

## Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

While the temperature outside has taken a rather sharp dip things are hotting up at Fortismere as the final preparations for the staff pantomime are underway. The panto promises to be full of the usual seasonal fun but is extra special in that it is a creative collaboration that brings together the talents and enthusiasm of both staff and students. All participants have been working incredibly hard and have gained much from being part of the production. We'd like to thank all those taking part, both on stage and behind the scenes, but special thanks must go to Ms Overs and the Drama department who have led the production. A reminder to parents that this event is a school fundraiser. We hope to see many of you there next week. The performances are on four consecutive evenings (Wednesday- Saturday) but if you would like tickets you'll need to be quick as Friday and Saturday have already sold out.

This week CBBC Newsround visited the school to interview some of our students who have an American background on issue associated with American Politics. Tobias Pike, Lukas Otis and Sabin Ivimey took part in the interview and really enjoyed the experience. They were incredibly confident, engaged and happy to share their views. At a time when political discourse is so charged we are pleased that our young learners have the confidence and desire to engage so openly with the world around them.

Our Year 13 students have been working hard all week sitting their A level mocks so there has been an exceptionally studious feel to our Tetherdown building. We know that Year 13 have spent much of the Christmas break revising so we hope that their papers have gone well. It has been fantastic to learn of the wonderful university offers that our students in Year 13 have been receiving to study subjects such as medicine and economics from a wide range of institutions including Oxbridge. We also know that a number of our Year 13

students are planning a gap year before applying. Ms St.Amour will be contacting families of Year 13 students who are considering these options in due course to support them in preparing for making the most of their year and also to support any students who are considering entering employment.

Wrap up warm this weekend and we look forward to seeing you all at the panto!



Ms Zoe Judge



Ms Jo Davey

## Dates For Your Diary

DON'T  
MISS  
OUT

- 21 January Year 9 Options Fair
- 21 January Early Closure 2.30
- 23-26 January Aladdin Panto 18.30
- 30 Jan 8Y Bank Parents Evening 15.30-18.30 South Wing
- 8 February Harry Potter Night Year 7 and 8
- 11 February Parent Forum North Wing 19.00
- 23 March Quiz Night

# Messages

## Date for Your Diary

### Parent Forum Monday, February 11th, 7pm. North Wing Hall

Come to the Parent Forum on Monday, February 11th, 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](mailto:parentforum@fortismere.school)

Hope to see you there!

Wendy Sloane

Vice Chair Governors

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### Year 8 Y Bank Parents' Evening – 30 January 15.30 – 18.30 South Wing

Year 8 Y Bank Parents' Evening will open for booking Tuesday 22 January. All Year 8 Parents/Carers will receive a Parentmail communication on Monday 21 January with the booking link, however only Year 8 Y Bank will have access to the booking site.

We look forward to meeting with you and your child for this important evening.

Year 8 X Bank Parents' Evening was held on Wednesday 16 January.

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## Yoga Club

This term we are introducing Yoga Classes for students twice a week on **Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes**. Classes will start on the **28th January**. There are 30 spaces available and these will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Full details of the course are provided below and if you would like your child to attend please make the appropriate payment via Parentmail. Each session costs £6 and therefore the total cost until February half term is £36. All proceeds will go to the school. Sessions will be led by Vesna who is an experienced and passionate Yoga instructor with over 17 years of teaching. Vesna hopes to ignite a passion for yoga in her students so that it becomes a part of their everyday life and a refuge from the stresses of modern life. Vesna brings together several aspects of classical yoga: the understanding of structural alignment in the asana practice, the refinement of mental and emotional patterns through the practice of pranayama, and access to a place of stillness, relaxation and meditation. The teaching is based on applying the eight vital principals in yoga practice:

1. The meditation state of mind (the no –doing of the mind)
2. Relaxation (the not-doing the physical body)
3. Intent
4. Rooting
5. Centring
6. Aligning
7. Breathing 8. Elongating



## Messages



### Harry Potter Night – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Library & DT

Fortismere Library and the Design and Technology department would like to invite **50 Year 7 and 8** pupils to an evening of Harry Potter themed fun and frolicking. It will take place on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 between 5pm and 9.30 pm**. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please see attached letter for more information. Any pupils wishing to take part must complete the permission letter and return it to Ms Ward or Ms Bhambra before 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2019. Thank you

## Sports News

**Congratulations** to our Under 15 Girl's Cricket Team who came a very close second to Highgate School in the Haringey Indoor Cricket League. Our Under 13 Girls also had a great result getting the bronze medal place. Well done to all of you for representing the school



There were some fiercely contested Dodgeball and Basketball inter-college competitions before the Christmas break!

Overall leader-board is as follows;

1 <sup>ST</sup>	ALEXANDRIA	2470
2 <sup>ND</sup>	RHODES	2200
3 <sup>RD</sup>	EPHESUS	2160
4 <sup>TH</sup>	PETRA	2160
5 <sup>TH</sup>	OLYMPIA	2040
6 <sup>TH</sup>	COLOSSEUM	1980

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS TIMETABLE: JAN~APRIL (TERM 2)

## New Extra-Curricular Sports Timetable

Please encourage your child to attend one of the many sports clubs we have running this term.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS TIMETABLE: JAN~APRIL (TERM 2)

	WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?	WITH WHO?
MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FOOTBALL Y7-9</li> <li>BADMINTON</li> <li>LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL</li> </ul>	ASTRO SPORTS HALL ASTRO	3:20 3:20 12:25	MR COX / EXTERNAL COACH MS BAILEY MR KAY
TUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NETBALL</li> <li>LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL Y9-11</li> <li>LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL</li> </ul>	NETBALL COURTS SPORTS HALL ASTRO	3:20 12:25 12:25	MS VANGUCCI / MS WILLIAMS MR COX MR KAY
WEDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL</li> <li>HANDBALL</li> <li>JUDO</li> </ul>	ASTRO SPORTS HALL SW GYM	12:25 3:20 3:20	MR KAY EXTERNAL COACH EXTERNAL COACH
THURS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y10 GCSE DANCE CLUB (WK1)</li> <li>LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL Y7-8</li> <li>HOCKEY</li> <li>TRAMPOLINING</li> <li>TABLE TENNIS</li> <li>LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL</li> <li>GCSE CATCH UP &amp; COURSEWORK</li> </ul>	SW HALL SPORTS HALL ASTRO TURF SPORTS HALL SW GYM ASTRO S35	3:20 12:25 3:20 3:20 3:20 12:25 3:20	EXTERNAL COACH MR COX MR KAY MS WILLIAMS MR MICHAEL MR KAY MR HAWKES
FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MORNING RUNNING CLUB</li> <li>LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL</li> </ul>	SPORTS HALL ASTRO	7:40AM 12:25	MR COX MR KAY

