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## Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

We would like to begin this week's message by thanking our parents and carers for the support and kindness they have shown to the school as we said goodbye to Mr Sharma this week. We would specifically like to thank those who contributed words to be added to our book of condolences which will be passed to Mrs Sharma. It has been heartening to feel the immense support of our community at this difficult time.

Over the past couple of weeks Ms Allaway has led a series of assemblies to highlight "Anti-bullying week". It culminated in an hour and a half's session this morning for students with their VT tutors to talk about how we treat each other under the theme "All different, All equal". We enjoyed visiting classes to see our students collaborating on such an important project. We saw discussion around the difference



between friendly, ignorant and malicious banter and how that can cross the line into bullying. We are focussing on the three Bs, "Banter, Baiting and Bystander", as three behaviours that impact negatively on others. It has been lovely to see students engaging and sharing their views. The culmination of their work will see them commit to our school anti-bullying policy by cutting out their own handprints and writing pledges outlining how they will act to ensure that we always challenge bullying behaviour and that our actions allow all in our community to feel included and valued. These handprints will become leaves in a giant tree we are assembling to show our commitment.

We would like to extend particular thanks to our fantastic 6th form students who supported this event by visiting tutor groups. They were incredibly engaged with the activities and eager to talk to our younger students. We'd also like to wish our students and their families a restful weekend before the mayhem of December and Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations explode upon us. And special congratulations to Year 11 for finishing their mocks!

### Dates For Your Diary

- 25 Nov Auditions for school production
- 28 Nov Year 9 Options Focus Day
- 29 Nov Musical Theatre Workshop, p.4 -5
- 29 Nov Equality Fair, 5:30pm - 9pm
- 1 Dec Last day to donate to Christmas hampers
- 3 Dec Fortismere Christmas Fair, 11am - 4pm
- 5 Dec Year 9 Parents' Evening
- 18 Dec GCSE Mock Results published to parents

**DON'T MISS OUT!**



# SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

## DRAMA NEWS



### Fortismere's rising stars

The Drama department are thrilled to announce that Year 11 Drama student Jake Jones, and two of our Year 12 Drama students, Eden Nathenson and Ava Hanna, have gained places on the prestigious Into Film "Young Reporters Programme". They beat thousands of students to the places which provide children and young people with the opportunity to become the voice of Into Film.

Members of the programme are given the opportunity to develop film reporting and reviewing skills, receive media training and attend exclusive behind-the-scenes events. They will receive training to develop their film watching, understanding and presenting and also camera skills, and a chance to learn about how the film industry works with hands-on experiences, behind-the-scenes access and supported learning. They will get the opportunity to learn about film programming and curation and can attend events such as film festivals, premieres and filmmaker Q&As.

Well done Jake, Eden and Ava, we all look forward to seeing you on the red carpet very soon!

### REMINDER: Auditions this Saturday

Auditions for Into the Woods will take place on Saturday, November 25th in South Wing Hall. Due to the large numbers of students who expressed interest, we will be organising the year groups as follows: 09.00 – 10.00: Years 7 and 8; 10.15 – 11.15: Years 9 and 10, 11.30 – 13.00: Years 11 and 13. Students who have not received audition materials should email Ms Topping at ([mtopping@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:mtopping@fortismere.org.uk)).

Any students who would like to be involved without a lead role should also email Ms Topping as they will not be required to audition.

## FREE/DISCOUNTED EVENTS



### Free musical theatre workshop

Come along Wednesday, November 29th in p4-5 in the music block. Only 20 spaces are available for students who really enjoy singing and choreography in a musical theatre style. An external company are visiting Fortismere to work with interested singers who would enjoy rehearsing in a West End style. Interested students should email or speak to Ms Sarah Ogilby, Head of Music & Music Technology ([sogilby@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:sogilby@fortismere.org.uk)) as soon as possible. Boys and girls, any year group. Thank you.

### Tickets4Schools offer

We are fortunate that Tickets4Schools has again got a fantastic offer in place for Fortismere parents/carers and staff. This time it is for the play, Heisenberg: The Uncertainty Principle, by Simon Stephens. The title acknowledges the principle identified by the German physicist Werner Heisenberg in 1927: that it is impossible to measure the position and momentum of a particle simultaneously with absolute precision. Stephens applies this idea of natural unpredictability to two completely disparate people. The play, which stars Kenneth Cranham and Anne-Marie Duff, has had great reviews. Visit the link for info and to book discounted tickets (£65 tickets cost £24.50): <http://tickets4schools.com/fortismere-school>

## FROM THE LIBRARY



### BookBuzz books are here!

#### An early present from the library is delighting Year 7 students

The BookBuzz books have now arrived and are being distributed amongst our Year 7 students – a present from the library (A welcome to Fortismere gift? An early Christmas present? You decide!).

Huge thanks to the FSA who fund this initiative every year; it ensures that all our younger students have a book to read and keep.

Visit the Booktrust site for competitions, writing tips and author blogs based around the BookBuzz books <http://bit.ly/2zkRLlu> . And take a look at these excited faces!

### HELP THOSE IN NEED



### Save your stamps!

It's the time of year when you may receive more post than usual, so please send any used postage stamps to the library. We will then forward them to the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People charity.

### LEARN AS YOU WATCH

### Great TV viewing



From Winkle Brown to the Galapagos – some great TV viewing here : <http://bit.ly/2y8zpK9>



### RECOMMENDED READS

#### Asking For It and Cowgirl

One of the wonders of fiction is that it helps you to empathise, to “walk in someone else’s shoes”. And you may find someone who is experiencing the same problems as you. To mark the end of National Anti-Bullying Week, I'd like to recommend a couple of our books which look at bullying in very different ways. Asking For It by Louise O'Neill is one of the very few books that we restrict to Year 10s and above. The content makes it a hard and often distressing read. But its message is vitally important for boys and girls. For our younger readers I'd recommend Cowgirl by G R Gemin in which the eponymous heroine is different to her peers and treated badly as a consequence. *Gill Ward*

# NEWS YOU CAN USE



## October Revolution centenary

A-level History students were invited by the History Department to attend a centenary event to commemorate the anniversary of the October Revolution in Russia, which took place on 7-8th November 1917 and catapulted the Bolsheviks into power. Year 12 and 13 History students enjoyed refreshments while studying Bolshevik propaganda posters, then listened to Mr. Stewart read Tsar Nicholas II's formal abdication, Ms. Sullivan read an excerpt from Lenin's April Thesis, and Ms. Common outline an overview of how the October Revolution served to shape major 20th century events.

For more information on the significance of the October Revolution, please visit the following links: TedTalk: History vs Lenin - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9N8hsXQapjY> and Lenin's Legacy - <https://prezi.com/v9bnr9yeije/lenins-legacy-how-communism-shaped-the-world-in-the-20th-century/>

## CAREER NEWS

### Careers information - Year 11

There is always lots of information about careers and/or further study on our website, including details of local College Open Days, apprenticeships and University Fairs, so do check it out! Our Careers Advisor, Ms Natalie Phillips, will be available to meet with

Year 11 students and their parents/carers after the Year 11 Mock exam period. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to her about next steps, email her at [nphillips@fortismere.org](mailto:nphillips@fortismere.org).



## SPOTLIGHT ON THE FSA

### Holiday hampers, please!

Selling hampers at the Christmas Fair raised loads of dosh last year and we need help this year. Please donate any holiday food items such as mince pies, preserved fruits, jams and marmalades, Christmas puddings, chocolates and treats, Christmas crackers, teas etc - even unwanted gifts from last year, such as beauty items and bath products (no meat or cheese products please). Baskets and old hampers are needed too. Send all items in no later than Friday 1st Dec. to the library (South Wing Hall). Wines, bubbly and drinks containing alcohol are very welcome but must not be taken into the school by students. Contact Maria on [mariademetriou70@hotmail.com](mailto:mariademetriou70@hotmail.com).



## Ephesus Christmas appeal

### Help a local Foodbank

Student Ambassadors went round tutor groups this week asking for students to collect for a local foodbank. The food should be delivered to the foyer in North Wing Hall. There will be a student Ambassador documentary on Foodbanks made during the process of collecting. Food should be tinned or dried, as we have nowhere to store fresh food. Thanks for your help. *D. Turner, Deputy Head of College*



# ROUND-UP



## Alumni: help us celebrate!

It's 50 years since the foundation of Fortismere's predecessor, Creighton School, and we are searching for alumni to help us celebrate. The School is setting up an Alumni Association and is on the hunt for Alumni of Fortismere, Creighton and William Grimshaw and Tollington Schools to reconnect with them, stay in touch and create ex-student networks. In particular, the school are looking for 'Old Creightonians' to invite to a fundraising 50th Anniversary reunion Creighton Christmas Lunch at the school on 3rd December, including a tour and chance to recreate school photos from the late 60s, 70s and early 80s. If you know of an alumnus of any of the schools and would like to re-connect, or if you'd like to learn how to organise a donation/legacy, contact Mrs Clark, Head of Fundraising and Development, at [alumni@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:alumni@fortismere.org.uk) or call 0208 365 4400.

## Choir for Years 9 - 13

**ARTS SPOTLIGHT:** Come along and showcase your vocal talent every Wednesday at lunchtime in MU2

I have recently started a choir for Y9-Y13s on Wednesday lunchtimes in MU2. We are performing in the Christmas concert "Too good at goodbye" by Sam Smith and "Wade in the Water".

There are still places for new joiners and there is no need to be able to read music. Please come and join us next week.

Thank you, Miss Le Brun



## A note from the police

We've been asked to pass on the following information:

There has been a lot of disorder at Wood Green High Road over the last two weeks. For the most part, this has involved schoolchildren from a variety of different schools hanging around, causing anti-social behaviour and stealing from shops.

There is now a "dispersal zone" around the area, which means that if children don't leave when they are asked to by police, they can be arrested. Please tell your children to take heed of this message. Thank you.

## Lunchtime rota from Nov. 27

Yr 11 students have finished their mock exams, so the lunchtime rota will revert to the original schedule. The year group going last each day is divided by colleges. We will rotate this over the year. Share this info!

	12:25-12:35		12:35-12:45		12:45-12:55	
	SW	NW	SW	NW	SW	NW
Mon	10	7	8	9	11	A C E O P R
Tue	11	10	9	7	8	A C E O P R
Wed	7	8	11	10	9	A C E O P R
Thu	8	9	7	11	10	A C E O P R
Fri	9	11	10	8	7	A C E O P R