

## Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

We have been very pleased to welcome five teachers this week to Fortismere from our new partner school in India, The British school of New Delhi. The teachers have come to work with our English, Maths, Science and Humanities departments to observe our practices and experience education in a very different setting. Our visitors have been incredibly impressed by the energy and drive of our students and their passion for learning and have been really inspired by the experience so far. We hope this is the beginning of a long friendship between Fortismere and the school in New Delhi which will offer exciting educational opportunities in the years to come.

Equally inspiring are the efforts our student ambassadors have gone to in order to improve the lives of others this week. Following the sad loss of a member of our site team last year, Foster Boateng, we made contact with his children's school in Ghana as Foster had been working at Fortismere to support his children through their education back home. Our students were inspired to do something to support his children's education and having made contact with the school we were told that one of the things the students really need are pens and paper and other learning equipment. Consequently, the ambassador teams from Ephesus and Olympia colleges have spent the last few months collecting lots of stationery that we can ship out to Ghana for the students to use. We are equally proud of our student ambassadors from Rhodes college who this week volunteered to cook in the café at St James' church. It's so wonderful that our students are so mindful of their place in the world that they are willing to offer their time for the benefit of others.

As public exams continue we have also been very proud of our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have shown real grit and professionalism during the exam period. They too have impressed our team of invigilators who have commented on their good organisation and approach to each and every examination. Having spoken to these students it seems that, with the exception of a few quite tricky papers and one rather unusual question in an English GCSE paper, overall things are going very well and they feel as though they are getting there. We'd like to thank our English, Maths and Science departments for supporting Year 11 students by offering examination breakfasts before the big exams and our examinations team led by Ms Robson and Ms Grossman for organising the exams so well and providing extra support to those students who found they needed it.

Wishing everyone, especially our hard-working exam candidates a lovely rest this weekend.



Ms Zoe Judge



Ms Jo Davey

### Dates For Your Diary

- 24 June Year 11 Prom
- 25 June Year 13 Prom
- 03 July early closure 1pm year 6 to year 7 transition day
- 13 July Fortitude 12-18.00pm

# Messages

## Prestigious prize winner at Fortismere

**Congratulations** to Tallulah Knowles for winning the Fitzwilliam College Classic essay competition! Her essay on "Is Classics merely the study of elite dead men?" drew special praise from the judges as "exceptional". Tilly wins the £200 and is invited to a prize giving ceremony at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge in July.



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## "Community share offer for solar panels at Fortismere - closing 14th June

The community share offer to fund the new solar panels on the Science Block is now open. Local community energy group en10ergy installed 105 solar panels on the Science Block roof with a projected saving of 16 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> a year, and bill savings for the school. This is an opportunity to invest in community renewable energy and will offer a return of 3% per annum - you can see the share prospectus here <https://en10ergy.org.uk/new-share-offer-fortismere-school-project-completion-2019>. Fortismere parents will be given priority to subscribe to the share offer. Local community energy group en10ergy Please email en10ergy at [info@en10ergy.org.uk](mailto:info@en10ergy.org.uk) if you have any questions."

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## Year 11 Student Leader opportunities 2019 -2020

### A Williams Deputy Head Rhodes

I am starting the process of recruiting next year's Year 11 Student Leaders. Students who are interested in the position need to complete an application form and hand it into me by next Friday the 14th June. Application forms can be collected from me personally in north wing. Successful applications will be shortlisted for an interview on Friday June the 28th.

A Williams  
Rhodes

Deputy Head



# Messages

## 'Easyfundraising' - Online Donation Website

Easyfundraising is an online donation website; it works in a similar way to many other loyalty shopping sites, but instead of earning points when you shop, you raise a donation for your cause instead. We have registered Fortismere School up as a cause and are now simply awaiting your support. With an array of leading retailers including, Amazon, popular supermarket chains, clothing shops, electronic shops and hotel brands, there is an abundance of donation opportunities.

Easyfundraising can turn your everyday online shopping into free donations for Fortismere. How? Just start online shopping first at Easyfundraising, then shop as normal. The retailers will then make a small donation to say 'thank you' to Fortismere.

Easyfundraising have 3,564 retailers to choose from and so far have raised over £23 million for thousands of community groups, schools, sports clubs, small and large charities across UK Easy!

Here is the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/> find your favourite shop and when you buy, money is donated direct from the shop to the school.



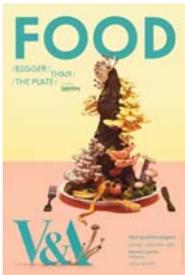
## Trip to The Community Café – Rhodes Student Ambassadors and Ms A Williams DHOC

On Tuesday 4th June, a group of students from the Rhodes Ambassadors team visited the Community Cafe in Muswell Hill. The Community Cafe is run at St James Church every Tuesday. They create soup and serve cakes, with many of the attendees being people who struggle financially, some have been homeless and many have mental health issues, or disabilities. Elderly people also often attend if they are feeling lonely, as the Community Cafe offers welcoming and friendly company. The Student Ambassadors from Rhodes College helped to prepare the soup and spent some time getting to know the people from the community who volunteer there. It was a wonderful experience, and we hope to visit again soon!

The Rhodes Ambassadors team

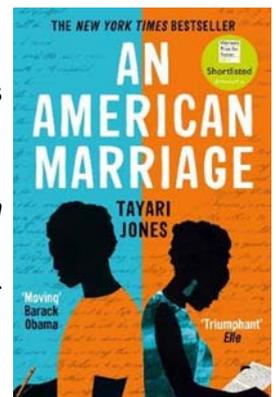
# News from the Library

Our manga and graphic novel section is growing due to popular demand and perfect to spark the interest of any so-called reluctant reader (\*please\* do not tell your child they are “not proper books”!) Highly recommended for the manga enthusiast in your life is the new exhibition at the British Museum <http://bit.ly/2JUitO2> - the largest ever to take place outside Japan. Take stout shoes and a full wallet...

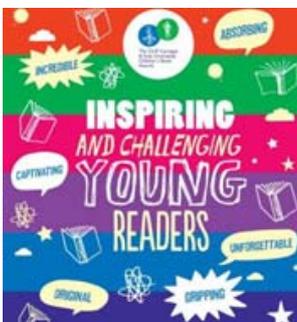


Another extraordinary exhibition is currently showing at the Victoria and Albert Museum. “Food: Bigger than the Plate” explores every stage of the food system from compost to table. Thought-provoking. <http://bit.ly/2wzKNwo>

A lively group of CoverUp members went to the Women’s Prize for Fiction readings in Cadogan Hall on Monday 3rd June; it’s always exciting to hear the shortlisted authors talk about and read from their books. As usual our last parent/teacher reading group book this year will be the winner of the Prize which is - drum roll - *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones <http://bit.ly/2Wnv6HQ> . Hope to see lots of you in (or outside, weather permitting) the library on Thursday 11th July, 7pm. Traditional Pimms will be served together with nibbles – including the equally traditional cheesy balls.



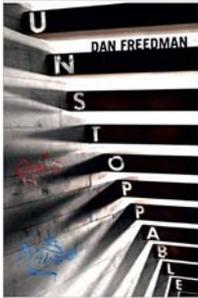
Our Year 8 Carnegie Showers are steaming through the eight shortlisted books. Do take a look at some of their (occasionally brutal) reviews. <http://bit.ly/2Vqujon> One more week to go and then partaaay!



# News from the Library

## Recommended Read of the Week

Dan Freedman – best known for his Jamie Johnson series – has written his first Young Adult book, and it's superb. There's still a bit of football in it, but also tennis, sibling rivalry, parental pressure, ambition, disappointment, gang crime... It's gritty and hugely accessible. Parents should read it. And so should their children



Wednesday 5th June was World Environment Day and it was wonderful to see some of our dedicated Climate Group members setting up a stall outside the library to spread the word. Ms Holder provided a carbon footprint quiz (and Maltesers as a prize for the student with the lowest footprint!) Several students brought empty single use plastic water bottles which the Group are collecting in order to create awareness of the plastics crisis. The Climate Group meets on Monday at 3.30pm in T19. All are welcome. And remember that library staff will refill water bottles for students. (With water).



# Drama Department

## Wind In the Willows Auditions

Students and staff are welcome to attend auditions for next year's Drama production *Wind in the Willows*.

The earth is dying, there is no planet B. How will Moly, Ratty, Toady and Badger deal with their habitat destruction?

The production will be in December. Auditions 3:30pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June NW hall. Please sign up outside the Drama Office.



# Drama Department

## Drama at Haringey Cultural Education Partnership Meeting

Drama were invited to be on the panel discussion at the Haringey Education Cultural Partnership Meeting this week. It was great to meet so many Arts providers in Haringey and meet others trying to connect and work together. We discussed the London Schools Drama Network which was born out of Fortismere and explained best practice on linking curriculum with working with arts partners. The Drama Department works with over 20 different arts partners around London and we are very keen to invite professionals in to work with us. If any parents can offer any skills or connections, please do get in contact – we are always keen to expand even further. [lovers@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:lovers@fortismere.org.uk)

## NT Live Camera Rehearsal at the National Theatre

This week Year 10 students were invited to the National Theatre to watch the NT Live camera rehearsal of 'Small Island' Andrea Levy's epic, Orange Prize-winning novel adapted for the stage. Students were moved to tears as they watched the story which journeys from Jamaica to Britain, through the Second World War to 1948, tracing the tangled history between the 2 countries. Thanks to the National for having us and this show has given students lots of ideas for their own exam work.



# Fortitude Donations

**FORTITUDE**, the largest fundraising activity of the year is happening **13th July from 12.00 to 6.00 pm.**

Live music (featuring students), fairground rides, food trucks and lots of games and vendors.

As parents and carers of students at Fortismere, **we rely on your help and donations** to make the day a huge success.

**Early bird tickets are on sale at the library £3**

**Donation requests (drop off in South Wing):**

2 Tombolas: bottles & 'stuff' (biscuits, beauty products, etc) and chocolate & sweets



Teenage and Vintage Clothing: vintage or interesting clothing, out-grown clothes from your teenager

Also any hats, bags, sunglasses, jewellery, must be in **CLEAN, WEARABLE** condition



Cakes and Salads: *please bring on the day*



**Volunteers on the day:**

Help with set up, sell tickets, take tickets, clean up

Please contact Maria at [mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk).

**SALADS & QUICHE STALL:** Please bring salad and / or quiche to Fortitude at 11.30am on Saturday. (If people want to drop earlier, Please contact me [mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk))

- **CAKES:** All cakes welcome. Please bring along to Fortitude on the day.

- **VOLUNTEERS:** It won't happen without you. We really need volunteers. Please get in with [mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk) if you can help set up, help run a stall during the fair or help with clear up at the end of the day.

- **VINTAGE CLOTHES:** Please bring to the South Wing Reception as soon as you can as we want to be able to sort them so they look lovely for Saturday.

# Fortitude <sup>2019</sup> Summer Festival

**SATURDAY JULY 13th**

**12 - 6pm**

## Funfair Rides

Twister \* Bumper Cars

## Food Stalls

Street Food \* Licensed Bar \*  
Cakes \* Salad



## Market Stalls

Gifts \* Books \* Clothes

## Win Prizes

Tombola \* Raffle

## Live Music

Open to the public  
**Entrance £4**  
Via Gates on Twyford Avenue



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# Charity Appeal: Noah's Ark Children's Hospice



We are delighted to announce that as a whole school fundraising event, **all 6 colleges** are teaming up to raise money for the Noah's Ark Children's charity.

Noah's Ark Children's Hospice is a community-based hospice service providing support for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and their families in North and Central London. This fantastic charity runs a wide range of services from specialist medical care, home support, activity days, bereavement support and much, much more.

It is also a particularly crucial moment for Noah's Ark as they are currently building the "Ark" – a purpose built specialist hospice center in Barnet, which will make a huge impact on the care they can offer. For more information we encourage parents to view this brief online video which details some of the charity's fantastic work;



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RalsBBALCGA>.

## The Rainbow Run – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

To raise money for this worthwhile cause a large number of students, staff and student ambassadors will be completing the Rainbow Run – a 5km paint fueled event in Trent Park! We welcome parents and carers to join us and signing up takes only a few minutes at the Noah's Ark website.

If you wish to sponsor the assembled team of runners it can be done by either cash or online. Form tutors in all colleges will be collecting during VT or alternatively please visit our just giving page to make an online donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/Fortismeresecondaryschool>



**Thank you for your support!**