


Friday 15th July 2022

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<p>Extreme Heat 18 & 19 July</p> <p>Fortismere is intending to deliver normal teaching on both days with adaptations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who are medically vulnerable to extreme heat may be kept at home by parents and carers • Some classrooms will change to ensure that teaching takes place in our coolest rooms • Please could students wear loose fitting clothes that provide protection from the sun, including a hat • Please could students use high factor sun cream • Please could all students bring a water bottle to school which they will be permitted to refill throughout the day • Students will be allowed into the wings during break time and lunch • Only students with protective headwear (hats or scarves) will be permitted onto the back field. The astro turf and hard courts will be closed • Please encourage your sons and daughters to return home promptly at the end of the day to minimise exposure to the heat • There will be no outdoor PE on Monday or Tuesday <p>If you wish to keep your child at home because you are concerned about a specific risk to their health then please email attendance@fortismere.org.uk before 9am. On this exceptional occasion we will authorise their absence. <i>We will be monitoring the situation closely. Please keep an eye on your emails for any parentmails that we may send over the weekend.</i></p> <p>Building works on Site during the Summer Break</p> <p>Please see the letter attached</p> <p>End of term arrangements: Thursday 21 July</p> <p>Students will be dismissed from 12 midday. Students entitled to a free school meal may collect these at breaktime</p>	Co-Headteachers	
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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

We've been sweltering in the heat this week at Fortismere. We must commend our students on how they have behaved; they have kept calm, sensible and have been drinking lots of water. We are reminding students to bring sun cream and to make sure they have plenty on during the day. While we love to see them enjoying the weather on the field at break and lunch we do want everyone to be cautious!

Even in the heat, the Sports day on Wednesday was a wonderful event. While students took part in a range of sporting activities a year group at a time in the morning such as football, rounders, tennis and a range of track and field events. We particularly enjoyed the afternoon athletics when the whole school came to the field to cheer on their colleges. We should offer particular congratulations to Wollstoencraft College who won the most points on the day but we would add that we were incredibly proud of all of our participants. Thanks must go to Mr Orton, the PE dept and the staff who got involved during the day as referees and judges as they all helped to create a memorable experience for all of us at Fortismere. Please see the extra Sports Day review attached to this week's Newsletter.

This event was followed by another memorable evening at Fortismere. Last night, the Music department held a summer chamber music concert. Many of the performances on the programme were presented following a strings masterclass that had been taking place during the school day by visiting accomplished professional musicians (we were fortunate to see a performance by these musicians as part of the event). However, it was, as it always is, our student performers who really stole the show. Our musicians have worked incredibly hard this year, in fact there have been around 22 music events this year (with an additional five Fortismere Music Centre events also taking place in St Andrew's Church). We would also like to thank Mr Jefferies and his team, in particular Ms Topping as they have worked hard to ensure that our students have had so many opportunities to develop and perform this year.

These extra-curricular activities, along with all of the Drama performances, the Library events, Art and STEAM competitions and all of the community events that have taken place this year really do add a wonderful dimension to the experience of our students and are one of the things that make Fortismere a school that we are all incredibly proud of. Please do also read about the chess triumphs of Stanley & Frankie Badacsonyi and the winners of the Georgia Morris Photography prize in this week's Newsletter too.

We would also like to thank all of those parents who joined us for our Summer Fair on Saturday, partially those who helped run the event. We raised £8000 thanks to your generosity.

We hope you manage to find some shade as the temperature hots up this weekend. We have a 'heat plan' in place for Monday and Tuesday so please do read this carefully before sending your children into school. Have a lovely weekend!

School Site Notices

Summer Holiday Buildings Works

There is a busy programme of refurbishment taking place during the Summer break. In partnership with Haringey, there will be a schedule of works to maintain and enhance the fabric of the North and South Wings, the Sports Hall and the South Wing Canteen.

In North Wing - the work will focus on fire safety, skylights and replacement of lighting systems. In South Wing- there is maintenance and improvement of asbestos management. Sports Hall work involves the replacement of lagging and in South Wing Canteen there is fire safety works.

The Fortismere Summer Camps will be based in the Tetherdown building and will not use any of the spaces used by the builders. These areas will be cordoned off.

The works are scheduled to complete during the week beginning 22nd August and we are not anticipating any disruption to the start of term.

Collecting Exam Results - Site Access

A level and BTEC results (Thursday 18 August) will be collected from the 6th Form Common Room in Tetherdown. Staff will be available for advice in the Tetherdown building. Students are to access the site via the 6th Form entrance from Tetherdown.

GCSE results (Thursday 25 August) will be collected from the Science Block, with students entering and leaving the site via the Twyford Gate.

Full details of the arrangements for collecting results have been sent to all parents/carers of Year 11 and Year 13 students. Details will also be added to the website.

Fortismere Fundraising Event

Outdoor Yoga for All - Monday 25th July to Friday 5th August

Fortismere is hosting outdoor yoga on the school field every day for two weeks (Mon 25 July to Fri 5 August) at 8.00am and all proceeds will go to the School. All levels are welcome. It's a beautiful way to start your day and as a bonus you will be helping to raise funds for the school. Classes will be led by Seamus, a passionate yoga instructor with over 19 years experience. Seamus brings together several aspects of classical yoga: the understanding of structural alignment in the asana practice, the refinement of mental and emotional patterns through the practice of pranayama, and access to a place of stillness, relaxation and meditation. Classes are suitable for all levels. Please bring a mat.



Classes cost £10 each or £112 for all sessions. Venue: Fortismere Field - enter via Twyford Avenue gate. Time: 8.00am. Bookings are made via Eventbrite - see the links below

Individual class booking - [book here](#)

Week 1 discounted booking - [book here](#)

Week 2 discounted booking - [book here](#)

Ms Demetriou

Parent Information & Resources

Wellbeing and Exam Results Webinar 1st August 2022

The Anna Freud Centre is offering free webinars to parents and carers of children in Year 11 and Year 13 receiving their exam results this summer. Waiting on exam results can be a stressful time. The webinars will provide parents and carers with strategies to support young people who are waiting on their results and tips for parents and carers to manage their own wellbeing during this time. There will also be opportunities to ask questions. Date: 1 August 2022 at 9.30am-10.30am. You can register by [following this link](#)

Year 11

Celebrating Year 11 at Prom 5th July

It was a pleasure to celebrate the end of Year 11 with many of our students at their Prom recently. I would like to thank all the members of staff and students who attended for what was a really lovely evening. Teaching staff particularly enjoyed our current Year 11's appreciation of ABBA so thank you for the music!

Mr Lewis



Year 8 Ambassadors

Well done & Thank you!

To celebrate all their hard work and to say thank you for doing an amazing job this year, the Year 8 ambassadors and their parents and carers were all invited to a celebration event earlier this week with myself, Ms Williams (Head of Year) and the Co-Headteachers. The students talked about all the different fundraising events they had arranged over the year. Students were presented with a certificate and Ms Williams and the Co-Headteachers congratulated everyone and praised them for their hard work and commitment.



The ambassadors have done a great job and I am so very proud of them and the work they are still continuing to do for the school and their charities. On Thursday this week, they ran a bake sale in North Wing and South Wing in aid of Cancer Research. It was lovely to celebrate with the ambassadors and to meet their parents and carers face to face.

Ms Turner

Student Extra-Curricular News

Chess Success

Well done to Stanley and Frankie Badacsonyi who are doing brilliantly with their chess. Stanley (Y7) has recently been selected to play in the England U14 chess team in the Glorney Cup. As well as being selected for the England team, Stanley has also just won the UK Chess Challenge 2022 Northern Gigafinal (under 12) this is his biggest trophy yet and means he gets to play in the finals at Blenheim Palace in October. Frankie (Y11) has also been selected to represent England and will be part of the under 18 team competing in the Glorney Cup. Good luck to Stanley and Frankie in the cup competition next week



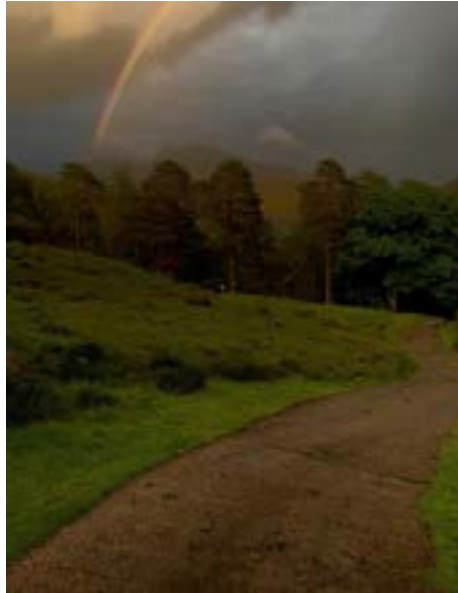
Photography Department

Georgia Morris Photography Prize 2022 - Winners

Thank you for all of the wonderful photographs that were entered into the Georgia Morris Photography Competition this year 2022. As always, the standard was extremely high, making it incredibly difficult to choose just three winners. However we did and we have awarded the following:



