

Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

This week we were delighted to learn that our Year 12 team of aspiring Economists won the IEA Budget Challenge final yesterday. This Competition, first introduced in 2018, is designed to replace the Bank of England Target 2.0 Competition. Fortismere's team, consisting of Dan Poirier, Barnaby Thomson and Frederick Hudson beating 11 other school team in the final event, coming from schools such as The North London Collegiate School, UCS Hampstead, Repton and Harrow. It is a fantastic achievement!! As part of the process the students had to put together a submission that outlined a budget with taxation and spending policy for the United Kingdom in the coming financial year, as well as more briefly analysing the macroeconomic conditions and setting out a broad policy and strategy in response to these. We'd like to thank Mr Renner his role in preparing the team and supporting the team on their road to Victory.

Mr Kenny's and Ms Holder's group of environmentalists have also been incredibly active in the past few weeks (see our last newsletter message) and we have been truly impressed by the passion displayed by the students who have become involved in the workshops that have been taking place. To support the work of this group of students we have agreed that we will organise for some of them to join the 2nd climate change march on 15th March with supervising staff. Mr Kenny's climate change group are meeting again on Monday 11th March and at that meeting students who have shown the most commitment to in-school environmental activities will be selected to represent Fortismere School at that event. We expect all other students to attend school, particularly since there is a delegation representing the views of the Fortismere community at this event.

On a similar note, our college ambassadors represented us positively in the community on Wednesday when they attend the WE day at Wembley Arena. A-list celebrities including The Duke and Duchess of Sussex (Prince Harry and Meghan Markle), Liam Payne, Nicole Scherzinger and Naomi Campbell, inspiring speakers and world leaders, mixed with real people and celebrated a year of action that transformed communities and changed lives.

Finally, we'd like to sign off by wishing you all Happy International Women's day. This will be followed by Fortismere's very own brilliant annual event to mark the occasion which is taking place on Thursday 14th March in North Wing. Do get tickets if you haven't done so already. It is always an inspirational experience and this year marks the final event that will be organised by our Deputy Head Girl and one of the founding organisers of the event, Kezhe Julian-Temir (who you will remember won the Haringey Community Award for this very event). We hope to see lots of you there on Thursday.

Have a great weekend!



Ms Zoe Judge



Ms Jo Davey

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Dates For Your Diary

- 12 March LINC Evening Information South Wing 17.30-19.00
- 14 March Women's International Concert 18.30 North Wing Hall
- 20 March Year 10 Parents Evening North Wing
- 23 March Quiz Night South Wing Hall

Messages

Year 10 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 20 March – North Wing

Year 10 parents' Evening will open for booking Tuesday 12 March at 10am. Year 10 Parents/carers will receive a parentmail communication Monday 11 March which will contain the booking link and booking instructions.

The Vik Sharma Memorial Garden

A huge thank you to Lauren Overs for donating a Silver Birch and a Field Maple to Vik Sharma's

Memorial Garden. Both trees are planted in and doing well!



VPC- Volunteer Police Cadets

Haringey Volunteer police cadets have places at Alexandra Park School who meet on a Tuesday, for Junior cadets, aged 10 to 13 years old from 4-5:30pm and then Seniors aged from 13 to 18 years 6-8pm.

We go on visits to other police establishments such as the river police, horses and the helicopters. We assist Trading Standards Officers do test purchase operations where we go into shops and attempt to purchase age restricted goods such as alcohol and tobacco products.

During our weekly meetings you will learn how the police work, operate and will be shown how we use the law to carry out our duties. You will learn about things such as 'stop and search', and how we use this, how to make arrests, administer first aid and much more.

You can represent Haringey cadets in competitions and go on fun activities such as go karting, theme parks or escape room.



**Volunteer
Police
Cadets**

To get in contact and find out how to join please email me on andy.frost@met.police.uk or harin-gey.cadets@met.police.uk giving you full name, age, home address and a contact phone number and email address

News from PE Department

Boys Football Results

Y7: v Greig City - points awarded to Fortismere

Y8: Fort 4 – 2 Greig City

Y9: Fort 2 – 2 Grieg City

Y10: v Greig City – game postponed to 14th March

Inter-College Results

Some really competitive Basketball & Dodgeball events last half term –

Alexandria still lead the way after 3 rounds of competition

1 ST	ALEXANDRIA	3640
2 ND	PETRA	3320
3 RD	RHODES	3240
4 TH	EPHESUS	3100
5 TH	OLYMPIA	3060
6 TH	COLOSSEUM	2960



Charity Event for Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March 2019 Sponsored Walk or Run. Fancy dress is optional. This will take place on the astroturf starting at 12.30 - 13.10.

How many laps of the astro can YOU do?

Pick up a sponsor form from the PE office.

Sixth Form News

Sixth Form Guidance Meetings

The sixth form team have been busy having guidance conversations with every year 11 who has applied to stay on with us in the Sixth Form. Offer letters will be sent to students next week. They have been very impressed by the high levels of maturity and motivation demonstrated by year 11s who are excited about starting the next stage of their education and further pursuing their passions and achieving their aspirations with us. We are rightly proud of our rich tradition of excellent sixth form education and are proud that we remain the best sixth form provider in the borough – both in terms of academic outcomes and university destinations – but also in terms of the breadth of courses available and the huge range of enrichment and leadership opportunities we offer to our students. Our commitment to an education that develops the whole child continues in our sixth form and the pastoral structures in place will ensure every student has the tools and support available to reach their potential. We look forward to welcoming many of our wonderful year 11s to the Sixth Form in September.

International Women's Day

For the last two years, we have held a celebration of International Women's Day at Fortismere with a concert aiming to recognise the amazing things women have done both in our community and worldwide. We raise money for various charities that support women across the world and have speakers, musicians and other performers to mark the event. This year, our theme is *The Future is Female*: we want to celebrate the strength and achievements of young women and young people and how our future will be one that is defined by the actions of women today. The evening is always uplifting, for both our participants and our audience.

Tickets are available to buy from fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk or students can buy them at the library - both £5 - and that doors open at 6:30pm.



News from LINC

LINC Information Evening on 12th March from 5.30 – 7.00 pm in South Wing.

The evening is designed for parents/carers of students with additional needs; academically, socially or in terms of mental health. There will be an opportunity to meet and talk to many of our support services including:

Learning mentors

Careers advisor

Teaching assistants

SENDCo

Specialist SEND Teacher and Access Arrangements Co-ordinator

CHOICES

Library

Place2Be and in-house counsellors.

To book a place, please click here: <https://www.fortismere.haringey.sch.uk/news/?pid=97&nid=4&storyid=147>

We hope you will find this valuable and look forward to seeing many of you on the evening.

Miss K Jackson

Director of Learning (Progress and Attainment: Vulnerable Groups)



Fortismere Robotics



The VEX UK Nationals were held last week at the Telford International centre, starting with Vex EDR (Key stage 4 and 5) Friday 1st March and Saturday 2nd March, followed by Vex IQ (Key stage 3) Sunday 3rd March and Monday 4th March 2019. Both competitions had 60 teams competing in them with two divisions in each one. Each team has their own pit area where they organise themselves to plan out their strategy with their alliance teams who they play qualification matches with to ensure they score as many points as possible. After the qualification matches teams are ranked by their average score. Teams then form alliances in pairs to compete in the knock out stage. Fortismere had performed well throughout the season and qualified two ED and three Vex IQ teams. The standard this year was much higher than previous years, as the competition has grown in popularity across the country. Our two Vex EDR (Key stage 4 and 5) teams performed extremely well over the two days and reached the semi-final. Team 72477A Lord Flashheart were awarded the 'Service Award' and team 72477B also won the 'Sportmanship Award'. The Vex IQ teams made up mainly of Year 7s, performed incredibly well over the two days. In fact, going into the knock out stage Fortismere team 10640A had the UK high score of 35 and were seeded number 1 in the UK. The students are an absolute asset to us; they behaved impeccably throughout their stay and time at the Vex UK National finals.

Finalist Ranking

Ranking data has not been uploaded.

Teamwork Ranking

Rank	Team	Name	Matches	Score
1	10640A	Fortismere	10	231
2	95699A	Vexccelerate	10	230
3	10173E	HBS Incredibots	10	229
4	21549D	Technogear	10	228
5	21549E	Supercharge	10	223

I would like to congratulate the following students for taking part and competing so well: Robbie Buxton, Josh Hudson, Mac Szczech, Finnbar Wilson, Alexander Atureliya, Sarp Coskun, Hugo Graziano, Moutaz Helmi, Mohab Helmi, Sayed Husson, Caleb Hyman, Aum Parmar, Elizaveta Polyakova Reed, Harry Power, Kaon Read, Lorenzo Shepherd, Oliver Smith, Yendo Tang, Theo Timney-Thompson, Toby Yorston. A special congratulation to Sam Poirier who volunteered to referee both competitions over the four days.



News from the Library

A year 11 parent is currently working with Inclusive Minds www.inclusiveminds.com to help them grow their network of Inclusion Ambassadors. Inclusive Minds is a collective for people who are passionate about inclusion, diversity, equality and accessibility in children's literature and are committed to changing the face of children's books.

The Inclusion Ambassadors network is a team of young people (and some parents and youth workers) who share a real interest in seeing better representation in children's books. These are individuals (generally aged between 8 and 30) with important first-hand knowledge of particular facets of diversity and a genuine interest in sharing their expertise and experience.

Almost any young person or young adult can apply to become an Inclusion Ambassador. It's simply about sharing your own 'direct' knowledge with book creators to help them ensure they reflect all children's lives and experiences. It could be anything - gender, gender identity, family structure or size, age, religion, ethnicity, culture, race and heritage, socio-economic status, sexual orientation.....

Being an ambassador is a great chance to learn about the book world so it's brilliant if you are an aspiring writer or want to get into the industry. Depending on the nature of the project, sometimes there is a fee available for Ambassadors' input on books. If an Ambassador has worked with an author, they almost always receive a free book, get a credit in the acknowledgment and invitations to launches and events. There are also public speaking opportunities. One of the Ambassadors from Muswell Hill was recently invited to read a chapter of a Cressida Cowell book at the Imagine Festival at the Southbank Centre.

Apply via the Inclusive Minds website here: www.inclusiveminds.com/inclusion-ambassadors



CoverUp

Our parent/staff reading group, has its next meeting on Thursday 14th March, 7pm in the library. As the date is so close to International Women's Day, we are reading and discussing Lissa Evans' *Old Baggage*. And hoping to catch the end of Fortismere's Women's Day Concert in North Wing Hall afterwards... Drinks and nibbles provided, of course.

If you want to help and encourage your child with reading, there are some good tips on the National Literacy Trust's World Book Day page <https://bit.ly/2HjAsLz>

We're looking forward to the Carnegie Medal shortlist on 19th March. This, of course, means that we will be starting our (in)famous Carnegie Shadowing Group shortly afterwards. This is when a group of our Year 8 students will read the (usually) 8 shortlisted books alongside the judges, post their reviews on their own website and enjoy a lively party when the winner is announced on 18th June. If your child would like to be part of this prestigious club, tell them to listen out for information from their English teacher over the next few days...



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WORLD BOOK DAY 2019

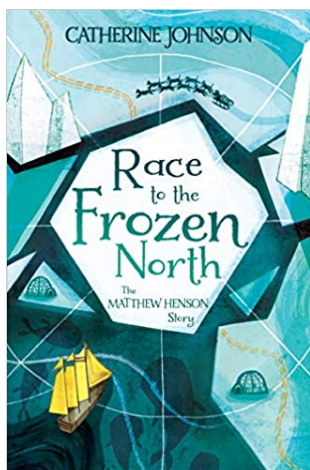
It was World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Although, as our students will tell you, every day is World Book Day in Fortismere library! And what a great day we had. No-one intentionally came dressed as their favourite book character; mind you, we are of the opinion that they were all dressed as muggles from Harry Potter. Our wonderful Patron of Reading, Non Pratt, spent the day with us. In the morning, she met all our Year 7 students and her Truth or Dare talk went down a storm. While they thought they were just meeting someone slightly bonkers, doing dares (like putting their toes in their ears or allowing a friend to paint a moustache on their face) or telling truths (have you ever wee'd in a swimming pool?) little did they know that Non was passing on subliminal messages! It's often more brave to tell the truth than to do a silly dare in front of your mates. Always tell a grown up if you are being bullied in any way. Never direct message an adult you don't know. And while Non was talking about how she creates her book characters, the students were thinking about identity. Clever stuff and hugely entertaining.



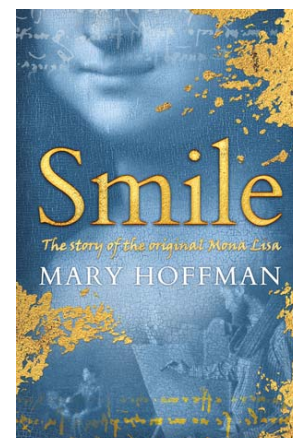
In the afternoon, Non worked with classes from Year 9 and Year 11 getting groups to think about character creation. Using fictional people like Spongebob, Captain America, Dora the Explorer and Stevie from Family Guy, the students had to really think about what their hobbies would be, who their friends and family are and their gender/ability/ethnicity/morality. Once again, Non took our students on a dif-feren



Recommended Read of the Week



Our Young Quills historical fiction group is still meeting in the library every week and Mr Stewart has just sent off some amazing reviews to the Historical Association so they can start deciding who this year's winner will be. Two recommendations from the shortlist: Catherine Johnson's *Race to the Frozen North*, the true story of Matthew Henson and *Smile: The Original Story of the Original Mona Lisa* by Mary Hoffman. Both shorter reads and really accessible for all our students.



FORTISMERE DRAMA
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An Audience With:

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**FRIDAY 29
MARCH 2019
4PM NW HALL**

Please book a ticket (free)
available from Ms Overs in the
Drama Office

History Department

WE Day 2019

On Wednesday a handful of student ambassadors made their way to Wembley Arena for the annual WE Day. WE is a movement that helps people come together to make a better world.

Fortismere is a WE school, meaning that we have had their support to help fundraise for worthwhile causes. At the end of last year a selection of ambassadors took part in a workshop run by WE, to help them to choose causes that were important to them and learn how best to make a difference.

The WE workshop most certainly inspired our ambassadors and spurred them to take part in a whole range of fundraising events this year. To reward their excellent work a number of ambassadors were invited to WE Day, a celebration of the hard work of students across London.

The WE Day line up was phenomenal, including performances from Tom Walker and Jack and Jack, inspiring stories from Nikki Christou and Isabel Weall and motivating speeches from Naomi Campbell, Julia Gillard, Nicole Scherzinger and many others. There was much debate over the highlight of the day, but one sure pinnacle of the event was listening to Prince Harry talking with such passion about the causes that mean so much to him; mental health and climate change. We were even treated to a surprise appearance from Meghan too!!

WE Day felt like a fantastic culmination and celebration of all our hard work this year, and we left feeling even more motivated to go out and 'GET DOING!'

We also want to give a big thank you to Mr Lewis for organising the trip, even though he couldn't go!



Quiz Night



Get your tickets for our fantastic Quiz Night on **Saturday 23rd March!**

It will be hosted by the brilliant Pauline Eyre and this is why we know she's going to make the Quiz a night to remember:

Pauline quiz presenter and producer and stand-up comedian & resident MC at BoHeeHee Comedy in Finchley

"I've been standing up since...well, a long time ago. Now doing it in front of audiences."

REGIONAL FINALIST Funny Women Awards 2017/18

FINALIST Colchester New Comedian of the Year 2016

SEMI-FINALIST Leicester Square New Comedian of the Year 2016

QUARTER-FINALIST Amused Moose Awards 2016

SEMI-FINALIST Funny Women Awards 2015

"Funny Women is always seeking out new talent like Pauline Eyre. She excels as a stand-up and we have recently encouraged her to MC. The result is that this role plays to Pauline's natural level of warmth and comic ability. She instinctively engages with the audience and creates an environment that is welcoming and fun for them and the other performers. A true skill." Lynne Parker, Founder and Chief Executive, Funny Women Ltd.

"We hope to see you there!"

Tickets are £10 per person to make up teams of 8-10 people. Smaller groups will be arranged to make up a full team. There will be a bar but bring food to share with your team.

Tickets available from "Hilarious jokes, impossible poses from this original act" Heavenly Comedy

Tickets available from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fortismere-quiz-night-tickets-54343065572>

We hope to see you there!