


Friday 8th July 2022

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<h3>OFSTED Update</h3> <p>We are aware that there has been social media traffic in the local community speculating on both the outcome of the recent inspection and why it is not yet in the public domain. OFSTED results are embargoed until publication as the results are provisional until that stage. The leadership of the school, including the Governing Body, are therefore prohibited from disclosing any grades. The delay is not due to Fortismere registering a formal complaint: the school has been invited to participate in a more detailed fact and accuracy checking process and the report will be published once this process has concluded.</p> <h3>Hot weather and Sports Day</h3> <p>Please could parents and carers ensure that students come to school prepared for the hot weather. This is particularly important for Sports Day when students will be outside for a significant amount of time. Gazebos have been ordered but even with some shade provided, we recommend that students bring hats and have a high factor sun cream they can reapply regularly. Students should also bring water with them, preferably not in a plastic bottle.</p> <h3>Summer Music Festival - Saturday 9th July</h3> <p>We are looking forward to seeing our community out in full force tomorrow.</p> <p>This has been the first real opportunity for the school community to come together since Covid and an even better opportunity to enjoy some music, food and fun in the sunshine.</p> <p>This is an important fundraising event in our calendar so please do try to come along.</p>	Co-Headteachers							
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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

This week is ending with a bang. Y9 spent part of the day in the Phoenix Cinema for the annual Y9 Oscars, Y7 had the final Celebration of Learning Day and tomorrow sees the return of the annual Summer Fair.

Covid disrupted many of the Fortismere traditions but has also allowed us to invent some new one. The Oscars is a fabulous event and is a brilliant way to round off Key Stage 3. The student films are a joy to watch and the technical ability on show always impresses. Being able to watch each others' talent in an actual cinema adds to the sense of occasion and the students always enjoy the experience.

The Y7 Celebration of Learning is a new event for us which came out of the restrictions Covid placed on face to face contact. We decided that we wanted to invite parents in to join with us in recognising and celebrating the work produced by Y7 during the year. Students picked their 3 favourite pieces based on a range of criteria including perseverance with a difficult topic or subject. DT was a popular choice with many mood lamps picked but also Food Technology. Students are apparently delighted to cook for their parents! Maths tests were also a popular choice with many students being rightfully proud of their improvements during the year. They have been joyous events and we hope that the parents and carers who were able to be present enjoyed the range of choices on display and the confidence of our Y7 in explaining their Y7 achievements.

Last week we wrote about Y7 Ambassadors supporting Y6 during our 2 Transition Days. This morning, the Co-Heads hosted a celebration break time with the ambassadors. Students were provided with hot chocolate or fruit juice and a choice of delicious snacks while we took the opportunity to thank them for all the great work they did with Y6. The feedback from Y6 parents is how much their sons and daughters enjoyed the days and the Y7 Ambassadors were central to that success.

For the first time in 2 years we are hosting a summer fair. Tickets are available on the gate and we are very much looking forward to welcoming back our community. The Summer Fair is a great fun but also a valuable fund raiser for us. We need all the help we can get to afford this year's energy bill!

The Music Department is also putting on end of term events which are always worth attending. In order to make sure that performances continue to reach the usual high standard of the Department, could all parents of performers remind their sons and daughters to attend rehearsals!

It's going to be a lovely weekend and we hope to see many of you at the fair tomorrow.

Year 7 Celebration of Learning

This week we had the pleasure of hosting our first ever "Celebration of Learning". Year 7 students were asked to reflect on their first year of secondary school and select three pieces of work as examples of learning which have challenged or inspired them. After half a term of planning with their tutors, they put together their own powerpoints which they then presented to their tutors, their peers and parents and carers. They all rose to the challenge of putting into practise the all important skill of public



speaking and this is something that we would like our students to do more often in the future. It has been a real pleasure to see the wide range of skills and subjects that each student had carefully selected and the whole Year 7 team are so proud of them!



We have seen live action demonstrations of skills learned in hockey, tennis and netball, heard amazing creative writing, seen websites created by students, learned about DT mood lamps, Art Aliens and Food Tech twisted savoury scones. We have also heard how students have enjoyed the challenge of maths and science, have grown to love reading, advocating for books as reading champions, and we even had a fantastic ukelele performance! It was great to see our students and their families supporting each other so enthusiastically (my hands hurt from clapping so much by the end of Thursday afternoon).



Thank you to the parents and carers who attended, asked interesting questions, and listened so carefully to the presentations. We would like the Celebration of Learning to become an annual event so that our students have this opportunity every year to reflect on their learning journey, and alongside parents and carers, come together as a community to celebrate their achievements.

Ms Arrowsmith & Ms Brooks



Year 7 Ambassadors

Celebration Breakfast with the Co-Headteachers

Year 7 Ambassadors did an amazing job helping out at the Year 6 transition days by showing new students and their parents and carers around the school. They shared their own experiences of starting secondary school, answered lots of questions about Fortismere and made everyone feel really welcome. We're really proud of them. In recognition of their hard work they were all invited to a thank you breakfast with the Co-Headteachers this morning. See the lovely photo on the next page.

The Co-Heads said it was lovely to have breakfast with the Year 7 Ambassadors this morning to say thank you and to hear them reflect on their first year at Fortismere. They told us that they really enjoyed meeting the Year 6 students especially as they already knew some of them from primary school or from local clubs. They also said that they will look out for the students they met at transition day once they start at Fortismere as they remember how nice it felt to see familiar faces among the older students.



Dance Notice

Thrive Youth Dance Company Workshop

On Wednesday we hosted a dance workshop which was delivered by Sarah Poekert from the [Thrive Dance Company](#). The workshop was offered to Year 8/9 students who came along and sampled some of the contemporary choreography from Thrive. All of the participants worked really hard for the hour and picked up some challenging new movements. Sarah was very impressed by the students and their attitude.



Thrive are looking for new dancers to join their company from September 2022 and are holding a workshop audition on Mon 11 July at 5.00-6.30pm at Shaftesbury Hall in Bounds Green. To book a place or to get more information about Thrive please contact Sarah at smpoekert@googlemail.com or on 07907 536 650 Ms Vangucci

Drama Department Notices

17th Annual Oscars Ceremony Phoenix Cinema – Friday 8th July 2022

Another amazing Oscars ceremony took place today. It was the 17th annual Oscars and it was a treat to be back in the Phoenix Cinema after the pandemic. Congratulations to the Year 9s who have made some fantastic short films. The whole year group was really excited to watch the winning films in the beautiful surroundings of the 115 year old cinema. The ceremony was kindly hosted by Zalan, the front of House manager at the Phoenix who explained to Year 9 all



about the history of the cinema. Thank you to all the school staff who made this trip possible and the Drama Department whose hard work and creativity make the Film Project a yearly success. Congratulations to all of the winning groups but well done to all of Year 9 for working together creatively on this term long project.



Drama Awards Announced Next Week!

Students Achievement Awards: Each year, the Drama department gives out awards to students that have shown throughout the year hard work, outstanding achievement, incredible extra curricular effort and the most improved. 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. Awards will be announced in one week!



Music Department Notices

Ensembles

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Senior String Group - Concert Hall	KS3 Music Tech - MU1
Tuesday	Senior Choir - Concert Hall Percussion Group - MU1 Popular Guitars - MU2	Jazz Band - Concert Hall Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra - 7pm-9pm
Wednesday	Big Band - Concert Hall	Bands (Practice Rooms available)
Thursday	Junior Choir - Concert Hall DJ Club - MU4	KS4 Music Tech - MU4
Friday	Cello Ensemble - Concert Hall	Classical Guitar Group - Concert Hall
Saturday	Music Theory Classes - 11:30am-12:30pm Fortismere Community Choir - 10:30am-1pm	

Rehearsals for the Summer Chamber Concert

Please remind your children to attend rehearsals for next week's Summer Chamber Concert. These last minute preparations are very important so that the event will run smoothly. Please ask them to check their google classrooms and emails on a regular basis for any updates over the next week.

Justin Bruns Masterclass - Thursday 14th July 3:00pm

There will be a String Masterclass on Thursday 14th July led by Justin Bruns the ConcertMaster of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra who will be the Music Department guest during our *Music Week* in July. If your child would like to take part please contact the Director of Music for more details. This is an open event that is free of charge to the public.

Summer Chamber Concert - Thursday 14th July 7:00pm

We are delighted to invite our school community to a concert on Thursday 14th July in the Music Hall at 7pm. There will be items from a variety of students across the Key Stages and we are thrilled to be able to invite back Tadashi Imai who will be playing Mendelssohn's Piano Trio in D Minor with Justin Bruns and Thomas Gregory. Other groups that will be performing include Junior Choir, Chamber Choir, Cello Ensemble, Senior Strings and the Classical Guitar Ensemble. If you are interested in attending this event please visit the Fortismere Music Centre website at www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk

Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert - Saturday 16th July 7:30pm

Our final concert of the year will take place at St Andrews Church on Saturday 16th July at 7:30pm. This concert will be conducted by American conductor Steven Huang and feature Violinist Justin Bruns playing Vaughan-Williams *Lark Ascending* and the Sarsate *Carmen Fantasy*. There will also be plenty of popular classics to keep the audience entertained over the course of the evening. Tickets are available for all of our concerts at www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk

Library

Jack Petchey Shopping Spree

On Thursday we took two Jack Petchey Award winners to Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop to choose a pile of new books for the library. We had a wonderful time; Sanchita and her staff were so helpful and Jess and Santi (Y8) chose some marvellous books. We're currently in the midst of processing them all and they will soon be on our shelves.



Dates for your Diary

The Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop has started a couple of book clubs – a great way to keep up your bookish chat during the holidays. The next meeting of their YA Book Club is on Friday 29th July when the book for discussion is "The Disappearances" by Emily Bain Murphy. They also have a Graphic Novel Club on Saturday 16th July – the book is "Class Act" by Jerry Craft. Booking is essential for both – ask them for more details or contact www.childrensbookshoplondon.com/book-clubs



Recommended Reads of the Week

We were delighted by the announcement on Tuesday that Joseph Coelho has been named as the 12th Waterstones Children's Laureate, following in the illustrious footsteps of Michael Rosen, Chris Riddell, Jacqueline Wilson, Michael Morpurgo, Quentin Blake and other acclaimed writers and illustrators [Joseph](#)

[Coelho chosen as Britain's new children's laureate](#). In his honour, here are a few of the gorgeous poetry books that we have in the library.



Haringey Summer Events

Haringey Summer Activities for Young People

Haringey are providing a range of activities for children and young people over the summer holidays including sports, arts and drama. [Go to the Haringey website](#) to find out more and to book places.



Fortismere Holiday Camps July & August 2022

Summer Holiday Camps - LAST FEW PLACES REMAINING - BOOK NOW

With lots of fun and games to enjoy from Sports, Art, Drama, Coding to Chess and multi sports, our holiday camps are ideal if you find it hard to juggle work and keep children entertained. Activities will 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-321228802997>

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:

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Year 8 kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk

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Year 10 dward@fortismere.org.uk

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Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead