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Transforming Lives Through Education

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Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

.This week has been a very busy week for our Sixth Form in particular. Our 6th Form student leadership team organised a societies fair and social in South Wing Hall on Wednesday after school. This event was aimed at engaging our new Year 12 students with the many opportunities there are for Sixth Form students to join societies such as our Feminist and Equalities groups, the 'culture club', Pridesoc amongst others. They also had the opportunity to talk to Year 13 in an informal setting and meet their Year 13 'parents' who will act in a mentoring capacity for Year 12 tutor groups. We understand that over 200 students attended and the event was a roaring success. We'd like to thank our superb Year 13 leadership team for going the extra mile and enabling our Year 12 students to build relationships, network and make new contacts as they begin their 6th form experience. *Lots more to come for Year 12 as they visit the Emirates stadium for the UK universities fair this week so they have definitely hit the ground running*



In addition, we very much enjoyed meeting our Year 12 parents yesterday evening at the Information event which was led by Mr Carter and Ms Cunningham. Lots of important information was shared so we would strongly urge that any parents who were unable to attend access the slides that were used in the presentation. Mr Carter will be uploading these to the school website and sending all Year 12 parents the link.

Yesterday also marked the first of our Parent Linc workshops led by Ms Jackson, Ms Brooks (our Senco) and Ms Harris O'Hanlon (our parental engagement officer). The Linc workshops are scheduled to take place every month and offer an opportunity for parents whose children work with our Linc staff to come

along, discuss any concerns and learn more about the support we are offering our students. Supporting students who find accessing their learning for whatever reason is extremely high on our agenda so we really value these important opportunities to engage with our parents. Please [click here](#) to see the calendar of Linc events for this year.



It's always wonderful to see our alumni go on to achieve amazing

things and this week we are particularly proud to congratulate Theo Ellis (who left Fortismere Sixth Form from 2006 - 2008) who as part of the band 'Wolf Alice' picked up the Mercury Music Prize last night for their album, 'Visions of a life'

joining the ranks of other successful musical alumni such as Rod Stewart, Ray & Dave Davies, Michael Kiwanuka and Jess Glynne. Have a listen this weekend if you can!



Ms Zoe Judge



Ms Jo Davey



Dates For Your Diary

- 24 Sept Parent Information Instrumental and Vocal 6pm—7pm
- 26 Sept—Early school closure 1.05pm
- 26 Sept—Prospective Year 7 Open day
- 27 Sept—Late school start 10am
- 3 Oct— Year 7 and 8 Deep Learning Conversation 2-4.30PM
- 4 Oct— Piano concert 6.30-7.30pm
- 5 Oct - Year 12 Economics Trip to BOE Museum

Messages

Open day Wednesday 26th September and school early closure

Fortismere will be closing at 1.05pm on Wednesday 26th September 2018 to allow staff time to prepare for Prospective Year 7 Open Day. Students who are entitled to free lunch may pick this up at break time.

Thursday 27th September 2018 Late start

Fortismere will be open to students at 10.00am for a 10.20am start on Thursday 27th September 2018

Year 7 & 8 Learning Conversations, 3rd October, 2:00 – 4:30pm

A reminder that the meetings with tutors for year 7 and 8 students will take place on Wednesday 3rd 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 24th September.

School will end after lesson 4 (1:05pm) that day, there will be no lunch service. Students entitled to free school

Year 7 activities day and overnight camp

I have now created year 7 lists for students going on this event. These will be displayed in school and will be on the google classroom. Only students can access the information on google classroom so parents who want to know more will have to sit down with their child whilst their child is logged in. The students are in groups for the activities during the day and they must register at specific points throughout the day. Students can sit next to anyone at meal times and they can choose who to share their 5 person tent with. All information about this can be found on the website under "news and events" and then "year 7 camping".

Those students who are going need to be on the field and in school for 8am with all of their equipment for the evening.

Those students who are not going will be expected to turn up to school at 8.35am where they will have a programme of activities during the day

Ms J Arrowsmith

From the Library

Just a reminder that we sell stationery items as per the attached list in the library.

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.

Events, Clubs and Activities

On Tuesday 25th September artist, Astrig Akseralian, is running a life drawing workshop for some of our sixth form Fine Art students. Astrig was one of the chief prop makers on the Harry Potter films and is happy to talk to any KS4 students who may be interested in this aspect of her work during lunchtime. Please bring a packed lunch (no hot food please) to N2 if you would like to meet Astrig, look through her portfolio and have an informal chat about this field of Art and Design. <https://www.astrig.co.uk/>



Upcoming Dates for Music (North Wing)

Monday 24 September 6-7pm: Music information evening for parents, Music Hall; how to support your child musically at Fortismere. All welcome.

Thursday 4 October 6.30-7.45pm: Piano Concert, Music Hall

Week beginning Monday 15 October: Y11 Practical music mock exams, 1st floor recording studio, music dept.

Instrumental and vocal lessons have started. Timetables are emailed to parents/carers with the times and dates of lessons this half term. Students should be using an A5 Green Record Card as their pass to and from subject lessons to attend their instrumental/ vocal lesson in north wing music dept. please collect from the music dept. Queries should be directed to Ms M. Izzet, south wing reception (mizzet@fortismere.org.uk).

Extra curricular music is in full swing in preparation for the Winter Concert on Weds 19 & Thursday 20 December, 7pm! All welcome to join now!



Drama Department Notices



Oedipus Auditions

There will be auditions for the Christmas Drama Production of Oedipus on Tuesday 16th October 3:30pm in NDRS2. All years welcome. Please sign up if you would like to audition. Sign-up sheet is outside the Drama office in North Wing.

Panto

We are excited to announce that the Pantomime Aladdin will be staged in January. More details announced shortly. We are looking for any parents who are experienced actors and might like to be involved. Please email lovers@fortismere.org.uk if interested. Also 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

The Drama department are delighted to announce that we have arranged a specially staged school's touring production, in our very own North Wing Hall, of the National Theatre's award-winning play *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. This is a 90 minute version performed in the round by the National Theatre and will be followed by a Q&A with the actors. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* brings Mark Haddon's best-selling novel to life on stage, adapted by two-time Olivier Award-winning playwright Simon Stephens and directed by Olivier and Tony Award winning director Marianne Elliott. The novel has won more than 17 literary awards and is widely studied in schools. This performance will be shown to all GCSE Drama students and some selected Year 9s on Friday 5th October.



Technical Team

Are you interested in stage Lighting or Sound? The Drama department is offering 6 lucky students a chance to be trained by a West End Lighting and Sound Designer. We are looking for a team to be able to run all audio and visual in the NW hall during productions. High level of commitment and maturity is required and Year 9 and up. Training will be provided after school and certain dates in November. Please email lovers@fortismere.org.uk if interested or sign up outside the Drama Office.

Events, Clubs and Activities

Please find the present presentation of Extracurricular (Term 1).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPT AUTUMN 2018

	WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?	WITH WHO?
MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB Y7-9 GIRLS INDOOR FOOTBALL Y10 GCSE DANCE CLUB 	ASTRO SPORTS HALL SW HALL	3:20 3:20 3:20	MR HAWKES / MR COX MS VANGUCCI EXTERNAL COACH
TUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & Y8 NETBALL CLUB LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL Y9-11 	NETBALL COURTS SPORTS HALL	3:20 12:25	MS VANGUCCI / MS WILLIAMS MR COX
WEDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SENIOR FOOTBALL MATCHDAY LUNCHTIME BADMINTON CLUB HANDBALL CLUB 	FIELD SPORTS HALL SPORTS HALL	1:15 12:25 3:20	MR HAWKES MS BAILEY EXTERNAL COACH
THURS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL Y7-8 HOCKEY CLUB NETBALL CLUB Y9-11 TABLE TENNIS CLUB 	SPORTS HALL ASTRO TURF NETBALL COURTS SOUTH WING GYM	12:25 3:20 3:20 3:20	MR COX MR KAY MS VANGUCCI / MS JACKSON MR MICHAEL
FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 LUNCHTIME MULTI SPORTS 	SPORTS HALL	12:25	MR COX

CLUBS ARE FREE OF CHARGE & OPEN TO ALL ABILITIES

News From PE

Cross-country Event

An excellent turn out and results for our cross-country runners across years 7, 8 & 9 at the Haringey meet.

	Fortismere Girls	Fortismere Boys
A Team	2 nd	3 rd
B team	4 th	10 th
C Team	10 th	



News from the Library

Robert Muchamore's Cherub books are possibly among the most borrowed in Fortismere's library. Many of our students have grown up with the hero James Adams and are still reading Cherub into Years 10 and 11. Robert has done wonders with getting reluctant readers into a series with his exciting, page-turning adventures; from there we can point them in the direction of other brilliant stories and – lo and behold – they are reading because they want to and not as a chore! We were delighted to introduce Robert to 270 buzzing Year 9 students on Friday 14th September. He talked to them about everything from the Killer T Virus to Hobnobs and Rolexes! Although they may not all have approved of his football club of choice, his frank answers to the intelligent and often hilarious questions they asked kept them all enthralled. It was great that so many of them bought copies of Killer T for him to personalise, and lots of others brought their treasured Muchamores from home for signing too. Thank you to superfan Pixie-Lou Thomson-Vidal for interviewing Robert.



Notes from Non

Shamelessly plagiarised from George R R Martin (*Game of Thrones*) this week: "Not all books are for all people. We read for different reasons". So stop sending your children to school with books YOU think they should be reading!



Recommended Read of the Week

Set during the American invasion of the Philippines, *Bone Talk* by Candy Gourlay tackles big themes about war/colonisation, growing up and family and a very readable way. I loved it!

News from the Fortismere Music Centre

FORTISMERE COMMUNITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Now is the perfect time to join Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra, which is open to teachers, parents and local musicians as well as students. We are particularly keen to engage more string players in the ensemble for what promises to be a really exciting term of music. This Autumn we will be playing:

Berlioz *Symphonie Fantastique*

Prokofiev *Violin Concert no. 2*

Debussy *Clair de Lune*

For more information visit www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk/join-in or email fmcinfo@fortismere.org.uk