First Prize: Jessica Fox Y8



Second Prize: Rowan Salter Y9



Third Prize: Rory Kaye Y8

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who entered their photographs. Georgia's parents, Richard & Selena Morris, said *our daughter Georgia was only at Fortismere for a year but she loved her time there. She was completely passionate about her nature and wildlife photography and we are sure she would have gone on to study photography at school. We hope that by entering this competition it will inspire you to do the same.*

We will shortly be adding the winning photographs and those that made the top ten shortlist to the website so please have a look.

Mr Holden

Diversity & Excellence at Fortismere

Black Curriculum Ambassadors Visit Clifford Chance

Twenty of our Year 10 and Year 12 Black Curriculum National Ambassadors were recently given the opportunity to visit one of the world's leading law firms, Clifford Chance. Our students took part in a wide range of different activities including a careers carousel where they were able to talk to lawyers and other professionals from different departments across the organisation. The Clifford Chance staff spoke about their roles, answered lots of questions and gave our students lots of helpful information and advice on training and qualifications for successful future careers in this field. Feedback from students after the visit was really positive as it gave them a real insight into the range of jobs available and what it might be like to work for a large law firm. Naimo, Year 12 said, *overall, it was a positive experience that has helped me with my decision about law as a possible career path.* Touka, Year 12, commented, *I found the trip very interesting and informative about law and the whole industry in general. To see one of the top ten law firms*



in the world have such a diverse workspace and a welcoming environment helped change my perspective on law as I am considering it for my future. I think it was so important for us students to identify with people in the law industry who worked there, and see how there isn't just one path to obtain a position in law - I guess everyone has an idea of law being one of the least inclusive fields of work, we don't really see ethnic minorities being represented, nor do we see as many women in the field. Overall it was a very positive experience and definitely helped motivate me to look into law more and find any experience opportunities.
Ms Hudson & Mr Fari

Drama Department Notices

2022 Drama Awards

Each year the Drama department gives out awards to students that, throughout the year, have shown hard work, outstanding achievement, incredible extra curricula effort and the most improvement. Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Fortismere Drama Awards! There are two awards for two students in every year group. Students will receive a custom-designed special pin badge they can wear on their lanyards. Please can the winners come and collect their award from the Drama Office in September. Congratulations to:

- Y7 Ariel Strathern & Lukas Robertsson
- Y8 Eleanor Dring & Tavon Mwangi
- Y9 Tye Leo Lal & Ivy Eastwood &
- Y10 Benjamin Slater & Bahja Shekhali
- Y11 Ellie Doku & Sophia Smees
- Y12 Lilja Dadadottir & Iris Lloyd
- Y13 Ganesh Kodikara & Tara McCarthy



Year 12 Hamilton In Person Careers Workshop

Another amazing opportunity this week as Year 12 drama students worked with Hamilton creatives exploring careers in theatre. Later that evening students were given tickets to see Jerusalem in the West End. We are feeling very lucky to be able to participate in and attend live in-person events this year.



Apply for Almeida Young Company

The Almeida is currently recruiting for Almeida Young Company for 14–18 year-olds. They are prioritising young people who live and study in Islington and North London. The Young Company runs over 16 weeks between September 2022 and January 2023.

There are two possible pathways that young people can get involved in as part of the Young Company – as actors or as designers and technicians. Designers and Technicians is for anyone aged 14-18 with an interest in theatre but not necessarily in performing. Actors is for anyone aged 14-18 with an interest in acting, performing, writing, or creating and devising theatre. More information and the application form can be found on the Almeida website: <https://almeida.co.uk/get-involved> Application Deadline Friday 2nd September

Library Notices

Chapter 2

It was the last session of our Year 8 Chapter 2 reading group this week. We've been meeting twice weekly with our Year 10 buddies and getting through a huge range of books. Sadly the older students couldn't make it to our "party" (exams...) but all the more buns for us. Thank you to everyone who has regularly shown up during tutor time – there is nothing better than the buzz of 60 students reading together!



Goodbye...

... to Donna Boswell, who has been at Fortismere since 2006 and has worked in the library for the last 10 years. She is leaving a big hole to fill



KS3 Reading Ages

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 do STAR Reading tests 3 times a year. The results for the summer term are now in and on Cloud School. To ensure reading ages don't plummet over the summer break, please see below!

Recommended Reads of the Week

We've been telling students that their brains will shrivel to the size of walnuts if they don't keep up healthy reading habits during the holidays! Make sure you are a member of your nearest library – click here or ask in our library for a membership form [How to join Haringey libraries | Haringey Council](#). And here are a few books that we have already to look out for.



Sport & PE News

Super Sports Report

It's been a truly amazing couple of weeks for our Fortismere sports teams and individuals. I was away at the English Schools National Track & Field Championships at the end of last week so here is a bumper edition of sports news and results covering the last fortnight.

Cricket News

Haringey Borough Cricket Championships last week started with a bang! On Monday, our U13 Boys team took the title of 'Champions' as they saw off Alexandra Park School and Highgate Woods School in a three way battle for the title. On Tuesday, our U15 Boys team battled their way to a third place finish. On Wednesday, our fantastic Girls cricket teams were in action with our U13 team winning the competition and our U15 team ending as runners up. More cricket glory on Wednesday as our Y7 team completed an amazing victory to win the Middlesex Plate Competition. Also in action were our U13 girls who finished runners up in a completion featuring 88 schools from across Middlesex and London. Such fantastic results all round - well done to all our fabulous cricket teams.

Netball

Last week also saw the Final of the Haringey Borough Schools Netball Championships and our super U13 team coming out on top as District Champions - what a great result!

Tennis

Following an incredible U15 Boys win last week it was the turn of our unbeaten U13 Boys as they headed to Ealing to play in the Middlesex knockout stage of the National Competition – their place earned by winning their North London pool stage without losing a match. After a thrilling afternoon of tennis, which went all the way to a deciding championship tie break, I'm delighted to report that the unbeaten run remains intact! Our boys claimed a 10-5 victory in the tie break to progress through to the next stage of the competition. Wonderful stuff from our boys.

Football

Yes, we are still playing football at this time of the year! Our Y7 Girls team played in the final of the Haringey Borough competition just getting pipped by a very strong APS team. Our Y10 Girls went one better however, beating APS 2-0 to claim yet another title in an incredible season.

Athletics

No rest for the Fortismere athletes this last fortnight as Larissa Wilson (Y10) and Elkie Baker (Y8) made the journey to Manchester to compete in the English Schools National Track & Field Championships - this is the Olympics of Schools Athletics. As manager of one of the Middlesex Teams, I was delighted to be able to be there and to watch them in action. Elkie got us off to a great start as she took 6th place (that's 6th in the whole County!!) in the Junior Girls Discus event, throwing a massive personal best in the process. Larissa ran a very good 800m in an absolutely loaded heat and, heartbreakingly, missed out on a final place by .01 of a second. Both Elkie and Larissa are first years in their respective age groups so plenty more to come from these fantastic girls in the future.

And finally

Many of our athletes and sports teams took part in the London Youth Games on Sunday competing for Haringey Borough in athletics, hockey and football. One highlight was our amazing Trizano Wilson Y8, who took Gold in the 1500 metres and helped the Haringey Boys team to the top spot. AND..... to cap an amazing year of sport, Haringey Borough finished in overall top position to win their first ever London Youth

Games beating thirty two other London boroughs in the process. Points are awarded for every sport competed in throughout the year and then added together. This is the first time in 27 years of the London Youth Games that our borough has finished in the top spot. An absolutely amazing result. Burk Gravis and Michael Omojudi of Haringey Sports Development Trust were overwhelmed with the victory and were quick to praise Fortismere for supplying so many of our sports stars to represent Haringey so often and so brilliantly. The wide range of events that Fortismere students have qualified in is staggering - a massive well done to all of you who have taken part and contributed to this amazing win for your borough. We are all really proud of you.

Mr Orton



Badminton & Tennis Clubs

We're really pleased to see so many students at our Badminton and Tennis clubs. Well done to our inter-club competition winners this week!

