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| <p>COVID: Student home testing arrangements</p> <p>We would ask that parents spend some time this weekend going over the details of this with their child including watching the self-testing video in advance so they know what to expect. Please click the link here for the video.</p> <p>What to do in the event of a positive lateral flow test</p> <p>If a student receives a positive reading using the lateral flow home test they need to confirm the result with a PCR test. Please contact Ms K Sullivan at this point (Ksullivan@fortismere.org.uk). We will also require a list of in-school social contacts as both the student and contacts will be required to self-isolate while waiting for the result of the PCR test. If the PCR result is negative, we will inform you and the student and contacts can stop self-isolating and return to school. If the result is also positive, the contacts and the student will need to self-isolate for 10 days. Further detailed information is available on our COVID webpages.</p> <p>Haringey – Violence Against Women and Girls support services</p> <p>Attached to this week's newsletter is an information sheet for our parents and/ or students who may feel that they need to access guidance or support. In school we will continue to raise awareness and discuss sensitive and challenging topics with our students and aim to do so in an environment where all feel safe and where support will be offered if needed. Any student who wishes to talk about any area of concern can do so in person to one of the Safeguarding team (posters are around school identifying who the members of staff are) or can email safetalk@fortismere.org.uk. We are also able to arrange sessions in school with our Place 2 Be counsellors. If students wish to see a counsellor they should let their Head of Year know or tell a trusted adult in school.</p> <p>GCSE and A Level arrangements</p> <p>We are now in a position to start to formalise our plans as OFQUAL released further guidance on the 24th March. As such, we have written to Yr11 and Yr13 parents separately to provide some more information about Evidence Informed Grades that will be awarded to our Year 11 and 13 students this summer.</p> | <p>Co-Headteachers</p> <p>Fundraising at Fortismere</p> <p>Easter Holiday Club</p> <p>Library</p> <p>Sport & PE Department Notices</p> <p>Music Department Notices</p> <p>STEAM</p>  <p>Calendar</p> <table> <tr> <td>31.03</td><td>End of term from 12.15pm-1pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>19.04</td><td>Summer Term begins</td></tr> <tr> <td>13.05</td><td>CoverUp Reading Group</td></tr> </table>  | 31.03 | End of term from 12.15pm-1pm | 19.04 | Summer Term begins | 13.05 | CoverUp Reading Group |
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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

Another Friday, another concert. This week it is the turn of Years 8 and 9 to keep us entertained during lunch time. If you were unable to catch it live, we would urge you to click on the link [here](#) and watch the recording. The students' have made a monumental effort to select and play pieces for us, their audience and fully deserve our time and attention. Well done musicians!

Yesterday our 6th Form Fem Soc organised an inclusive show of solidarity for all victims, male and female, of male violence. At times the strength of feeling was quite high and we did remind older students to be careful of the language used in front of our youngest students, advice that was accepted and adhered to. We are aware that the heightened awareness of the vulnerability of girls and women can evoke both strong responses and feelings so we have included the Haringey **Violence Against Women and Girls service** information sheet as an attachment. It would be wrong for us to raise issues without simultaneously offering support.

This week we were anticipating more guidance on the 2021 GCSE and A level assessments but we believe further information will arrive next week. In the meantime, we have continued to plan and Mr Hesse and Mr Ward will be sharing the overview of the Fortismere approach today with Y11 and Y13 today, with more details to follow next week.

Many of you may have watched one of our parents receive the much coveted 'Bake Off' apron on Tuesday. Well done for a stunning (and delicious looking!) show stopper.

We read that the weather will improve over the weekend so we wish you all a peaceful and warmer weekend.

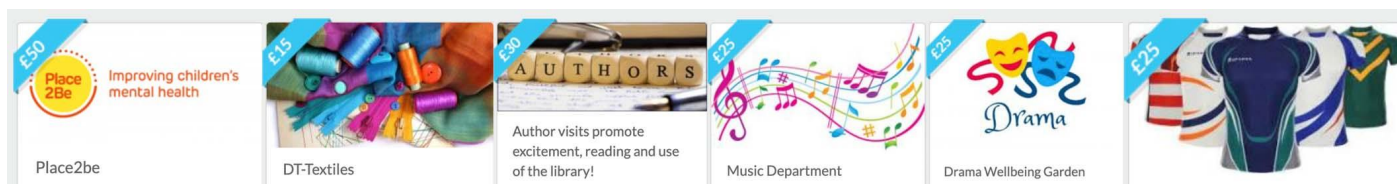
Fundraising at Fortismere

We are delighted to be able to launch our online 'shop' which has been set up to enable members of our community to donate to specific areas of the school. In the past, individual departments and subject areas were able to bid for funds to the Fortismere School Association for specific items that they needed. We know that many parents who have donated in the past have been keen to either know where their donations have gone or have been keen to sponsor a particular department, subject or project via their donations.



Other parents would like to make one-off donations and don't mind where their money goes but are just keen to support the school. Our online donation shop allows parents to have flexibility in how they donate to us. Please click [here](#) to see our current fundraising projects via the website Jumblebee.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our parents for their generosity and continued support of the school. We cannot understate the difference your support makes to our ability to give our learners the transformative education experience they deserve.



Easter Holiday Club

Key Information

We have now opened the Easter Holiday Club to everyone having given priority already to our more vulnerable students and also our critical workers so they can attend or seek work, attend medical appointments or undertake training or education.

With lots of fun and games to enjoy from D&T, Chess, Robotics and Coding to Drama and multi sports, holiday camps are ideal if you find it hard to juggle work and keep the children entertained. The Fortismere Holiday Club will also support the social interaction lost during the last lockdown.

These activities will run between **09.00 am -15.00pm each day** at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE. **The full week will cost £80***, an 08.00 am drop off option will be offered, where the children will be provided with a light breakfast of toast, cereal & juice.

Please contact Maria Demetriou for information on subsidised places:

mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk

Holiday Club Activities: Limited Spaces

April 6th Camp Ballet, tap musical theatre Week 1: 4 Spaces available

[Ballet, tap and Musical theatre Week 1 Tickets](#)

- West End actress Charlotte Scott will be running this camp.
- Charlotte is originally from Norwich and trained at Mountview Academy of Theatre



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April 6th Chess Camp week 1: 2 Spaces Available

[Chess Week 1 Tickets](#)

Chess has been growing in popularity (online), boosted also by the popularity of the chess scenes in the recent Queen's Gambit TV show. This course aims to develop students' chess skills which can also indirectly help analytical and evaluative skills needed also in the classroom. The chess course will look at tactics, strategy, chess openings and endgame play, helping to become a better player.

April 12th Ballet, tap musical theatre Week 2: 2 Spaces Available

[Ballet, tap and Musical theatre Week 2 Tickets](#)

- West End actress Charlotte Scott will be running this camp.
- Charlotte is originally from Norwich and trained at Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts graduating with a BA (hons) in Musical Theatre

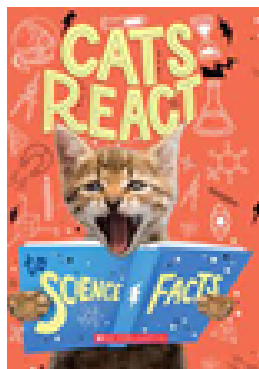
April 12th Drama week 2: 3 Spaces Available

[Drama Week 2 Tickets](#)

This week the children will work on improvisation and comedy skills.

Library

Book Award



The winner of the 2021 Royal Society Young Person's Book of the Year Award was "Cats React to Science Facts" by Izzi Howell.

Some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students helped to judge this in the book group run by Mrs Cockerham from the library and Ms Hall from the science department. You can watch the award ceremony here [Celebrating Science with the Young People's Book Prize](#)

Recommended Reads of the Week

With World Water Day just gone, and International Mermaid Day on Monday, here are just a few of the brilliant books we have in the library related to the sea. These, and thousands of others, can be ordered via our Click and Deliver system book@fortismere.org.uk

Earth Hour [Earth Hour 2021 - What's new this year?](#)



Sport & PE Department

Fortismere PE Model held up as shining example by Top University

Fortismere Sport & PE department recently played host to a group of University Sports students as part of the Oxford Brookes University simulated work experience unit. Not being able to send their students to local schools this year, the University took the opportunity to have their students experience School Sport and PE in schools they wouldn't normally have a chance to visit.

Fortismere was selected and we were delighted to (remotely) show the students our school, our sporting values and our concept PE curriculum. The department received lovely letters from both the university lecturers and the students who praised our curriculum model and are planning to build a module of work around it. Praise indeed!



400+ Fortismere Students at Extra-Curricular Clubs This week

I am again so proud to announce that we have had close to 30 Sports Clubs & Activities this week with student numbers averaging over 100 a night. The total this week is nearly 25% of the school population have enjoyed at least one club. We are not letting you rest though - oh no - after Easter there will be a new edition of the extra-Curricular time-table with something for everyone and even more activities.

