

Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

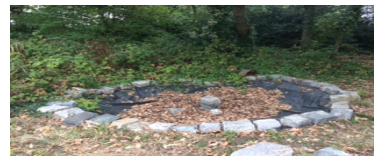
The Year 7 Camping trip was a huge success. Our Year 7 students have come back to school with lots of wonderful stories about their experiences and have expressed their gratitude to the teaching staff who worked so hard to ensure that this team building event was as successful as it turned out to be. There were a few complaints about the quality of staff singing during the campfire sing-along but overall a fantastic time was had by all. Special thanks must go to Ms Arrowsmith for organising the trip once again this year.

We are incredibly proud of our creative arts reputation at Fortismere and there have been further opportunities this week for our students to become involved in the arts. Today, The National Theatre brought their production of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' to North Wing Hall where our Key Stage 4 Drama students (and some lucky Year 9s) were treated to this award-winning play. We are delighted that our Drama department have fostered such a positive relationship with local theatres including the National and The Almeida which in turn mean that our students get the opportunity to see such productions and work at close hand with actors and directors from the world of theatre. Also, last night we enjoyed being serenaded by our piano soloists at the 'Pure Piano' concert which was hosted by the Music department as part of an exciting year of Musical events. It was great to see students across the age range present works as diverse as Beethoven and Norton. We were incredibly proud of our soloists and inspired by their ability to put themselves in the spotlight to perform under such pressure. Well done to them all! It is so wonderful when the Fortismere community comes together to listen to our students making music. Please look out for the school music brochure produced in conjunction with the Fortismere Music Centre which will

shortly be posted home to families which details the many musical activities taking place this academic year.

Finally, we are pleased to report that the Vik Sharma Memorial Garden has undergone some significant renovations this week and is rapidly evolving into a beautiful natural outdoor space which will function as a garden, and outdoor classroom and a space for contemplation. Developing the garden has been a genuine community effort involving staff, parents, students and local volunteers and we are so pleased that the garden will stand as a fitting Memorial to our colleague Vik Sharma who we lost almost a year ago. We would like to thank all of those involved in developing the garden including, Ms Paul, Ms Larsson and Mr Johnson. It has certainly been a rewarding project to have been involved in.

So, there have been lots of opportunities this week for our community to come together and create memorable experiences. We do hope that all of our memorable and families have a restful weekend.



Ms Zoe Judge

Ms Jo Davey

Dates For Your Diary

- 11 October Inset Day School Closed
- 16 October parent forum 7pm
- 17 October Year 10 and 11 Deep Learning Conversation 2.00-4.30pm
- 17 October Early Closure 1.05pm due to Deep Learning Conversation Year 10 and 11

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Year 10 & 11 Learning Conversations, 17 October, 2:00 – 4:30pm

A reminder that the DLC meetings with tutors for year 10 and 11 students will take place on Wednesday 17 October. Parents / Carers with children in years 10 and 11 will be able to book their appointment using our on-line booking system (the same as the one we use for parents' evenings). You will receive an email with detailed instructions on how to do this on Wednesday 3 October; the booking site will open at 10 am on Tuesday 9 October.

Wednesday 17 October Early Closure 1.05pm

School will end after lesson 4 (1:05pm) on 17 October, there will be no lunch service. Students entitled to free school meals will be able to get their lunch during break time.

REMINDER: Date for Your Diary

Parent Forum Tuesday, October 16th, 7pm. North Wing Hall

Come to the Parent Forum on Tuesday, October 16th, 7pm - 8:30, North Wing Hall

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

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

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Wendy Sloane

Vice-Chair Governors

From the Library

Did you know that you can access our library catalogue from home? It's very useful! You can search for your favourite author, type in key words for topics you are researching and even open excellent, accredited web links and author videos. On the school website there are two ways to find it: under the *Learning* tab, click on *Library* and at the bottom of the page is a link that says *Log onto Eclipse.net (Library catalogue)*. Or if you click on *Students* there is a page of *Useful Links* – the *School Library Catalogue* is one of them!

News from Linc

The first of our scheduled Parent workshops, ***Inclusion – What do we do?*** was very well attended and we received excellent feedback and recommendations for future topics as follows:

"I found the session really useful as a good introduction to the Key staff who are involved with LINC. Big thank you".

"I was not aware of the diverse ways you are equipped to assist. It sounds like you're running an excellent programme".

Our next workshop, ***Dealing with Anxiety*** is fully booked and due to demand we will be running another session on Thursday 1 November 2018 (9:00am-10:00am). A further session has been added on ***Understanding Dyslexia*** taking place on Tuesday 20 November 2018, (9:00am-10:00am). This aims to cover:

What is Dyslexia?

Signs and Symptoms of Dyslexia, Specific Learning difficulties and what these are, including who can identify what.

The myths of coloured overlays and co-occurring difficulties.

Strategies for Students with Dyslexia.

Bookings will be going live on our website shortly; please see below for the updated schedule:

Parental Sessions:	Date:
Dealing with Anxiety - FULL	Thursday 18 October 2018
Dealing with Anxiety	Thursday 1 November 2018
Understanding Dyslexia	Tuesday 20 November 2018
Drugs & Alcohol	Thursday 22 November 2018
Year 10 Information Evening	Thursday 6 December 2018
How to work with the school to support your child at-	Thursday 20 December 2018
How to support your child with self-harm	Thursday 17 January 2019
Social Media	Thursday 14 February 2019

9:00am– 10:00am

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

News From PE

Well done to all of our cross country team on Tuesday in the Haringey Schools' Cross Country Event.

Particularly well done to Mimi Blake who won the race .



Huge congratulations to both Mimi & Spike Blake – both came first in their respective Haringey race's (even beating runners from older age groups!)

A fantastic achievement from both, well done!

News from Textiles Department

The Design & Technology Department would like to give a massive thank you to Local Fashion/Costume Designer Katya Wildman from Bombshell London who has very kindly donated three outfits that will be worn during the Fortismere Fashion Show, one of which will be auctioned off to the highest bidder!!! Ms Wildman has donated mannequins and fabric worth hundreds of pounds to the department. For which we are ever so grateful. This extra support means that we are about to supply quality resources to pupils who may have struggled to buy adequate trims and materials for their garments. The hope is also that if pupils know that we have these additional resources it will encourage pupils from all backgrounds to consider DT Textiles as a GCSE option. **Thank you!**

www.bombshellhq.com



Fashion show coming to Fortismere



Fortismere brings the catwalk to school!

October 18th we will be hosting a fund raising fashion show together with the local charity shops. The aim of this event will be to promote awareness of various charities, the causes they support, and that it's cool to wear second-hand. Any money from items sold will go back to the charity, and ticket sales (£6 per person) will go towards the school fund.

This is an opportunity for students to become involved on a first come first basis who would be interested in Modelling(5boys,5girls), styling; makeup and hair.

We would also like parents to help with the event, and are looking for a presenter to introduce the show and *briefly mention the various charities and the good causes they support. Please contact Ms Bhambra at vbhambra@fortismere.org.uk*

The event will take place in October straight after school and will last 2 hours.

We are also raising money for the D&T Department. Our target is £5,000. We need your support.

KS3 – Year 9 only focus is core textiles for GCSE

KS3 – Year 7&8 will have a Textiles Afterschool Club that will run every Monday 3.30-4.30pm for pupils who are interested in making a range of craft products from toys to garments.

KS4– Year 10/11 GCSE D&T-Textiles yr10 projects are skirt/trouser & surface decoration – dresses/ soft furnishings

We would like an embroidery machine and two working over locker machines. Over the next couple of years we would like to replace all the current sewing machines with 20 new Brother machines.

The embroidery machine would be essential if when we were to run A Level Fashion & Textiles. The number of pupils taking Textiles as a GCSE is going up, the school should seriously consider running it as an A Level. If it was to go ahead then an Embroidery Machine is essential.

Fortismere Fireworks 1 November 2018

Fabulous Fireworks

Fortismere Fabulous Fireworks on the Field – Thursday 1st November 6-9PM book tickets NOW!

This year we are giving Alexandra Palace a run for their money and we are going to have the fireworks synchronised to music!

There are savings to be made if you buy your tickets before the event: £5 each from the school library or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fortismere-fireworks-event-1st-november-2018-tickets-50064293650>

£7 on the gate.

Please encourage your child/ren to start buying their tickets from the library during their breaks or straight after school.

This event can potentially help raise a lot of money for the school so please do come along as well. You can have dinner and a few drinks before the start, dance to keep warm and get dizzy on the rides before the Great Fireworks display!!

If you wish to volunteer on the night to help make it a brilliant success – please contact Philippa by email - philippastonebridge@hotmail.com



A vibrant poster for the Fortismere School Fireworks & Fun Fair. The background is dark blue with colorful fireworks exploding in the sky. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a Ferris wheel, a striped tent, a food truck, and a roller coaster. The text is arranged in a central column, with the event title in large, colorful, block letters. Below the title, the date and time are clearly stated. Ticket information is provided, including a website link and advance/nighttime prices. A note about sensible footwear is included. The event is supported by MG50 Martyn Gerrard, with their logo and contact details at the bottom.

**FORTISMERE SCHOOL
Fireworks & FUN FAIR**

THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2018
TIME: 6.00PM - 9.00PM

BUY TICKETS FROM
www.eventbrite.com/o/fortismere-school-17818744160

**TICKETS £5 IN ADVANCE.
£7 ON THE NIGHT**

Sensible footwear such as wellies
must be worn on site

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Fundraising

Another way to help your school – Fortismere in partnership with Martyn Gerrard

If you or anyone you know is looking to sell or let a property, house flat or business premises (these all include both residential and commercial properties) pop into one of Martyn Gerard's local branches. All you have to do is tell them the name of the school when you book your market appraisal. If you do choose to sell with Martyn Gerrard they will donate between 5% and 10% of their fee straight to back to the school.

Absolutely anyone can use this offer, not just parents at the school. So please remember to shout about it! Tell your friends, family and neighbours.

This is a potentially very lucrative partnership for the school so we would encourage you to spread the word.

Art Department

Art & Photography Department Notices

Stuck for something to do?

Visit 'The Other Art Fair' at the Saatchi Gallery.

The Other Art Fair is a leading artist fair presented by Saatchi Art, showcasing the work of the very best emerging artists to art lovers of all experiences.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-other-art-fair-london-tickets-48988930209?aff=SAartistpage>

Or

Visit David Hockney's new stained glass window at Westminster Abbey

Blast from the Past

Do any former Creightonians from our parent/carer body remember Stella Dadzie who taught German at Creighton in the 1970s? Her ground breaking book 'Heart of the Race: Black Women's Lives in Britain', co-authored with Beverley Bryan and Suzanne Scafe and originally published in 1985, has been re-issued by Verso. It is well worth a read!

Royal Institution Computer Science Masterclasses

Free of charge Royal Institution Computer Science Masterclasses for year 9 pupils at Gladesmore Community School

2 places remaining

Saturday mornings; Saturdays 10/11, 17/11, 24/11, 1/12, 8/12, 15/12

If you would like to nominate your son/daughter to attend the Saturday morning Ri Computer Science Masterclasses at Gladesmore Community School on the above dates please email: myakup@fortismere.org.uk

News from the Library

We have started giving out BookBuzz books to our Year 7 students in library lessons. This is a gift from the library and the FSA to say welcome. As you can see from the photo, they are very excited!



Recommended Read of the Week

I loved Laura Dockrill's *Big Bones*, an amusing and inspirational story about loving who you are, whatever your shape or size. Cherry bakewell, anyone?



Notes from Non

From the Twitter feed of wonderful author Dan Smith:

"Parent: I can't get my kids to read. Why won't they read?"

Me: Um, well, what do you like to read?"

Parent: Me? On, no, I haven't got time to read. I'm far too busy.

Aha!"

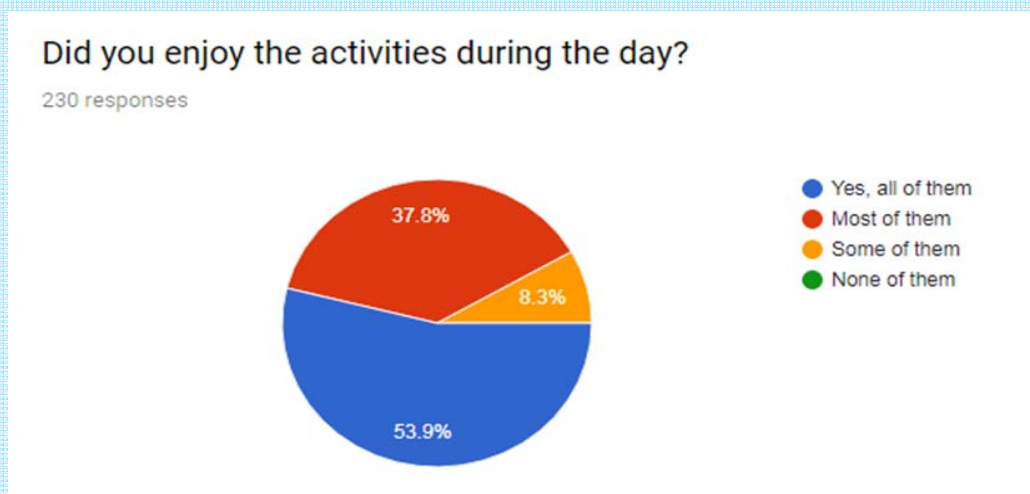


Year 7 Camping Trip

Year 7 Activities day and overnight camp – Ms Arrowsmith

When I became the Head of College of Olympia in September 2017, I wanted to offer our year 7 students a chance to get to know each other at the start of their time at secondary school and so last year, I came up with the idea to take them on a day trip and overnight camp. No-one stopped me so I went ahead and made it happen! This is now the second year that this event has happened. As you can imagine, it is an immense amount of planning and organisation to make this vision a reality. An activity such as this can only really take place in late September / early October as this is the start of the academic year and the weather is just about warm! This mammoth task would have been so much harder had I not had the help and expertise of Mr Yakup (who set up the on-line permission slips), the finance team who sorted out everything financial, or the admin and communications team who have sent out parent mails, newsletter entries and put information on the school website. Finally, we must not forget that these trips could not even go ahead without the teachers who voluntarily give up their Friday night and Saturday morning to supervise the hundreds of children. This year, I have to say a massive thanks to the FSA who subsidised the entire cost of the coaches and to the Tottenham Grammar School Fund who matched the same amount of money based on my application to them. This generous financial support meant that the cost of the trip was reduced compared to last year and it meant that we could financially aid more families. In its second year, we recruited more year 7's to the trip and I also have a wealth of feedback from the questionnaires that I have sent out to the parents and posted on google classroom for the students. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive and the obvious biggest complaint was the weather (thank goodness for those weather apps which prepared people for a chilly night). I would like to share the very positive feedback from these questionnaires; I would like to thank everyone for their constructive feedback as this is helpful in planning for next year. I would finally like to say how pleased I am that this is such an enjoyable and valuable experience for the large number of children and families who decide to become part of the Fortismere community.

Hi I wish instead of doing two climbing activities we could have done go carting. I would enjoy the activities more if we could choose our own.



Our group did to many climbing activities that I had done many times before and also I really wanted to do aero ball and the bungee run but we didn't

I did every one even though I didn't want to do the caving because I get claustrophobic. In the end I did do it and I'm glad that I did.

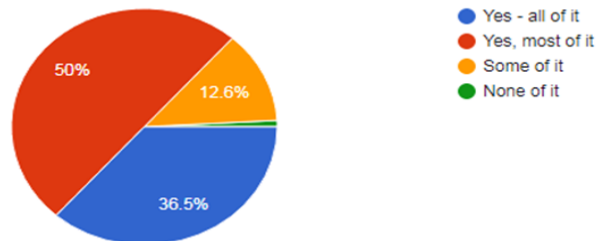
they were all very interactive activities and were very interesting and fun.

All of them were exiting and we had multiple goes
ere are the responses from the children themselves. I have also included some quotes

Year 7 Camping Trip

Did you enjoy the camping?

230 responses



I thought that even being cold was fun, as well as everything else that happened that night.

The camping was really fun because we could sleep with our friends and we had to make our own beds.
The thing I didn't enjoy was the cold because it was hard to get to sleep but I can't blame you for that.

I chose to click the 'some of it' box because although I loved the experience of camping with my friends, it was VERY cold and one of my friends kept me up all night so I came back super tired.

there were to bugs in our tent that we smashed with my friends shoe 134552 times and they refused to die.it was also really cold which you guys couldn't change so I'm just putting it out there that everyone caught hyperthermia.

I was fun being up with my friends but is was really cold and I was a bit homesick before I went to bed.

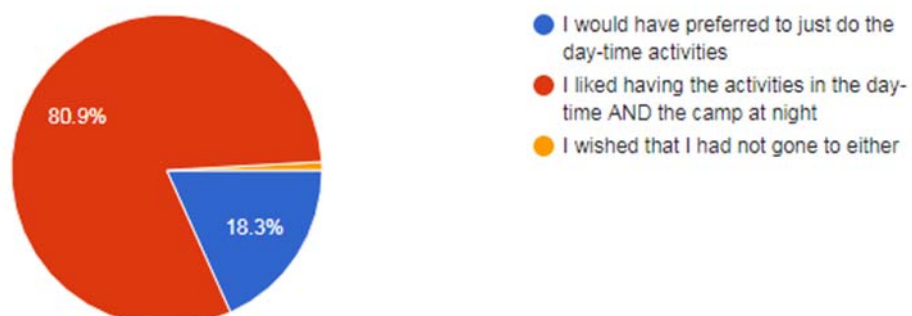
I really enjoyed the food and the massive bonfire, but the night was freeeeezing cold.luckily the bonfire was on all night.

Apart from the fact that was freezing i'm not going to count that in with how i loved all of it because i go camping with my family and friends, therefore i was expecting it to be cold. Anyway me and the people in my tent were amazing and we didn't stop laughing the whole evening, especially after we went to the shop to buy a Crazy Cucumber.

I liked everything besides (no offence) the teachers keeping us up all night with your "singing"

Pick one option

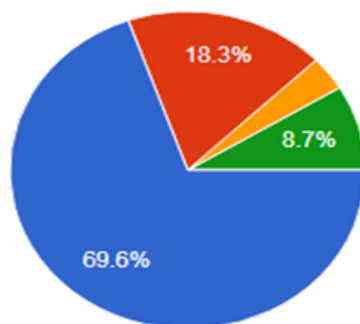
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Do you think that you made new friends?

230 responses



- Yes, I made new friends during the activities in the day
- Yes, I made new friends as a result of having to share a tent
- Yes, I made new friends as a result of being round the bonfire
- I did not make any new friends

Being in a tent with friends helped create more and stronger friend ships and also what we talked about made me laugh an uncountable amount of times

It was my first camping trip and I had really good fun I loved making friends and I just loved the whole experience

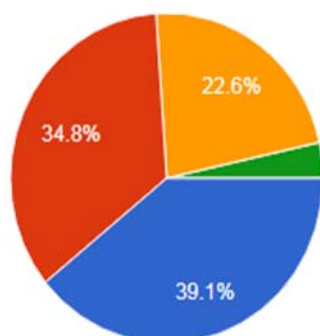
the most fun part for me was when we were sent to bed and everyone was eating everything and going crazy.

My favourite part of the whole thing as the tent because I made loads more friends in the tent because I was with my 2 friends but then we went with some other people who we didn't know in a 10 person tent and i made loads of new friends.

Making new friends because at first I felt really shy and I didn't know much people but by the end of the trip I knew everybody and felt really confident because in the bonfire (especially) I made loads of new friends and this made me feel special and happy.

Did you like the food options?

230 responses



- Yes, I liked all of the meals
- Yes, I liked most of the food options
- I only liked some of the food options
- I did not like any of the food

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The food was amazing and very good quality. The queue for the food moved very quickly, even with the amount of children that were at the camp. There was lots of catering staff in the marquee when we had breakfast, lunch and dinner.

they tasted really good and if you had an allergy or just you can't eat something they had options.

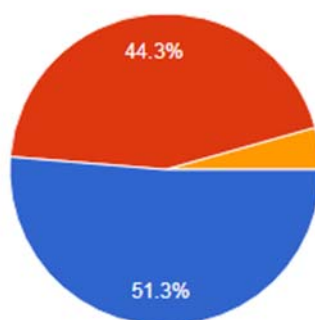
It was very good for what you'd expect when you go camping

I would have liked all of them if there wasn't any jacket potato. I always had it every Monday in primary school and I got sick of it. So I know longer like eating it. Other than that the food was absolutely delicious.

it was ok but it needed a bit of seasoning.

Do you think that you were given enough information about the event before-hand?

230 responses



- Yes, I knew what to expect and what equipment to bring and what group I was in
- Yes, I knew most things
- I was a little bit unclear about the event
- I did not know anything about it before hand

Tick any of these skills that you felt you had to use as a result of the day-time activities and the overnight camp

230 responses

- I had to learn to adapt to a new situation – 47%
- I had to problem solve – 31%
- I had to mediate between two people – 10%
- I had to ask for help – 25%
- I had to overcome a fear – 41%
- I had to compromise about a situation – 19 %
- I had to compromise with a person – 23%
- I had to act decisively – 20%
- I had to communicate in a new way – 16%
- I had to share – 36%
- I had to overcome a disappointment – 25%
- I had to be patient – 65%

Year 7 Camping Trip

