixed ability teaching groups and for Year 10 we will look at the English groups for initial guidance on tutor groups. We intend to reduce the number of colleges from 6 to 5 (with an opportunity for a bit of renaming – details to follow!) with each college having 2 tutor groups per year. These will be run by our current Deputy Heads of College who will become college leaders. We are keen to maintain the strong ethos and identity which the college system allows and will be working with the new Heads of Colleges to ensure that we have systems and opportunities, such as regular college assemblies and college based extra-curricular activities, to foster these positive identities.

Students who were involved in the Pastoral Review are being informed of the upcoming change through year assemblies which began yesterday with Year 9. At the same time, they are being introduced to Edison, the school dog. There is a communication going out today to all parents/carers asking you to let us know if they wish their son or daughter not to have access to Edison. Although we are very enthusiastic about Edison joining are staff, we are aware that a school dog will not work for every student.

Finally, it's time to batten down the hatches against Storm Hannah and wish you all a happy, if blustery weekend. Καλό Πάσχα to all our Greek Orthodox families!



Ms Zoe Judge



Ms Jo Davey



Dates For Your Diary

- 1 May 7X Bank Parents Evening South Wing 15.30-18.30
- 3 May NCS Summer experience 12.25-1.15pm Year 10,11,12,13 SW and NW Reception
- 15 May 7Y Bank Parents Evening South Wing 15.30-18.30
- 24 June Year 11 Prom
- 25 June Year 13 Prom
- 13 July Fortitude 12-18.00pm

Messages

Sailors Required

Haringey sailing team (I preparation for the London Youth Games) are looking for enthusiastic sailors at school or living in Haringey.

The London Youth Games sailing takes place at Queen Mary SC (over towards Heathrow) on the weekend of 15-16 June. It's a fun event, with very mixed abilities. If sailors are reasonably competent in a boat, they'll do fine (even well). If they're experienced, there is stiff competition at the top of the fleet. This is a great opportunity to represent Haringey and develop sailing skills.

Sailors do not need to have any race experience to take part. There is some training we can join at the Welsh Harp near Wembley on Thursday evenings. Depending on location, there might be other options I can steer people towards

If your child is interested in this exciting opportunity then please contact Nick Pighills (Team Manager) at nickpighills@gmail.com



Yr. 11 Prom and Yearbooks

Parent/Carers,

We are now on the downward slope to finishing GCSEs so here is a final reminder of all things centred on celebrating Yr. 11 time at Fortismere.

Prom

Payment is reopening for **5 days only** until **Monday 6 May** as we have had a number of requests from parents still to pay. Tickets will be available via Parentmail, you will need to go into the shop to purchase them – any problems please contact our finance department finance@fortismere.org.uk . Students who may have problems affording a ticket please see or email Ms Allaway to see if you qualify for a discounted ticket.

Yearbook

The turnaround for the Year book is now very tight as the company need money up front to design and start a printing run.it is hoped they will be available on Yr.11 results day. The slowness of students handing in photos and quotes has held up the design process significantly. Therefore the shop will open for purchases from today until next **Friday 3 May**. only. It would be difficult to extend on this deadline after this date. If there are not enough payments to afford a 150+ print run I am afraid we cannot go ahead unless we approach parents who have paid to pay a higher price. The price very much depends on a mass production run. Students who may have problems affording a yearbook please see or email Ms Allaway to see if you qualify for a reduction in the cost.



Please communicate this to your son/daughter. Many thanks.

PE Department

New Extra-Curricular Sports Timetable – Summer Term

Plenty of new after-school and lunchtime sports options available this summer term – please encourage your child to attend!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS TIMETABLE: APRIL~ JULY (TERM 3)

	WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?	WITH WHO?
MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TENNIS ATHLETICS BADMINTON 	TENNIS COURTS FIELD SPORTS HALL	3:20 3:20 3:20	MR HAWKES ALL PE STAFF MS BAILEY
TUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROUNDERS Y7/8 TENNIS LUNCHTIME INDOOR CRICKET LUNCHTIME 	FIELD TENNIS COURTS SPORTS HALL	3:20 12:35 12:35	MS VANGUCCI MS VANGUCCI MR COX
WEDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HANDBALL ATHLETIC MEETS 	SPORTS HALL NEW RIVER	3:20 3:20	EXTERNAL COACH ALL PE STAFF
THURS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRICKET NETS ALL YEARS Y11 GCSE PE REVISION ROUNDERS Y9/10 TRAMPOLINING (UP TO 9/05) Y7/8 BASKETBALL LUNCHTIME 	SPORTS HALL / FIELD S01 FIELD SPORTS HALL SPORTS HALL	3:20 3:20 3:20 3:20 12:35	MR KAY MR HAWKES MS JACKSON / MS VANGUCCI MS WILLIAMS MR COX
FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 MULTI SPORTS LUNCHTIME 	LUNCHTIME	12:35	MR COX

Rhodes Student Ambassadors



MUSWELL HILL FOOD BANK

The Rhodes Student Ambassadors team are collecting donations for a local food bank based in Pembroke Road, Muswell Hill. The Food Bank provides support and essential items to help people break free from poverty and resolve the crises that they face.

The Food Bank has asked for particular items which are urgently needed and we request that, if you are able to contribute, please buy from this list:

Clothes washing powder

Shampoo

Hair conditioner

Body wash

Soap

Deodorant

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Sanitary towels

Tampons

Tinned fruit

Tinned meat

Tinned rice pudding

Tinned custard



We are collecting from Monday 29th April to Friday 24th May. There will be boxes in the canteen area of North Wing.

If you require any further information please contact Ms A Williams, our Deputy Head of College.

Thank you very much for your support.

Kind regards

Rhodes Student Ambassadors

First Give

First Give Final

All parents/carers are welcome to come along to support and admire the amazing work and presentations that the Year 7s have put into raising awareness and funds for their chosen charities. A selected team from each teaching group will be arguing that their charity should win the £1000. The final is at 5pm on Tuesday 30th April in North Wing Hall. Many thanks to the expert and able support of their Enrichment teachers for making this happen: Ms. Massey, Ms. Arrowsmith and Ms. Paul.

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Class	Class Charity	Names
7X1	Haringey Migrant Support	Christabella Chau, Rosie Davis, Jessica Plimley, Edie Allan-Davis, Daisy Fox, Maya Roy
7X2	Noah's Ark Children's Hospice	Ella Moore, Lydia Morgan, Lola Morris, Rosie Ayers
7X3	MIND	Nikolas Maroungkas, Ellis Clarke, Flynn Whitwell-Gillett, Benjamin Brockman, Kiran Sharma, Lewis Fraser-Lawrence, Rafael McLean
7X4	Macmillan Nurses	Fatima Ali, Sophie Yenidunya, Nataly Moore
7X5	G.O.S.H	Matilda Malik, Hope Stacey, Sissy Quinlan, Zoe Leigh, Lydia Whitbread,
7Y1	G.O.S.H	Nadia Kennedy, Rhea Jungeblut-Pearce, Claudia Fussell, Alice Rack
7Y2	Bobath	Yasmine Aziz, Marnie Donaldson Davis, Anna Balfour, Sylvie Denner, Hawa Abdurahman Abdushakur, Sienna Sarri-Azanedo
7Y3	Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen	Elsa Wainwright, Letizi Desiata, Evita Cantillon, Izel Arslan
7Y4	Solace	Elif Bilici, Adin Coster, Carson Cunningham, Amelia Owczarczyk, Romy Grayburn, Oluwalose Fashola
7Y5	Solace	Bella Mellows, Eva Rowe, Sophie Smith



News from the Library

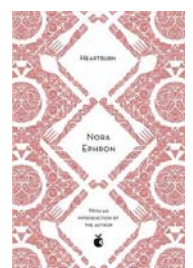
Some time ago I applied to be a giver on World Book Night on 23rd April. Take a look on www.worldbooknight.org if you're not sure what this is. I was delighted to be told that I would be receiving 80 copies of the Costa shortlisted *Orphan Monster Spy* by Matt Killeen, a great YA crossover book that is enjoyed by teens and adults alike. I was even more delighted when Usborne Publishers offered me the author too! So on the first day of term, Matt visited classes from Years 8, 9 and 11 in the library. His presentation on heroes, resistance and Nazi Germany had even the most jaded student spellbound, and we all learnt new things from the amazing research undertaken for his debut novel. Matt even gave the Year 11s a whistlestop master class on creative writing ready for their forthcoming GCSEs!

At the end of each session every student received a signed copy of *Orphan Monster Spy* on the proviso that, once they have finished reading it, they give it to someone else who may not have access to books or even might not read that much (surprising how many students said they'd give the book to their Mum/Dad because she/he never reads!) A group of students might like to get together and hand out the books outside Sainsburys, or East Finchley station, or they might even want to make a trip to Great Ormond Street or another hospital where the children and young adult wards are crying out for reading material. I'd love to see some photos of the books being given out, and I can send them to Matt.



There are almost 70 reviews already on our special Carnegie webpage <http://bit.ly/2Vqujon> Do take a look, and bear in mind that this year, I am not correcting the entries before they become live – and this site does not autocorrect!

A reminder that our next meeting of CoverUp, when we'll be talking about Nora Ephron's *Heartburn*, is on Thursday 16th May. And if anyone wants to get ahead of themselves for the June Pimms-and-Women's-Prize-for-Fiction evening, take a look here <http://bit.ly/2PupSU6> - we'll be reading one of these books!



News from the Library



Date for your diary: the Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition is free, and there's something for all ages. Take a look via this link and start planning <http://bit.ly/2UIC4GE>

Book tickets for Beasts of London, an immersive experience at the Museum of London <http://bit.ly/2XtG5vJ> . It's great for lovers of London, history and animals.



Recommended Reads – for grown ups this week

"Plunge yourself soul-forward into a children's book: see if you do not find in them an unexpected alchemy; if they will not un-dig in you something half hidden and half forgotten". A book on my shopping list by the amazing author Katherine Rundell is *Why You Should Read Children's Books, Even Though You are so Old and Wise* <http://bit.ly/2ZoC5yl>

The final book in Graeme Simsion's Don Tillman trilogy (that started with *The Rosie Project*) is *The Rosie Effect*, and it's wonderful. It's laugh out loud funny and thought provoking too. It'll make your heart sing!

