

Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

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A different international experience was offered yesterday to a group of students who were taken by the Drama Department to see 'Small Island' at the National. Andrea Levy's novel, on which the play is based, explores the nature of belonging through both British and Jamaican eyes. It gave our students an insight into the beginnings of London's modern multi-cultural society and the hardship and prejudice faced by the Windrush generation.

As the temperature rises, students' attitudes to appropriate school wear become more imaginative. Please may we remind parents and carers that we expect students to be focused on learning rather than wardrobes. School dress should be work orientated and although students can look lovely in minimal attire, this is best reserved for weekends or times outside of school. We will ask students who are dressed inappropriately to wear a school uniform shirt and/or trousers for the day, which we will collect back the following day. We are sure that students would prefer to wear their own clothes so to ensure that this doesn't happen, please could they follow the dress code. In addition, the field is open to students at lunch time for them to eat their

lunch and generally relax. In the last few days we are delighted to report that students have been far better at keeping litter off the field. However, there is very little shade available on the field and linked to dress code, we need students to be properly covered in order to keep themselves safe from the sun. The final point relating to dress is the increased visibility of 'durags', a type of hat. We have a 'no hats indoors' policy with the exception of religious attire. We will ask any student wearing a durag to take it off when they enter any of the buildings.

So at the end of a typically busy half term we wish all our families well and whether people are home or away, we hope you all have an enjoyable break.

Xie xie Zaijian !



A durag



Ms Zoe Judge

Ms Jo Davey



Dates For Your Diary

- 03 June all students to arrive as normal for a 08.35am start Period 1
- 04 June Year 12 Biology Trip
- 05 June Year 9 Deep Learning Conversation 2-4.30pm
- 24 June Year 11 Prom
- 25 June Year 13 Prom
- 03 July early closure 1pm year 6 to year7 transition day
- 13 July Fortitude 12-18.00pm

Messages

Three amazing Y12 students are undertaking the Three Peaks Challenge over the half term break. This involves climbing the three highest peaks of Scotland, England and Wales within 24 hours. The students are raising money for: Save the Children Yemen Appeal, Friends of the Earth Plastic Campaign and a local charity initiative called Wave Café.

The students climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowden are: Lucy Arnold-Foster, Adriana Beattie and Lauren Holyland. They would be hugely grateful for any sponsorship and have a Just Giving page where you can donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lauren-holyland>



Lunch Time Rota

A new rota will be in place for the second half of the term. Please share the attached information with your sons / daughters.

lunchtime rota from 03Jun19				
	SW	NW	SW	NW
Mon	7	8	9	10
Tue	8	9	10	7
Wed	10	9	7	8
Thu	8	10	7	9
Fri	9	10	8	7

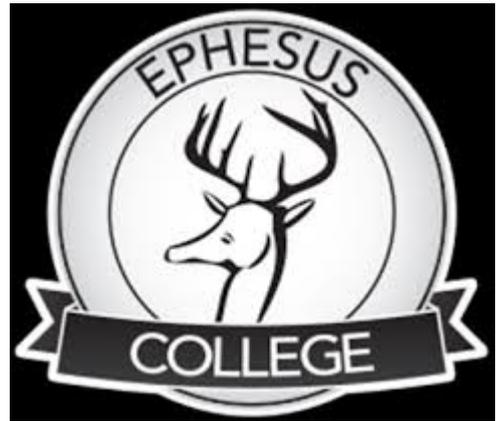
Messages

Year 9 Deep Learning Conversation (DLC) meetings - Wednesday 5 June 2-4.30pm

Year 9 DLC meetings will open for booking Wednesday 29 May. Year 9 Parents/carers will receive a Parentmail communication on Tuesday 28 May with the booking link and booking instructions.

Together with Ephesus the Olympia Student Ambassadors are going to be collecting in donations of stationery for the Great Kwame Nkrumah Memorial School in Ghana. This initiative is part of a series of projects at Fortismere in memory of the late Foster Boateng who was a valued member of our site staff. We would welcome donations of general stationery equipment and notebooks. Examples of what would be useful are:

- Reading books
- Reference books
- Activity books
- Textbooks
- Dictionaries
- Pens
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Paper
- Chalk – white and coloured
- Pencil sharpeners
- Rubbers
- Paperclips
- Paints and paintbrushes
- Scissors
- Glue
- Sticky tape
- Post-it notes
- Posters
- Rulers
- Compasses and protractors
- Calculators (solar powered)



The ambassadors will be going round North and South Wing VT groups on Tuesday 4th of June. Thank you for your support!

Messages

Feria de Londres 24-26 May (free event at Southbank) Ms Valdés

This event is happening again this year and I will be taking part on Saturday teaching a flamenco workshop for children. It's a great opportunity to get some Spanish vibes and try delicious food and drinks "¡¡qué rico!!". The Languages department encourages students to attend as they will have the chance to experience an authentic taste of Spanish culture "¡Ole!".

Please check on the website for a full list of events <https://www.feriadelondres.com/programme>



Rhodes Student Ambassadors – Ms A Williams DHOC

A huge THANK YOU to all the families who donated items to the Muswell Hill Food Bank collection. The boxes of food and essential items will be delivered to the Food Bank in Pembroke Road, Muswell Hill and distributed to those most in need in our community.

Climate Group



CLIMATE GROUP

MAKE FORTIS**GREEN**

LAUNCHING
ECOSCHOOLS
PROJECT

JOIN GC:
eym4q2c

MONDAYS
T19
3:30PM

ACTION NOW

GARDENING CLUB!!



Wednesday lunchtime in Vik Sharma's Memorial Garden
Email Miss Larson
plarson@fortismere.org.uk
If you are keen or meet us on the Astroturf

News from PE Department

The Year 10 GCSE Dance group enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at Rambert last Thursday. They were lucky enough to take part in a workshop led by Rambert Dancers. Afterwards they performed/shared their dance piece with other London schools. They have the opportunity to perform at Sadlers Wells in July if their dance piece is chosen. Exciting!



Tennis

The boys Tennis season began with a convincing win against Woodside High, winning all 6 matches!



An excellent start made by Daniel Tzanev, Joseph Balint-Kurti, George Lau & Aidan Purcell

PE Department

Inter-college Rd 5

The students are currently participating in Rounders and Volleyball in the latest round of inter-college competition.

Clearly Mr Yakup enjoyed trying to help his beloved Ephesus in the year 7 event!



6th Form News

We are thrilled to announce the new Sixth Form student leadership team.

Head Students: Tallulah Knowles and Dylan Tapper.

Deputy Head Students: Merle Aylott and Artemis Babazadeh-Gitiforoz.

Fifteen students stood for election to the leadership positions. Campaigning included a hustings assembly and a fiercely fought poster campaign. We had a 95% Y12 voter turnout and our newly elected team are looking forward to representing the Sixth Form and the wider school community.



Maths Fair

Maths Fair

Fortismere hosted and provided judges for the Year 5 Maths Fair with 8 local primary schools competing. It was a great event and once again we were so impressed by the quality of the Year 5s' work. The Year 10 students from Mr. Happy and Ms. Cruz's classes who acted as judges were simply brilliant. They were supportive, encouraging but also rigorous!

"Our children had a fantastic time. It was such a lovely event. I was extremely impressed with your Year 10 children who spoke to and questioned the Year 5 children so well. They're a credit to Fortismere."
Year 5 Teacher.



Year 13 Celebration Assembly



News from the Library

The next meeting of CoverUp, the parent/staff reading club, is on Thursday 11th July, 7pm in the library. We will be talking about the winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2019, which is to be announced on 4th June, and drinking Pimms (traditional for our last meeting of the school year...) And if anyone would like to join us on our annual outing to the Prize Readings at Cadogan Hall, here is a link for tickets <http://bit.ly/30obJNr>



The library always has a book stall at Fortitude, run by members of CoverUp. If you have any book donations, please get your child/ren to bring them to the library, or take to South Wing reception. Any books not sold go to the North London Hospice charity.



THIS! Watch this from the Professor of Children's Literature at Goldsmiths College, University of London <http://bit.ly/2HxrRV9>. It will take two minutes. It's possibly one of the most important things you will ever see!



Half term visit highly recommended – author Tom Palmer at the Imperial War Museum on 29th May <http://bit.ly/2Q8JMo1>
Lots on at the Natural History Museum too <http://bit.ly/2EfdZk>



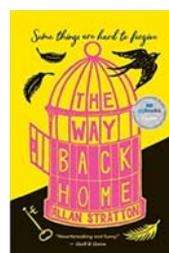
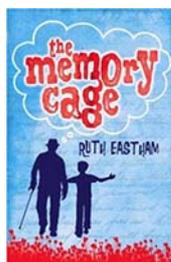
Did you know...Bottled water is 1,000 times more expensive than tapwater? 17 million barrels of oil are used each year to make bottled water? 93% of bottled water contains micro-plastics? It takes at least 400 years for a single use plastic bottle to break down? Plastic water bottles contributed to 450,000 tonnes of waste last year? Get your child/ren to bring their water bottles to the library to be refilled (non-plastic ones looked upon most favourably!)



News from the Library

Recommended Read(s) of the Week

This week has been Dementia Awareness Week. Please read *Toffee* by Sarah Crossan (not just students, parents and carers too). It's a wonderful story of friendship, memory, empathy and is written in Sarah's prose/poem style, the beauty of which I didn't wholly realise until I started reading sections aloud to students in library lessons. More fiction books to instil awareness and understanding of dementia include *Brace Mouth, False Teeth* (Sita Brahmachari), *The Memory Cage* (Ruth Eastham) and *The Way Back Home* (Allan Stratton). This is why fiction is so important – walking in someone else's shoes, as Sita says...



Message from Climate Group

Climate Group is organising a bottle collection in order to make artwork relating to the climate crisis to raise awareness around the school. We encourage everyone to bring in plastic bottles that they have found or used and place them in the containers situated in North Wing, South Wing and the Library. We would really appreciate your contribution as raising awareness about the climate crisis is vital in being able to take action.

Climate Group meets weekly on Mondays at 3.30pm in T19. All are welcome to join in.



Drama Department

Drama Doughnuts!

Thanks to Dunn's bakery in Crouch End, the drama student's mental health was well looked after as they had a sugary snack before doing their drama GCSE exam today.



Into Film are looking for 25 passionate film enthusiasts aged 13 -18 to join the Young Reporter Programme, which offers an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you to get closer to the world of film than ever before! In previous years we have had 6 Fortismere students join this programme.

The two-year scheme runs from Autumn 2019 to Autumn 2021. Being a Young Reporter gives you the chance to interview big-screen talent and discover what goes on behind the scenes. You will get to cover exclusive industry events, premieres and festivals, and use your reporting skills to open up the world of film to other young people! Our Young Reporter Programme provides 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. All travel and food expenses for your reporting assignments and training are covered by Into Film - there is no cost to you for taking part.

You will need to create a 2-3 minute vlog to apply.

The deadline for applications is 12pm, Monday 27 May.

Please email lovers@fortismere.org.uk for an application form

Drama Department



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 30th 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!

Fortitude ²⁰¹⁹ 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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