

School Leadership Messages

COVID Lateral Flow Testing - Please keep going!

Thank you to our parents (and students) for continuing the lateral flow testing process at home and for submitting test results via the portal. We appreciate all that our community is doing to help us to identify any cases in turn keeping local transmission low and our school community safe. We are concerned that as case levels drop locally students will be less motivated to test and report their results.

We obviously want to do what we can to keep COVID transmission low so we are urging parents to remind their sons and daughters to continue to use a LFT twice a week. Do please contact the school if you have any questions about the testing process.

Please also find attached a poster giving details of a vaccination event in Bounds Green this Saturday.

Parental Survey - Laptops

Further to our proposal to join a program that enables parents to purchase chromebooks for all students for classroom use we still have our consultation survey open to help inform the best next steps for us as a school. We have had some responses so far which have been very useful but would like to receive more parents views. Please click here to share your views and help inform our planning.

Summer School - COVID Catch up

Parents will be aware that we are offering an activity camp for students during the summer break.

However, Fortismere will also be offering academic 'catch-up' provision for some of its cohort during the first two weeks of the summer break (from 26th July).

We are still planning this provision and will be in touch with further details in due course.

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Calendar

13.05	CoverUp Reading Group
08.06	Moderation Day
16.06	Y12 Parents' Evening
26.06	Fortismere Quiz Night
30.06	Y8 Parents' Evening: XBank
03.07	Fortitude Summer Festival
14.07	Y8 Parents' Evening: Y Bank
15.07	Y7 Celebration of Learning



Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

Although the weather continues to be chilly, the amount of activity taking place in school is keeping us all warm. The PE Department has been supporting local primary schools via Y8 student leaders. The PE article in the Newsletter gives more details but the Co-Heads would like to acknowledge how proud we are of the students who participated. They exemplified the values and behaviours of Fortismere and we look forward to more opportunities for our students, across the age range, to develop their leadership skills.

The Music Department is also re-establishing opportunities for participation as well as individual lessons. As we begin the gradual, phased re-opening of the school we are seeing students taking advantage of the enrichment activities on offer. While we are still bubbled, we can nonetheless ensure that students' experience of Fortismere combines the academic with creative, expressive and sporting opportunities.

Our Y11 and Y13 are moving into the second phase of the Teacher Assessment process, with the remainder of the half term focused on assessments completed under controlled conditions. We have been impressed by the maturity and focus shown by both year groups. Perhaps unsurprisingly for such a novel and logistically complex undertaking, there have been hiccups. Students have responded well to some of the last minute changes we have had to make and we are confident that our students will be successful. This year, the process does not depend on ranking students. This means that if a student's work fits the descriptor for that grade, the student will receive that grade. There is not a finite number of grades we can award. This feels much fairer and allows us to reward each student for the standard they have achieved.

For all our families celebrating Eid al-Fitr this Wednesday and Thursday may we wish you "Eid Mubarak". We hear this weekend will be wet but warmer. Happy weekend to you all.

Sport and PE Notices

Fortismere Sporting Youngsters Lead the Way

On Tuesday the Haringey Sports Development team asked Fortismere if we could provide some Sports Leaders to help out at the Haringey Schools Y3/4 Five-a-Side Football competition.

Our Year 8 Sports Leaders certainly stepped up to the plate and officiated and administered the tournament all day. Our youngsters were so impressive earning praise from competing schools teachers and the organisers alike. Most importantly, of course, our leaders gained the respect and admiration of the competing youngsters.

Aden Ali, Sports Development lead for Haringey commented
"A superb group of leaders today.
We were extremely lucky to have them."

Sports Leadership is one of our key curriculum intentions here at Fortismere and we are so proud of the Y8's putting it into action.

Well Done all of you!



Year 10 and Year 11 PE T-Shirts

There has been a real noticeable effort with PE kit over the last couple of weeks and we are so pleased that students are looking 'Sport Smart' for their lessons. We do realise that there may be a delay with ordering.

I wanted to remind everyone that KS4 Y10/Y11 students can purchase a PE T-Shirt instead of the traditional Rugby and Polo shirts. Only £7 as well!!

There are also Sport Specific Hoodies and GCSE T-shirts and Hoodies available at very good rates. [Buy Fortismere School PE Kits Here](#)



Your Company Name on our Shirts?

We are looking to replace and update our sports kits. Now that we have a vast number of teams we feel that they should be kitted out properly and have a sense of pride in putting on the school shirt. Obviously being such a large school, with up to 3 Football teams in each year group, we have a large number of kits to purchase. If you would be interested in sponsoring us for a kit we would be pleased to have your name on the front every time we play.

Please contact Ms Demitrou if this is something you may be able to help with:
mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk

We are after Football, Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Athletics Kits.

Fortismere Sisters in National Football Quarter Final

As you are reading this Tayla Dennis and Araya Dennis will be travelling down to Eastbourne to represent Middlesex in the National Schools U15 Football Championship.

In a competition open to every County in the Country reaching the QF's is an amazing achievement for the Middlesex Girls and we are especially proud of Tayla and Araya of course GOOD LUCK GIRLS!!!!

Step Into Dance!

Step Into Dance is taking place:

- Tuesdays at the South Wing Hall at 3.20pm-4.20pm
- All Year 7 pupils welcome!
- A school guest and professional dance teacher is teaching the Step Into Dance class!

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Sports Boys and Sports Girls of the Month!

Freya Kilagallon (Y7)- Freya has shown an excellent attitude and effort in class. She has determination and grit and recently represented the school in the Haringey Football, played brilliantly in goal even though she would have much preferred to play on pitch but she was unselfish and a real team player - after playing at least 10 games she then came back to school and went straight to tennis club!! Well done Freya.

Triz Wilson (Y7)- Triz is a fantastic all-round sportsman who is always so enthusiastic about his PE and Sport. Triz never gets frustrated with teammates/peers not as talented as him and encourages and involves them at all times. This is such a rare asset and you can see how much he is respected by his peers. He is a real leader and he thoroughly deserves 'Sportsman of the Month. We are really proud of him. Well done Triz!

Hugo Harris (Y8)- Hugo has become such an important member of his PE class. He has grown to be so enthusiastic about PE and is well prepared for every lesson. He was one of the first to embrace changing back into PE kit and looks smart for his lesson which rubs off well on his performance. We are also glad to see Hugo taking advantage of the Extra-Curricular Opportunities. Well done Hugo!

Rose Culpin (Y8)- Rose has a fantastic attitude towards PE and during lockdown she made a concerted effort to attend every lesson and complete every task that was set. She always tries her best at every sport and activity no matter if she is any good at the sport or not she will persist until she improves. Her resilience and overall outlook is commendable.

Daniel Kennedy (Y9) -Daniel has consistently demonstrated a great attitude towards P.E this term. He always works hard and shows great leadership skills in lessons. Daniel attends a variety of extra-curricular sports clubs including; Football, hockey and cricket. Daniel truly is a multi talented athlete and sets a great example to younger pupils at the school that they should attend as many sports clubs as then can in order to enhance their athletic abilities.

Bella Mellows (Y9) - Bella is an all-rounder, who always has an excellent attitude towards PE. She always makes an effort in class, no matter the sport, as well as encouraging and supporting her classmates. Recently, she played brilliantly at the Haringey 5-a-side football tournament. Not to mention scoring the tournament winning goal for Fortismere! Well done Bella

Cricket and Tennis Matches Resume

Although the Weather this week has been far from Summer like, our Cricket and Tennis Teams have been in action.

- Our U14 Cricket team played their 1st match of the season losing out to a very strong APS side.
- Our U15 Tennis Boys went up to Mill Hill for a 3-way match.

They recorded one victory and one defeat but played extremely well in both.

Stay Connected with Fortismere Sport



Don't forget to let me have news of your sporting participation & achievements outside of school. Email Address sorton@fortismere.org.uk

Find latest updates on fixtures, matches, information and all things sport on:

Twitter: FortismereSport & PE - @FortismerePE

Tiktok: @fortismeresport

Music Department Notices

Noah's Ark Virtual Concerts

There is still the chance to get involved in one more online concert in the Summer Term and this will be in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

If your child is interested in taking part in this concert please contact the Director of Music Mr Jefferies by emailing ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk



Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

Face to face Instrumental and Vocal classes are now up and running again for the Summer Term.