# Year 9 Options Fair

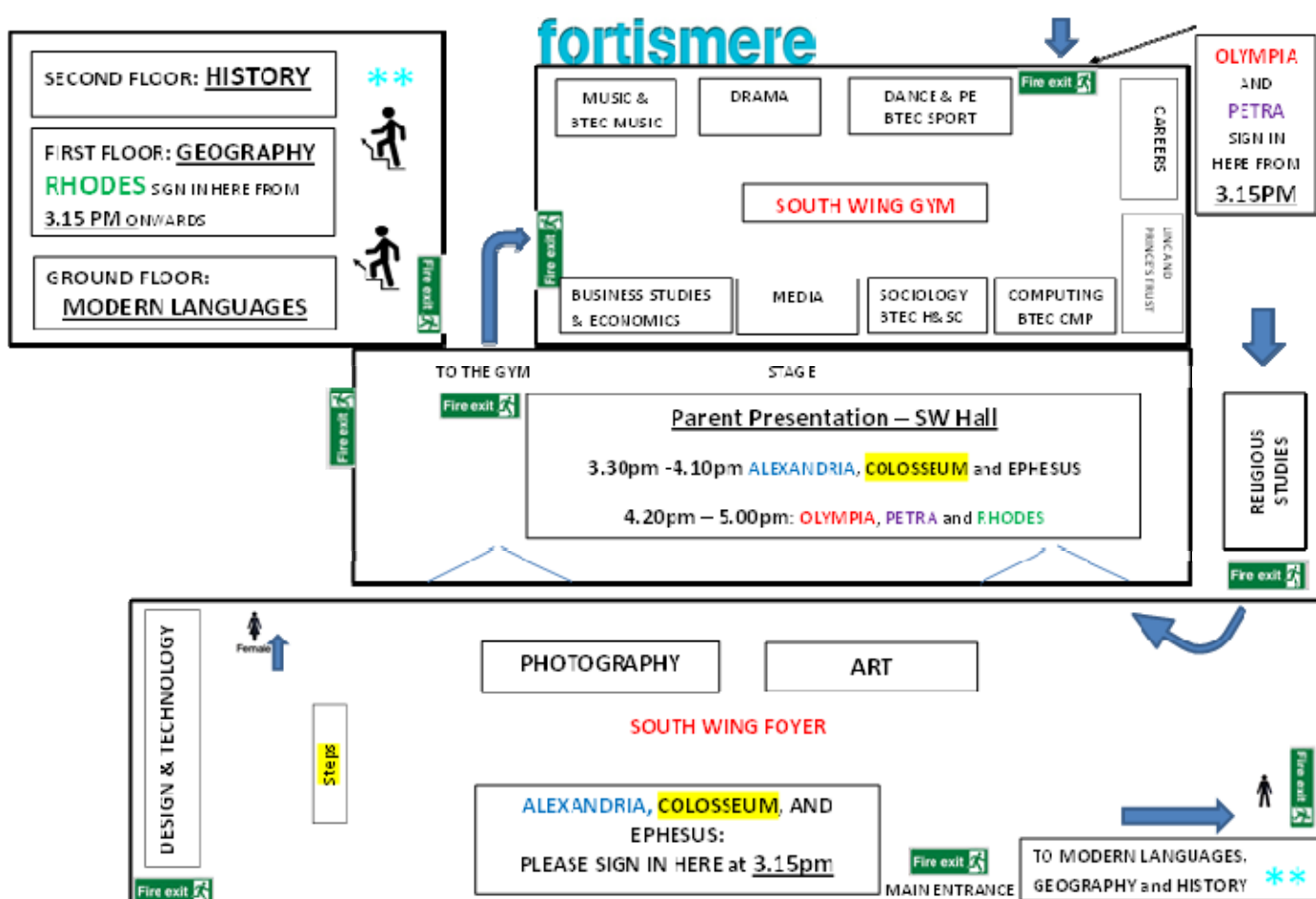
The Yr 9 Options Fayre will be taking place in South Wing on **Wednesday 23rd January** from **3.15pm to 5.15pm**. This event is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to have conversations with Non Core subject staff about the subjects they are considering for KS4.

There will be two presentations from Ms Karp and Ms Topping in the South Wing Hall. We have arranged the 'talks and walks' in the following manner:

3.15pm - Alexandria, Colosseum and Ephesus arrive at South Wing reception, sign in and go to the hall for the first talk after which they will then have an hour to walk around the stalls.

3.15pm - Olympia and Petra will sign in at the South Wing Gym and **Rhodes on the Geography** corridor and visit the stalls until 4.15pm when they should then go to the hall for their talk which will start at 4.20pm.

All stalls will close at 5.15pm.





## Fortismere Robotics update

Following on from the success from last year, I am pleased to report with funding from the Tottenham Grammar Somerset Grant, Fortismere school is now able to field 2 new Vex EDR teams (with our own Vex EDR field) and 4 Vex IQ teams!

Last Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 the following Fortismere Vex IQ Robotics students; Alexander Atureliya, Sarp Coskun, Mohab Helmi, Moutaz Helmi, Caleb Hyman, Aum Parmar, Sayed Hasson, Kaon Read, and Toby Yorston took part in the competition hosted at Fortismere. The event took place in South Wing Hall and was very attended by 26 teams from East Barnet School, Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, Henrietta Barnett School, Greig City Academy, Ilford School, Welwyn Garden City Primary and two teams from Nanjing, Jiangsu, China. There were well over 100 people in attendance.

The day was extremely eventful and at one stage Fortismere teams were top of the leader board. The standard was very high and the final scores were the highest recorded in the UK. The two teams from China, The Eagle Dad Robot Club ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the world won the overall competition, closely followed by Henrietta Barnett School and Greig City Academy who set a new high score record for the UK. Our highest position on the day was 7<sup>th</sup> place, a good result for students in Year 7 for their first event. However, all is not lost as we will be improving our robots in light of the competition and competing in many more events.

A special thanks to Maria Demetriou, Robert Buxton, Sam Poirier, Lorenzo Shepherd, Max Szczech and Senake Atureliya for their valuable contributions to make the day run so well.

If you are interested to find out more or to sponsor an event or robot please contact:

Mr Yakup [myakup@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:myakup@fortismere.org.uk)

For more information on the current Vex Robotics competitions see:

Vex IQ: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJML1\\_JNCLI&t=6s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJML1_JNCLI&t=6s)

Vex EDR: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDDGBcs0TFM>

Fortismere Robotics is an extra curricula club that runs every lunchtime, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after school in S35. If you're interested in joining come along to find out more.

Mr M Yakup



# History Department

## History department- Castle building competition!

Congratulations entrants in the castle building competition. There were over 50 fantastic entries of either a motte and bailey or stone keep castle that showed an eye for detail and historical accuracy. The voting panel of our expert year 10 students had a very difficult job voting for the top ten castles. The winners are...

*John Jenkins*

*Zachery Woods*

*Daisy Fox*

*Tobias Nam*

*Edie Allen Davis*

*Angharad Dillon*

*Eliza Titova*

*Kaon Read*

*Marnie Donaldson Davis*

*Toby Yorston*



Please come and collect your prize of a certificate and chocolate bar from your History teacher in lesson next week or from Ms Sullivan in the History department. Your prize also includes a trip to the Tower of London in July! Details of this will be sent out nearer the time.



# News from the Library

## Cover up is back next week

CoverUp, the reading group for parents and staff, will be talking about the bamboozling *The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton on Tuesday 22nd January, 7pm in the library. All welcome.

## Reading Group for Year 7 and 8 students

A new reading group is starting next week on Tuesday 22nd January for students from Years 7 and 8 (and 9 if they like!) who like their books set in different eras. We've been asked by The Historical Association to read a shortlist of 18 books for young people, and they are all new and fantastic! 12.30pm in the library to choose the first book, and then every Tuesday to check in and get another book if wished. Students will either be able to stay and talk about the books with Mr Stewart from the history department or just let us know how they are doing and then go to choir or whatever lunchtime activity they are involved in (Fortismere students are sooo busy!)

## Harry Potter Night—Friday 8th February

Parents of Year 7 and 8 students need to keep a Mad Eye Moody eye open for a Parentmail from the DT department and library regarding Harry Potter Night which is an annual event held in Fortismere's Room of Requirement. This year we are looking forward to welcoming your witches, wizards and muggles on Friday 8th February. Numbers are strictly limited, so make sure you get your owls to bring your reply to the library asap.



## Library Planet.NET

An interesting report from the National Literacy Trust <https://bit.ly/2FxG98y>; how lucky we are at Fortismere to have such a well-used, well-stocked library.

We can only dream! We've just found this lovely website, a crowdsourced Lonely Planet for libraries: <https://libraryplanet.net/> I'd quite like to work in Middelfart Library in Denmark...

## Recommended Read of the Week

Carnegie winner Sarah Crossan, renowned for her amazing books *One* and *The Weight of Water* which are written in prose poem style, has gone down a very different route with *Breathe* and *Resist*, a dystopian thriller series about a world with no oxygen – because all the trees have gone... Riveting and slightly too close to the truth.





# Young Quills

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The Fortismere Historical Fiction Reading Group

This year Fortismere School is taking part in the Young Quills historical fiction award organised by the Historical Association. Students taking part will read recently published historical fiction and take part in deciding what was the best YA historical fiction book from the last year. Reading historical fiction is a fantastic way for students to deepen their understanding of fascinating events from the past whilst also getting engrossed in exciting and dramatic stories. The group is open to years 7-9 and will meet every Tuesday in the library for the next two months. Students who want to take part reviewing books but can't come for the whole of lunchtime should speak to Mr Stewart or Mrs Ward.

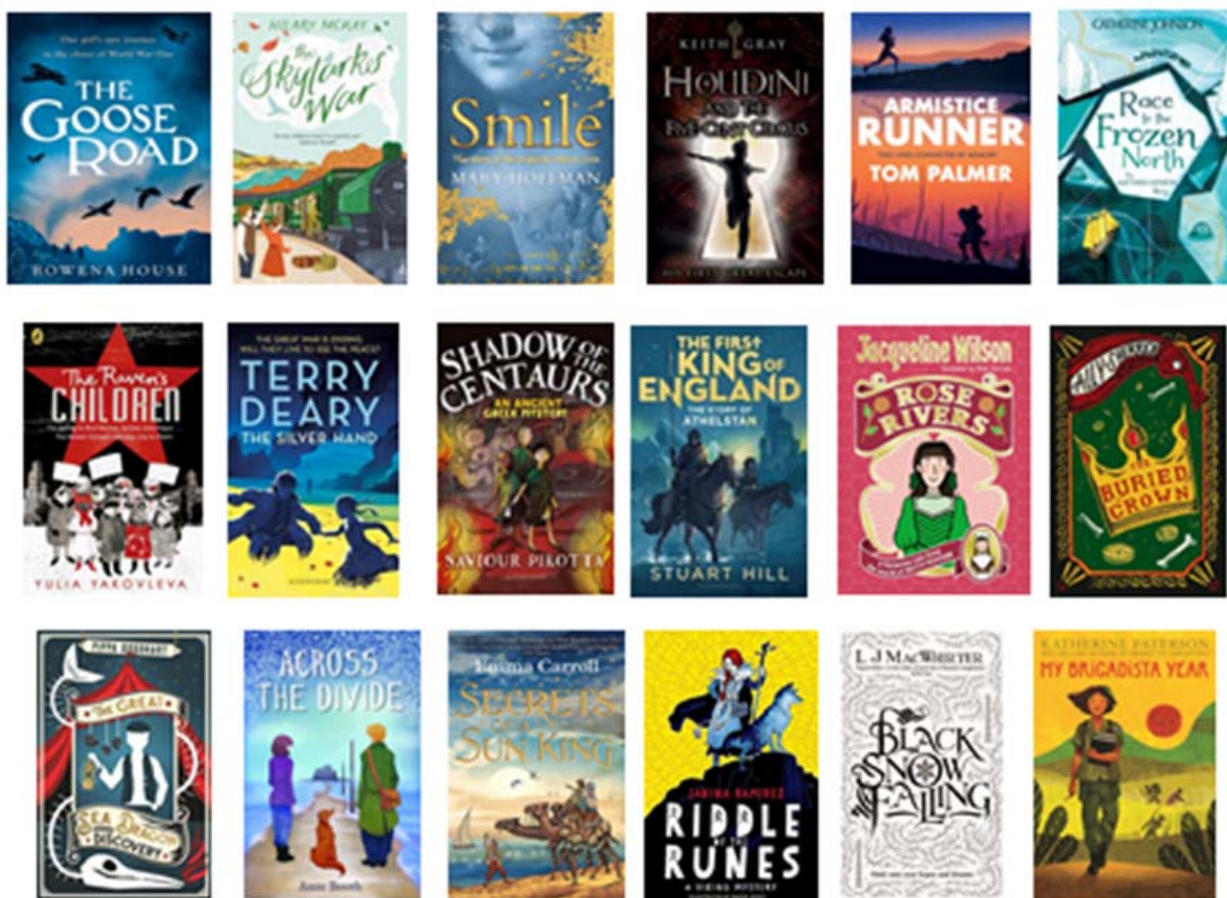
### Details

*Where:* Upstairs in the library

*When:* Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 12.30pm

*Who:* Years 7-9, Mrs Ward and Mr Stewart

*You can bring a cold lunch and eat it in the library.*



# Music Department

## **Charity Band Night – Thurs 7 February 2019, 6.30pm Music Hall, north Wing**

Any students, parents, friends, staff, ex-students, neighbours; in fact anyone from our local community that want to perform at our fabulous Charity Band Night, please get in touch with Head of Music & Music technology, Ms S. Ogilby [sogilby@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:sogilby@fortismere.org.uk)

To purchase tickets please go to [www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk](http://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk)

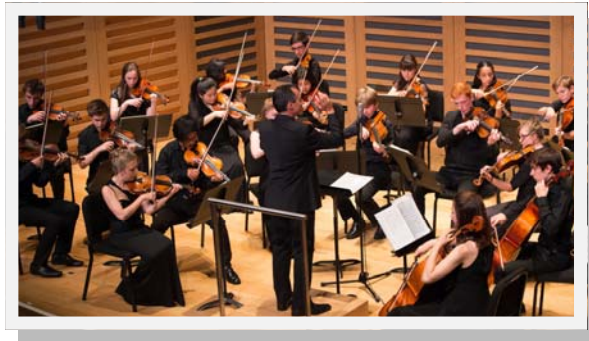
We are looking for variety and a range of performances which will generate profit for charity.

Performances can be instrumental and/ or vocal in any popular/ world genre.



## **Orchestra restarts Monday 21 January 2019, music hall, 3.30-4.15pm**

New members welcome



## **Instrumental and Vocal lesson restart from Friday 18 January**



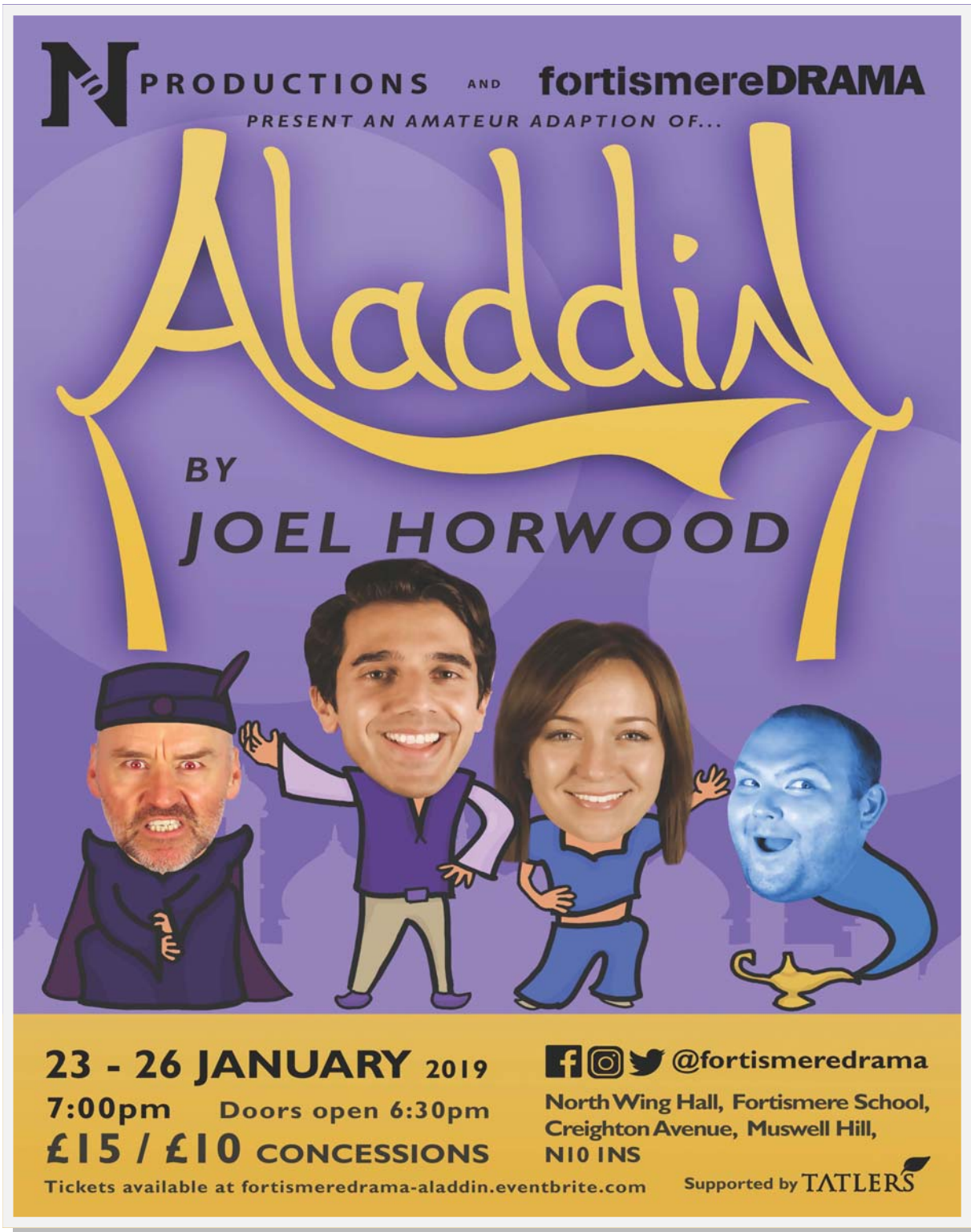
Invoices and timetables will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

## ALADDIN PANTO

Tickets are on Sale!!! 23-26 January 2019.

Friday and Saturday performances are already **SOLD OUT!**

Tickets for Wednesday and Thursday are still available here [www.fortismere-drama-aladdin.eventbrite.com](http://www.fortismere-drama-aladdin.eventbrite.com)



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# 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

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"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!