Badminton:

1st: Lola Fairhead / Blanche Grynfeldt / Mia Rich

2nd: Alfie Collier / Zachary Almeida Rosser / Noam Shmidt

3rd: Joseph Thomas / Ben Ruzansky

Tennis:

1st: Raphael Weisfeld / Eesa Mangera / Joshua Lafont Ribas

2nd: Stanley Badacsonyi / Nicolas Ward-Murphy /

3rd: Jasper Hollier / Freddie Furlong / Max Pajot-Barrass

Mr Hawkes

Sports Day Results

To complete a fantastic period of sport, Wednesday welcomed Sports Day. The morning saw pupils take part in Football, Rounders, Badminton, Table Tennis, Tennis and Dodge Ball as well as an array of challenges on the astro. It was wonderful to see so many Fortismere youngsters embracing the day and competing to gain valuable points for their respective colleges. The afternoon saw our athletes in action competing in 100mtrs, 800mtrs and 4 x 100 relay cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd enjoying the talent on display and the

wonderful weather. You can see a breakdown of all the results elsewhere in this newsletter along with photographs that w, we hope, captured the mass 'activity' of a great day of sport. Well done to Franklin who amassed the most points on the day to claim the crown of College Champions. Roll on next Year!

Fortismere Holiday Camps July & August 2022

Summer Holiday Camps - VERY LIMITED PLACES REMAINING - BOOK NOW

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

Tiny Twinkles Age 3-6

Perfect for 3-6 year olds led by professional actors with a love for early years! Each day the children will explore all genres of creative arts- learning songs & dances, acting out role play adventures, exploring arts & crafts plus lots of games and crafts.

Week 1 25th July Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-week-1-tickets-314464641207>

Week 2 1st Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-week-2-tickets-314494540637>

Week 3 8th Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-week-3-tickets-314497449337>

Week 4 15th Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-tickets-314501020017>

Sports camp Age 7-15

This will give children the opportunity to have fun and interact with others through a range of sports activities such as football, rounders, tennis and fun competitions.

Week 1 25th July Sports camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-sports-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-316382397267>

Week 2 1st Aug Sports camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sports-age-7-15-week-2-tickets-316450470877>

Week 3 8th Aug Sport camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sport-age-7-15-week-3-tickets-316459548027>

Week 4 15th Aug Sports Camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sports-age-7-15-week-4-tickets-316620950787>

Chess Camp Age 7-15

The chess course will look at tactics, strategy, chess openings and endgame play, helping to become a better player.

Week 1 25 July Chess Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-chess-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-316622876547>

Week 2 1st Aug Chess Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-chess-club-age-7-15-week-2-tickets-327900568427>

Dance Age 6-12

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.

Week 1 25th July Dance Age 6-12

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-dance-tap-jazz-and-musical-theatre-age-6-13-tickets-316626748127>

Week 2 1st Aug Dance Age 6-12

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-dance-tap-jazz-musical-theatre-age-6-13-tickets-316655915367>

Gardening Age 7-15

Garden planning outdoors and in, designs, types of plants and soils, videos, research and drawing activities, digging and planting of plants and more.

Week 1 25th July Gardening Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-gardening-camp-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-315264523677>

Week 2 1st Aug Gardening Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-gardening-camp-age-7-15-week2-tickets-315271153507>

Drama Age 7-15

The children will work on improvisation and comedy skills. Lots of drama games and exercises to develop confidence and skills.

Week 1 25th July Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-tickets-318698494777>

Week 2 1st Aug Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-week-2-tickets-318699036397>

Week 3 8th Aug Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-week-3-tickets-318702025337>

Art Age 8-15

Students will make life sketches, collages, and will also build structures out of cardboard. Activities will open the eyes of young people to the world of fine artists, designers and architects. Anyone from 8 years old is welcome.

Week 3 8th Aug Art Age 8-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-art-club-age-7-15-week-3-tickets-321226997597>

Week 4 15th Aug Art Age 8-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-art-camp-week-4-age-7-15-tickets-32122880299>

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding in school

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

Year 7 jarrowsmith@fortismere.org.uk

Year 8 kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk

Year 9 kjackson@fortismere.org.uk

Year 10 dward@fortismere.org.uk

Year 11 glewis@fortismere.org.uk

Ms Sullivan

Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead