

## Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

The week began with a musical bang with Monday's Music Department Information Evening. It was an excellent start to Fortismere's year of working in partnership with Latymer School's Head of Music, Jim Harrison. The event enabled us to showcase the wealth of talent we have at school and served to launch the beginning of what promises to be an exciting musical year at Fortismere! A programme of events will shortly be sent to all parents and carers.

The theme of showcasing Fortismere excellence continued on Wednesday with Open Afternoon. The school looked splendid in the autumn sunshine and parents were treated to a range of special events; from hands-on science experiments, historical relics and a photo booth in history and more music. The departments put on a creative, experiential event for the Year 6 visitors and their parents and the feedback has been uniformly positive. One of the highlights of the evening appears to be the quality of the food provided by the catering team at Fortismere. Not only did this reassure parents and carers that their children would be well fed, but for a few families the opportunity to have dinner on site, under the awning, on a warm September evening, was too good an opportunity to pass up.

The week ends with activities for both and youngest and some of our oldest students. Year 12 students will be at The Emirates investigating the university and apprenticeship options that will be available to them post Fortismere all morning. Although they are only at the beginning of their Sixth Form life, today's event should spark the students' imaginations about the range of different options on offer and remind them that post-16 course are a stepping stone for the next stage in their lives.

Year 7, also at the start of their next stage of the education journey, are having a different introduction to their new life at Fortismere. AT 8.30am this morning the caches began to roll out of Fortismere with 240 very excited students on their way to camp. Most astonishing was the size of the luggage that 11 year olds apparently need for an overnight stay. From go karting to rifle shooting, the students are spending the day on a range of activities as part of their transition into life at Fortismere. At lunch, between mouthfuls of baked potato, the main topic of conversation was when do they get to go into their tents? With a dry (if chilly!) night expected, it will be songs by the fire before putting on extra layers of clothing and hitting the sleeping bags.

We wish all our families and all our Year 7 campers a warm and happy weekend.



## Dates For Your Diary

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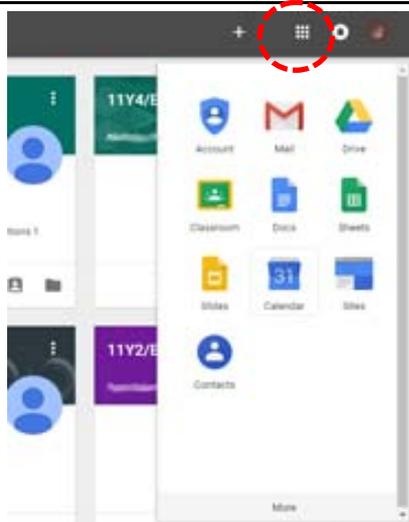
- 3 Oct– Year 7 and 8 Deep Learning Conversation 2-4.30PM
- 3 Oct Early Closure 1.05pm due to Year 7 and 8 Deep Learning Conversation
- 4 Oct– Piano concert 6.30-7.30pm
- 5 Oct - Year 12 Economics Trip to BOE Museum
- 19 Oct— Parent Forum 7pm

# Messages

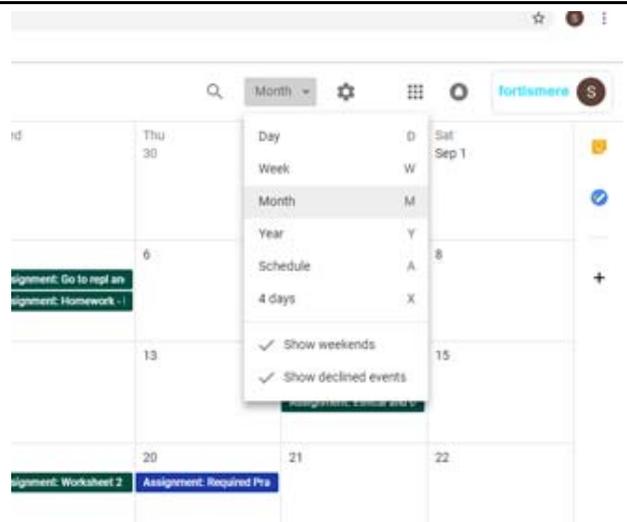
## Google Classroom Guardian Summaries

Parents/carers should be aware that if work set on Google Classroom is not handed in through Google Classroom, perhaps because it's done on paper or because it's a homework without a tangible outcome (eg: revise for a test), then Google Classroom considers this homework to be "undone" until the student marks it as "done" on Google Classroom. The teacher cannot mark it as done for them. The students have been told this. Therefore you may be seeing homework in the "missing from last week" section of the Guardian Summary, even though your child has actually done it but simply hasn't marked it as done. The way you know if your child hasn't done their homework, is that a teacher will issue a detention through go4schools.

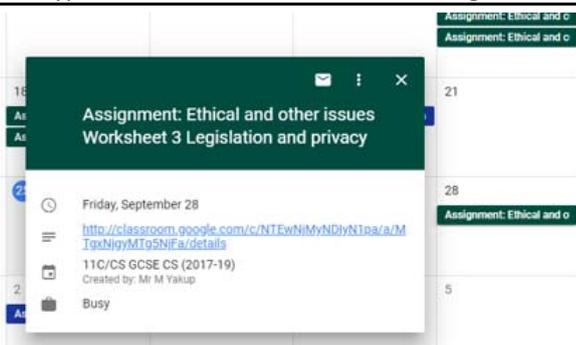
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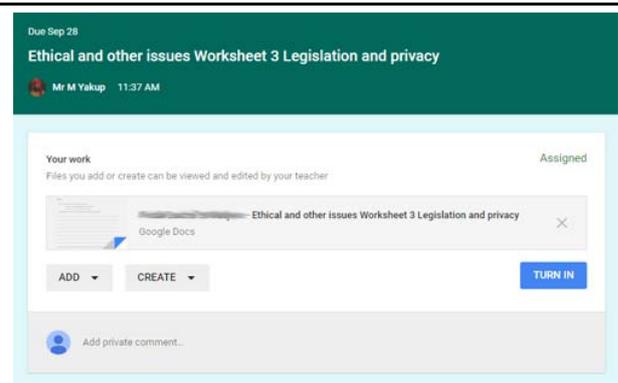
2. Select the Calendar icon and change the view to month



3. Click on the homework for more detail and click on the hyperlink to load the homework in Google classroom



4. The homework will appear in Google classroom



## Year 7 & 8 Learning Conversations, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2:00 – 4:30pm

A reminder that the meetings with tutors for year 7 and 8 students will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Parents / Carers with children in years 7 and 8 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 nearer the time; the bookings will be available from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

## Wednesday 3 October Early Closure 1.05pm

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

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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.

## Dates 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)**

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](mailto:parentforum@fortismere.school)

An official Agenda will be put out in due course.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Wendy Sloane

Vice Chair Governors

# News From PE



**Congratulations to our Year 10 Netball Team who beat APS 17-6 on Tuesday. Well done.!**



**Congratulations to our Year 9 Netball Squad who beat APS 14-4 on Tuesday.**

# News from Textiles Department

## Fashion Show Auditions for Models – Ms Bhambra

Thank you to all who have shown an interest in taking part and supporting the Fortismere Fashion Show.

We have been inundated by Parents/Carers and pupils that would like to help out either behind the scenes or as one of the models. Because of the huge interest shown by pupils wanting to model we have decided to hold an audition to fill the 15 spaces.

We are looking for pupils to model from all years starting from Year 7 and going right up to Year 13.

All shapes and sizes are welcome.

We need boys and girls that are confident and outgoing!

The audition will be held during Lunchtime in DT2 on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. Pupils that are successful will be given letters asking permission from parents to take part in the Fashion Show and activities related to it. The letters will need to be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in time for a trip to Muswell Hill Broadway at 1pm.

**Oh and don't forget to buy a Ticket to see the show!!!**

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](http://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](mailto: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.

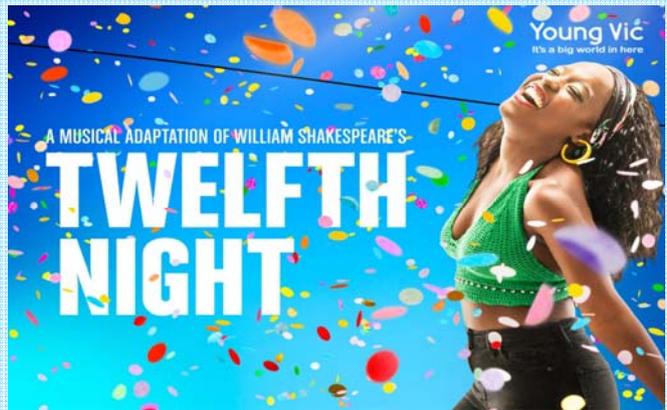
KS4– Year 10/11 GCSE D&T-Textiles yr10 projects are skirt/trouser & surface decoration – dresses/ soft furnishings

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.

# News from the Drama Department

## Drama Notices



### **Twelfth Night, Young Vic**

Mr Willcocks, Drama and English teacher at Fortismere, is appearing in 'Twelfth Night' at the Young Vic Theatre from Oct 2nd – Nov 17th this Autumn.

Young Vic Artistic Director Kwame Kwei-Armah, a parent of 3 past Fortismere students, and The New York Public Theater's Oskar Eustis co-direct this extraordinary UK premiere. Shakespeare gets a shake-up as soulful melodies and R&B beats weave through this enchanting musical adaptation of 'Twelfth Night'.

Mr Willcocks plays Fabian alongside a professional cast plus an awe-inspiring community chorus from Southwark and Lambeth.

We will be running a trip to go and see him on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November in the evening. Tickets will be available to all students with 45 up for grabs. Tickets will go on sale soon.

### **Oedipus Auditions**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm in NDRS2. All years welcome. Sign-up sheet is outside the Drama office in North Wing.

### **Panto Auditions**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1:30pm Lunchtime in NWHall. We are looking for students that would like to be part of a chorus, excellent singing and dancing skills are required. Sign-up sheet is outside the Drama office in North Wing.

### **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October periods 2 and 3 the National Theatre's award-winning play *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* will be staged in the North Wing Hall. Parents of Year 10 and 11 Drama GCSE students can voluntary contribute to this on Parentmail. Some targeted year 9 students have also been invited to this.

# Black History

## Black History Month community fair 6 October

Black History Month Community Fair on 6 October from 12 noon to 4pm at  
Park View School, West Green Road, N15 3QR

[BANNER – Black History Month Community Fair -Park View School Saturday 6th October](#)

You are invited to a celebration of African and Caribbean Culture!

**Indoor Market** – Arts, crafts, face painting, jewellery, fashion, books community services and African and Caribbean cuisine and more!

**Workshops and performances** – Djembe drumming, storytelling, African dance, poetry, spoken word, etymology and visual arts.

More than an exhibition and trade space, The African Market is a place of curiosity attracting an eclectic mix of people. It is a place of exchange of ideas, of practices, of communication, a gathering. A place where you can quench your taste buds with fine African and Caribbean Food, whilst discovering who your neighbours are and what they do.

For more information on the event, please contact Marie Barber on 020 8883 3412 or email [businessmanager@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:businessmanager@tetherdownschool.org)

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Please find link <https://schoolsbulletin.haringey.gov.uk/black-history-month-community-fair-6-october/>



# Art Department

## **Life Drawing**

Well done to the year 12 students who took part in the day long life drawing workshop with artist Astrig Akseralian [www.astrig.co.uk](http://www.astrig.co.uk) on Tuesday. A reminder to all A level students that life drawing begins after school on Monday (3.30-5.30)

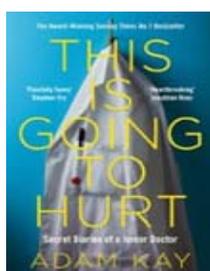
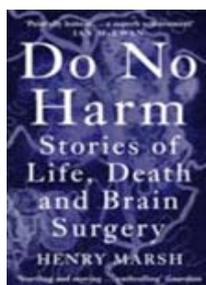
## **Stuck for something to do?**

Go to the Crouch End Picture House to see Faces Places. A film that sees iconic film maker Agnes Varda forging an unexpected collaboration with photographer JR. [http://www.arthousecrouchend.co.uk/programme/?programme\\_id=4807906](http://www.arthousecrouchend.co.uk/programme/?programme_id=4807906)

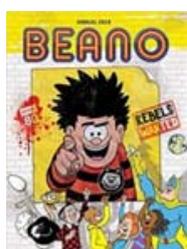
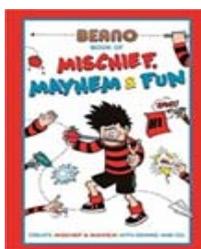


# News from the Library

There was an amazing turnout for the first CoverUp meeting of this school year and it was lovely to welcome new members. *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman went down a treat, and some insightful comments left many of us feeling the need to re-read the book! The next meeting of our parent/staff reading group is on Thursday 22nd November when we will be attempting our annual compare and contrast with a medical bent this time! *This is Going to Hurt: Confessions of a Junior Doctor* by Adam Kay and *Do No Harm: Stories of Life, Death and Brain Surgery* by Henry Marsh will be up for discussion. Question 1: do doctors always write books with phenomenally long titles? 7pm in the library, all welcome, refreshments provided .



It was wonderful as always to welcome our prospective parents to the library last Wednesday and there were so many keen children desperate to talk to us about what they are reading. Hopefully we'll help them to continue their love of books throughout their time at Fortismere. One of the most popular tables was where a few of our comics and graphic novels were displayed, so it was marvellous to have lots of copies of Beano and Phoenix out. This leads very nicely to saying a huge thank you to our friends at Beano for several copies of the 2019 *Annual* and *The Book of Mischief, Mayhem and Fun*. Which will go down a treat with our Beano Boys (and girls)



## Notes from Non

Did you spot this article in the press? <https://bit.ly/2zyRYax> With the increasing concerns about children's mental health, a study that says "children who love reading feel happier" is another reason for us to promote and nurture the reading for pleasure habit.



# News from Fortismere Music Centre

## **This is an exciting year at Fortismere School and Fortismere Music Centre.**

As we celebrate ten years of Fortismere Music Centre, the scale and reach of our work grows at every level. Our two community ensembles are playing music of greater diversity and ambition than ever before, while our instrumental lessons continue to provide high-quality tuition to people of all ages and backgrounds. At Fortismere School extra-curricular opportunities and one-to-one lessons offer students of all abilities the chance to transform their lives by discovering music.

In recognition of our first decade, this year's season of concerts and events is the most ambitious and wide-ranging in the Centre's history. We begin by inviting people of all ages and experiences to come and sing Fauré's Requiem with Fortismere Community Choir at St. Andrew's Church. The chance to get to know this popular classic in a friendly one-day rehearsal is the perfect way to get to know the ethos and spirit of the ensemble, whose reputation for friendliness and ambition is well-known in the local area.

This year the Community Choir will perform, for the first time in the Centre's history, music composed by women. As well as showcasing some of the finest and most neglected music in the choral tradition, the Choir's Christmas concert will also feature the world premiere of a new piece, commissioned especially for the ensemble's anniversary. Phoebe McFarlane's *Women's Rights* sets the text of suffragette poet Anna Louisa Walker alongside a speech by Malala Yousfzai in what promises to be a thrilling addition to the Choir's repertoire.

Similarly, there are great things in store for Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra. The ensemble begins the season with an explosive concert featuring Berlioz's opium-inspired *Symphonie Fantastique* as well as two perennial favourites, Prokofiev's *Violin Concerto No. 2* and Debussy's *Clair de Lune*. In the spring the Orchestra will welcome back Jess Hoskins, Fortismere alumnus and now rising soloist, composer and conductor to perform Koussevitzky's *Double Bass Concerto* alongside classics from Wagner and Dvorák.

The Choir and the Orchestra will come together twice this year, first to perform Beethoven's epic *Missa Solemnis*, and then as part of FMC's first opera, a semi-staged production of *The Marriage of Figaro*. Beethoven's large-scale work is arguably the most daring and ambitious piece these ensembles have ever attempted and it looks to be a thrilling evening of transcendent music. Staging our first opera is a chance to introduce this wonderful form to new audiences as well as to allow seasoned fans to revel in the sheer joy of Mozart's classic love story.

We are proud to be linked with Fortismere School, and to share a platform with their events. This season brochure also includes information about the wide variety of concerts produced by Fortismere Music Department, from popular band nights, and sublime classical concerts, through showcases of emerging instrumental and vocal talent, as well as young composers at the school.

Ten years of wonderful music, made in this extraordinary community is a great achievement and something worth marking. At such a milestone it is fitting to reflect on the Music Centre's mission statement:

Work is bound together by a belief that community music making should be bold and ambitious, tackling the most exciting themes and composers, with a flair for the theatrical and a sense of fun. We aim to be entertaining and engaging for both audiences and performers alike. Above all else, our music invites everyone to join in. We believe that it is in such an experience of joining in, either as an instrumental student or a singer, as an orchestral player or an audience member, that the truest sense of our community flourishes.”

For more information, to get involved, or book tickets, visit [www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk](http://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk)