

School Leadership Messages

Ofsted Report

Please contact the school if you did not receive the parent/carer letter with the new Ofsted Report on Tuesday. There is a letter for students in each of the year group classrooms.

Year 7 Charity

Y7 ambassadors are identifying their charities for the year group to adopt. They will then be organising a range of charity events to fundraise for during the rest of the year.

Y8 and Y9 will also be adopting year charities.

ADHD Awareness Month

AS part of ADHD Awareness month, Ms Brooks has been delivering assemblies to the different year groups. The assemblies raise awareness and dispel myths by building understanding and knowledge. Year 8 and 9 have had their assemblies and Year 7 will have theirs next week. Ms Brooks is also delivering an assembly to Blanche Nevile on the topic.

Home Time

As the nights are drawing in we would ask parents/carers to encourage their children to go straight home and not linger on the Broadway. Students from other secondary schools also use the Broadway and this can lead to issues around congestion and behaviour.

Top Positive Points This Week

Stanley Badacsonyi Y8
Neri Gordon Y8
Sasha Perry Y8
Preetish Ravi Y8
Annabelle Smith Y9
Sophia Hutchins Y9
Estelle Branford Y8

Georgiana Almeida Y8
Hayat Abdi Y8
K'Aisha Butler-Prince Y8
Noah Sivoletta Saliceti
Pola Komborska Y8
Samuel Braybrooke Y8

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Diwali
24 October 2022

Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

You will all have had the opportunity to read the new Fortismere Ofsted report earlier this week. As stated in the accompanying letter, while it's a shame we lost the Outstanding category, we are pleased with many of the strengths outlined in the report and fully accept the areas for improvement. While we did not formally complain to Ofsted about the Day 1 and 2 inspection, we did raise objections during the fact checking process which led to the letter from the Ofsted Commissioner for London and the Day 3 inspection. We are pleased that Ofsted listened and responded positively to our representations. Of course, we would obviously pick out some of the 5 good judgements as Outstanding but that's our pride in our school!

Having moved on from Ofsted, this week saw some of the activities customary this time of year. On Thursday, Mr Jefferies led the Music Department in delivering the 'Welcome' event for music. A number of students participated and the concert was of its usual high quality. It is the combination of the talents of our students, nurtured and encouraged by Mr Jefferies, that underpins the success of music at Fortismere.

Black History Month continues to occupy our creative and culinary energies. The canteens delivered a superb selection of Caribbean and African food, much appreciated by students and staff alike (the best jerk chicken and jollof rice!). Different subject areas are undertaking an array of different activities, many of which we will share with you in next week's Newsletter.

This week the Co-Heads hosted the online Co-Heads surgery. Despite some technical glitches, it proved as always to be a useful opportunity to hear the thoughts and ideas of parents and carers around policy and practice at Fortismere. After half term, the Governors will be holding Governor surgeries and we will have an opportunity to pool the information we receive from the parent body.

As usual, this week's Newsletter is packed with information. We urge you to look at the upcoming events, from the SEND Information Evening to the Y7 Welcome Event and the Firework Display (a vital fundraiser). We hope there is something on offer for you and your family and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

It's Diwali on Monday and we wish you a weekend filled with light (though not gas or electrical - save money and the planet!).



Welcome music concert 13/10/2022

Governing Board Notice

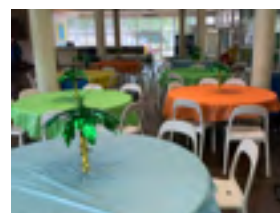
Governors' Surgery - Tuesday 1st November 2022 5.30pm-7.00pm SW Hall

The next governors' surgery is on Tuesday 1st November, this is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet the governors and to discuss any school wide issues. If you have concerns specifically related to your own child please speak directly to school staff about this. There will be a number of governors on hand to speak to parents between 5.30pm-7.00pm. This is a drop-in session and there is no need to book. If you have any queries about the surgery please contact the Clerk to governors smurray@fortismere.org.uk We look forward to seeing you on 1st November.

BHM 2022

Black History Month At Fortismere

On Wednesday this week, we enjoyed a Black Heritage themed lunch menu to honour and celebrate BHM. Staff and students enjoyed jerk chicken, rice and peas and a fabulous pineapple cake! It was great to see such an enormous turnout for lunch. Thank you to Harrisons for the wonderful food. It was such a great success that we are repeating the event next week on Thursday with different food from African and Caribbean culinary cultures.



Some of the wonderful food served up for us by Harrisons this week!



Students in the LINC lunchtime clubs have been working on issues related to Black History Month - they've been watching documentaries, having discussions, making posters and learning more about the meaning, purpose and stories of Black History Month.



School Fundraising Event

Fireworks Display - Thursday 3rd November 2022

The Fortismere Fireworks display takes place on Thursday 3 November 2022, from 5pm-9pm and we need your help and support to make this year's event the best one yet. Would you be able to distribute some flyers to your neighbours in your local streets? Could you share details of the event on your local community networking sites? Anything to help us advertise the event would be much appreciated. And most importantly please buy your tickets nice and early! Buy your tickets now and they are only £5 each (£8 on the gate). Students can purchase tickets from the Library or you can book online via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) Contact Ms Demetriou mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk if you can help us with advertising the event. Thank you.



Fortismere Holiday Camps

October Half Term Holiday Camps - Last Few Spaces

Our holiday camps provide a wide range of different activities for children including Sports, Art, Drama, Dance and Photography. This half-term our Holiday Camps run from **Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October**, from **9.00am to 3.00pm** each day at Fortismere School, Tetherdown N10 1NE. A full week costs £80.00. An early (8.00am) drop-off option including breakfast is also available. Bookings are made via Eventbrite. Full details of all the activities and booking details are published on the school website but hurry as there are very few spaces left - [see here for details](#)



SEND Notices

REMINDER - SEND Information Evening - Thursday 20th October 5.00pm

A reminder that the LINC Department is holding an Online Information Evening for parents and carers on Thursday 20th October from 5.00pm. This is an online event that will include a presentation on SEND provision and support at Fortismere followed by a question & answer session. All parents and carers are welcome regardless of whether your child has SEND or not. If you would like to attend, please forward your email address to lincadmin@fortismere.org.uk and you will be sent an invitation with a link to the event

Haringey SEND Parent/Carer Forum Events

Haringey SEND Parent/Carer Forum is holding an event next week on children's therapies. You can find out how Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physiotherapy work in Haringey. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. The event is being held **in-person on Tuesday 18th October** 10.30am-12.30pm at Chestnuts Community Centre ([book here](#)) and then repeated online on **Wednesday 19th October** 6.30-8.00pm ([book here](#))

Sixth Form Notices

Year 13 Information Evening - Tuesday 8th November 5.30pm-6.30pm

The Year 13 Parents Information Evening is on Tuesday 8th November, from 5.30pm-6.30pm. This will be an in-person event, led by the Sixth Form Team. Full details will be sent by ParentMail.
Mr D Robson, Director of Sixth Form

Year 10 Notice

HATE Assembly

On Monday this week, Year 10 took part in a fantastic assembly run by the Metropolitan Police. The "HATE" assembly focussed on hate crime and how and where these attitudes and prejudices can develop. The session was informative and engaging and included many real examples of hate crimes that have been committed in London. We were extremely lucky to be joined by Humza Arshad MBE, who is working alongside the Metropolitan Police and The Mayor's Office to raise awareness of the issue. Our students seemed to really enjoy hearing from him and the Q&A session at the end was excellent, with developed and articulate contributions from our students.



Student feedback on the event was really positive. "I liked it because I learnt that 'if you have hate in your heart you will never win!'" and "I liked it because it informed us of real life issues and having the visitor made it more fun and engaging."

Ms Jackson
Head of Y10

Geography Department Notice

Year 11 Geography Fields Trips

I want to say well done to all our GCSE Geography students who, in September and October, have braved the less than balmy weather conditions in order to practise their fieldwork skills on the Essex coast. Students' fieldwork tasks included data collection for beach profiles and sediment analysis as well drawing field sketches. We were very pleased to see such good effort and positive behaviour from so many students. We look forward to taking them on our next field trip in November to look at urban regeneration.

Ms Sheldon
Geography Department



Social Sciences Department Notice

Battle of Ideas Festival - Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th October 2022, London SW1P 3NZ

Battle of Ideas Festival - Shaping the future through public debate - this multidisciplinary event is taking place this weekend in central London and is free for school students. It would be most suitable and enjoyable for KS4 and KS5 students with a curious mind for intellectual discussion and debate. It covers issues around free speech, tech dilemmas, the cost of living, private lives and public affairs and many more topics. This Saturday, Fortismere's Mr Rooney is chairing a debate titled "From Indyref2 to a border poll. Are we afraid of democracy?"

There is a high correlation between those students who achieved A* in History and Politics and those who attended this festival last year. It's not exclusively for students of History and Politics either - all free thinkers are welcome! Please click [here](#) for ticket and booking details.

English Department Notice

Year 8 Climate Change Posters

I wanted to highlight the exceptional effort made by students in 8X3 while working on their climate change poster homework last week. I was thoroughly impressed with the attention to detail and the amount of time that went into producing them. A special well done and positive points to: Yoav, Kristina, Liana, Xavi, Lyra, Anthony and Natsuko. I will be using the posters for a display. Ms Doogan



Art & Photography Department Notices

KS3 Art Club

Art Club is back for students in Years 7, 8 & 9.

Come along and develop your creativity every Thursday, 3.30pm-4.30pm in N6. This term we are designing the set for the Drama Department's production of 'Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy'. Google Classroom Code: etck7eh



GCSE Art & Photography Trips



This week, GCSE Fine Art students visited the [Cornelia Parker exhibition at the Tate Britain](#) and GCSE Photography students went to see [Chris Killip at the Photographers Gallery](#). All students enjoyed the trip and we were impressed by the maturity they showed throughout both days.

Drama Department Notices

Hitchhiker's Guide... Rehearsal Diary

Ms Turner's Diary entry "The rehearsals are well underway and I am blown away by the commitment of my Assistant Directors and Choreographer. Ivy Eastwood, Ellie Doku, Lottie Sharp, Louie Barnett, and Theo Thompson to name a few, have been directing the ensemble in dances and in scenes in a very professional way. I couldn't put on the play each year without their help. My Costume and Set students are working each week with Ms Powell, with great creativity and the Lighting and Sound Team meet for the first time this week to start creating the sound and lighting for the show. Mr. Morris is organising the live music and band and the staff have already been attending their rehearsals."

Each week, someone from the cast or crew will be giving you an update on the show and its progress. Don't forget to put the show dates in your diary - 7th and 8th December 2022.



Half term Activity with our Partner Theatre

Our partner theatre, The Almeida, are running a Play-in-a Week project during the October Half-Term Monday 24th – Friday 28th October 10.30am-4.30pm for 14-18 Year olds. Young People will have the opportunity to work with an Almeida Participation Associate Artist to develop their acting and theatre-making skills and through the course of the week create a brand new play to be performed to an invited audience of friends and family on the last day. Apply by Thursday 20th October (11.00am) [using this link](#)

And Finally....

Just in case you missed Fortismere Drama in the press in late August [here is a link](#) to a lovely article in The Archer.

Library Notices

Key Stage 3 Bookclubs

Watch this space for start dates of our book clubs.

The Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award (Bibliobuzz) group is for keen readers in Year 7 who love biscuits and talking about books. It's been lovely hearing from students who joined us for the award in the theatre at Ally Pally when they were in Year 6 – we're looking forward to seeing the shortlist, getting the books and preparing for next year's ceremony at the end of March.



Young Quills is for any KS3 student who enjoys historical fiction and is run in conjunction with the history department. We read books provided by the Historical Association and help them to decide which books should be voted the best for young people. Take a look at [the shortlisted books and some of our reviews here](#)



We were excited to be once again chosen to form a judging panel for the **Royal Society Young People's Book Prize**. We already have the shortlisted books (see the list [here](#)) begging to be read by KS3 students! We'll be planning meetings with the science department.



Stuff You Can Buy In The Library

Fireworks tickets - £5 in advance. Handy packs of tissues for the Sniffy Season – 10p. All the stationery your child needs at cost price! Free books!



Recommended Reads of the Week

With October being ADHD Awareness Month, and World Mental Health Day falling on 10th October, here are some books you can find on our shelves that will help to promote empathy and understanding.



Music Department Notices

Welcome Back Concert - Huge Congratulations!

The Welcome Back Concert took place in the Music Concert Hall last night. The evening featured many of our musical groups including the Big Band, Cello Ensemble, Junior Choir and Senior Choir as well as solos and bands from our students. There were many outstanding moments and everyone involved should be very proud of their work so far this term! We look forward to seeing what the next eight weeks bring as we head toward the Goliath that is the Christmas Concert. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Autumn Pure Piano - 10th November 2022 South Wing Hall

A reminder to ask your children to contact the Mr Jefferies, Director of Music, ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk if they want to get involved in the Music Department's Autumn Pure Piano on Thursday 10/11/22. Please get in touch as soon as possible since places are filling up and the evening is always full of lovely musical moments from our pianists.

Christmas Concerts - 13th & 14th December in South Wing Hall

On Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December we will have our annual Christmas Concerts in the South Wing Hall. These concerts are two of the biggest events in the Fortismere School Calendar and will feature performances from every single ensemble that runs at school. There will also be some additional groups such as a Salsa Band and the return of Man Choir who will be regaling us with a football stand classic!

For this concert we also need soloists and groups from across the school year groups so if your child is interested in performing they need to get in touch as soon as possible. They can do this by emailing the Director of Music at ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk or just popping into the music office for a chat with me.

Auditions for this concert will take place the week beginning 8th November and we would ask that students are well prepared so that they can be mentored on their performances for what will be a memorable evening of music.

School Concert Season 2022/23

A reminder to ask your children to contact the Director of Music ejfferies@fortismere.org.uk if they want to get involved in the Music Departments busy concert season. There are a wide variety of concerts taking place over the year. Have a think about how you or your child might want to get involved and get in touch.

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| Autumn Pure Piano - 10/11/22 GCSE Recital Evening - 17/11/22 Cello Masterclass with Jonathan Aasgaard - 18/11/22 Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra - 19/11/22 Fortismere Community Choir - 10/12/22 Christmas Concerts - 13/12/22 & 14/12/22 | Charity Band Night - 26/01/23 Music and Poetry - 09/02/23 A Level Rectial Evening - 09/03/23 Summer Pure Piano - 04/05/23 Summer Chamber Concert - 13/07/23 |
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Community Performing Arts

Fortismere is delighted to offer performance opportunities to both students and parents! If you're interested in getting involved please contact us about any of the classes or sessions we have over the course of the week.

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| Monday Evening: 7-9pm Music Hall | Contemporary Dance. Appalachian Spring by Copland as a Contemporary Piece. Open to Adults & Children and led by Luis Gallo Mudarra. |
| Tuesday Evening: 7-9pm Music Hall | The Community Symphony Orchestra has begun work on Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony, Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain and Walton's Cello Concerto which will be played by Norwegian Cellist Jonathan Aasgaard, the Principal Cellist of the Liverpool Philharmonic on The Orchestra meets on a Tuesday evening and we are always keen to hear from interested players of Orchestral instruments. |
| Saturday: 9:30am-4pm Music Block | Instrumental and Vocal Lessons are available at The Fortismere Performing Arts Centre. |
| Saturday:10:30am-1pm Music Hall | The Community Choir has started work on Mozart Coronation Mass for their Christmas Concert and meets on Saturday mornings. This is a non auditioned choir and open to all singers of any age. |
| Saturday: 3:30pm-5:30pm Music Hall | Ballet. Night Dances by Thomas Gregory (New Commision) as a Modern Ballet.Open to Adults and Children and led by Simone Pinchera. |

The Dance Projects will culminate in a live performance accompanied by an orchestra in a London venue later in 2023. Please contact FMCinfo@fortismere.org.uk for more information.

Free Lessons - Endangered Species

Another shout out to parents and carers about the opportunity for your child to play one of the endangered species instruments on offer this year. Please get in touch with Mr Jefferies, the Director of Music, as soon as possible. We have some free lessons for new starters available on French Horn, Bassoon, Double Bass and Trombone.

Email ejfferies@fortismere.org.uk for more details.

Music Ensembles

| | Lunchtime | After School |
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| Monday | String Group - Concert Hall | KS3 Music Tech - MU1 School Orchestra - Concert Hall |
| 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 (Rooms available for practice) |
| Thursday | Junior Choir - Concert Hall DJ Club - MU4 | KS4 Music Tech - MU4 |
| Friday | Cello Ensemble - MU2 Classical Guitar Group - Concert Hall | |
| Saturday | Music Theory Classes - 11:30am-12:30pm Fortismere Community Choir - 10:30am-1pm | Bands (Rooms available for practice) |

Sport & PE Notices

Y7 Football Team Off to an Impressive Start

The Y7 'A' Team headed west on Tuesday to play against Burlington Danes in the second round of the ESFA Cup. This was their first competitive fixture and they really turned on the style finishing as comfortable winners. Well Played!



Y9 Boys Football Team continue Cup Journey!

Our Boys Y9 'A' Team continued their great start to the season with another convincing win, this time over Walthamstow Academy in the ESFA Cup. There were goals for Lucas, Triz, Joe, Noah and Louie as they rattled a total of 7 goals into the back of the Walthamstow net! Well done Boys!

No Winter Break for Jacob

Year 7's Jacob Ellison has been offered a place on the North Middlesex Performance squad winter training group. This is the second year running that Jacob has been invited. He had a great summer of cricket and this is a super opportunity to keep up to speed during the winter months. Well done Jacob.

Sports Stars of the Month Award

Massive congratulations to the recent winners of the Sports Stars of the Month Award for September. The award recognises achievement both in PE lessons and in the wider sports arena. It also rewards attitude, leadership and commitment and the following students are very worthy winners - Taijun Morris, Lottie Broadway, Raiya Kirnon-Henry, Rafael Tancred, Izzie Doku, Santi Berckholtz - Congratulations Sports Stars!

Journey Ends for our Tennis Stars

After an incredible run in the National Schools' Tennis Championships, where they amazingly reached the last sixteen, the journey has sadly come to an end for our U15 Boys Tennis Team. We travelled to Aylesbury for a match against an all-boys school that has many of their team members at elite tennis academies. Our boys battled hard to the very last but in the end the depth of quality of our opponents made the difference. Well done to our boys, for their incredible run and wonderful performances – we are very proud of you.

Netball Girls in Action

Our Senior and Junior Girls Netball squads were in action on Thursday this week with home matches against Greig City. The juniors were up against a very strong Greig City team and, although playing some delightful Netball at times were on the wrong side of the scoring. The seniors were, as always, convincing winners. Well done to all who represented the school.

School PE Kit Supplier

Please note that our PE kit supplier has changed it's name. See the [ORC printwear website](#) for more information and to order any kit items

Results & Fixtures

Last week's Results

Tuesday 11th – Boys Football Y10 A v Central Foundation (A) Middx Cup 2.30 KO

Tuesday 11th Y7 A v Burlington Danes (A) 2.15 KO Won 11-1

Tuesday 11th Netball v STM (h) Postponed

Weds 12th – Boys Football 2nd XI v Ashmole (H) Middx Cup 2.30 KO Postponed

Thursday 13th October – Table Tennis – U15 Girls Borough Champs @ Gladesmore 3-6pm 3rd

Thursday 13th – Boys Football Y9 A v Walthamstow (H) ESFA Cup 2nd Round 2.45 KO Won 7-1

Thursday 13th – Netball Y7/8 & 11 v Greig City Seniors won 23-3, Juniors lost 3-20

U15 Boys Tennis v AGS – National last 16 – Lost 1-5

Next Week's Fixtures

Monday 17th – Football Y7 Boys Borough 5-a-side Champs @ Powerleague

Monday 17th – Football Y7 Girls Borough 5-a-side Champs @ Powerleague

Tuesday 18th – Netball Y9/10 v Heartlands (A)

Tuesday 18th – Football Y7 A, B & C Teams v Latymer (A) 3.15 KO

Tuesday 18th – Football Y8 Boys Borough 5-a-side Champs @ Powerleague

Tuesday 18th – Football Y8 Girls Borough 5-a-side Champs @ Powerleague

Wednesday 19th – Football 1st XI v Latymer (H) 4pm KO

Wednesday 19th – Football 2nd XI v Latymer (H) 4pm KO

Wednesday 19th – Football Y9 Boys Borough 5-a-side Champs @ Powerleague

Wednesday 19th – Football Y9 Girls Borough 5-a-side Champs @ Powerleague

Thursday 20th Football Boys Y10 a & B v Latymer (H) 4pm KO

Thursday 20th – Football Y10 Boys Borough 5-a-side Champs @ Powerleague

Thursday 20th – Football Y10 Girls Borough 5-a-side Champs @ Powerleague

Thursday 20th – Netball Y7/8 v Heartlands (H)

Friday 21st Football Boys Y9 'A' v APS Middlesex Cup 2pm KO (H)

Remember to let me know about all your sporting activities out of school as well.

Mr Orton

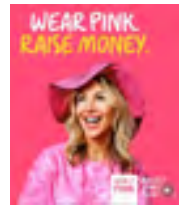
Director of Sport

Community Fundraising

Wear Pink Raise Money Friday 21st October 2022 - Ms Vangucci

Fortismere has a strong tradition of wearing pink and supporting Breast Cancer Now. Please join in next week and wear something pink everyday of the week or on Friday 21st October. Bring £2 to school or donate via the Just Giving Page [here](#). Thank you.

Ms Vangucci
PE Department



World Mental Health Day 2022

Mental Health Support at Fortismere

This week included World Mental Health Day. The theme of the day was 'Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority'. Mental health problems exist in our lives, families, workplaces and communities, impacting everyone. We must do as much as possible to prevent mental ill-health – as individuals and as a society.

World Mental Health Day is also a chance to talk about mental health in general, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to talk about things and get help if you are struggling.

I wanted to highlight the support we have available at school for students and their families. We are incredibly lucky to have such great Mental Health provision with a variety of different counselling options and a system in place which means that no students should wait for more than a week for an appointment. Referrals can be made through tutors / Heads of Year / parents or by students themselves. All of the details are on the school website under mental health and is available by clicking [here](#). We have an area which signposts to external agencies and self help. Students can also join the Fortismere Well-being community which has many resources designed to support students with their well-being / mental health.

Ms Jackson
Mental Health Lead

