


Friday 6th January 2023

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<p><b>Start to term</b></p> <p>It is always lovely to see our students back in school. At the start of a new term we remind our students of their self-organisation, including the equipment they need to bring to school to support their learning. Please could parents and carers ensure that your sons and daughters have all the equipment they need, including a school bag, to help them make a positive start to the new term.</p> <p><b>Parent and Carer survey</b></p> <p>We are inviting you to share your views about your child's experiences in their lessons at Fortismere school. Could you please complete a short questionnaire by clicking on the <a href="#">link</a>.</p> <p><b>Supporting Your Child with Anxiety (NHS Trailblazer Team)</b></p> <p>Please see the flyer attached for an invitation for parents and carers to attend a virtual, interactive workshop on supporting young people with anxiety. The workshop is on Thursday 19th January 2023 1.00pm-2.00pm via Microsoft Teams - to book email: <a href="mailto:beht.cmhstrailblazerinbox@nhs.net">beht.cmhstrailblazerinbox@nhs.net</a></p> <p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p>As many parents and carers are aware, school attendance has not recovered fully to pre-pandemic figures. Please see the attached letter from Fortismere that outlines our approach to raising and maintaining high levels of attendance at Fortismere. There is a national focus on attendance and we are part of the Haringey response to the DfE drive for improvements. This is vitally important for all our students and we urge you to read it.</p>	<b>CoHeadteachers' Message</b>		
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## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

Happy New Year to all our families. We hope you all managed to rest and refresh during the holiday season and are raring to go for the New Year.

We were delighted to welcome back our students on Wednesday. The start to the Spring Term is always very exam focussed as our Year 13 and Year 11 students take the mock examinations this month; a very important element of their preparation for the final summer examinations. We would like to wish all students taking mocks the very best of luck and encourage them to view the experience as an invaluable way to practise their skills and develop the right mindset for the summer session ahead of them. We are also speaking to students in other year groups about that important Fortismere Four rule, 'Being respectful' and showing consideration that some are in exams as they move about the site. Please reinforce this message with your children. As a community we always support one another.

At the start of this new term we are also keen to underscore just how important good attendance to school is. Even one day missed from school can take a toll in the long term on missed learning. Catching up work at home cannot come close to replicating the experience of learning in a classroom with a teacher. We know that there were a number of viruses at large at the end of last term but after the break these tend to tail off. Even if students have a cold or are a bit under the weather they should attend school without question. A letter about attendance expectations and processes accompanies this week's Newsletter and is an important read for all of our parents.

Also, we would like to remind you all to take a few minutes to complete our online parental survey on learning at Fortismere. We are seeking your views on how effectively you believe your child is learning at our school. We are keen to assess the impact of our relatively recent policies for assessing learning and teaching in the classroom and would like to involve our parents in this conversation.

We are poised for a very busy few weeks, starting with the Year 9 Parents Evening next Wednesday. Please ensure that your child is involved in this event as the conversations with subject teachers around option choices for next year are a very important element of this particular parental event.

We wish all of our families a wonderful and restful weekend.

## Year 7 News

### Six Go Bowling

On Wednesday this week, six lucky Year 7s went bowling at Rowans for a reward trip. They had been selected at random from the group of students who were nominated for their positive behaviour and attitude on the recent Kingswood trip. It was a lovely outing and a great opportunity to celebrate these brilliant young people - See them below showing off some of their bowling skills!

We are very focused on positive behaviour at Fortismere and



we are always looking for opportunities to reward the children who are regularly getting it right. A reminder to all Year 7s that their behaviour points reset this term and so there will be plenty of opportunities for them to show us what they can do... Who knows what the reward will be at the end of this term?!

Ms Jones

## Careers Related Learning Notice

### Year 10-Year 13 Apprenticeship Events January 2023

There are a number of webinars taking place in January aimed at students in Years 10-13, on Apprenticeship opportunities. Students and parents/carers can learn about opportunities with bp, CBRE and the National Audit Office by signing up for the free evening webinars. Details and booking information are on the website - [see this page](#)

Mr Renner

## Sport & PE Notices

### New Year - New Sports Opportunities

Happy New Year! We are excited for the new sporting year and the opportunities and competitions that lay ahead. Attached to the Newsletter is an updated version of our *Extra Curricular Timetable*. Due to exams, some of our after school and lunchtime clubs will start in February.

#### We are recruiting for the following sports:

Mr Kay is looking for more **Hockey** players to join in on a Tuesday, on the astroturf after school.

We have a **Trampolining** competition on the 23rd Jan - if you are a competent trampolinist and would like to participate please hand your name in to Ms Vangucci. We will be holding trials and training for this event.

Come and try **Street Dance** on a Wednesday in the Sports Hall, after school. We have a great teacher from Step into Dance and need more recruits for a local Dance Competition in the spring term.

Our new **Gymnastics** club takes place on a Wednesday after school. If you would like to join please complete the *attached form* as there is a fee involved.

**Indoor Rowing:** We are currently selecting the Haringey Indoor Rowing Team for the London Youth Games Competition which is taking place in March. If you are interested please see Ms Vangucci for more information.

**Squash:** Play Squash are running sessions for students Year 7-11, all abilities, at Stormont Club N6 starting on 16th Jan 2023. *See the attached flyer* for more information and booking details

### Upcoming Fixtures

<b>Tues 10th Jan</b>	Year 9/10 Girls 5th Round National Cup v Fullbrook School 1.30 pm KO @ New River Sports Centre. Please come along and support, if you are able.
<b>Tues 10th Jan</b>	Year 7,8 Girls Haringey schools Indoor Cricket @ Fortismere straight after school.
<b>Thurs 26th Jan</b>	Middlesex Cross Country Championships @ Harrow School



**Team Selection** Congratulations and very well done to - Alex Kirk, Aiden Lappin, Alfred Poucett, Tal Querfurth Waterman, James Davidson, Tobias Amos, Thomas Radley, Amy Kirk, Ivy Gray, Jessica Lappin. Please collect a letter from Ms Vangucci.

## Music Department

### Christmas Concert - In Photos



### Upcoming Concerts This Term

**Thursday January 26th: Charity Band Night** - This is an amazing evening being organised by the 6th Form to raise money for SHELTER and whilst there will be some performances from various school ensembles the night is a chance for our school bands to put their best foot forward. If you would like to perform or know of any bands both adult and student that might like to get involved please contact Nathan Joseph (6th Form Organiser) on [josen083.309@fortismere.school](mailto:josen083.309@fortismere.school).

**Thursday February 9th: Music and Poetry** - This is a concert that features music and poetry from across the school. There will be some outstanding performances and we look forward to Haru Ogiwara's Haydn

Cello Concerto amongst various other performances. If you would like to perform please contact the Director of Music, Mr Jefferies

**Thursday March 9th: A Level Recital Evening** - this concert will feature performances from our A Level students who will be playing their final recital pieces. This group of musicians are really quite outstanding and I would urge you to come along to hear them.

**Saturday March 25th: Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra Concert** - This concert will feature the Barber Violin Concerto performed by Darragh Morgan. If you would like to know more about this terms soloist please visit [www.darraghmorgan.com](http://www.darraghmorgan.com)

## Instrumental & Vocal Lessons

Please make sure that you have paid for your child's Instrumental or Vocal lessons by Wednesday 11th January midday. Parents have been sent a reminder and we would like to start the lessons on Monday 16th January, delays in payment mean a delayed starting time.

If you are interested in your child starting lessons please contact Mel Izzet at [mizzet@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:mizzet@fortismere.org.uk).

## Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra

The FCSO will restart on Tuesday 9th January at 7pm in the Music Concert Hall. If you or your child would like to join then please get in touch with me [ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk) We are always keen to have new players but please be advised that we require players to be of the following standard in order to play the repertoire:

Strings - Grade 7+

Brass - Grade 7+

Woodwind - Grade 8+

Percussion - Grade 7+

We are particularly keen to hear from Violinists, Double Bass, Bassoonists, Trombonists, French Horns.

## Ensembles This Term

Please remind your children to be prompt to rehearsals. Repertoire for the term will appear in Google Classrooms and should be looked at before attending a rehearsal.

	Lunchtime	After School
<b>Monday</b>	String Group - Concert Hall	KS3 Music Tech - MU1 Chamber Orchestra - Concert Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	SSA Choir - Concert Hall Percussion Group - MU1 Popular Guitars - MU2	Jazz Band - Concert Hall Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra - 7pm-9pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Big Band - Concert Hall	Bands (Rooms available for practice)
<b>Thursday</b>	Junior Choir - Concert Hall	KS4 Music Tech - MU4

	DJ Club - MU4	Cello Group - MU2
<b>Friday</b>	Male Voices - Concert Hall Classical Guitar Group - Concert Hall	
<b>Saturday</b>	Music Theory Classes - 11:30am-12:30pm Fortismere Community Choir - 10:30am-1pm	Bands (Rooms available for practice)

## Safeguarding at Fortismere

### Safeguarding Information

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Sullivan) about any safeguarding matters or concerns please email [safetalk@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:safetalk@fortismere.org.uk) alternatively you can contact your child's Tutor or their Head of Year:

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Ms Sullivan

Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead