

Friday 23rd September 2022

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<b>Timetables</b>  <p>We have experienced teething difficulties with the timetables introduced at the start of the academic year. The main timetable has been amended and this may affect your child's timetable. The new timetables will be available on Cloudschool from 4pm this afternoon and will be active from Monday morning.</p>	<b>Co-Headteachers Message</b>								
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<b>Open Evening</b>  <p>Fortismere is open to prospective parents next Wednesday from 4.00pm-6.30pm. Students form an important part of this event: guiding families, supporting departments and performing. All the Year 7-11 students helping out do need the permission of their parents and carers which we will be collecting via Google Classroom. We are very grateful for the enthusiastic support our students give us, they are our greatest asset!</p>									
<b>Dressing appropriately</b>  <p>As the weather cools down, we do have a few students who have complained of the cold. Please could students bear in mind the change in seasons and remember to wear clothes that will keep them both warm and dry.</p>									
<b>Signing student planners</b>  <p>All students in years 7-11 have been given a school planner (homework diary). Please could parents and carers sign this weekly. The planners are a useful addition to home-school communication (please see the section on school communication in this week's Newsletter).</p>									

## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

It does now feel as though the school term is fully underway. Our students have made a great start to their year's learning and are engaging well in their classes with the variety of opportunities our curriculum has to offer. Parents will be aware that a further team of Inspectors from Ofsted visited the school at the end of the last week who also observed the fantastic start our students have made to their learning. As we wrote last week, the purpose of this extra day's inspection was to collect further evidence to complete the inspection. We have already received a revised draft report from Ofsted so we are still hoping that the final report will at last be available for the community during this half term.

We know that some of your children have had some issues at the start of term with timetabled lessons and setting in certain subjects. These issues have now been ironed out and timetables will be reissued to students on Monday 26th September. We appreciate this has provided a slightly unsteady start for some students and apologise for any unnecessary worry this may have caused. We appreciate that some students, especially our younger year groups will need some support in settling in to any changes. Please do contact your child's form tutor with any questions or concerns that you have.

We are always keen to connect with our community and as promised we are now pleased to offer a date for parents who have questions or issues they would like to discuss with us as Co-headteachers. We are holding an online surgery on Thursday 13th October at 1.30pm - 3.00pm. Please see the entry in this week's Newsletter which advises how to request a conversation with us.

We are looking forward to showcasing our school next Wednesday at our Annual Open Evening for parents applying for Year 7 entry in September 2023. It is always a special event and we would like parents to encourage their children to take part in the evening. There are plenty of roles for students either leading tours or working in subject areas. Please note on the front page of today's Newsletter the altered timings of the school day for students next week on Wednesday and Thursday. We look forward to seeing parents who are bringing along younger siblings to see the school.

We would like to sign off by saying 'Chag Sameach' to the Jewish members of our community who are celebrating Rosh Hashanah from this Sunday. We hope that all of our families have a relaxing weekend.

### Co-headteachers Surgeries

Co-headteachers' Surgeries are taking place during the course of this half term and present parents who have booked an appointment the opportunity to talk directly to the Co-headteachers about any aspect of school policy or practice that they would like to comment on. It may be to share their experience or to understand a little more about an aspect of the school. The Surgeries should not be used to bring up specific concerns about an individual child as such concerns should be raised by contacting the school and where appropriate, raising a complaint. We have a robust complaints process at Fortismere which is designed to escalate any unresolved concerns through the school management hierarchy and will better serve any parent who wants to raise such concerns. If you would like to attend our first surgery taking place on **Thursday 13th October at 1.30pm - 3.00pm**, please complete the online form [here](#). We will contact you with an appointment. There will be a limited number of appointments available, assigned on a first come, first served basis. If these slots are all filled for the October Surgery we will offer an appointment at one of the subsequent surgeries. The meeting will be virtual. Further dates for the academic year 2022-23 will be advertised shortly.



## School Communication

### Home-School Communications - Email Protocol

We have updated our Email Protocol for parents (*copy attached to the Newsletter*) to incorporate the use of our new student planners (homework diaries). These can be very effective in supporting communication between home and school and we would remind parents and carers that these need to be signed by you weekly. You can use the planners to write notes to tutors and there may also be times when tutors put notes in planners for parents and carers. Tutors remain the first point of contact for all our students and if you are unsure who this is, the name of the tutor is on the front page of the planner. Please read our updated protocol document and use this as a guide for your communications with the school.

## Open Evening Wednesday 28th September 2022

### Student Volunteers Needed Please

We are looking forward to hosting our Open Evening on Weds 28 Sept from 4.00pm-6.30pm. Many students have already volunteered to help but we would love more students to volunteer to lead tours around our site. Please encourage your child to sign up to do this, if they are in Years 8-13. There is a link on their year group google classroom. If they have any questions they can contact Ms Brooks in school or [ebrooks@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:ebrooks@fortismere.org.uk) Thank you for your help.

## Fundraising Event

### Fireworks Display - Thursday 3rd November 2022

The annual Fortismere Fireworks display is taking place on Thurs 3 Nov 2022, 5pm-9pm and will be as spectacular as ever – even synchronised to music this year! This event can potentially raise a lot of money for the school so please do come along and support us. There will be food, drinks, dancing and you can get dizzy on the fairground rides, all before the display has even started!. There are savings if you buy your tickets early (£5 each). Students can purchase tickets from the Library or you can book tickets online via Eventbrite – use this link If anyone would like to help out at the event please get in touch with me Ms Demetriou [mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk)



## Art & Photography Department Notices

### KS3 Art Club

KS3 Art Club returns on Thursday 29th September.

This term we will be looking at Steam Punk and creating work that will be used in the set for the school production, 'Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy'.

Students should come to N6 from 3.30-4.30pm.

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### KS3 ART CLUB IS BACK!

Next project:  
The set for 'Hitchhiker's  
Guide to the Galaxy!'



Starts  
29th Sep

**ART CLUB: THURSDAY 3.30 - 4.30 in N6**

## Art Competitions with Great Prizes

### Keeping Fit Poster Competition

Design a poster and have it displayed nationwide on digital screens and win some great prizes including an Art & Design tablet for the winner in each age category! The competition is open to school students aged 8 to 18 years and the deadline for entries is 25th November 2022.

Click [here](#) for more information.



### Sony World Photography Awards: Youth Competition

A competition for young, passionate photographers aged under 19 years old. Prizes include Sony digital imaging equipment and having your work published in a book.

Click [here](#) for more information.

### Global Canvas – Children's Wildlife Art Competition

An annual group art contest for children aged 16 and under encouraging collaboration and creativity around wildlife and the environment. The 2023 theme is: "Biodiversity – the complex web of life". The competition is free to enter and open to children aged 16 and under – either as a group or an individual. You can use any art technique you like.

Click [here](#) for more information.



## Haringey Parent Support

### Parenting Support Programmes & Workshops

Haringey have recently released details of their new Parenting Support Offer. This includes a wide range of free programmes and workshops for mothers, fathers and carers of children and young people living in Haringey or attending a Haringey school. Courses usually run over a number of weeks and some are starting soon.

You can download an overview of all the programmes with contact details for the programme leader if you have any questions or want to discuss your needs before signing up. All details are on the [Haringey website - Parenting Programmes](#)

**Parenting  
Support**



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

### Duke of Edinburgh Award Review 2021-22

The last academic year was a very busy year for staff involved with the DofE Award at Fortismere, partly caused by the backlog of expeditions due to Covid but also by my three month absence from school after sustaining an injury to my shoulder. I would like to say a big thank you to Ms Jackson and Mr Cox for stepping in halfway through the year and running the award for me in my absence. The DofE Team organised four expeditions over the academic year which allowed 287 pupils to pass the expedition section of their bronze award which is absolutely brilliant! The expeditions would not be able to run if it wasn't for the good will of Fortismere staff giving up part of their weekends to help out. I would also like to thank; Mr Lewis, Miss Boot, Miss Dutton, Miss Cuenca, Mrs Arrowsmith, Mr Huxley, Mr Alridge, Mr Mahmood and Mr Ward for all their support on the expeditions last year. Fortismere continues to be the biggest provider for the Duke of Edinburgh Award in North London. We are looking forward to enrolling the current Year 9 cohort onto the award later this half term and will also be introducing the silver award for the current Year 10 cohort. All information about DofE enrolment will be sent out via parentmail.





Mr Kay  
Duke of Edinburgh Award Lead



## Library Notice

### CoverUp

The first meeting of our parent/staff reading group is on Thursday 29th September, 7pm in the library, and we're excited to be welcoming new members! So please join us for fun and bookish chat (and a glass of wine or two if you're so inclined...) We'll be talking about "Mr Wilder and Me" by Jonathan Coe, but if you haven't read/finished it, come anyway – there'll be much to talk about.



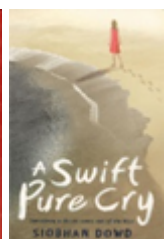
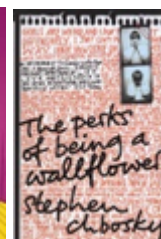
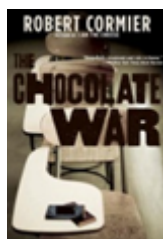
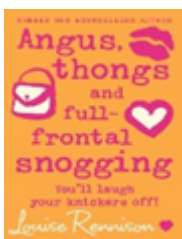
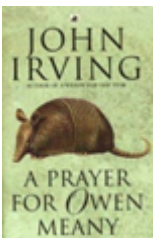
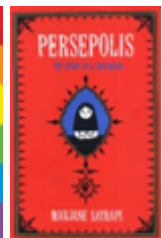
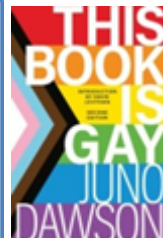
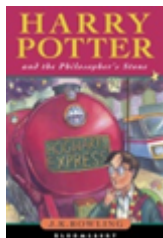
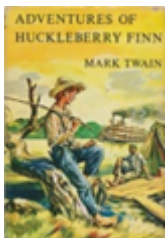
### Board Games

Lunchtimes in the library are packed with students and many of them get together and play board games. If you have any games (with all the bits) you no longer need – especially Connect 4 which really takes a hammering – please ask your child to bring them to the library. Chess and Battleships are also popular. Many thanks.



### Recommended Reads of the Week

In honour of Banned Books Week, here are a few that have been banned in libraries and schools, and are freely available at Fortismere – we even have a special display for them this week! Censorship keeps us in the dark – keep the light on!



## Sport & PE News

### Cup Action for Fortismere Football Teams

It's been a week of cup action for our teams this week with some mixed fortunes. On Tuesday afternoon, our U13 Girls (including many debuts for some Y7 players) met Highgate in the Middlesex cup. It was a thrillingly close game with Highgate just edging to a 2-1 win. Our girls were excellent though and it won't be long before they hit winning ways. On the same afternoon, the Y9 Boys 'A' team met our old rivals APS in the Haringey Competition and played superbly to go through with a 4-2 win. Louie Broadway scored twice with Red Willment and Lucas Christenson also getting on the score sheet. Man of the match was Aston Sanderson with a commanding 'Saliba like' defensive performance.



Our 1st XI (U18) were also in Middlesex Cup action losing out 0-2 in a high quality game away at UCS. Y9 'A' team were back in action on Thursday when they met Gladesmore in the Middlesex Cup. A fantastic first half, up the hill, where we led 4-0 set us up for a comfortable win. We took our foot off the gas in the second half but sailed through to a 6-3 victory. No training for Y9 next week (I'm away at the Borough Cross-Country) but the 'B' team are in action on Wednesday. Next week also sees our Y10 'A's and Y9 'B's in ESFA cup action. Good Luck to them all!

### Cross-Country Runners at the Ready!

A big week ahead for our Cross-Country teams - on Tuesday they head to the New River Sports Centre for the Haringey Championships which also doubles as trials for the London Youth Games and on Thursday they make their way to Harrow for the 1st Round of the ESAA Cup. Good luck to all our runners!



### Sophie at GB Trials

Last weekend Y12's Sophie Games attended her second stage trials for the GB Ice Hockey team. Sophie hasn't heard if she has made selection yet but how amazing just to make this stage! We are all very proud of you Sophie.



### Huxley is Forever Blowing Bubbles!

I am delighted to report that Y10's Huxley Hankin is now training regularly with the West Ham United Academy team. Huxley is a very fine goalkeeper and we are delighted that he is doing so well.



### Anthony Makes a Splash

Y7's Anthony Marton made his first competitive appearance for his local Diving Club last weekend. I'm delighted to report that he finished in the Bronze medal position. What a super start to the season. Tom Daly watch out! Well done Anthony!



## Fixtures & Extra Curricular Timetable

Details of forthcoming fixtures and the extra-curricular timetable are published on the school website in the Extra-Curricular Activities area.



### Fixtures For Next week (Week starting 26th Sept 2022)

Tues 27th Sept	Cross-Country – All Years Borough Champs at New River 4.00pm-5.30pm
Weds 28th Sept	Football - Y9 'B' Boys v Bishop Challoner (A) ESFA Cup 2.30pm KO
Thurs 29th Sept	Football - Y10 'A' Boys v St Augustine's (H) ESFA Cup 2.00pm KO
Thurs 29th Sept	Cross-Country - ESAA Cup 1st Round at Harrow 2.30–4.00pm

### Last Week's Results

Football - U13 Girls v Highgate	Lost 1-2
Football - Y9'A' Boys v APS	Won 4-2
Football - 1st XI Boys v UCS	Lost 0-2
Football - Y9 'A' Boys v Gladesmore	Won 6-3

Remember to let me have news of your sporting participation and achievements outside of school. You can contact me on [sorton@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:sorton@fortismere.org.uk)

## Fortismere Holiday Camps

### October Half Term Holiday Camps - Booking Now

Our popular holiday camps provide a wide range of different activities for children to enjoy including Sports, Art, Early Years Fun, Drama, Dance and Photography. This half-term our Holiday Camps are from **Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October** and activities run from **9.00am to 3.00pm** each day at Fortismere School, Tetherdown N10 1NE.

A full week costs £80.00. An early (8.00am) drop-off option including a light breakfast is also available.



Bookings are made via Eventbrite. Full details of all the activities and booking details are published on the school website - [see here for details](#)

## Safeguarding at Fortismere

### Safeguarding Information

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Kirsten 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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Year 9 [kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk)

Year 10 [kjackson@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:kjackson@fortismere.org.uk)

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Ms Sullivan

Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead