

Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

The Spanish Exchange students were in this week giving the School a European flavour, despite the unseasonal weather. It's always lovely to see the interaction between the hosts and guests and the knowledge that for many students, their exchange partners will be friends for life.

Congratulations to the Year 8 STAR Readers

Readers who have recently graduated from the programme. We are delighted at the progress they have made and the diligence with which they approached the work. We look forward to repeated success with our Year 9 Chapter 3 students and would like to thank the year 12 students who volunteer their time to work with Year 9. And a big thank you to Mrs Ward and the library team without whose dedication and organisation reading would not be the strength that it is in Fortismere.

May might be the start of summer (still waiting) but it is also the start of the exam season. Art and Photography, particularly Year 13, have been working hard all week and the Modern Languages Department has been busy with oral exams. Our exam groups have been both well prepared and well supported and we hope that the students have had the most positive experience possible when faced by exams.

A ritual part of the exam season is the Year 11 Celebration Assemblies. Our students astonish us every year with creative, imaginative and often very funny, outfits. From Super Mario to the cast of Winnie the Pooh, there was an array of the glamourous, the unusual and the downright strange. There were too many wonderful outfits to choose from but we were particularly taken by Cruella De vil and her Dalmatian on a lead. As the weather has cheered up, we hope they have a lovely (and responsible!) day away from school.

Year 11 are back with us for the next two weeks for a mixture of lessons, revision sessions and public exams. We are keen to emphasize the support available and would urge students who are feeling anxious about the impending exams to make use of the different strategies, such as yoga, offered from Linc and overseen by Ms Jackson.

Finally, we couldn't finish the week without acknowledging the amazing success of three London football clubs and an obscure team from Merseyside. We believe that one of the reasons for the success of the English clubs is the astonishing diversity seen in the players in the Premiership, from South Korea to Nigeria with a generous sprinkling from our European neighbours. As we pointed out to our students today, this strength through diversity is a cornerstone of Fortismere success and the Year 11 students this morning exemplified the range and cohesiveness of a truly diverse student body.

We wish you all a sunny and peaceful weekend.



Ms Zoe Judge

Ms Jo Davey

Dates For Your Diary

- 15 May 7Y Bank Parents Evening North Wing
15.30-18.30
- Year 13 Celebration Assembly
- 24 June Year 11 Prom
- 25 June Year 13 Prom
- 13 July Fortitude 12-18.00pm

Year 11 Celebration Assembly



Messages

Solar panels on the Science Block - opportunity to invest in community energy

Over the Easter holidays local community energy group en10ergy installed 105 solar panels on the Science Block roof with a projected saving of 16 tonnes of CO₂ a year, and bill savings for the school. Most of the installation was funded by existing community investors however en10ergy are seeking additional investment to close a funding gap of £9,000. This is an opportunity to invest in community renewable energy and will offer a return of 3% per annum. Fortismere parents will be given priority to subscribe to the share offer. en10ergy will be running a launch event for a 'mini' share offer on Monday 20th May - venue to be confirmed. If you would be interested in attending the launch event, or you'd like to find out more please email en10ergy at info@en10ergy.org.uk."

Cara Jenkinson
En10ergy



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3:30PM

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GARDENING CLUB !



Wednesday lunchtimes in Vik Sharma's Memorial Garden

Email Miss Larsson (plarsson@fortismere.org.uk) if you are keen or meet us on the Astroturf

Art & Photography Exhibition

The Art & Photography Department would like to invite you to the GCSE Art & Photography Exhibition on Friday 17th May, 6-8pm in North Wing, Creighton Avenue. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our year 11 students and gives students in KS3 an insight into the Art and Photography GCSE.

Fortismere School
GCSE Art & Photography Exhibition
Friday 17th May
6-8pm

Fortismere School
Creighton Avenue
N10 1NS

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Year 7Y Bank Parents' Evening -Mr A Ward

Year 7Y Bank parents' evening will be held in North Wing on Wednesday 15 May 15.30-18.30hrs. Online booking for 7Y Bank will open 10am Tuesday 7 May.

Year 7X Bank parents' evening is now complete

All Year 7 Parents/carers will receive a Parentmail communication on Tuesday 7 May with details of how to book appointments, however **only 7Y Bank will have access to the booking site..**

Please check with your child if you are unsure if they are in X or Y Bank

You will have the opportunity to make appointments with each of your child's subject teachers.

Please bring your child with you to this important evening.

News from PE Department

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 Girl's football team. They won the Middlesex Cup beating Capital City Academy 5-2. Goals from Araya Dennis (3), Ellie Gillbride and Evie Underhill. Fantastic achievement and performances by all involved. Well done



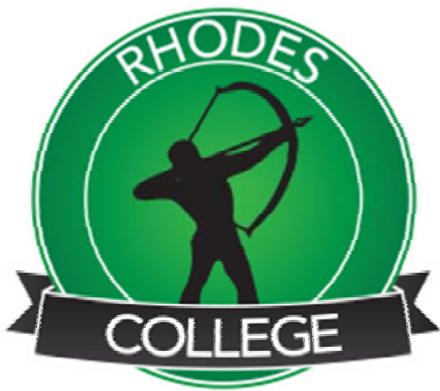
4 Fortismere girls represented Haringey Borough over the weekend -(Evie Underhill, Tayla Dennis, Ellie Gillbride and Livvy Cohen) they won the tournament and are through to the National Finals. Congratulations girls.

Lunch Rota 13may19 to 24may19

For the two weeks leading up to half term year 11 students will be first for lunch in South Wing every day so that they can prepare for their afternoon GCSE exams. Please alert your sons / daughters to the attached rota. A new rota will come into place after half term.

lunchtime rota from 13may19 to 24may19							
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Tue	11	9	10	7	8	O P R A C E	
Wed	11	10	7	8	9	O P R A C E	
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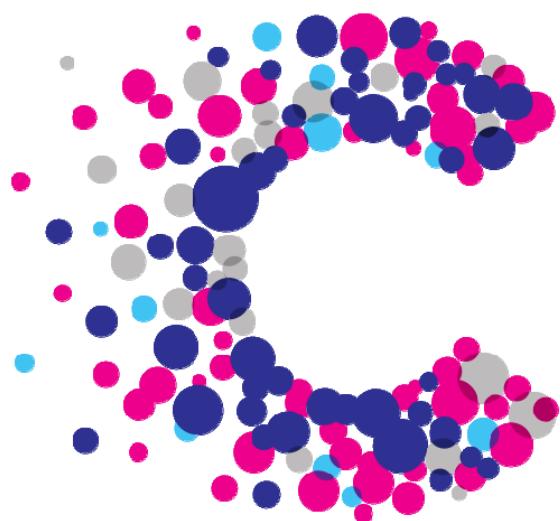
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RHODES KRISPY KREME SALE !

Report by Nusayba Ali, Rhodes Student Ambassador

On Thursday 28th April, there was a sale of original glazed doughnuts sold at lunchtime all around the school. The doughnuts were very much liked by the students, and everyone bought them. We ran out of them very quickly and we made over £113 for Cancer Research. I would also like to give a big thanks to our Rhodes ambassadors, our DHOC Ms Williams, and Mr Alam and Ms Letford from the Rhodes tutor team, who helped out.



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Messages

Shoe box Stationary Drive:

Following Foster Boateng's passing away last July, Fortismere got in touch with his children's school in Ghana and offered to provide support.

The school there is a fee-paying school as most schools are (secondary but also at times primary) in many African countries.

Ephesus and Olympia Student Ambassadors are collecting stationary to send to the Great Kwame Nkrumah Memorial School in Ghana.

Student ambassadors will come and talk to students in VT this week and the following weeks and ask students to donate in the North Wing Canteen where boxes will be set out to collect all forms of stationary, pencils, rulers, notebooks, etc.

The deadline will be just after the May Half term.

Please speak to Miss Turner and Mr Lewis for further details.

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Deputy Head of Ephesus College



Come to the Parent Forum on Thursday, May 23rd, 7pm - 8:30, North Wing Hall

(Governor's surgeries beforehand, from 5:30pm)

All parents/carers welcome - this is your chance to meet the Co-Heads and discuss any issue you would like brought up.

Please note that personal issues to do with your child should not be brought up at the Forum - governors' surgeries and other avenues are the place for this.

If you would like any topic to be discussed at the Forum, please email your thoughts, ideas and concerns to the following email address: parentforum@fortismere.school

An official Agenda will be put out in due course. **Wine will be served after the event so parents can meet and mingle afterwards...**

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Wendy Sloane

Vice Chair Governors

Mental Health Awareness Week

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Next week we will be recognising Mental Health awareness week with a number of different celebrations throughout the week. Mental Health awareness week aims to raise awareness on topics like stress, relationships, loneliness, altruism, sleep, alcohol and friendship. This year the focus is on body image and how we think and feel about ourselves.

The programme for the week is:

Day Activities

Monday 13th May Fortismere is hosting a well-being day for other secondary and primary colleagues with a focus on mental health.

Tuesday 14th May ‘wear odd sock day’ and donate money at the gate to support and raise awareness of mental health

Wednesday 15th May Year 7 Parents evening – our student ambassadors will be serving tea and coffee to parents and staff!

Thursday 16th May Year 7 will be off timetable all day for assemblies, workshops and activities designed to promote positive mental health. Students should line up in their classes in North Wing playground at 8.35

Friday 17th May Year 8 will be off timetable periods 2-5 for assemblies, workshops and activities designed to promote positive mental health. Students should line up in their classes in North Wing playground at 10.20.

Friday 17th May 4.15 – 5.30 – Parents are invited to North Wing to come and see and hear the work the students have done, listen to a talk and watch live student performances!

The sessions on Thursday and Friday include; Yoga, mindfulness, gardening, a body image fashion show, art, graffiti, drama and cooking! Parents are invited to come along on Friday evening where students will showcase the work they have done. On Friday Maya Jama (MTV presenter) will be coming in with the NSPCC to talk to students about mental health, we are really excited to meet her,

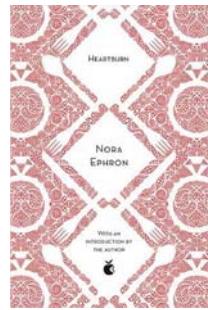
During PE lessons students will be doing a sponsored mile Walk / Run to raise money for Young Minds. They will be encouraged to dress up and bring sponsorship forms home.

We really hope that everyone gets involved in this week to promote these important messages. Thank you in advance for your support.

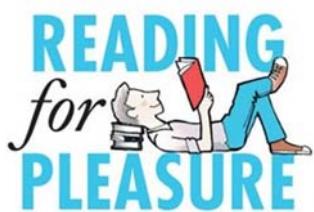


News from the Library

Don't forget the next meeting of CoverUp in the library on Thursday 16th May, 7pm. *Heartburn* by Nora Ephron is the book for discussion; it's delightfully short, so you still have time to read it! Refreshments provided.



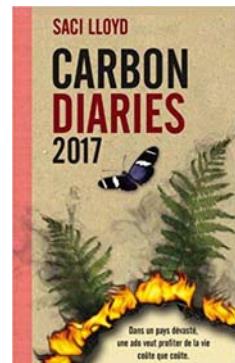
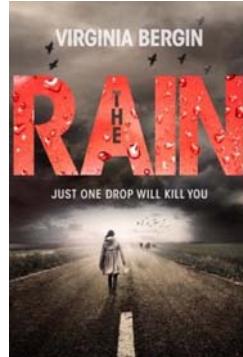
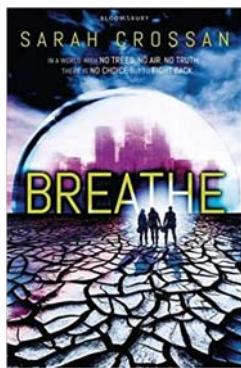
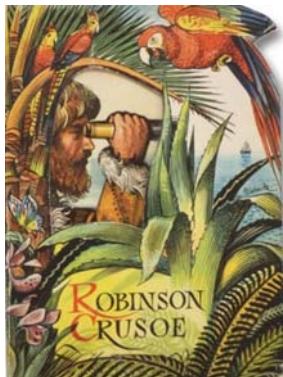
Just a reminder that the library sells all equipment needed for tests/exams/equipment pledges, including clear pencil cases and calculators – all at cost price. A filled pencil case (12 items, not calculator) is £3.50. Please ensure your students do not leave purchase of such items until 5 minutes before a major exam!



If you are as interested in reading and your child's literacy as we are, here's an interesting report... <http://bit.ly/2Ha40K1>

Recommended Read of the Week

300 years since Robinson Crusoe was written! Come and choose from the amazing array of books that Ms Boswell has found about islands, shipwrecks and the sea. And our major display for this term is about climate change and protest. Again, we have a vast amount of fiction and non fiction books for your students to read.



Drama Depart

Mackenzie Crook Drama Workshop

The Drama department were delighted to host BAFTA-winning writer, actor, director, and comedian Mackenzie Crook this week. Mackenzie kindly came to work with our Year 12 Drama students; discussing his work on Jez Butterworth's hit 2009 play 'Jerusalem' in which he starred in. He talked directors, movies, TV and top actor tips. We were so honoured and the students learnt so much about his experiences working on their exam text. Thank you Mackenzie!



An Audience with Joseph Smith

The Drama department continues its successful Masterclass series with theatre producer Joseph Smith. Joseph has produced

Come From Away – Winner of 4 Olivier Awards, including Best New Musical. It has taken the West End by storm as well as continuing sold-out, record-breaking engagements on Broadway, across the USA and in Canada. This joyous new musical shares the incredible real-life story of the 7,000 air passengers from all over the world who were grounded in Canada during the wake of 9/11, and the small Newfoundland community that invited these 'come from aways' into their lives. Students are welcome to attend the talk on Tuesday 14th May at 3:30pm in the North Wing Hall.

**FORTISMERE DRAMA
PRESENT**

An Audience With: Producer Joseph Smith



WINNER 4 OLIVIER AWARDS



**TUESDAY 14TH MAY
2019
3:30PM NW HALL**

**Please book a seat (free) from
Ms Owers in the Drama Office**

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