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| <p>Student Equipment</p> <p>A number of students are regularly arriving at school with no equipment, including a pen. It is our expectation that every student arrives at school equipped for learning. The Library sells equipment which students can bring money in and purchase at break or lunchtime. A list of the equipment on sale is <i>attached</i> to the Newsletter.</p>  | <p>CoHeads' Weekly Roundup</p> <p>School Fundraising Event</p> <p>Departmental News & Notices</p> <p>Extra Curricular & Holiday Clubs</p> <p>Safeguarding Information</p> <p>Calendar</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Sixth Form Attendance</p> <p>Parents and carers are reminded that students in Y12 and 13 still need parental authorisation for absence. They are not able to give their own permission for missing school.</p> <p>Homework</p> <p>We will be reviewing our current homework practices over the next few months and want to get input from a range of stakeholders, including parents. If you would be interested in taking part in a structured conversation with a member of the senior leadership team to help us develop how we use homework to support students, please email Mr Scott, Deputy Headteacher escott@fortismere.org.uk</p> <p>Reminder to Bring Water Bottles</p> <p>We have had an increasing number of students requesting cups to use at the water fountain as they do not like to drink from it directly. We do not have the resources to supply multiple students with cups daily for this purpose. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school that can be refilled at the fountains around the school site. It is important that your child has access to water and remains hydrated during the school day. Thank you for your support with this.</p> | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>29.01</td><td>Fortismere Comedy Night 6.30pm S Wing</td></tr> <tr> <td>29.01</td><td>Y9 Parents Evening Online (SchoolCloud) 3.45pm-6.30pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>05.02</td><td>Y11 Parents Evening Face to face. 3.45pm-6.30pm</td></tr> </table> | 29.01 | Fortismere Comedy Night 6.30pm S Wing | 29.01 | Y9 Parents Evening Online (SchoolCloud) 3.45pm-6.30pm | 05.02 | Y11 Parents Evening Face to face. 3.45pm-6.30pm |
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| |  <p><i>2025 is the Year of the Snake - in the Chinese zodiac the snake symbolises wisdom, transformation, intuition and resilience. Celebrate at London's annual New Year Parade on Sunday 2nd February</i></p> <p>Details here</p> | | | | | | |

Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

It's been an eventful week at Fortismere. A group of 6th Form Students along with Ms Davey and Ms Common attended Chinese New Year Celebrations on Tuesday at the O2 in North Greenwich as guests of the Chinese Ambassador to Great Britain. They enjoyed a fascinating cultural experience which some of our students have written about below:

The traditional dances were absolutely magnificent, and the Oxford Male Choir's a cappella rendition of 月亮代表我的心 (The Moon Represents My Heart) was truly captivating and inspiring. - Yui Yan Tam Y12

It was an exciting evening and an opportunity to be immersed in Chinese culture. I especially enjoyed the chinese classical dance Graceful Courtyard under the Moon. - Scarlett Hazel Y12



Closer to home, the Co-Headteachers were delighted to attend the Fortismere final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. This was an assembly led by our four articulate finalists, Alice, Max, Sam and Carl in Year 10 who all spoke about important and interesting topics: The impact of consumerism, the impact of AI on us all, The need to be kind amidst the rise in Anti-Semitism and Veganism. We were not only impressed by the confidence of our speakers but also the content of their extremely well-researched topics. They gave us a lot to think about; including which two of the four finalists should move forward to the Haringey regional final. We are yet to find out who will go on to represent Fortismere but we think we'd stand an excellent chance of winning with any of our finalists. Thanks to Ms Thompson (English dept) for leading this event at school.

Mocks exams for GCSE and A levels students have now drawn to a close. We'd like to congratulate our students on the maturity and co-operation demonstrated throughout this period. We trust that our students have found having this run through helpful in preparing them for what's to come in the summer. Over the next few weeks they will receive feedback on their performance and will be able to see what they still need to do to aim towards their target grades in the summer. And they should all be ambitious in this. If your child is in Year 11 or 13 please do look out for the various activities that will be taking place in addition to their classroom learning to support progress in time for the real examinations in May.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!

School Fundraising Event

Comedy Night Wednesday 29th January 2025 - Book Your Tickets Now

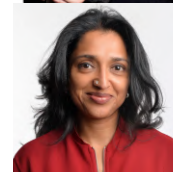
A reminder that we've got a super fun night of comedy coming up and it's all to help raise some much needed extra funds for the school. On the night you will be entertained by Tiffany Stevenson, an award-winning stand-up comedian, actor and writer with a long list of TV credits. Tiffany is a *"hugely accomplished and enjoyably provocative comedian."*

Also making you laugh will be Richard Todd who began stand-up comedy in 2011 and has won several awards, written and performed three acclaimed shows at the Edinburgh Festival and many club sets. The Scotsman said *"A comic with the ability to do surrealism, storytelling and exquisitely crafted wordplay all in the same few minutes."*

Sindhu Vee who swapped a career in banking for stand-up comedy and acting will be giving you the giggles. Sindhu has starred in Sex Education, Matilda The Musical and Starstruck as well as Live At The Apollo and Mock The Week *"Sindhu effortlessly manages to be simultaneously waspish yet instantly very likeable"*

Your host for this wonderful evening is Fortismere favourite Pauline Eyre, as seen and heard at a comedy club near you, as well as on BBC Radio 4, BBC London Live, BBC1, BBC2 and Centre Court, Wimbledon! Pauline has been described as *"warm, wonderfully funny and you'll want to be her pal"*

This event is just the sort of thing you need for a dark, mid-week evening at the end of January - Go on, book a ticket now! [Tickets for Comedy Night 29th January](#)



Careers & Work Related Learning Notices

Forthcoming Events & Opportunities

St Thomas More Catholic School are holding a Higher Education Careers Fair on Wednesday 5th Feb from 5.00pm for any interested Y10/Y11 students and parents/carers. The event will provide an opportunity to have first-hand encounters with employers, universities and apprenticeship providers. There will be over 20 universities attending and over 80 exhibitors across eight different industry pathways. There will also be professionals from a variety of industries to provide advice and guidance in their chosen fields. A leaflet with a QR code for booking and more details is *attached* to the newsletter.

A reminder that our **weekly Careers Newsletter** and the latest **work experience/taster opportunities** can be found on the school website [here](#)

Library Notices

Recommended Reads of the Week

Hope you're getting ready for the Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend. [Find out more and get involved here](#)
Here are some books to inspire you, on display with many others in the library.



Drama Department Notices

Working in the Arts Careers Information

Drama Careers Afternoon Thursday 30th 3.30pm-5.00pm NW Hall

The Drama Department is collaborating with Jacksons Lane Theatre to offer a Creative Careers afternoon to students in Y9-Y13.

Students will have the opportunity to hear from three amazing creatives: playwright, dramaturg, and events curator Rhianna Ilube, actor: Juyddah James, and writer, director, and actor: Tatenda Shamiso.

There will be a series of short performances or showing of works, followed by a Q&A. We encourage any student attending to start getting their questions ready for our visiting creatives. We want you all to get the most out of this event and hopefully be inspired for your future careers! There is a maximum capacity for this event, so please sign up [here](https://www.fortismere.org.uk).

Any questions, please contact Ms Nagaria (Drama Teacher):

mnagaria@fortismere.org.uk



Interested in a Creative Career?

STUDENTS YEAR 9-13 ARE INVITED TO COME AND FIND OUT ALL ABOUT WORKING IN THEATRE

Discussion and Q&A with Actors, Directors and Writers who work in the industry.

Thursday 30th January 2025
3.30pm-5.00pm in North Wing Hall, Fortismere
Free Event

Sport & PE Notices

Haringey Football League - Year 8

The Fortismere Year 8 boys played Alexandra Park School last Thursday on our very muddy, puddly pitch! Fortismere started the game really well and took the lead with two great goals from Alex but unfortunately we got caught out a few times on set pieces and at half time the score was 2-3. The Fortismere boys battled on and Teddy managed to score twice in the second half. There were a few decisions that didn't go our way late in the game and it finished 4-6. Well done to you all. Player of the match was Max Inwards.



Indoor Athletics Year 7

A group of Y7 athletes travelled to St Thomas More School on Wednesday evening to compete in the Haringey Indoor Athletics Competition. Nine other Haringey Schools were taking part so the atmosphere was electric with excitement! Fortismere students put in some excellent individual performances - Anthony jumped over 7 metres in the triple jump, Izzy finished first in the two lap sprint and Etta won the six lap endurance race. All the teams really enjoyed themselves and were great supporters of one another.



Well done to the girls (Etta, Izzy, Sappho, Cleo, Luce, Aaliya and Hannah) they finished 2nd overall, losing by only 9 points to St Thomas More. Well done to the boys (Anthony, Ted, Christian, Tareq, Max, Oscar and Nadev) who finished a very respectable 5th place against some very talented boys teams. Well done all.



Haringey Boys Indoor Cricket

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 Boys Cricket Team. We hosted the Haringey Indoor Competition on Monday evening. There were some excellent teams taking part with lots of talented players that play at district and county level. We lost our first game to St Thomas More by eight runs and went on to beat Alexandra Park School with some great batting from Leo and Casper. It was a close game versus Highgate Wood which we lost only by a few runs. We ended up collecting the bronze medal and finishing a very respectable third place. Congratulations and well done to all.



1st XI Middlesex Cup

Our 1st XI travelled to Norholt on Wednesday afternoon for their match in the third round of the Middlesex Cup. They played well but lost 2-3 to a free kick scored by the opposition late on in the second half. Unlucky but well played everyone.

Badminton Trials - Tues 28th Jan 3.30pm

Trials for the selection of the Badminton squad are being held on Tuesday after school next week (28th Jan). Students from all year groups are welcome.

Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 27th January: Y8 Middlesex Cup v St Johns School

Tuesday 28th January: Badminton Squad Trials All Years

Wednesday 29th January: U18 Hockey Tournament

Thursday 30th January: Y7 Girls Middlesex Cup v Totteridge Academy

Fortismere Holiday Camps

February Half Term 17th to 21st February - Book Now

Bookings are open for the February 2025 Half Term Holiday Camps at Fortismere. Details and booking links can be found on the school website [here](#)

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead about any safeguarding matters or concerns please contact Ms Sullivan on safeguarding@fortismere.org.uk

Alternatively you can make a safeguarding referral using the My Voice [use this link](#) or the QR code

You can also contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Support Manager.

