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Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

At the end of the first week of the new school year things are really back in swing at Fortismere.

We'd like to begin by formally welcoming our new families in Year 7 and Year 12. Both Year groups have made a very positive start to the new school year. We have been particularly impressed by our Year 7 students who have done a miraculous job of navigating our 20 acre site and making their way to lessons in so many different buildings. We have had some lovely conversations with students who seem to be excited about the new subjects they are learning and the prospect of meeting and working with so many people. We look forward to formally meeting our Year 7 parents on the evening of the 13th of September and our Year 12 parents on the evening of the 20th September. Both information evenings provide incredibly important information about our processes and systems within school and how we can work together to support your child's education at Fortismere.

Rosh Hashanah



We can't write our first newsletter without mentioning once again the wonderful outcomes achieved by our Year 11 and Year 13 students this summer. It was wonderful to see them all again in August to celebrate, congratulate and wish them well for the next stage of their education or employment. Please do take an opportunity to look at our examinations headlines on our website. They are incredible and highlight why we are all so proud of what our students achieved. *For A levels and GCSE results please follow the link <https://www.fortismere.haringey.sch.uk/news/?pid=97&nid=4>*

On that point, we hope you have all had a chance to use our new website which was launched on September 1st. There is some fantastic footage of the school and our students in the video footage on the home page which is worth taking a few minutes to watch as it gives a real taste of just some of the things that go on at Fortismere every day. We are very keen to take views on how our parents find using the website to access information and anything else you would like to comment on to ensure that all who use it get the best experience from it. We will be talking to parents about how they are finding the new website at the first parent forum meeting this half term.

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind parents to re-read our updated mobile phone code of conduct as published at the end of the last term and make sure that their sons and daughters are clear that smartphones are not permitted on the school premises and at no time should they have phones in their pockets. We'd like to thank all of our parents who have already contacted us in support of the policy.

Best wishes to you all for a relaxing weekend and we'd specifically like to wish all of our Jewish families a very happy Rosh Hashanah!

Dates For Your Diary

DON'T
MISS
OUT

- Wed 12 Sept Y9

Science GSCE Presentation 6pm

- Thur 13 Sept Y7

Accelerated group parents 5pm

- Thur 13 Sept Y7

Information evening 6pm

- Thur 18 Oct

Fortismere Fashion Show 4pm

Art & Photography Department News



Stuck for something to do this weekend?

V&A Museum- Frida Kahlo: Making Herself Up
Experience a fresh perspective on Kahlo's compelling life story through her most intimate personal belongings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3JKN-DWqxI>

Photographer's Gallery

Alex Prager: Silver Lake Drive

A major new exhibition marking the career of American photographer and filmmaker, Alex Prager

Creative Writing

To all budding writers or students interested in experimenting with imaginative writing:



Poetry, Prose, Drama, Humour, Fantasy and Imagination.

Ms Massey will be starting the Creative Writing Workshops on Monday afternoons from 3.30pm-4.30pm from the 17th of September 2018.

They will be held upstairs in the Library's back room.

If you wish to enrol please see Ms Massey in S05.

She will only be taking the first 10 people to enrol, so HURRY, this extracurricular activity fills up fast.

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.

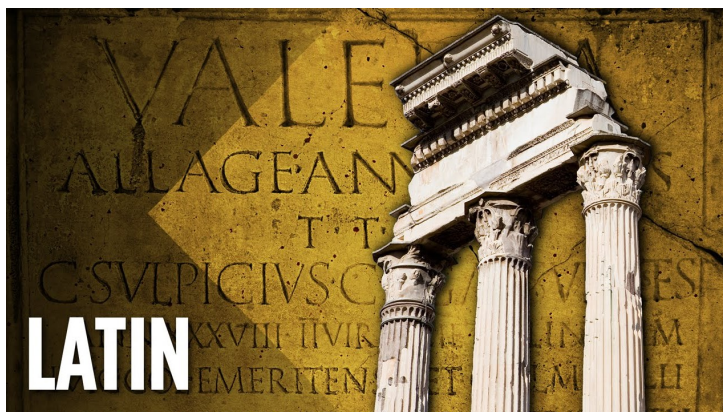
KS4– Year 10/11 GCSE D&T-Textiles Y 10 projects are skirt/trouser & surface decoration – dresses/ soft furnishings

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.

Clubs

Latin club and exam results



Our popular after-school Latin club starts up again on Thursday 13 Sept for continuing students and a week later on Thurs 20 Sept for beginners. Students should come to room S12 south wing where we will register them and allocate them to groups from beginners to GCSE. We welcome students of all ages who relish the challenge and find it valuable support in their English and modern foreign language work. It is also popular with 6th formers, particularly A level classical civilisation students, and enhances their university applications. Classes are taught by a team of

volunteers, including university classics students, led by governor Pat Dugdale. If you would like further information, please email Pat in the first instance: pat.dugdale@hotmail.co.uk.

All our exam candidates passed their Latin exams this summer. Results were particularly outstanding in the challenging GCSE-standard Latin Language level 2 exams where two-thirds of papers were graded A*, a major achievement by year 9 and 10 students, many of whom had been studying Latin for less than two years.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TRIALS



Year 7 boys football trials will take place on **Monday 10th September at 3:20**. Students must wear shin pads, appropriate sports clothing and suitable footwear (moulds are allowed but the field may well be hard enough for trainers). Girls football trials to take place at a later date. Trials will finish at approx. 4:45.

Ancient Greek Lessons

Camden School for Girls continues to offer us the exciting opportunity of Ancient Greek lessons. The lessons take place in Camden School for Girls on Mondays at 4pm. It's a tight squeeze getting there, but in the past we have had some keen students who have managed it. If you are interested in taking part, please contact ebateson@csg.school. But Fortismere students are welcome to turn up next Monday in Camden School for Girls in Room 35 for a taster.

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Alpha (fah)	Beta (bay-tah)	Gamma (gam-ah)	Delta (del-ta)	Epsilon (ep-si-ion)	Zeta (zay-ti)
Η	Θ	Ι	Κ	Λ	Μ
Eta (ah)	Theta (thay-tah)	Iota (eye-o-tah)	Kappa (cap-pah)	Lambda (lamb-dah)	Mu (mew)
Ν	Ξ	Ο	Π	Ρ	Σ
Nu (w)	Xi (zie)	Omicron (om-e-cron)	Pi (pie)	Rho (roe)	Sigma (sig-rr)
Υ	Φ	Χ	Ψ	Ω	
Upsilon (up-si-ion)	Phi (fie)	Chi (kie)	Psi (sigh)	Omega (oh-may)	

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS TIMETABLE

SEPT~DEC (TERM 1)

	WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?	WITH WHO?
MON	BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB Y7-9	ASTRO	3:20	MR HAWKES / MR COX
	GIRLS INDOOR FOOTBALL	SPORTS HALL	3:20	MS VANGUCCI
	Y10 GCSE DANCE CLUB	SW HALL	3:20	EXTERNAL COACH
TUES	Y7 & Y8 NETBALL CLUB	NETBALL COURTS	3:20	MS VANGUCCI / MS WILLIAMS
	LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL Y9-11	SPORTS HALL	12:25	MR COX
WEDS	SENIOR FOOTBALL MATCHDAY	FIELD	1:15	MR HAWKES
	LUNCHTIME BADMINTON CLUB	SPORTS HALL	12:25	MS BAILEY
	HANDBALL CLUB	SPORTS HALL	3:20	EXTERNAL COACH
THUR	LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL Y7-8	SPORTS HALL	12:25	MR COX
	HOCKEY CLUB	ASTRO TURF	3:20	MR KAY
	NETBALL CLUB Y9-11	NETBALL COURTS	3:20	MS VANGUCCI / MS JACKSON
	TABLE TENNIS CLUB	SW GYM	3:20	MR MICHAEL
FRI	Y7 LUNCHTIME MULTI SPORTS	SPORTS HALL	12:25	MR COX

Messages

PE Kits

We are aware that some of you have been experiencing problems with our PE kit supplier. School Trends notified us of a "technical issue" in August which has meant delays and difficulties obtaining some kit. If your child does not have the correct Fortismere PE kit then please provide them with appropriate clothing (trainers/shorts/skort/tracksuit bottoms/jumper of a plain nature) with a short note explaining the situation. We are in the process of amending this issue so we are not faced with it again.

From Anne Greenwood ParentMail Co-ordinator

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are not receiving ParentMail electronic communications into their inboxes even though they have verified and registered their PMX ParentMail accounts.

If this is the case for you please look in your Junk/Spam boxes to see if those communications have arrived there. If this is so you need to add ParentMail to your Safe Senders List, the email you need to add is Info@parentmail.co.uk.

Without an example email address in your inbox:

- Select Actions from the toolbar at the top of the screen.
- Select Junk E mail.
- Select Junk Email Options.
- Click the Safe Sender tab.
- Click Add.
- Type in the email address you wish to add to your safe sender list.
- Click OK

Parent Mail Surgeries

If you are having trouble verifying and registering for PMX ParentMail, the school is offering drop-in surgeries between 2pm and 3pm on the 11th and 12th September. Come to South Wing reception, entering from the Tetherdown entrance.

Lunch rota

Now that the year 7s have settled in, a new rota will be in place from Monday.

	SW	NW	SW	NW		SW	NW
Mon	11	8	9	10	7	A C E O P R	
Tue	7	9	10	11	8	A C E O P R	
Wed	10	7	11	8	9	A C E O P R	
Thu	8	10	7	9	11	A C E O P R	
Fri	9	11	8	7	10	A C E O P R	

News from the Library

Welcome from CoverUp, our parent/staff reading group, to all our new Year 7 parents and carers! Do consider joining our friendly and sociable group; after all, the best way to get our children to read is to show them that we read ourselves. The first meeting of this school year is on Thursday 20th September at 7pm in the library, when we will be talking about *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Everyone welcome. Refreshments provided.

We'd be surprised if your children haven't heard of Robert Muchamore, the multi-million selling author of the Cherub series. He will be at Fortismere next Friday 14th September and will be talking to the whole of Year 9. His latest book is a standalone novel – *Killer T* – “explosive, defiant and deadly” and there will be the opportunity to buy a copy for Robert to personalise at the reduced price of £12 (hardback, 416 pages, a week after publication... so worth it). If any students from other year groups would like a signed copy, or if they fancy bringing in their Muchamore books from home for signing, let me know (gward@fortismere.org.uk) and/or bring them in. The library has a basic stationery “shop” (drawer!) and we sell essentials at cost price including calculators and ready-filled pencil cases. See attached list.

We are looking for Year 7 students who enjoy science to join a book judging panel! The Royal Society Young People's Book Prize is a prestigious book award and we are delighted that we have been asked this year to help them to decide the best science book for children. We will meet 3-4 times in the library on Tuesday lunchtimes to look at the books and decide on our favourite. Ask your child to pop in and see Mrs Ward for details.

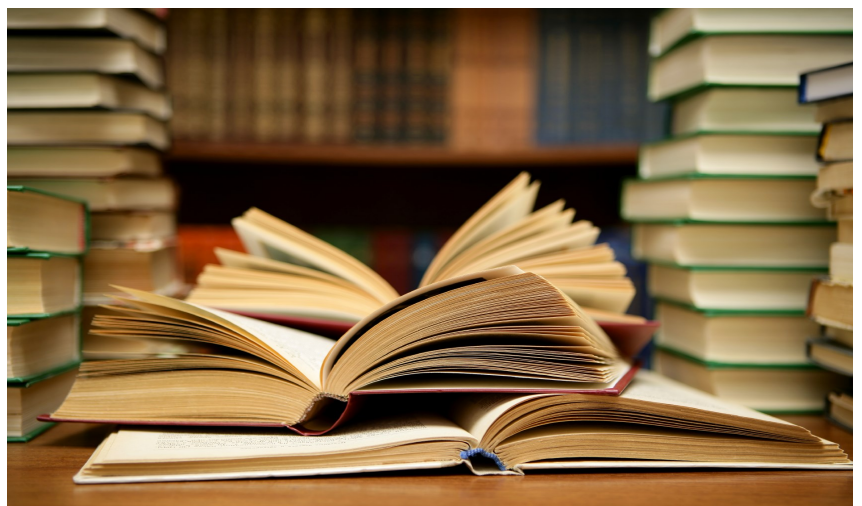
Any Scouts out there? I'm happy to help with and sign off for the Librarian's Badge!

Notes from Non

Form a family book club. All read the same book and meet once a month to discuss!

Recommended Read of the Week

One for the grownups this week! *The Lido* by Libby Page is emotional, funny, and heart warming. For 6th formers thinking about university, John Allison's graphic novel series *Giant Days* tells it like it is (without booze and swearing though!) And our Patron of Reading Non Pratt has written a novel based on the series too. And dysto-



News from the Fortismere Music Centre

Fortismere Music Centre marks its tenth anniversary this year with a host of exciting events and opportunities, including a newly commissioned piece by Phoebe McFarlane for Fortismere Community Choir's concert celebrating music composed by women, a semi-staged production of *The Marriage of Figaro* by Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra and many chances for students to share their playing with family and friends.

For more information about getting involved with lessons, the choir or the orchestra, visit our website: www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk

About the Centre

Fortismere Music Centre was founded in 2009 to provide high-quality instrumental lessons and ensembles to the local community. Our music school, community choir and symphony orchestra are 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. Above all else, we invite 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.

Term dates

Instrumental lessons begin on 15th September 2018.

Fortismere Community Choir begins on 15th September 2018.

Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra begins on 18 September 2018.

This week

On Saturday 8th September (2pm) Fortismere Community Choir are hosting a friendly 'Come and Sing' day at St. Andrew's Church N10 2DD, learning Fauré's *Requiem* and *Cantique de Jean Racine*. It promises to be a laid-back and enjoyable day of beautiful music. All are welcome from interested beginners to experienced choral singers. For more information and to book a place, visit: <https://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk/events/come-sing-faure>



FORTISMERE COMMUNITY CHOIR PRESENTS

COME & SING FAURÉ 'REQUIEM'

AND 'CANTIQUE DE JEAN RACINE'



FORTISMERE
MUSIC CENTRE

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2018
REHEARSE 2 - 5pm | SING THROUGH 5.30pm
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH | ALEXANDRA PARK RD | N10 2DD
STANDARD £5 CHOIR MEMBERS FREE
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