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Co-Headteachers

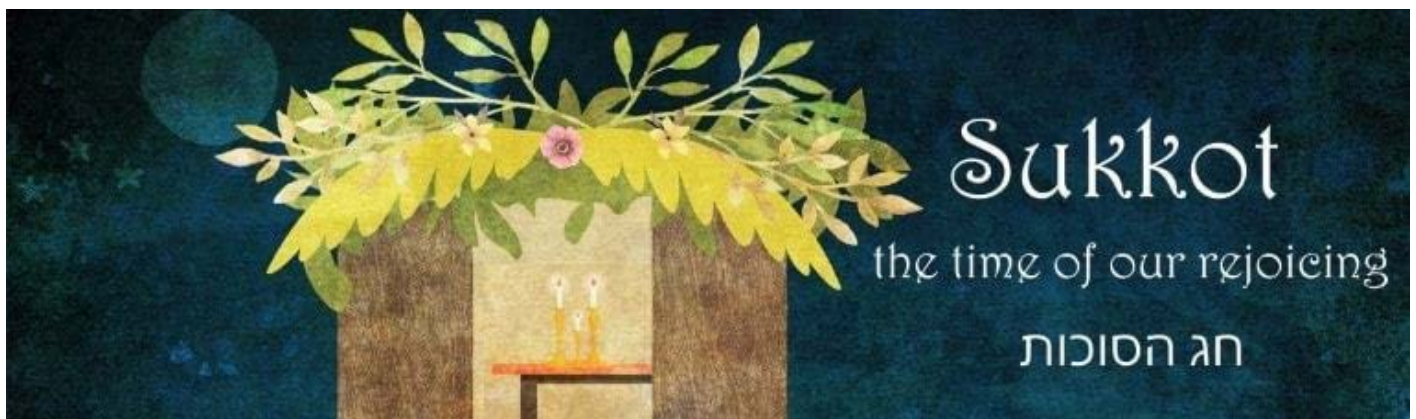
Weekly Roundup

Fortismere has continued its journey to a more normal school experience with the return of face to face assemblies (although unfortunately not for the 2 year groups with the highest Covid numbers). The Co-Heads have been delivering the assemblies this week with a welcome back message. We are also using the assemblies to challenge the notion of a 'lost generation' and some of the negativity used in the media towards the impact of the pandemic on our children and young people. While undoubtedly this has been a difficult time we would not underestimate the resilience, bravery and all-round brilliance of our student body. Recovery from the impact of Covid forms part of our planning for this year (and potentially, the coming years) but we will be positive and upbeat about the task ahead. The Children's Commissioner has published the headlines from the Big Ask survey (over half a million 9-17 year olds across the country responded) and one of her key findings was that 71% of children and young people reported being happy. We would rather the percentage be higher, but it is still evidence that our young people have the ability to 'bounce back', as the Commissioner notes.

Evidence of the joy our students bring to us as a school was on display on Wednesday evening for the Fortismere Open Evening. The enthusiasm, talent and excellent social skills of our students are always our key marketing strategy: nothing sells Fortismere better than Fortismere students. We had many more volunteers than originally anticipated and Ms Brooks, who masterminded the event, was impressed and delighted by the commitment to Fortismere shown by our students. They were excellent ambassadors for the school, whether guiding groups of parents and carers, leading subject-based activities, performing or speaking as part of the Co-Headteachers' speeches. They are also fun to be around and all the staff (as well as a significant number of parents) commenting on how fantastic the student support for the event had been.

The student leaders were also involved on Wednesday and next week sees the beginning of the process of voting for the Sixth Form leadership team, with hustings on Tuesday morning. We wish good luck to all our candidates and we are looking forward to hearing the speeches.

The weather report suggests that Autumn is definitely on its way but while the warm weather lasts, we wish you all a sunny and relaxing weekend.



In-School catering

Harrisons, who provide the catering for Fortismere, have been affected by the national problem with deliveries. As a consequence, students may find the food being served is different from the food on the two-week menu. Harrisons will continue to ensure that there is a vegetarian or vegan option daily and apologies for any disruption or disappointment. We know our students are big fans of the meals at Fortismere and we hope this matter can be resolved swiftly.

Fortismere on Instagram

Fortismere Instagram

Our Communications department would like to thank everyone who has followed our Instagram account, after it was launched on Friday 17th September.



This is an exciting time for Fortismere's Communications.

The purpose of our Instagram account is for all members of the school community to be informed and entertained by the latest content, events, news and updates that are taking place in Fortismere.

In the next few weeks, we will be posting more updates in the weekly newsletter detailing the plans regarding our new communications strategy.

If you haven't followed our Instagram account yet, please go check out our account!

Our Instagram Account: fortismereschooln10

Extra-Curricular Activities

Coding Club



Open to all year groups to do programming, game design using Python programming language. Students will get the opportunity to participate in competitions such as Bebras Challenge and Raspberry Pi competition 2022.

Coding Club: Thursday lunchtimes in S33

Sixth Form Notices

Further EPQ Success



We were thrilled to hear that Anna Menzel (Year 13:2020-2021) used her A* Extended Project Qualification project '*The effect of compassion and emotional contagion on teens as first responders in mental health*' to apply for the Bright Sparks Undergraduate Scholarship at the University of East Anglia.

She has just received confirmation that she has won it. Well done Anna and Mrs Ward for supervising!

Modern Languages Notices

Excellent Effort



Students have been excellent these first few weeks in language lessons. All language teachers are amazed with their passion and effort in lessons and we want to congratulate them all. Every week teachers will select 2 students to go on our Wall of Fame to recognise their achievements. A big well done to all of them!

MEP Programme - Year 7 only



**Mandarin
Excellence
Programme**

Due to some absences on **Thursday 16th September** the Mandarin teachers are scheduling another day to take the Aptitude test for the Mandarin Excellence Programme. **This will take place on Monday 27th September in N20.** Further information will be sent by Ms Huang after the assessment takes place.

If you have any queries, please email Ms

Huang: hhuang@fortismere.org.uk

London Spanish Film Festival

This annual event is back from **Thursday 23rd September- Wednesday 29th September**. It's the perfect opportunity to watch the latest Spanish films as well as attend some talks from directors and actors.

Location: Ciné Lumière at the Institut français, 17 Queensberry Place, South Kensington, London SW7 2DT

More information can be found here: www.londonspanishfilmfestival.com

European Day of Languages: Sunday 26th September



Sunday 26th September is European Day of Languages. This week students have learnt about the importance of learning languages as well as learnt a few new words in other languages. Next week we'll reveal the winners of the quiz and treasure hunt.

If you are interested on knowing more about other languages: [Click Here](http://www.coe.int/edl)

Sport & PE Notices

Fortismere Hockey Leads the Way For Haringey at LYG



At the recent London Youth Games a large number of Fortismere sports stars represented Haringey as they battled against other London boroughs in an amazingly high standard competition. The Incredible Haringey Hockey team was made up of ALL fortismere players and, coached by our very own Mr Kay, they went all the way to win the event. What an amazing achievement by Mr Kay and the team.

Haringey also went on to win the Y10 Girls Football and this team included three Fortismere players: Bella Mellows, Ella Kostem and Rosie Davis - another strong Fortismere influence in Haringey success.

Lovely Surprise from London Football Academy

On our return from the Summer Holidays we the PE department had a lovely surprise waiting for us from our good friends at the London Football Academy. " great big boxes filled with much needed Balls and Ball Carriers. Lovely!

The academy's founder and head coach, Martin Egan, is himself an ex-fortismere student, and Martin said that it is a pleasure to be able to be in a position to 'give back' and he wouldn't be where he was today if he hadn't been inspired by his PE teachers at Fortismere. As well as teaching and coaching in a number of schools, the London Football Academy runs a series of both Soccer and Multi Sports camps throughout the year during school holidays. They really have an outstanding reputation as a sports provider.

Anyone interested in London Football Academy: [Click Here](http://www.londonfootballacademy.co.uk)



Swimming Training Pays off for Elizabeth



Whilst most of us, lucky enough to get abroad in the summer, spent it lying on sun loungers and eating our weight in ice cream, Y7's Elizabeth Galchyan spent the whole summer swimming training in Spain. This was an attempt to qualify for membership of the exclusive Broomfield Park swimming club and their outstanding Development squad.

We are delighted to say that all her hard work reaped dividends and Elizabeth has been accepted into the club and the squad. Well Done Elizabeth!

Freddie 'Try's' Out For Irish

I am delighted to report that Keen Rugby Player and Keen Gloucester Fan Freddie Hammersley-Fox (Y10) was recently invited to trials at top premiership Club London Irish. Freddie was invited to try out for the U15's and was put through an exhausting evening.

Freddie hasn't had the result of the trial yet but, just being invited at this level, is a wonderful achievement. Well Done Freddie.

National Success For Fortismere's Tayla



You may remember that just before the summer we reported on the incredible success of both the U14 and U16 Middlesex Girls Football Teams. Both reached the National Final of the national Cup competition. The teams contained our very own talented sisters - Araya (U16) and Tayla (U14) Denni.



The first Final up was the U16's who met a really strong Lancashire side and. Although a very close game, the northerners ran out the winners. However, we are delighted to report that Tayla's U14 side won their final 3-0 to lift the prestigious national trophy. What a fantastic season for both girls - we are so proud of what you have achieved.

Domination on the Country for Fortismere Runners

We reported last week on the outstanding performances at the recent Haringey Borough Cross-Country and Mini Marathon Trials. As we wrote last week we were still awaiting the results - but when they arrived this week - they were certainly worth the wait. Fortismere teams won 4 out of the 8 age groups and finished 2nd and 3rd in two others - our fantastic runners also claimed 6 individual medals - It was total domination by our athletes and a result of all their hard work. Well done all!

Teams: Y7 Boys Champions, Y8 Boys Champions, Y10/11 Boys Champions, Y8 Girls Champions, Y9 Girls Bronze Y10/11 Girls Silver.

Individuals: Triziano Wilson Y8 Boys Champions, Lucas Christenson Y8 Boys Runner Up, Raphael Tankrio Y7 Boys Bronze, Spike Blake Y10/11 Boys Bronze, Amy Kirk Y8 Girls Silver, Caroline Van Soest Y9 Girls Gold.

As a result of these great performances a number of Fortismere Runners will represent Haringey in the Mini marathon in October

Football Report



Football got underway at Fortismere this week. On Tuesday our U15 girls were due to play St Margarets in the ESFA cup. Unfortunately St Margarets couldn't make the match and we were awarded the walkover.

Our U13 B team had their first round match with St Paul's Academy - Greenwich a very large, physical side, The boys showed great resilience coming back from 2-0 down at half time to level, the

scores only to concede a last minute scrappy goal that saw us bow out of the competition. Heads held very high though.

Our 1st XI were also in action in the Middlesex Trophy pool stage - they hosted Christs College Finchley in a very even game until the last 20 minutes when we seemed to tire and unfortunately conceded goals in quick succession. Plenty of matches next week to look forward to.

Picture: Our Year 8 B Team

Fixtures

Fixtures (Week Commencing 15th September):

Tuesday 14th September: U15 Girls Football v Marlborough ESFA Cup Round 1

- W/O to Fortismere

Wednesday 15th September:

Haringey Borough Cross-Country & Mini Marathon Trials

- Y7 Boys Champions, Y8 Boys Champions, Y8 Girls Champions, Y10/11 Boys Champions
- Y10/11 Girls Silver, Year 9 Girls Bronze

Y8 'B' Boys Football v St Pauls Academy Greenwich ESFA Cup
for 'B' Teams 1st Round

- Lost 2-3

U16 Girls Football v Sidney Russell ESFA Cup 1st Round

1st XI (U18) Boys Football v Christ College Finchley - Middlesex Trophy Group Stage

- Lost 0-3

Fixtures (Week Commencing 27th September)

- **Monday 27th September:** Football U14 Girls v St Margarets ESFA Cup 2nd Round
- **Tuesday 28th September:** Football Y7 Boys A, B and C Teams v Highgate School (A)
(Friendlies: 2:15pm Kick Off)
- **Wednesday 29th September:** 1st X1 v Finchley Catholic (H) Middlesex Trophy Group
Stage Game 2
- **Thursday 30th September:** ESAA XC Cup JG, JB, IG, SG. SB at Harrow School 1:30pm

Extra-Curricular Timetable

PE Extra-Curricular Activities Timetable

Time of Activity	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime:	Y7 Badminton: Sports Hall	Y8 Badminton: Sports Hall	Y9 Badminton: Sports Hall	Y10 Badminton: Sports Hall Y11 Basketball: Sports Hall	6th Form Badminton: Sports Hall
After School:	All Year Group Athletics: Mr Orton & Ms Boot School Field (3.30pm-4.30pm)	Y7 Athletics Mr Orton School Field (3.30pm-4.30pm)	All Year Group Athletics: Mr Orton & Ms Boot School Field (3.30pm-4.30pm)	Y7 Athletics: Mr Orton School Field (3.20pm-4.15pm) (Spikes & Trainers required)	
	Y7 Cricket: Mr Cox Astro or Sports Hall (3.20pm-4.30pm)	Y7 & 8 Girls Dance: External Coach SW Hall (3.20pm-4.30pm)	6th Form Football: Astro or Field (Boots & Shin Pads required)	Y8 & 9 Cricket: Mr Cox Astro/Playground/Sports Hall (3.20pm-4.30pm)	
	Y7 & Y8 & Y9 Girls Football: Ms Vangucci Astro (3.20pm-4.30pm)	Y9 Girls Netball: Ms Jackson Netball Courts (3.20pm-4.30pm)	6th Form Handball: Sports Hall (3.00pm-4.00pm)	Y9 Football: Mr Hawkes Astro (3.20pm-4.30pm) (Trainers required)	
	Y9 & Y10 Hockey: Mr Kay Astro (3.20pm-4.30pm) (Trainers & Mouth Guard required)	Y7 & Y8 Girls Rounders: Sports Field (3.20pm-4.30pm)	Y7 & Y8 Hockey: Mr Kay Sports Hall (2.55pm-4.00pm) (Trainers & Mouth Guard required)	Y7 Netball: Ms Bailey Netball Courts (3.30pm-4.30pm)	
		Y7 Tennis: Mr Hawkes Tennis Courts (3.20pm-4.30pm)	6th Form Netball : Ms Boot Netball Courts (2.55pm-4pm)	Y7, Y8 & Y9 Rounders: Ms Bailey & Ms Vangucci (3.20pm-4.30pm)	
		6th Form Volleyball: SW Sports Hall (3.20pm-4.30pm)	Y7 Table Tennis: Mr Cox SW Gym (2.55pm-4.00pm)	Y8 & 9 Tennis: Ms Vangucci Tennis Courts (3.20pm-4.30pm)	
			6th Form Volleyball: Sports Hall (4.30pm-5.30pm)	Y10 Volleyball: SW Gym (3.20pm-4.30pm)	

Music Department Notices

Ensembles 2021/22

Music Ensembles are back up and running, **due to clashes with other after school activities Junior Choir has been moved to Thursday Lunchtime.**

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Senior Strings (G5+)	KS3 Music Tech School Orchestra (Gr2+)
Tuesday	Percussion Group (All welcome)	Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra (7-9pm)
Wednesday	MusicalTheatre Group Big Band (Gr3+)	Bands (Rooms available for practice) Gospel Choir
Thursday	DJ Club Junior Choir (Yr 7-9)	KS4 Music Tech Senior Choir (Yr 10-13)
Friday	Junior Strings (G1-4)	Classical Guitar Group
Saturday	Music Theory Classes (10am - 12pm) Fortismere Community Choir (10am - 1pm)	Afternoon (1 - 4pm) Chamber Groups Rock Bands

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons - IN SCHOOL



Instrumental and vocal lessons will begin on Monday 20/09/21 for students.

If you are interested in your child taking part in these classes please contact Mel Izzet:

mizzet@fortismere.or.uk.

Timetables will be sent out to parents the week before lessons start.

Welcome Back Concert - Thursday 30th September


Our first school concert of the year will take place in the Music Concert Hall on Thursday 30th September at 7pm. Tickets are £5 and available from www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk

There will be performances from Senior Choir, Big Band and various bands as well as solo items from a huge range of musical styles.

A huge congratulations to Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra Concert

The Fortismere Symphony Orchestra performed *Ulvshale Strand*, *Death and Transfiguration* and the *Schumann Cello Concerto* at St Andrews Church, Muswell Hill last Saturday and the concert was absolutely outstanding. A special mention must be made of **Haru Ogiwara** for his amazing solo performance, his musicality and technical facility meant that the audience were truly captivated and his interpretation of this major work was the highlight of the evening.

We will be posting some footage of the concert at a later date but for those of you interested in hearing the world premiere of the orchestral work by the orchestra please click on this link.

 [Ulvshale Strand by Thomas Gregory](#) .



Fortismere Music Centre

If you would like to join one of our community groups please get in touch! Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra will be performing the *Adagio from Spartacus*, *The Paganini Variations* by Rachmaninov and Dvorak's *8th Symphony*. The group meets every Tuesday evening in the music block from 7-9pm and is open to adults and children.

The Fortismere Community Choir is preparing Bach's *Magnificat* and we are always keen to attract new members. The choir meets every Saturday morning in the music block from 10:00am - 1:00pm and is non auditioned. Further details can be found for all of our concerts at www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk

If you would like to arrange Saturday Music lessons please get in touch by contacting the Music Centre manager Joe Winters at FMCinfo@fortismere.org.uk.



Drama Department Notices

2021 Inter-College Drama Festival

CONGRATULATIONS TURING College!

The 2021 Inter-College Drama Festival took place on **Wednesday 22nd September**. 50 chosen students, 10 from each college, across 5 year groups, spent a few hours creating a short devised play working with 2 Sixth form directors who are studying Drama A level. These plays, from the 5 different colleges, were performed at the end of the day. Turing College created a thoughtful and mature piece based on our theme of **Diversity** and won the trophy. All students worked exceptionally hard all day and supported by our very able sixth form students, created original and interesting pieces. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Drama Club



Year 8 Drama club is back starting 24th September every Friday lunchtime in NW Hall!

Art & Photography Department

KS3 Art Club

Art Club returns on Thursday 30th October (3.30-4.30) in N6.

Library

Book Clubs



Don't forget our current book clubs in the library: Thursday lunchtime for the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize judging panel, and Friday lunchtime (currently Week 2 only) for the Historical Association's Young Quills, our historical fiction group.

Write for Children



We know that we have many talented creative writers in our student body (Ms Massey's Creative Writing Club, Mondays in the library, is testament to that), so we are sure there are many aspiring authors amongst our parents/carers!

Our Patron of Reading, Sita Brahmachari, is running a writing course this autumn in conjunction with College Arts, and still has some spaces available.

If you are interested: [Click here](#)

Watch this space..



We have invested in a new Library Management System. Your librarians are currently getting their heads around the way it works, but it will be fabulous and interactive with wizzy reading lists, news, loads of links and it can even be downloaded onto your phones.

Some of you may have noticed how it automatically sends out overdue reminders...

Recommended Read of the Week

From our Patron of Reading, Sita Brahmachari. Sita says:



"Boy, Everywhere by A M Dassu provides the insight all humans should have into what it means to be a child refugee travelling this world alone. This story, winner of The Little Rebel Award 2021, should be read by adults and young people. At the Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants I work with families and individuals as well as unaccompanied children through an organisation called Young Roots. So many people ask 'What can we do?' There are many grassroots organisations that are working to help refugee survivor people and when you have read this book, you may wish to connect."

Fortismere Holiday Activity Camp

October Holiday Camp Book Now! Open to the Community

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.

Activities will run between 9:00am-3:00pm each day at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE.

The full week will cost £80*, an 8:00 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

Monday 26th October Ballet, Tap and Musical Theatre: 5 Spaces Available

[Ballet, Tap and Musical Theatre Tickets](#)

Each day the children will explore different styles of dance with an emphasis on ballet and tap. Children will work on technique, dance routines and choreography, as well as projects designed to encourage creativity when storytelling through dance. The participants will work towards final pieces and will be given plenty of time to interact with others and make lasting friendships!

Leaders are professional performers with a background in theatre and dance. **This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.**

Monday 26th October Chess Club: 5 Spaces Available

[Chess Club Tickets](#)

Chess has been growing in popularity (online), boosted also by the popularity of the recent Netflix TV series The Queen's Gambit. This course aims to develop students' chess skills which can also indirectly help analytical and evaluative skills needed also in the classroom.

This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.

Monday 26th October Drama Club: 5 Spaces Available

[Drama Club Tickets](#)

The children will work on improvisation and comedy skills. **This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.**

Monday 26th October Drawing Animation and Comics Club: SOLD OUT

[Drawing Animation and Comics Club Tickets](#)

Overview of the comic and cartoon industry and how they have been used as tools for storytelling and communication over the years. Children will be shown how the human body works and is designed to move. As well as character design for different types of characters and how they fit into the stories you want to tell and overview of comics storytelling, layout and structure.

The children will also look at writing comics and how to produce clear lettering by hand for comics and different colouring techniques both traditional and digital. Using the skills gathered so far, children will work on their own comic stories. By the end of the course each student will produce their own complete 8 - 12 page comic strip. **This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.**

Monday 26th October Little Imaginations: 5 Spaces Available

[Little Imaginations Tickets](#)

Our camps cover all areas of creative arts, as well as active play and science experiments. **This holiday club is open to children aged 3-6 years.**

Monday 26th October Multi Sports: 10 Spaces Available

[Multi Sports Tickets](#)

This will give the children the opportunity to have fun and interact with others through a range of sports such as football, rounders, tennis and competitions for the chance to win a fabulous prize. **This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.**

Monday 26th October Robotics: SOLD OUT

[Robotics Tickets](#)

Children will gain an overview of how robotics is used and integrated in computer science, IT and STEAM. The children will look at the robotic creation, design, operation and the use of robotics in everyday life and in the professional working world. **This holiday club is open to children aged 9-15 years.**

Monday 26th October Street Dance: 10 Spaces Available

[Street Dance Tickets](#)

Students will learn routines and steps from this popular dance style. **This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.**