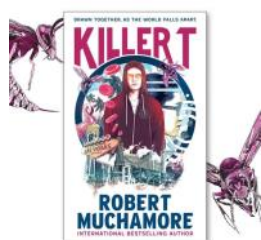




Ms Zoe Judge



Ms Jo Davey



Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

There first full week of term has seen a return to the usual routines and business of school. Year 7 are already looking like old hands as they navigate the site from lesson to lesson and the rest of the school seem to have quickly settled in new teaching groups and for Years 10 and 12, new subjects.

Mr Michaels is busy putting together the list of extra-curricular activities list that parents and carers will be able to view on the website and Ms Arrowsmith is finalising the organisation for this year's Year 7 camp. But events have already started: Year 9 have been privileged today to meet with author Robert Muchamore and football trials took place earlier on in the week. We very much hope that there is something for everyone and if football and authors are not your thing, chess club or films might be. Year 12 are getting a more

active introduction to extra-curricular activities via the year 13 Leadership Team's 'freshers' week' style societies" fair next Wednesday. We would urge all Year 12s to attend as the

range of clubs and societies on offer is excellent and a great way of getting to know new people, whether you attended Fortismere in lower school or are new.

Yesterday evening saw the Informal Year 7 Parents' Evening and we were delighted to see so many people there. As well as parents and carers receiving useful information about Fortismere, it was an opportunity to socialise. The socialising seemed to go particularly well and we would love to build on that by seeing our new (and not so new!) parents and carers at FSA events. We would like to thank Maria Demetriou for organising the social side yesterday: in addition to her role in school for fundraising and communication, Maria has led on the FSA and yesterday evening's event was very much in the spirit of the FSA. We would also encourage our parents and carers, if they can, to join the FSA. This would support Fortismere in working with families to provide opportunities for community and family events for fundraising purposes and to strengthen links between the school and its parent community.

Thank you to everyone in supporting such a smooth start to the new academic year and we wish you all a restful (and warm!) weekend.



Dates For Your Diary

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- 17 Sept Year 11 Walton on The Naze Trip
- 20 Sept Parent workshop LINC 9am –10am
- 20 Sept Staff/Parent Reading Group 7pm–8pm
- 24 Sept Parent Information Instrumental and Vocal 6pm–7pm
- 26 Sept—Early school closure 1.05pm
- 26 Sept—Prospective Year 7 Open day
- 27 Sept—Late school start 10am

Messages

Open day Wednesday 26 September and school early closure

Fortismere will be closing at 1.05pm on Wednesday 26th September 2018 to allow staff time to prepare for Prospective Year 7 Open Day. Students who are entitled to free lunch may pick this up at break time.

Thursday 27 September 2018 Late start

Fortismere will be open to students at 10am for a 10:20am start on Thursday 27th September 2018

PE Kits

We are aware that some of you have been experiencing problems with our PE kit supplier. School Trends notified us of a "technical issue" in August which has meant delays and difficulties obtaining some kit. If your child does not have the correct Fortismere PE kit then please provide them with appropriate clothing (trainers/shorts/skort/tracksuit bottoms/jumper of a plain nature) with a short note explaining the situation. We are in the process of amending this issue so we are not faced with it again.

Year 7 & 8 Learning Conversations, 3 October, 2:00 – 4:30pm

A reminder that the meetings with tutors for year 7 and 8 students will take place on Wednesday 3rd October. Parents / Carers with children in years 7 and 8 will be able to book their appointment using our on-line booking system (the same as the one we use for parents' evenings). You will receive an email with detailed instructions on how to do this nearer the time; the bookings will be available from Monday 24th September.

School will end after lesson 4 (1:05pm) that day, there will be no lunch service. Students entitled to free school meals will be able to get their lunch during break time.

Non-registration texts Year 7 students

From Monday 17 September parents will be informed of the non-registration of students by text. Please do not be alarmed when you receive this it probably means that your child has arrived late for school or that we have not received notice of their absence. Just follow the instructions on the text message.

Absence line/Attendance email

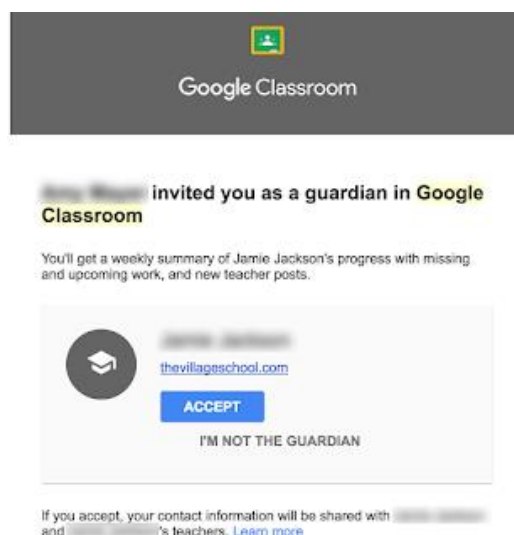
If your child is unwell, has a medical appointment or is unable to attend school please call the absence line 020-8365-4429 or email attendance@fortismere.org.uk

Google classroom

You should have received an email inviting you to receive summaries from google classroom. Please click on accept.

This will allow you to keep track of the homework that your child is being set.

If you have not received an email of this kind, please email helpdesk@fortismere.org.uk. If you have any other queries about google classroom, please email mstrathdene@fortismere.org.uk.



Events, Clubs and Activities

Year 7 activities day and overnight camp

Thank you to those parents and guardians who have paid and have completed the on-line permission slip. The dead-line for payment and on-line permission is this Sunday (16 September). We need to let Tolmers know the exact numbers in advance so apologies for this tight turn around. We hope that all year 7 students will go on this specially arranged trip and that this will help them to form bonds and give everyone in the whole year group a positive shared experience. On-line Permission slips and more information about the event can be found on the school web-site under "news and events". You have to pay separately via your parent pay account.

If you are not sure how to fill out the groups section on the on-line permission slip, then please note that by clicking on "groups", you are invited to select your child's **college** from the drop down menu. For example, if your child is in O5 then you would select "Olympia" for the group and then "5". If your child is in A2, then you select "Alexandria" and then "2".

All information about the day and night can be found in the powerpoint presentation. Once I have final numbers, I will be creating group lists for the day and these will be displayed in school.

Please do contact (via e-mail) the trip organiser Ms Arrowsmith if you need any further help – jarrowsmith@fortismere.org.uk



Events, Clubs and Activities

Free of charge Royal Institution Computer Science Masterclasses for year 9 pupils at Gladesmore Community School (limited number of places)

Saturday mornings; Saturdays 10/11, 17/11, 24/11, 1/12, 8/12, 15/12

If you would like to nominate your son/daughter to attend the Saturday morning Ri Computer Science Masterclasses at Gladesmore Community School on the above dates please email:

myakup@fortismere.org.uk

Creative Digital Media Production

Our BTEC Creative Digital Media classes are researching different media industries: film, TV and advertising. As part of their course, they are encouraged to meet with people who work in those media industries and visit workplaces. Are there any Fortismere parents or carers who work in the media who would be willing either to come into school and talk to the class about their careers or host a visit to their workplace?

If so, please get in touch with mstrathdene@fortismere.org.uk . Thank you!

Art Club begins again on Thursday 20 September (3.30-4.30) in N6, north wing. This is targeted at KS3 but all are welcome providing there is space.

GCSE Art Catch Up also restarts on Thursday 21 September. This is a time when our GCSE Art students can work on their coursework in the department.

There is a opportunity for year 10 students to have **work experience at the National Portrait Gallery** (22-26 October).

'We are looking for enthusiastic students to join us for a one week of work experience and have a taste of the variety of roles available in the Gallery, learning skills that are also transferable to other industries. We are particularly interested in applications from the most socially disadvantaged students in order to give them opportunities to gain work experience in an area of public life that they might not have previously considered. We also encourage applications from underrepresented groups.'

Please follow this [link](#) or see Ms Powell for more information:



If you are stuck for something to do this weekend, and want to see where an education in Art and Photography can lead to, visit the IMAX cinema, Waterloo to see props and costumes from films including Alien, Star Wars and Indiana Jones. These will be auctioned on behalf of the BFI Prop Store on 20 September.

Events, Clubs and Activities

Student Investor Challenge 2018/19

It's the UK's premier investment competition with over 400,000 students from 2,500 schools. There are a whole host of prizes available, including a trip to New York!

Practice trading starts on 17 September with the main game beginning on 15 October 2018.



When does the challenge run?

Trading in the first phase of the challenge begins on 15 October 2018 and will run until 25 January 2019

Do you have the skills to make a winning portfolio?

The competition involves teams investing **virtual money** on the London Stock Exchange. You will need to keep your portfolios healthy by following the ups and downs of the market, judging when to buy and sell in order to make a profit.

<https://www.studentinvestor.org/>

The competition is open to teams of students who will be aged 14-19 on 31 August 2019. Teams must consist of four students (no more, no less) and **must be registered by Mr Valentine (13T1) / Mr Renner (13T2).**

Events, Clubs and Activities

Vex Robotics

VEX Competitions bring STEM skills to life by tasking teams of students with designing and building a robot to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. Classroom **STEM concepts** are put to the test as students learn lifelong skills in **teamwork, leadership, communications**, and more. Tournaments are held year-round at the regional, state, and national levels and culminate at the VEX Robotics World Championship each April!

If you are interested in joining the Vex Robotics team please attend **after school sessions in S35 run by Mr Yakup on either Mondays and Tuesdays or both**. Fortismere won many regional events last year and were crowned UK champions last season in the Vex IQ competition (Key Stage 3). The Fortismere Vex EDR team (Key Stage 4 and 5) last year as well as winning the Turkish National Competition in Istanbul, were the UK runners up and earned a place at the World Final held in Louisville, Kentucky USA where they competed successfully to become the highest ranked European team!

For the latest competitions please [click here for VEX IQ](#) and following [this link for the Vex EDR competition](#)



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Events, Clubs and Activities

THERE ARE 2 SCHEMES:

1. MONDAY-FRIDAY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY FOR FORTISMERE STUDENTS
2. SATURDAY FORTISMERE MUSIC CENTRE (FMC) FOR ANYONE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY (ALL AGES)

INSTRUMENTAL/ VOCAL LESSONS AT FORTISMERE

THESE START NEXT WEEK: WK BEG 19/9/18

Ms S Ogilby, Head of Music & Music Technology (NW)

sogilby@fortismere.org.uk

Mr J Winters, Saturday Music Centre Manager, FMC

fmcinfo@fortismere.org.uk

Ms M Izzet, Music Administrator (SW)

mizzet@fortismere.org.uk

MON-FRI SCHEME:

STEP 1:

Collect an application form from the music department or download from the school website. Complete and return to any music staff or Ms Izzet, Music Administrator, South Wing Reception, mizzet@fortismere.org.uk, Applications received are processed half termly.

STEP 2:

Parents/ carers will receive an invoice by post/ email if we are able to offer students a place. On receipt of the payment before the deadline date (see invoice), students will be timetabled for lessons.

STEP 3:

Students check the music noticeboard in North Wing music department to see the times, dates, teacher and rooms for their termly lessons. These are also emailed home to students. Lessons rotate through the school day and, ordinarily, lesson times change but the day remains the same each week. We can fix lesson times if requested (ie. during VT) and if possible, and we can re-arrange lesson times with at least 2 days' notice. Parents/ students should inform mizzet@fortismere.org.uk or sogilby@fortismere.org.uk if you wish to reschedule a lesson, with notice.

STEP 4:

Collect an A5 GREEN RECORD CARD from the door of the music office, to write the times and dates of lessons. This will be signed by their instrumental/ vocal teacher as proof of their attendance for the class teacher. They will also be given a YELLOW PROGRESS BOOK from their instrumental/ vocal teacher to be used as a communication book with parents, students and staff, and to record the lesson information.

Fashion show coming to Fortismere



Fortismere brings the catwalk to school!

October 18th we will be hosting a fund raising fashion show together with the local charity shops. The aim of this event will be to promote awareness of various charities, the causes they support, and that it's cool to wear second-hand. Any money from items sold will go back to the charity, and ticket sales (£6 per person) will go towards the school fund.

This is an opportunity for students to become involved on a first come first basis who would be interested in Modelling(5boys,5girls), styling; makeup and hair.

We would also like parents to help with the event, and are looking for a presenter to introduce the show and *briefly mention the various charities and the good causes they support. Please contact Ms Bhambra at vbhambra@fortismere.org.uk*

The event will take place in October straight after school and will last 2 hours.

We are also raising money for the D&T Department. Our target is £5,000. We need your support.

KS3 – Year 9 only focus is core textiles for GCSE

KS3 – Year7&8 will have a Textiles Afterschool Club that will run every Monday 3.30-4.30pm for pupils who are interested in making a range of craft products from toys to garments.

KS4– Year10/11 GCSE D&T-Textiles yr10 projects are skirt/trouser & surface decoration – dresses/ soft furnishings

We would like an embroidery machine and two working over locker machines. Over the next couple of years we would like to replace all the current sewing machines with 20 new Brother machines.

The embroidery machine would be essential if when we were to run A Level Fashion & Textiles. The number of pupils taking Textiles as a GCSE is going up, the school should seriously consider running it as an A Level. If it was to go ahead then an Embroidery Machine is essential.

Upcoming Football Fixtures (Boys)

Please note the first 3 rounds of league games are as follows;

Year 7	Monday 17 th Sept (H v STM)	Tuesday 25 th Sept (A v PVA)	No game
Year 8	Thursday 20 th Sept (A v STM)	Monday 24 th Sept (A v PVA)	Thursday 4 th Oct (H v Dukes)
Year 9	Thursday 20 th Sept (H v STM)	Thursday 27 th Sept (H v PVA)	No game
Year 10	Tuesday 19 th Sept (A v STM)	Tuesday 25 th Sept (H v PVA)	Tuesday 2 nd Oct (A v Dukes)
Senior Team	Trials – Tuesday 18 th Sept	Wednesday 26 th Sept (H v CC)	Wednesday 3 rd Oct v (A v GC)

Further fixtures to be announced once confirmed. Fixtures can change so pupils should always check with managers / PE notice boards.



HARINGEY SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTS COMPETITION DATES 2018/2019

DATE	SPORT	VENUE	FORTISMERE CONTACT
1st HALF TERM September 3rd – October 19th 2018			
September- October 2018	Boys' Football Leagues	All Haringey Schools	Y7 – Mr Hawkes Y8 - Mr Cox Y9 – Mr Kay Y10 – Mr Michael
September- October 2018	Girls' Netball Leagues	All Haringey Schools	Ms Vangucci
Tuesday September 18 th 2018 4.00-5.30pm	Cross Country 1 (London Youth Games qualifier)	New River Fields & Track	Girls – Ms Vangucci Boys – Mr Cox
Tuesday October 2 nd 2018 4.00-5.30pm	Cross Country 2 (London Youth Games qualifier)	New River Fields & Track	Girls – Ms Vangucci Boys – Mr Cox
Wednesday October 3 rd 2018 4.00 – 5.00	Tag Rugby Year 7/8 Girls	Pool A at Fortismere Pool B at Gladesmore	Ms Jackson
Thursday October 4 th 2018 3.30-6.00pm	Table Tennis	Gladesmore School	Mr Michael
Monday October 8 th 2018 3.30-6.00pm	Table Tennis	Alexandra Park School	Mr Michael
Wednesday October 10 th 4.00 – 5.00	Tag Rugby Year 7/8 Girls	Pool A at Highgate Wood Pool B at St Thomas More	Ms Jackson
Thursday October 11 th 2018 3.30-6.00pm	Table Tennis	Gladesmore School	Mr Michael
Tuesday October 16 th 2018 3.30-6.00pm	Table Tennis	Alexandra Park School	Mr Michael
Wednesday 17 th October 3.45 -6.00pm	Tag Rugby Year 7/8 Girls FINALS	New River	Ms Jackson
Thursday October 18 th 2018	Y11 7-a-side Football Tournament Boys	Frederick Knight Centre Willoughby Lane	Mr Hawkes

HARINGEY SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTS COMPETITION DATES 2018/2019

2nd HALF TERM October 29th - December 21st 2018

October - December 2018	Girls Indoor Football 5 a side	Fortismere School	Ms Vangucci
October – December 2018	U/16 and U/14 Girls Basketball (School Games entry qualifier)	Various	Ms Jackson / Ms Bailey
Thursday November 1 st 2018 1.00pm	Y7 7-a-side Football Tournament Boys	Frederick Knight Centre Willoughby Lane	Mr Hawkes
Friday November 16 th 2018 3.00pm-6.00pm	Badminton KS4 Boys & Girls (School Games entry qualifier)	Dukes Aldridge Academy (Formerly Northumberland Park School)	Mr Kay
Thursday November 22 nd 2018 4.00pm	Volleyball Boys (School Games entry qualifier)	Gladesmore School	Mr Kay
Thursday Nov 29 th 2018 4.00pm	Volleyball Girls (School Games entry qualifier)	Gladesmore School	Ms Vangucci
Friday November 30 th 2018 1.30pm	X Country Champs	New River Fields & Track	Ms Vangucci / Mr Cox
Monday December 3 rd 2018	Girls' Handball (School Games entry qualifier)	Fortismere	Mr Cox
Monday 10 th December 2018	Swimming Gala	Dukes Aldridge Academy (Formerly Northumberland Park School) Swimming Pool	Ms Jackson
Monday December 10 th 2018	Boys' Handball (School Games entry qualifier)	Fortismere	Mr Cox
Wednesday December 12 th 2018 2.00pm-6.00pm	KS3 & KS4 Dance Festival (School Games entry qualifier)	Heartlands High School	Ms Williams

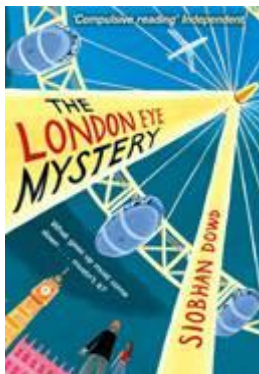
News from the Library

A reminder that the first meeting of CoverUp, our parent/staff reading group, is on Thursday 20th September, 7pm in the library. We have chosen *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman as our book for discussion, as we think lots of you will have already read it! But if you haven't, do come anyway for a fun and social bookish evening. It's a great way to meet other parents.

All our Year 7 students have had or will be having their first library lessons and it's great to see what a well-read bunch they are. They may have told you that they have chosen a book as a welcome present from Fortismere library. The books are from BookBuzz (a BookTrust initiative) and has been funded by our wonderful parents association. They should be in eager little hands pretty soon.

Recommended Read of the Week

Troublemakers by Catherine Barter is an amazing coming of age, political story and comes highly recommended by me and by Daisy in Year 9. And some of our younger students are telling me how much they love *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd and its sequel, *The Guggenheim Mystery* by Robin Stevens. They have very good taste



Notes from Non (Non Pratt, our current Patron of Reading)

Read the books they're reading! You can't share what you don't have!

News from Linc

We are very pleased to be welcoming Ms Brooks to the team as our new SENDCo and Ms Carrim our Specialist SEND teacher, who also has responsibility for access arrangements. Other additions to our team are Ms Harris O'Hanlon, with a focus on parent and student engagement and our new EAL coordinator Ms Ingerslev. They look forward to the opportunity of meeting you all and working with you and your families.

Following on from your feedback about the workshops, coffee mornings and sessions we ran last year, we have a large range of sessions planned for this academic year. Our aim is to work with parents and students to support their journey through school and give parents opportunities to meet our team, develop their knowledge about specific issues and have the tools to support their children in partnership with the school.

We have a range of professionals who will be contributing to these sessions including our Counsellors, Educational Psychologist and Dyslexia Specialist. There will also be termly parent information evenings, LINC coffee mornings and an opportunity to meet our 6th form students.

Please see below for this terms schedule:

Parental Sessions:	Date:
Inclusion – What we do?	Thursday 20th September 2018 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Dealing with Anxiety	Thursday 18th October 2018 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Drugs & Alcohol	Thursday 22nd November 2018 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Year 10 Information Evening	Thursday 6th December 2018 5.30 pm – 7:30 pm
How to work with the school to support your child attending school	Thursday 20th December 2018 9:00 am – 10:00 am
How to support your child with self-harm	Thursday 17th January 2019 9:00 am – 10:00 am

To book your place on any of the above sessions please go to our website or [click here](#)

6th Form Counselling Support Crowdfunder

Dear Supporters,

I would like to wholeheartedly thank you for your most generous financial and written contributions to our crowdfunding campaign. Such a coming together of our community is profoundly telling of the help and support we want to provide our young people. Together, we will really be able to help our Sixth Form students when they need it the most.

Mr J Carter

Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Many thanks to all parents/carers that stayed after the presentation last night, it was a lovely night and it was great to seeing all new faces. If you could not attend and wish to have your details shared with other parents in your child's class please send an email to mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk including your child's name. Child's class, your name, mobile number and email address



HPV Vaccinations

HPV Vaccinations will be held 17 Monday 2018 in the conference room South Wing building between the times of 09.20am – 15.00pm

Listed below are the times for each college

Alexandria 09.20 – 10.00 Rhodes 10.20 – 11.00

Colosseum 11.00 – 11.40 Ephesus 13.30 -14.10

Olympia 14.10 – 15.00

News from the Fortismere Music Centre

Fortismere Music Centre Start of Term

FMC will begin again for lessons, choir and orchestra this week. We are looking forward to welcoming back friendly faces and introducing new joiners this term.

If you are interested in starting lessons or joining an ensemble, contact: fmcinfo@fortismere.org.uk

Well done to all who attended last weekend's FMC Choir 'Come and Sing' day at St. Andrew's Church. We had a great time singing Fauré's Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine in a scratch-choir including complete beginners to seasoned singers. This term the choir will be singing entirely music composed by women, including a new commission by Phoebe McFarlane. The orchestra will be playing Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique among other classics. For more info, to book tickets, or join in with an ensemble, visit:

<https://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk/join-in>

