

Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

The week began with some more inspirational performances courtesy of our Drama Department. This week it was the turn of our Year 13 students to perform and we were treated to adaptations of plays including 'The Twilight Zone,' which made a rather eerie start to the week. The students took on plays set in a range of social contexts from 1960s Burnley to a modern-day London classroom. There were some superb character performances and overall the production quality was as impressive as ever. We were incredibly proud of our students as the weeks and months of hard work that went into these performances were obvious and we'd like to thank the Drama Department for providing the support and inspiration.

On Wednesday our Year 13 parents came into school (some for the last time ever) to meet with subject teachers. This was the first subject teacher evening of the year for parents and comes at a critical time for Year 13 as they are both planning university applications and preparing for the final stretch of A level and BTEC study. This year we are focusing on developing our communications with parents and one of the ways we are doing this is by surveying parents at subject evenings about their views on how effective Fortismere is as a school. Thank you to all Year 13 parents who submitted their completed forms on Tuesday evening. And a particular thank you to the parent who left us this final message, 'Our daughter has loved being at Fortismere. We've loved being parents at Fortismere. Thank you for all the hard work your amazing teachers have put in!', which gave us all a very warm feeling and reminded us once again what a wonderful thing it is to be part of the Fortismere community.

On Thursday the Linc Department led another parental engagement session focusing on the impact of drugs and alcohol on young people. This was another well-attended and well-received session. Please refer to the Linc pages of our website for any upcoming parental engagement sessions that may be of interest to you as these do get booked up fast. However, be aware that the school is in the process of organising a series of student wellbeing events for parents during the course of this academic year. There will be separate sessions for parents of younger students, (Years 7 and 8) and our more senior students and we hope to bring you some dates very soon.

Before we know it, we'll be switching on Christmas at Fortismere so we are thinking we might enjoy the calm before the storm this weekend. We hope that you all have a peaceful weekend too.



Ms Zoe Judge



Ms Jo Davey

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Dates For Your Diary

- 5 December Year 9 Parents Evening
- 6 December Year 11 Macbeth Trip
- 6 December Year 10 Information Evening
- 09 December Christmas Fair
- 21 December End of Term
- 7 January Inset Day
- 8 January All Students 8.35am Start

Messages

Preparations are under way for the Mandarin Excellence Programme's year 8 Intensive Learning trip to China. Last year's inaugural trip was a great success; the British Council have put together this short promotional video which stars some of our students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-U3gLNqs4o&feature=youtu.be>

Year 9 Parents' evening 05 December 2018

A reminder for parents and carers with children in year 9 that the evening will take place next Wednesday. A parent mail will be sent on Monday with instructions on how to make bookings. We look forward to seeing parents and carers with their children on the 5th.

Tectonics Student Conference Day –Year 12 Geography Students

Geography Year 12 students will be attending a Tectonics Student Conference Day on Friday 30 November next week in Central London. This has been a hugely useful and enjoyable trip for the previous two years and it is hoped that all of our Y12 Geographers will come along this year. Students will hear a number of lectures given by experts in the field, such as Professor Iain Stewart reporting on recent tectonic disasters from around the world, Dr Martin Dregg on Mega cities and earthquake risk and Dr Thorbjorg Agustsdottir on volcanic activity in Iceland. The day will finish with a couple of talks by former senior examiners on improving exam technique in A Level Geography.

The trip will last day and students will be reminded to speak to their other A Level teachers to catch up on work.

Ms Sheldon, KS5 Geography co-ordinator .

Revision Guides

'There are about 50 yr7 maths and science revision guides not collected since early October. There are also about 15 sets of GCSE foundation guides that need to be picked up.

Pick up point: chemistry prep room, 15 mins after school, though there is no longer any staff specifically dedicated for this duty.'

Regards

Mr Richardson

Please register at Easyfundraising to raise money for Fortismere School.

Black Friday sales have started.

With over, 3,500 retailers now on easyfunding, nearly everything you can buy online this Black Friday and can raise a donation !

As well as all the big name retailers, there's also 1000's of smaller online stores who will donate to Fortismere School.

Black Friday is now GIVE BACK FRIDAY! Remember to shop via #easyfundraising when doing all your Black Friday shopping. You'll raise money for Cancer Research UK with every online purchase you make and it's completely FREE! To find out more, visit: <https://>

A graphic logo for Black Friday. The word 'BLACK' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below it, the word 'FRIDAY' is written in a larger, bold, red, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a white background with a thin grey border.

Christmas Fair 9 December & Silent Auction

Christmas Annual Silent Auction went live on [jumblebee.com](https://www.jumblebee.com)

New items added 2 Tickets at the Love Shots Canal Café Theatre, Tea for two with Local MP Catherine West, Finchley Yoga, A Guided Tour at the National Gallery

https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/auction/detail/auction_id/2735

Please bid generously, all money raised goes directly to Fortismere to fund essentials the school cannot. At the Summer Auction we raised over £6,000, we are hoping to match that this year. You will find everything from meals and cakes to a Arsenal signed shirt and Apple watch series 3. If you have prizes to donate, please get in touch with mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk Thank you for your support.

Christmas Fair 9 December

Put the date for the Christmas Fair in your diary and come along! We are promising stall holders that there will be lots of people eager to buy their wonderful festive gifts, so make our dream come true.

Planning for the Fair has already begun, and with the annual fireworks now over, preparations are stepping up a gear. Please get in touch with Philippa at philippastonebridge@hotmail.com if you are able to volunteer for an hour or more and help on the day with set up during the Fair or clear up at the end. And if you know of any orchestra/ choir/entertainer who would like to perform at the event, email Maria. Hope to hear from you!

Christmas Fair, Sunday 9 December, 11am-4pm



Holiday hampers needed!

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Aladdin Panto

Tickets are on Sale!!! 23-26 January 2019. Hurry - we expect it to sell out early! Tickets here – www.fortismere-drama-aladdin.eventbrite.com

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Drama Department

Drama Notices

Year 13 Exam Evening

A fantastic night was had by all at the Year 13 Exam performances on Monday 19 November. The audience was treated to the weird and wonderful world of *The Twilight Zone*, a dark comedy from Martin McDonagh's *The Hangmen* and a hilarious look at the education system in the recent Hampstead Theatre smash *Everyday I make Greatness Happen*. Thank you to all who came. Photo Credit – Simon Leibowitz.



Panto Backstage Team required

We are looking for Props assistants, Runners and Backstage crew for Aladdin our Pantomime that will be staged in January. Please come and sign up outside the Drama Office!

Oedipus Tickets on Sale next Week

The Christmas Drama Production of Oedipus will take place on Thursday 13 December at 7pm. Tickets on Sale Next Week!!!

Fortismere Drama Online

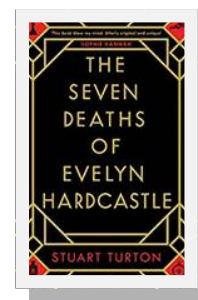
If you would like to find our more information about what the Drama department does every day, please do follow us on **Facebook**, **Twitter** or **Instagram** @fortismere drama

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News from the Library

After an inspiring CoverUp meeting this week (see Recommended Reads below), this is to let you know that the next book group get together for parents and staff is on Tuesday 22 January when we shall be discussing the intriguing murder mystery *The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. (NB: not on Thursday as originally timetabled because of a clash with our pantomime!) 7pm in the library. All welcome.

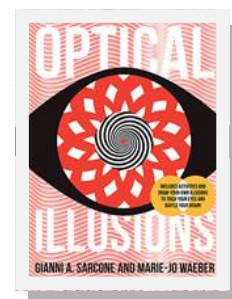


Please send us your postage stamps!

It's the time of year when you may be getting a title more post than usual. So here's a reminder that all used postage stamps should be brought to the library for the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf charity.

Recommended Reads of the Week

Here's one for the stocking shopping list! The winner of the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize, as judged by panels just like our lovely bunch at Fortismere, is *Optical Illusions* by Gianni A Sarcone and Marie-Jo Waeber. The Chair of the RS panel said, "*Optical Illusions* draws you in from the moment you open it. It manages to combine instant appeal of some wonderful and mind-blowing optical illusions with just the right level of explanation that explains the science behind the illusion. As such it has something for every age from 4 to 14, and indeed for adults as well. It both entertains and educates in some surprising ways, and is a worthy winner of the Young People's Book Prize." Our panel was fascinated by it.



Anyone interested in anything medical should put these books on their wish list: *This is Going to Hurt* by Adam Kay, *Do No Harm* by Henry Marsh, *Admissions* by Henry Marsh, anything by Atul Gawande, *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi and *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Thanks to CoverUp members for these ideas – all suitable for KS4+, especially if the medical profession is being thought about.