Extra Curricular Sports Timetable

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| Mon | Table-Tennis Club with Zoltan 3.30-4.30 SW Gym Y7 Rugby with Mr Orton - 3.20-4.30 School field. Studs required. Y7 Girls Football with Ms Vangucci – 3.20-4.30 Astro Y7 Cricket with Mr Cox – 3.20-4.30 Astro (or Sports Hall) Y8 Rugby – with Mr Orton – 3.20-4.30 Field – Boots and Mouth Guards Y8 Netball with Ms Boot – 3.20-4.30 Netball Courts |
| Tues | Y7 Boys Football with Mr Orton 3.20-4.30 School Field – Boots & Shin pads needed. Y10 Football with Mr Hawkes – Astro – 3.20-4.30 Y8 Girls Football with Ms Vangucci – 3.20-4.30 Astro Y8 Girls Dance with Ms Williams- SW Hall 3.20-4.30 Y9 Girls Netball – with Ms Boot – 3.20-4.30 Netball Courts 6th Form Volleyball - SW Gym 3.20-4.30 |
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| Thurs | Y7 Cross-Country with Mr Orton – School Field Spikes/Football boots 3.20-4.15 Y9 Cricket with Mr Cox 3.20-4.30 Astro or Playground outside SH (or Sports Hall) Y9 Football with Mr Hawkes – 3.20-4.30 Astro - Trainers required Y7 Netball with Ms Bailey 3.30-4.30 – Netball Courts Y9 Hockey with Mr Kay – Astro Trainers and Gum Shields 3.20-4.30 Y10 Volleyball - SW Gym 3.20-4.30 |
| Fri | 6th Form Badminton - Sports Hall 12.30-1.15 |

Sports Fixtures to return



From the 29th March I am delighted to report that matches and competitions with other schools can resume. There are a few restrictions (no Changing, limit travelling where possible etc.) but very soon we hope our field will be full of competitive sporting fixtures.

The summer term will be a little different this year as we want to arrange some Football, Hockey Rugby and Netball matches to make up somewhat from all the many games missed over the last year. Cricket & Rounders fixtures will also be played. We will hold back on Athletics until after the

summer half-term, both in lessons and after school, to enable this.

Make sure you check the Fixtures Notice Boards each week!

Music Department Notices

Virtual Concerts

It was the Year 8 and 9 **online lunchtime concert on Friday 26th March at 12:30pm**. Our students have been producing online content for the Fortismere Community to enjoy since December 2020 and If you are interested in hearing any of the material please visit [Fortismere Music Centre](#) and go to the online concert section.

There have now been 100 performances delivered by our students since we began these events and we are immensely proud of everyone that has taken part. **We will be producing one more online concert in the Summer Term and this will be in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.** If your child is interested in taking part in this concert please contact the Director of Music Mr Jefferies by Sunday 18th April by emailing ajefferies@fortismere.org.uk



Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

Face to face Instrumental and Vocal classes are available in the Summer Term. If you would like more information about these lessons at Fortismere please contact Mel Izzet at mizzet@fortismere.org.uk.

Ensembles

Our school ensembles will return in the Summer Term and we will be offering the following groups to students. If your child is interested in taking part they should talk to their music teacher or email the Director of Music at ajefferies@fortismere.org.uk.

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| Monday | String Orchestra Percussion Group KS3 Music Tech Club | 3:30 - 4:15 |
| Tuesday | Junior Choir | 3:30 - 4:15 |
| Thursday | Senior Choir KS4/5 Music Tech Club | 3:30 - 4:15 |
| Friday | Big Band Classical Guitar Group | 3:30 - 4:15 |

Fortismere Community Music

We are very pleased to announce that we are able to resume our community music making at Fortismere. The **Fortismere Community Choir** will resume its outdoor socially distanced rehearsals from **Saturday 17th April** whilst the **Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra** will begin again on **Tuesday 18th May** in the Music Block Concert Hall. Both groups are open to adults and students and we welcome new members.

The **FCSO** will be performing on **Saturday 3rd July at St Andrew's Church at 7:30pm**. The programme will include the World Premiere of Thomas Gregory's *Ulveshale Strand*, the Brahms Double Concerto with soloists Ashok Klouda and Alexander Sitkovetsky and Strauss's Death and

Transfiguration.

The cost of membership for this event will be £60 for adults and £40 for students. If you are interested in taking part in either of these groups please contact Joe Winters at FMCinfo@fortismere.org.uk.

STEAM

The #TuringChallenge

To celebrate Alan Turing featuring on the new £50 banknote, GCHQ created our hardest puzzle ever in his honour.

The [#TuringChallenge](#) requires you to solve a string of puzzles which get increasingly difficult. Crack the answers to the first 11 puzzles which should give you 11 single words or names which you'll need your very own Enigma simulator to decode!

Keep an eye on the GCHQ Twitter and Instagram channels throughout the day for tips and hints.

As Turing himself once said

"We can only see a short distance ahead, but we can see plenty there that needs to be done"

