

## Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

As is customary after a holiday, Fortismere began the new half term at full pelt. It has been the week of the annual school photos and thank you to Ms Oddi for doing such sterling work in support of the photography company. Normal dress for photographs became fancy dress for the Year 7s who attended the Halloween Disco. Great fun was had by all and some of the costumes were truly scary!

We have also been very fortunate in our visitors this week. The director Mike Figgis spoke to 6<sup>th</sup> formers on Tuesday (see below) which was a fantastic opportunity for our Film Studies and Drama students. Today the Forestforge Theatre Company has been in performing an adaptation of the novel Hidden by Miriam Halaahmy. The play tells the story of asylum seeker Samir through the eyes of teenager Alix and deals with complex and moving issues around human rights and immigration. Year 8 were challenged by, and engaged with the play and were especially privileged in being given a Q & A session with the author after the performance.

Last night saw the annual Fortismere Fireworks night and a huge 'thank you' goes out to all the people who worked so hard to make it happen, especially Maria Demetriou. The people working in the wine tent were especially appreciated for the generous servings of hot mulled wine which was almost a necessity in the cold. The fairground rides were excellent, although at least one looked far too terrifying to go on. It was great seeing so many families at the

event, some of whom attended as a community event as their children are not yet at Fortismere. We like to think that it rivals Ally Pally, if not in size than in levels of enjoyment (and affordability!).

Finally it has been a year since the sudden and tragic death of Vik Sharma, the Fortismere Head of Biology. After school today staff will be commemorating Mr Sharma in the Memorial Garden which has been built in remembrance of his contribution to the school. The Garden is nearly finished and has been built mainly on donations from the parent body. Once the work is fully complete the Garden will be used as an outdoor classroom and quiet space for students and staff.

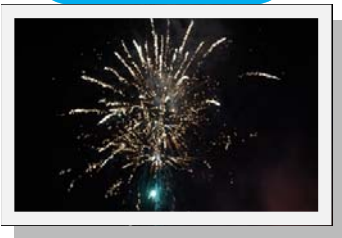
We wish all parents a happy and peaceful weekend (despite the fireworks!) and will ourselves be spending the time wondering what little extras to spend our windfall from Monday's budget on.



Ms Zoe Judge



Ms Jo Davey



DON'T MISS OUT

## Dates For Your Diary

- 06 November Early Closure 2.15pm Sixth Form Open Day
- 07 November Year 12/13 Drama Trip
- 09 November Trip to the Young Vic Theatre
- 21 November Year 13 Parents Evening
- 5 December Year 9 Parents Evening
- 6 December Year 11 Macbeth Trip
- 6 December Year 10 Information Evening
- 09 December Christmas Fair

# Messages

## .Temporary lunch rota for year 11 mocks

Year 11 students will be given priority during their mock exam period. Please see the below. We will revert to the original rota from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

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Mon	11	8	9	10	7	A C E O P R	
Tue	11	9	10	7	8	A C E O P R	
Wed	11	10	7	8	9	A C E O P R	
Thu	11	10	8	9	7	A C E O P R	
Fri	11	7	8	9	10	A C E O P R	

# Messages

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

[https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/auction/detail/auction\\_id/2735](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](mailto:mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk) Thank you for your support.

### Parent/Carer Voluntary Contributions 2018

Recent communication from Chair of Governors and Co-Heads <https://www.fortismere.haringey.sch.uk/page/?title=Voluntary+Contributions&pid=90>

# Messages

## **'Science & Maths revision guides for yr7 & 10**

We still have about 90 sets of revision guides that have not been collected.

Collection times are break and 15 mins after school.

Collection point is chemistry preparation room, ground floor science department, signposts are up.

From Monday 12 November, there will no longer be a guarantee that a member of staff will be on duty at those times.

Pupils will still be able to collect their revision guides, but may be asked to come back later.'

Regards

Ian Richardson (science)

## **Ethan Weston in Year 8 competed again this weekend in the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Warriors cup.**

He brought home a silver medal, bringing his total to 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze. He was only just beaten 2-0 by a boy nearly 15 years old, who was a weight and belt division higher than Ethan which is such a great achievement!





# Messages

## Early Closure – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Due to the Sixth Form Open Afternoon, lessons will end at 2.15pm, the end of period 4 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## Fortismere Chess club meets Thursday and Friday in 13T3 lunchtime. Team places available for Competition later this month.

Congratulations to Frankie Badacsonyi on winning his Section in a FIDE Rapid competition in North London.

For your diary: The World Chess Championship will be played in London at The College, In Holborn, between 9 and 28 November. This will be the first in London since 2000 when World Champion Gary Kasparov lost his title to Vladimir Kramnik.

## Year 11 Mocks – Pre-exam meditation – Ms Jackson & Ms Williams

The heads of college and I will be running 15 minute meditation sessions in the library from 8.15-8.30 before all of the Year 11 mock exams. The idea is to provide a calm and relaxing start to their exams and be a place students can come if they are feeling stressed / anxious. We are trialling this for the mock exams and, if successful, we will run these sessions during the summer exams.

## Y11 Haringey Football

An excellent performance from our Y11's who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Haringey 7 aside cup event



## Year 7 Halloween Disco

Thank you to all the staff and students who made the Halloween Disco so much fun on Wednesday. The costumes were as weird and wonderful as the staff dance moves! Well done to the boys who won the breakdancing dance battle. We have some lovely video footage so watch this space...



# Drama Notices

## Rupert Goold Q&A

The Drama department were lucky enough to have Rupert Goold, the Artistic Director of The Almeida Theatre, come and speak to Year 13 students on Tuesday of this week. We had our very own 'Inside the Actor's Studio' and Rupert was so giving of his ideas, expertise and time. The students asked him excellent questions that will help them shape their ALevel exam work. We are so grateful to Rupert and the Almeida Theatre Participation department.



## Year 13 Exam Evening – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 5:30pm

The Year 13s will be performing their Alevel exam pieces on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm. There will be 4 extracts from 3 different plays and the tickets for the evening will be available on Parentmail.

## KS3 Drama Club

KS3 Drama club has begun! Every Tuesday Lunchtime in NDRS2 at 12:25 – please bring a packed lunch.

## 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** @fortismeredrama

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# News from the Library

In the last newsletter we reported on the lovely Royal Society Young People's Science Book Award judging panel which met every week in the library. The students were so sad that our results have been sent and the book group finished that we organised one more session for them, this time in the science labs doing pretty awesome activities. We held fire in our bare hands! We made slimy stuff that bounced! And, of course, we ate cake. (NB not all at the same time). Huge thanks to Mr Manhare and the science technicians for accommodating us.



Highly recommended for our younger students – Josh Siegal is a brilliant performer and Pickled Pepper Books' new theatre in Crouch End is a superb venue <https://bit.ly/2CXQTLc>

Something that we already know, but it's always worth repeating... <https://bit.ly/2q87i8y>

Reminder: the next meeting of CoverUp, the parent/staff reading group, is on Thursday 22nd November, 7pm in the library. Two books: *This is Going to Hurt* by Adam Kay and *Do No Harm* by Henry Marsh. Compare and contrast...!

Recommended Read of the Week

Go and see



Hollywood film director, Mike Figgis ('Internal Affairs', 'Leaving Las Vegas' and 'Timecode'), ran a session here with us on his career in filmmaking. He spoke to Y12 and Y13 Media and Film students in a two hour workshop about how to break into film as a young filmmaker and discussed his own cinematic passions citing Godard's 'Weekend' and Hitchcock's 'Notorious' as two of his favourite texts. He spoke about the importance of storytelling as a sometimes lost aspect in the current Hollywood film output and took questions from our film and media students who are about to submit their own short films about how to avoid clichés. Thanks to the library for hosting this event.

Eden Nathenson, Y13



# Year 11 - Arkwright Scholarship

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Fortismere is proud to announce that it is again partnering with the Arkwright Scholarship Trust to vet and promote Arkwright Scholars from the school. The Trust is a charity sponsored by leading engineering firms, that seeks to identify high-calibre students who have an aptitude for, or strong interest in engineering, or related subjects.

Applications for the annual Arkwright Scholarship are welcome from Year 11 students who can commit to studying full A Level Mathematics in sixth form or college. Successful applicants will receive a grant of £600, mentoring and work experience days, and a valuable recognised scholarship that would greatly enhance any university application.

Further awards and scholarships are available at undergraduate level worth up to £12,000.

The application process is now open. Applicants will need to be nominated by their teachers, submit an application letter and complete both an aptitude test and a formal interview. The first stage of the process is teacher nominations. Nominations close on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018. To allow for teachers to prepare nomination statements in good time, students wishing to apply must notify me by the end of November in person or by email (see below). Earlier applications are preferable.

More details can be found in the ParentMail message I have also sent out to Year 11 parents, or from the Arkwright website directly:

<http://www.arkwright.org.uk/our-scholarships/arkwright-scholarships>

<http://www.arkwright.org.uk/how-to-apply/how-to-apply>

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