

School Leadership Messages

Everyone's Invited Website

We appreciate that our community will have found discussions around disclosure made on the Everyone's Invited website shocking and upsetting. While we know that it is vital that young people are given the space to share their experiences we also know that inevitable questions are being raised around how we protect and educate young people as well as how we support those who disclose their own experiences. The Co-heads' message refers to this very point in this week's newsletter. However, a reminder of how the curriculum supports crucial education around sex and relationships can be found here. Also, a link to our safeguarding pages where parents will find information about how we support young people with these issues can be found here.

What to do in the event of a positive test during the Easter Holidays

Students are required to continue to test twice a week (Sundays and Wednesdays) with the lateral flow test throughout the holidays. If a student receives a positive LFT they are to do a follow up PCR to verify the result. If the PCR is also positive please contact the NHS with the result. From Thursday 1st April to Tuesday 6th April please also inform Ms K Sullivan (Ksullivan@fortismere.org.uk) of a positive PCR test so that we can trace contacts.

Further detailed information is available on our [COVID webpages](#).

GCSE and A Level arrangements

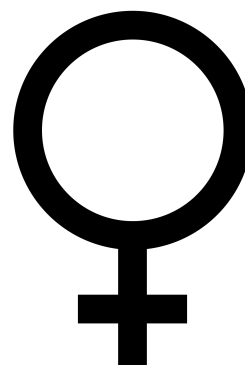
Parents/carers of Year 11 and Year 13 students will receive a parentmail today giving details of the assessment process by subject area. The same information will also be available on the Fortismere website and year group Google Classrooms. For Year 11 information please click [here](#) and for Year 13 information please click [here](#)

During the Easter holidays Y11 and Y13 students will be able to access a range of revision and other support materials via their year Google Classroom. The materials posted will be directly related to the topic areas which will be assessed for the generation of this year's grades. Schools do not yet have all the details from the exam boards but the information from JCQ can be found [here](#).

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Co-Headteachers

Spring Term Roundup

It certainly has been the strangest of terms for everyone. It has also been very sobering to end this strange term reflecting on the incredibly upsetting stories and experiences that have been shared by young people on the Everyone's Invited website. These reflections inevitably lead us to consider what direction the conversation around sex and relationships should take with regards to education for all and support for those who need it. In our meeting this week with sixth form student leaders we listened to their thoughtfully expressed views on their experience of learning about relationships in school. This has given us some real food for thought as we think about how we should respond to the inevitable conversations that 'Everyone's Invited' provokes.

Our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum was written very recently according to updated guidelines and is robust in surfacing and tackling issues that are currently being discussed. However, in light of the impact of current discourse on our learners we will be stepping up this provision and exploring even more explicitly issues such as consent in assemblies and tutorials while contextualising more recent debate around peer on peer abuse within our delivery of PRE. We will also be reminding students of how they can access support if ever they need it.

We would encourage parents to frequently visit the safeguarding pages of our school website as we do update it with information and guidance for parents and students which can be used to support conversations at home around such issues. There is no doubt that young people are most supported when school and home collaborate to ensure they absorb messages that influence safe and respectful behaviour.

As we continue our return to some kind of normality it was great to hear the plans that Mr Orton our Director of Sport has for inspiring our students to get outside and participate in sporting activities. Mr Orton confirmed that around 100 students are staying after school pretty much every evening to play some form of sport with their peers. We were even more impressed that last wednesday around an extra 60 students from the 6th Form joined them for football trials. It's clear that our students are ready to get active which is wonderful. We are grateful to Mr Orton, Mr Hawkes and the PE department for inspiring this surge in interest in sports; it's exactly what our students need.

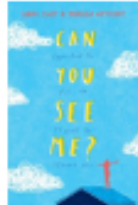
As term ends we would like to publicly thank our entire team of staff for their dedication to keeping learning live through the ups and downs of the past term. We'd like to thank our parents for their support and encouragement in keeping their children on track educationally.

Finally, we salute our resilient, confident and determined students who have proved they can cope with so much disruption yet still commit to their school and their learning. We hope you all have a well-deserved break.

A large, stylized, blue cursive script that reads "Thank you". The letters are thick and have a slight 3D effect with a lighter blue outline. The script is elegant and flowing, with the 'y' having a long, sweeping tail that loops back under the 'u'.

From the Library: Recommend reads for Easter

29th March till 4th April sees [Autism Awareness Week](#) What better way to promote understanding and empathy than to read a book? Here are some that are available from the school library via book@fortismere.org.uk



Summer Festival - 3rd July

Your school needs you!

If all goes as planned and restrictions are lifted towards the end of June, Fortismere plans to end this year with a festival of music, arts, food and fun. We have been through so much collectively so it feels right that we come together to celebrate and be entertained by some of the best talent that North London has to offer including many of our own and former students. We are busily working on plans for this event right now and there will be more information to follow soon. However, in order to make the event as memorable as it can be for us all we are asking our parent community to support us.



While this is a school festival, and we will certainly be entertained by a host of our talented musicians on the day, we would like to use the event as an opportunity to cement our school's position at the heart of its community. We are seeking support from our parents and carers in specific ways as detailed below:

- Connect us with local bands and musicians and any performer who would take part in the festival
- Offering to become involved in any aspect of the event including running stalls and activities to entertaining the crowds
- Performing themselves if they are any good (although we will need to see evidence!)
- Donating prizes for a spectacular silent auction, raffle and bottle tombola
- Donations for a vintage clothing stall

For our more entrepreneurial parents there will also be the opportunity to book a stall spot for a £35 fee. We have no doubt that there will be a wealth of expertise in running such events and numerous contacts within our parent community who could support making sure this is an unforgettable day for us all. We're pretty sure we all deserve it.



Please can we urge parents to contact us as soon as they can if they think they can play a part in making this ambition a reality. With no Glastonbury and all the Hyde Park Summer gigs being postponed AGAIN this year we are sure we will all have a real yearning for some music, a funfair and all-round celebration. We are pretty sure the timing of this will be just right. Please get in touch with Maria Demetriou mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk with details on how you can offer support. **(Year 7 parent and carers will be contacted separately about supporting the running of the event)**

Music Department

Fortismere Music Festival Auditions

We will be holding auditions for any students wanting to take part in the Fortismere Music Festival to be held on **Saturday 3rd July**. This will be an exciting chance to perform live in front of a home crowd and we are looking for students from any year groups that would like to perform either as part of an established group or as a soloist or as a DJ. There are three hours of performance time available to students for this event and we are very much looking forward to hearing what you can do! Interested students can email the Director of Music at ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk.

Drama Department

This Week's Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam

Our Year 11 GCSE Drama students have been hard at work over the last few weeks in creating their Play Extracts performance coursework. This week they performed their extracts and our vast range of plays included *Comedy About a Bank Robbery*, *Alarms and Excursions*, *The Dumb Waiter*, and *Antigone*. Year 11 have worked extraordinarily hard in unique and unusual conditions. Congratulations to them all!!



Easter Watching!

National Theatre's *Romeo and Juliet*

Easter Sunday 4th April at 9pm on Sky Arts in the UK. Sky Arts is free-to-air and available for everyone in the UK on Freeview channel 11. This bold new film brings to life the remarkable backstage spaces of the National Theatre in which desire, dreams and destiny collide to make Shakespeare's romantic tragedy sing in an entirely new way.

Jessie Buckley (Wild Rose, Judy) and Josh O'Connor (The Crown, God's Own Country) play Juliet and Romeo. The award-winning cast includes Tamsin Greig, Fisayo Akinade, Adrian Lester, Lucian Msamati, Deborah Findlay.

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