- If you would like more information about these lessons at Fortismere please contact Mel Izzet at mizzet@fortismere.org.uk
- All timetables have been sent to parents but if you have any issues please get in touch.

Ensembles

Our school ensembles have started again for the Summer Term and we are offering the following groups to students.

If your child is interested in taking part they should talk to their music teacher or email the Director of Music at ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk.

It was great to see and hear our young musicians back in the building this week and we are looking forward to our activities returning to "normal".

Monday	String Orchestra	3:30 - 4:15
	KS3 Music Tech Club	3:30 - 4:15
Tuesday	Junior Choir	3:30 - 4:15
	Percussion Group	3:30 - 4:15
Thursday	Senior Choir	3:30 - 4:15
	KS4/5 Music Tech Club	3:30 - 4:15
Friday	Big Band	3:30 - 4:15
	Classical Guitar Group	3:30 - 4:15

Fortismere Music Festival

We will be holding auditions for any students wanting to take part in the Fortismere Music Festival to be held on Saturday 3rd July.

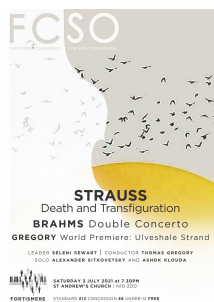
This will be an exciting chance to perform live in front of a home crowd and we are looking for students from any year groups that would like to perform either as part of an established group or as a soloist or as a DJ.

There are three hours of performance time available to students for this event and we are very much looking forward to hearing what you can do!

Interested students can email the Director of Music at ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk.

Fortismere Community Music

The FCSO will be performing on Saturday 3rd July at St Andrew's Church at 7:30pm.



The programme will include the World Premiere of Thomas Gregory's *Ulveshale Strand*, the Brahms Double Concerto with soloists Ashok Klouda and Alexander Sitkovetsky and Strauss's Death and Transfiguration.

The cost of membership for this event will be £60 for adults and £40 for students.

If you are interested in taking part in this concert please contact Joe Winters at FMInfo@fortismere.org.uk.

Library

CoverUp



Our parent/staff reading group will be talking about Kazuo Ishiguro's debut novel, *A Pale View of Hills*, at our meeting on Thursday 13th May, 7pm on Zoom.

Even if you haven't read/finished the book, you are very welcome to join the chat – email gward@fortismere.org.uk for a link.

And, looking ahead, the shortlist for the Women's Prize for Fiction has been announced [The 2021 Women's Prize Shortlist](#); we'll be discussing the winner during our last meeting of the year in July, traditionally celebrated with Pimms and nibbles outside the library.

Normally there'd be a group outing to London to meet the authors but, once again, the Shortlist Readings will be a digital affair – three nights of brilliance for £12, highly recommended.

You can get tickets here [Women's Prize Live 2021: Virtual Shortlist Festival Tickets](#)

Carnegie Showers

How we wish our Year 8 Carnegie Shadowing group could meet in the library surrounded by books and comfy chairs and biscuits! But this year's group is doing phenomenally well in spite of everything.

Take a look at some of their fab book reviews here [Fortismere Carnegie Book Reviews](#)

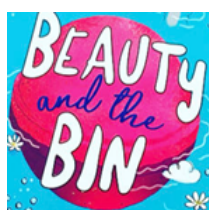


Recommended Reads of the Week

Line of Duty is over. But we have some excellent detective/police books in the library to fuel your need for twisty turny plots and cliffhangers – just type “detective” into the search box on eclipse.net, then email book@fortismere.org.uk for delivery to your classroom.



Don't Bin It! Competition



Journalist and author Joanne O'Connell has launched a competition (with lovely prizes!) which should appeal to our environmentally friendly students.

All you have to do is write up to 250 words on how to stop food waste.

See the full competition details here [Don't Bin It! Competition](#)

Fortismere Quiz Night

Key Information

- **Fortismere Face to Face Quiz Night Saturday 26th June 7.00pm**
- **Get your tickets for this brilliant event and tick another task off your To Do list!**

Steve Pemberton, our excellent host for the night will ensure our quiz is a night to remember: **Tickets are £10 per person.**

Tickets available from [Fortismere Quiz Night Tickets](#)

Remember: All funds raised for Fortismere will help us to pay for the learning extras our students really rely on; from curriculum resources such as cameras for Media Studies to the wellbeing support provided by the Place2be.



Fortismere Summer Festival

Key Information

We are delighted that our Summer Festival will be going ahead this year on Saturday 3rd July 2021 12.00pm-6.00pm.

We have been through so much collectively so it feels right that we come together to celebrate and be entertained by some of the best talent that North London has to offer including many of our own and former students. We are busily working on plans for this event right now and there will be more information to follow soon. However, in order to make the event as memorable as it can be for us all we are asking our parent community to support us.



While this is a school festival, and we will certainly be entertained by a host of our talented musicians on the day, we would like to use the event as an opportunity to cement our school's position at the heart of its community. To ensure the Festival is a truly fabulous event and to make up for missing out last year, we are inviting parents/carers to support us in a variety of ways:

We need:

Time! Are you able to support the planning of the Fair, or help to run a stall?

Skills! Can you help with setting up, are you brilliant with ticket sales?

Talent! Can you perform, host a stage or know performers who would be willing to perform alongside our own very talented students?

Prizes! We rely on our local community for donations

Please could you contact the school if you are able to get involved in any of the above and to help us make this the best Summer Festival at Fortismere yet.

Donations Required

Donation requests:

- 2 Tombolas: bottles and chocolate & sweets
- Summer Hampers: bottles, books, biscuits, beauty products, and other goodies
- Vintage Clothing: vintage or interesting clothing - fun, quirky, something old that is new again, outgrown clothes from your teenager
- Also any hats, bags, sunglasses, jewellery, must be in CLEAN, WEARABLE condition
- Cakes and Salads: please bring on the day.
- Prizes or experiences (for example, a massage or makeover) for our very popular online "Silent Auction"

All donations to be dropped off at the South Wing Entrance and all money raised will go to Fortismere.

Fortismere Holiday Activity Camp

Key Information

With lots of fun and games to enjoy from D&T, Chess, Robotics and Coding to Drama and multi sports, holiday camps are ideal if you find it hard to juggle work and keep the children entertained.

The Fortismere Holiday Club will also support the social interaction lost during the last lockdown. These activities will run between **09.00am-15.00pm each day** at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE. **The full week will cost £80***, an 08.00 am drop off option will be offered, where

the children will be provided with a light breakfast of toast, cereal & juice.

Please contact Maria Demetriou for information on subsidised places:

mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk

Holiday Club Activities: Limited Spaces

Tuesday 1st June Afternoon Tea: **SOLD OUT**

[Afternoon Tea Tickets](#)

Pupils will have a three course Afternoon Tea consisting of 6 Fruit Scones, 6 Mini Victoria Sandwich Cakes and finally 6 Mini Cheese and Onion Pasties. Pupils will be asked to bring with them containers to take home their food products.

Tuesday 1st June Ballet, Tap and Musical Theatre: **9 Spaces Available**

[Ballet, Tap and Musical Theatre Tickets](#)

Tuesday 1st June Become a Popstar: **8 Spaces Available**

[Become a Popstar Tickets](#)

Stop singing into your hairbrush and get your friends over to have some real pop/rock star fun! Learn how to make a beat, write lyrics (Days 1 and 2) Record and perform songs you made (Days 3 and 4).

This is a fun packed, high energy course designed to give structure to a child's burning desire to sing and perform.

Benefits include; creative development, singing, coordination and rhythm, stage-craft, teamwork, building confidence and lots of fun!

Tuesday 1st June Cooking: **SOLD OUT**

[Cooking Tickets](#)

Suitable for children aged 10-16 years old.

Tuesday 1st June Drama: **2 Spaces Available**

[Drama Tickets](#)

This week the children will work on improvisation and comedy skills.

Wednesday 2nd June and Thursday 3rd June Sewing: **SOLD OUT**

[Sewing Tickets](#)

Pupils will spend Day 2 learning to use a sewing machine as well as learning different surfacing printing techniques, which will allow them to create the surface pattern on fabric and then turn it into a cushion cover on Day 3.

Tuesday 1st June Sports Camp: **10 Spaces available**

[Sports Camp Tickets](#)

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

Tuesday 1st June Little Imaginations: **SOLD OUT**

[Little Imaginations Tickets](#)

Our camps cover all areas of creative arts, as well as active play and science experiments!

