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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

You will note from the change in background on the branding of this Newsletter that it is Black History Month once again. Our students will be engaging in learning opportunities across the curriculum this month giving everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

There will be an opportunity to share their work with you at the end of the month but we are delighted today that the poem, 'Talk this way' by Omar Alloul in Year 12 written in response to studying the poetry of Jacob Sam-La Rose's poetry has been included in this week's Newsletter. Please do take the time to read Omar's beautifully crafted and poignant work. On the subject of poetry, we were pleased to have the opportunity to see our Poet in residence, Lewis Buxton, this week who was working with Year 8 students in their English lessons on how to create their own inspiring poems. Our students were impressive in their confidence as they read their poetry that was at times quirky and imaginative and at other thoughtful and emotive.

October 10th is World Mental Health Day. We know that post-pandemic that many young people have had significant challenges around their mental wellbeing themselves while others live with family members who have struggled. We speak regularly to our students about the mechanisms that are in place in school to support students who feel anxious or unsafe, reminding them that we have access to a range of support that can be made quickly available. Whether they choose to talk to their trusted adult or use the safe talk email (safetalk@fortismere.org.uk) it is vital that the young people in our community understand how important their wellbeing is to us. Please reinforce with your children the support on offer at Fortismere and let them know it's there whenever they need it, particularly if you notice them struggling with any aspect of school life.

As stated in the messages on the front of this newsletter, we expect to have our final Ofsted report to share with you (at last) and will do so via parentmail.

For now, we'd like to wish you all a wonderful but restful weekend.

Sixth Form Notices

Year 13 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 12th October 3.30pm-6.00pm

Year 13 Parents' Evening is next week, on Wednesday 12th October, from 3.30pm to 6.30 pm. This is being held online via SchoolCloud. Details have been sent to all Y13 parents/carers via ParentMail. Booking is open now and we would encourage all parents and carers to book an appointment.

Year 13 Information Evening - Wednesday 9th November 5.30pm-6.30pm

There will also be a Year 13 Parents Information Evening after half-term, on Wednesday 9th 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 - Monday 10th October 2022

On Monday next week, Year 10 will be taking part in a "HATE" assembly which will be delivered by London's counter-terrorism policing team. This is part of the National Hate Crime Awareness Week and will provide

awareness of the importance of challenging prejudice and intolerance. Students will not be attending periods 4 and 5 on Monday to facilitate this. **They may also be let out slightly early on Monday as the assembly is due to finish at approximately 3.05pm**

BHM 2022

Black History Month At Fortismere

We're really looking forward to the month ahead and will be sharing news of activities and events with you through the Newsletter. Y12 A Level English students are studying the poetry of Jacob Sam-La Rose and wrote their own version of one of his poems 'Talk this Way'. Y12 student, Omar Alloul wrote the following excellent response.

My voice is not one I came to on my own.

My voice is one that has been uniquely crafted; like a master blacksmith's perfect sword or a musician's magnum opus. My voice is one that has been created with the drums of my culture; the shoulder to shoulder cross legged pose that I was taught being scolded not to fidget and listening to a story about wands and magic; the sturdy feel of bass as I rock my head back and forth to the beat of my favourite artists; my voice is one that I came to after long nights of introspection; it is one I've come to after reading long chapters and watching long episodes and taking from them a unique lesson that I only seem to see and one that has simply made me, me.

My voice is that stolen moment before dusk turns to dawn, it is the early morning chirping of the same bird I've seen since lockdown began; it's my favourite food, fried slowly and marinated perfectly; my favourite drink and the hiss-pop that accompanies it; it's the laughter of my friends and the comfort of my family.

*It is one that is mine and mine alone and for that I am eternally grateful.
And so I sing one tune to my experiences thus far and one in preparation for the future
A tune of thanks*

SEND Notices

SEND Information Evening - Thursday 20th October 5.00-7.00pm

The LINC Department are holding an Information Evening for parents and carers on Thursday 20th October from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. This will be an online event covering SEND provision and support at Fortismere. Parents and carers will be able to learn more about the processes and mechanisms available at Fortismere to support students with special educational needs and disabilities. There will be a presentation by the school's SENDCo, Mr Fari, plus an opportunity for a question & answer session. All parents and carers are welcome and your child does not need to have SEND in order to attend the event.

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.

ADHD Awareness Month

October is ADHD Awareness Month and we will be acknowledging and celebrating this at Fortismere by providing students with opportunities to learn and engage with activities about neurodiversity, ADHD and what this means in our community and wider society. This will happen in tutor time and in assemblies as well as in a variety of activities across the school. More information will be made available and shared over the next few weeks. If you are interested in more information, please visit this the [ADHD Awareness Month](#)

[website](#) and keep an eye out for updates in the Newsletter.

Haringey SEND Parent and Carers Engagement Event - Thursday 13th October 2022

The Lead Member for Children, Schools and Families in Haringey, Zena Brabazon, is hosting a SEND Engagement Event for parents and carers: *Following a meeting with parents and carers of children with SEND in March 2022, we identified a number of important topics and themes that you wanted to discuss in future meetings. We would like to invite you to the next meeting, which will focus on 'Transitions'. Whilst Transitions will be the main topic of discussion, it will also be a good opportunity to let you know about the work we are doing to participate in the national Safety Valve*

The event takes place on **Thursday 13th October from 12.30pm-2.00pm on the Podium Floor at River Park House, N22 8HQ**. Tickets for the event can be booked [via Eventbrite using this link](#)

Pathways to Employment Event - Wednesday 12th October 2022

Haringey SEND Inclusion Department are running an event around pathways to employment next week, Wednesday 12th October at Haringey Sixth Form College from 1.30pm-3.30pm. This event is suitable for young people (Year 9 upwards) and their parents/carers, who are thinking about the transition to adulthood. Please let your child's Head of Year know if your child wants to attend with you as the event is in school time and this will need to be authorised. There will be a range of workshops for all ages interested in supported apprenticeships, higher education as well as access to work and reasonable adjustments. The event is free but tickets must be booked through Eventbrite - [use this link](#)

Extra Curricular Clubs & Activities

Geography Club

Geography Club is starting after half-term (from 1st November). Come and join us to discuss current geographical news, take part in geographical activities and competitions and boost your love for geography!

This term we'll be discussing and exploring climate change and making climate pledges.

In the spring term: Exploring and reacting to natural disasters and exploring the built environment around the school. In the summer term: Exploring global issues and fundraising and the Royal Geographic Society Young Geographer of the Year Award.

When: **Every Tuesday after school (from 1st Nov)**

Where: **in S17**

Who: **Open to all year groups**

For more information please contact Miss Brough abrough@fortismere.org.uk

Pride Society

Pride Society is pleased to announce that sessions have restarted for 2022-23. **Sessions are every Monday lunchtime, in S28 and open to all year groups.** Please come along with your lunch and be ready to discuss all things LGBTQ+ This is a safe space for all students of Fortismere but is particularly open to any student who identifies within the LGBTQ+ spectrum.

For more information please Mr McGuinness gmcguinness@fortismere.org.uk

Science Clubs & Science Support Sessions

Calling all enquiring minds! **Mad Science Club** is every Monday, after school in the Science Building, open to students in all year groups 7-13. Get involved with some CRAZY CHEMISTRY, BARMY BIOLOGY AND PETRIFYING PHYSICS. Students carry out their own controlled experiments and follow the CREST Young Scientist Award Scheme.

Students can also get involved in the **Science Olympiads** - these are international competitions designed to challenge understanding of biology, physics and chemistry through specific competitions for Year 10-13 students. These events take place at different stages throughout the year. For more information please contact Mr Commons, ncommons@fortismere.org.uk

GCSE & A Level Physics support sessions take place every Tuesday, after school in Lab 10.

Library Notices

Poet in Residence

Three amazing days packed with laughter (and the occasional tear) with our poet Lewis Buxton who worked with the whole of Year 8 in the run up to National Poetry Day on 6th October. Lewis has the uncanny knack of getting responses from every single student, and it was fabulous to see each one produce inspired writing whatever their ability. Even the most hardened "I hate poetry" student crumbled and was surprised at how much they enjoyed the session, whether it was playing "pancake or waffle", listening to Lewis' own work (and each other's) or quietly writing their own masterpieces.



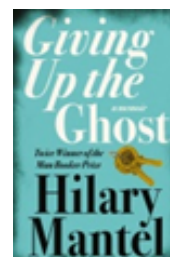
We now have a huge pile of wonderful work to collate into a book for the library, and hope that some of our writers will want to participate in the Music and Poetry Concert in February.

Take a look at Lewis performing one of my personal favourites of his here [Lewis Buxton - Father Father Burning Bright](#)



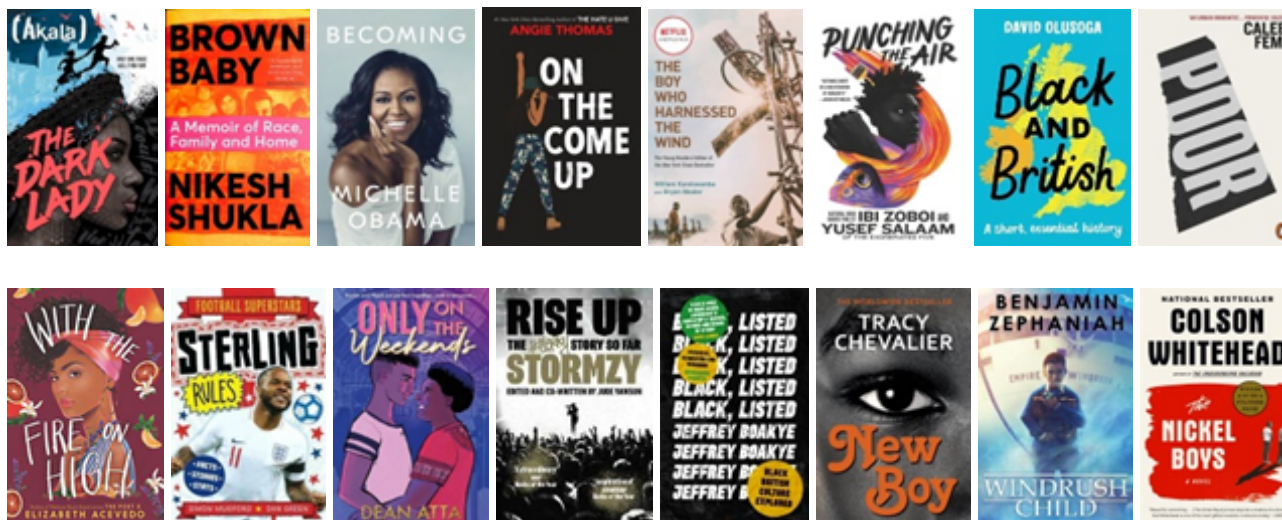
CoverUp

The next meeting of our parent/staff reading group will be on Thursday 17th November when we'll be celebrating the late great Hilary Mantel with her memoir, "Giving Up the Ghost".



Recommended Reads of the Week

A few for Black History Month, found on our current library display...



Music Department Notices

Welcome Back Concert - 13th October Music Hall 7pm

The Welcome Back Concert is taking place next week in the Music Concert Hall. The evening will feature 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. If you have any questions please contact the Director of Music by emailing ejefferies@fortismere.org.uk. Tickets are available at www.fortismereperformingartscentre.co.uk

School Concert Season 2022/23

A reminder to ask your children to contact the Director of Music ejefferies@fortismere.org.uk if they want to get involved in the Music Departments busy concert season. For the purposes of school concerts we are offering a large variety of evenings to our students this year. Please have a look at the concerts listed below and think about how you or your child might want to get involved. There will also be masterclasses throughout the year for Wind, Strings, Brass, Percussion, Piano and Voice so please keep an eye out for these amazing opportunities to work with world class professionals.

Welcome Back Concert - 13/10/22

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 Recital Evening - 09/03/23

Summer Pure Piano - 04/05/23

Summer Chamber Concert - 13/07/23

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.

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 Commission) 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 ejefferies@fortismere.org.uk for more details.

Music Ensembles

	Lunchtime	After School
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

Fortismere Football is Flourishing

We were delighted with the turnout for the Y7/8 Girls' Football Training session this week. Our girls' teams are really doing well at the moment and it's fantastic to see the next group of girls getting ready to continue our amazing reputation for success on the pitch!



Jordan selected for Middlesex

I'm delighted to report that Y9 Jordan Neami has been selected to represent Middlesex U15 Football in their forthcoming fixture against Surrey. Well done Jordan, we are very proud of you!

Y8 Football Action

On Tuesday our Y8 A, B and C football teams headed to Highgate School for a fabulous afternoon of football. Unfortunately, Our A team and C team both ended up on the wrong side of the result but our B's staged an incredible comeback to take the victory. They were trailing 4-7 with 10 minutes to go and in an amazing last few minutes they scored 4 goals to steal the win. Well played boys – showing what can happen if you don't let your heads drop.



County Cricket Call Up

I'm delighted to report that Y9's Lila Priyadarshini has been selected to represent Middlesex U15 Girls Cricket Team. What an achievement – well done Lila we are all so proud of you!

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 4th Oct - Football – Y7 Boys A, B and C Teams v Highgate (A) Friendly A Lost, B Won C Lost
Wednesday 5th Oct – Football – 1st XI (U18) v St Ignatius – Middlesex Brigg Trophy Pool Stage Game 1 (H) 2.45 KO Lost
Wednesday 5th Oct – Football – 2nd XI (U18) v Forest School – ESFA Cup 1st Round (H) 2.15 KO Lost
Wednesday 5th Oct – Football U16 Girls v London Academy (H) 2pm KO Won 5-0
Thursday 6th October – Table Tennis – U15 Boys Borough Champs @ Gladesmore 3-6pm

Next Week's Fixtures

Monday 10th Table Tennis – U13 Boys Borough Champs @ APS 3-6pm
Monday 10th Netball – All Years v St Thomas More (A)
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
Tuesday 11th Netball v STM (h)
Weds 12th – Boys Football 2nd XI v Ashmole (H) Middx Cup 2.30 KO
Thursday 13th October – Table Tennis – U15 Girls Borough Champs @ Gladesmore 3-6pm
Thursday 13th – Boys Football Y9 A v Walthamstow (H) ESFA Cup 2nd Round 2.45 KO
Thursday 13th – Netball Y7/8 & 11 v Greig City