


Friday 3rd February 2023

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<h3>Fortismere Pastoral Survey for Parents</h3> <p>We are very keen to collect parent views on our school pastoral provision. Our pastoral provision covers all the systems we have in place to keep our students safe , well and ready for their learning. It is vital in that it helps to define the culture of our school.</p> <p>Our survey is longer than usual as we are gathering views on our pastoral systems, our Behaviour Policy, our pastoral curriculum and enrichment opportunities among other areas. We are also seeking feedback on our 6th form pastoral provision.</p> <p>If you only complete one survey for the school this year, please complete this one. We need to learn from parental experience to be able to improve the systems we have in place.</p> <p>The survey will be open until Monday 20th February. It can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <h3>Co-Headteachers’ Surgery</h3> <p>We will be hosting this term’s opportunity to discuss areas of policy on 23 February between 11.30am and 12.20pm. Please click <a href="#">here</a> to register your interest.</p> <h3>Term Dates 2023-24</h3> <table><tr><td rowspan="2">Autumn Term 2023</td><td>1st half</td><td>Tuesday 5 September- Friday 20 October</td></tr><tr><td>2nd half</td><td>Monday 30 October-Thursday 21 December</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">School holiday</td><td>Friday 22 December - Friday 5 January 2024</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Spring Term 2024</td><td>1st Half</td><td>Monday 8 January - Friday 9 February</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Half</td><td>Monday 19 February - Thursday 28 March</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">School holiday</td><td>Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Summer Term 2024</td><td>1st half</td><td>Monday 15 April - Friday 24 May</td></tr><tr><td>2nd half</td><td>Monday 3 June - Friday 19 July</td></tr></table>			Autumn Term 2023	1st half	Tuesday 5 September- Friday 20 October	2nd half	Monday 30 October-Thursday 21 December	School holiday		Friday 22 December - Friday 5 January 2024	Spring Term 2024	1st Half	Monday 8 January - Friday 9 February	2nd Half	Monday 19 February - Thursday 28 March	School holiday		Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April	Summer Term 2024	1st half	Monday 15 April - Friday 24 May	2nd half	Monday 3 June - Friday 19 July	<h3>CoHeadteachers’ Message</h3>	
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## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

Now that mock exams have finished the school is returning to a sense of normality. Year 13 have already received their results and Year 11 will be doing so next week. The coming weeks and months are very important for both cohorts and we wish them well as they reflect on how they did on their practice exam run and consider their next steps and plan to ensure that they are as prepared as they can be for the summer exams. We would like to commend all of our students on their excellent conduct during their exam period.

Next week is National Apprenticeship week and we are excited that students in Years 7-12 will all be engaged in some way over next weeks and the weeks to follow with a programme of events involving assemblies and workshops with a range of tech companies such as IBM and Amazon and information sessions on vocational opportunities that are available to young people after finishing school. We would like to thank Mr Renner, our Careers lead teacher for organising these important careers events. Some of these events will also be accessible from home in the evenings.

This week, we would like to add our congratulations to Nik and Ece in Year 10 who won first and second place in Haringey's Jack Petchey Speak out Challenge against a number of competitors from local schools. We are incredibly proud of you both for finding your voices and using them to promote important issues. It takes a lot of courage to address a live audience which makes their achievements even more impressive. We hope that many of you will take an opportunity to watch their speeches which are available via the link in the article below.

We would like to wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at next week's big event, the Music and Poetry Evening!

## Year 10 Notice

### Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge - Haringey Champions!

On Tuesday evening it was my honour to attend the Haringey Regional Final of this year's Speak Out Challenge to support Fortismere's two finalists Nik Fysekis and Ece Uckun as they competed against the best Year 10 speakers from across the whole of the borough. They performed their speeches on a professional stage in front of six judges: leaders from the civil service, the NHS, the arts and the charity sector, as well the Mayor of Haringey, Gina Adamou.

Nik and Ece's speeches were unbelievably good, completely blowing away the audience and leading to the unprecedented result of Fortismere being awarded the top two places! Nik was crowned the new Haringey regional champion and Ece was given 2nd place runner up. Nik is now in the running to be selected for the Grand Final, held in the Cambridge Theatre on the West End. Well done to both of them as they have really done the school proud.

You can watch their speeches on this page: [on this page](#) or on YouTube, [Nik](#) and [Ece](#)  
Mr Allen



## School Event

### Music and Poetry Thursday 9th February 7pm SW Hall

This is always a quite special evening and we hope that you will join us for a wonderful mix of music and verse organised by the English Department, the Library and the Music Department, taking place on Thursday 9th February in South Wing Hall at 7:00pm

There will be items from the String Orchestra, Cello Ensemble, Jazz Group, Big Band, Junior Choir, Ladies Choir and Man Choir as well as a large range of solos from some of our very best young performers. The Library and the English Department have worked with students and have now curated a selection of original poems written by students on a variety of themes.

Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased through the Music Department Website [Book here](#) or on the door.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at this special event next week.

Mr Jefferies



**FORTISMERE SCHOOL CONCERT SERIES**  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC EDWARD JEFFERIES**

**THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023 | 7.00pm**  
**SOUTH WING HALL | FORTISMERE SCHOOL | N10 1NE**  
**STANDARD TICKET £10**  
**TICKETS: [www.fortismereperformingartscentre.co.uk](http://www.fortismereperformingartscentre.co.uk)**

## Careers & Work Related Learning Notice

### National Apprenticeship Week 6th-12th February School Activities

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week and Mr Renner has put together a wonderful package of events for all year groups. During the school day there are live virtual sessions from providers within the motor industry, tech companies, accountancy, defence and accountancy. Year group assemblies on Thursday will include presentations and talks from the DfE Ask Programme, Blueleaf Consultants and Weston Homes. There are also a range of webinars that students can access from home, starting at 5pm:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - From Rocks to Road and 'So Much More' (Construction)**

<https://event.webinarjam.com/go/live/638/1nmzxapyzt8g4fw14bwy67>

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb - A career in the Water Industry with Severn**

<https://event.webinarjam.com/go/live/627/k613qb2z9cky7f0k9a4kxg>

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - ECI (careers in Construction)**

<https://event.webinarjam.com/go/live/672/4vz4xbx5yh7lksgo7an1zg>

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - Webinar on Apprenticeships [STEM Ambassador]**

<https://event.webinarjam.com/go/live/639/oyv8riwmqfn79cqrfvp1y>

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Magnox (nuclear industry)**

<https://event.webinarjam.com/go/live/690/wyx65ioq6sr73coqwhmno7>

## Library Notices

### Photography Prize

[Magma Poetry magazine](#) promotes the very best in contemporary poetry. Every edition has a different theme, and Mrs Ward was delighted to be approached to become co-editor of Edition 85, "Poetry for Schools". We agreed that the cover photo should be of student(s) by student(s) and approached the Photography Department with the suggestion that a competition be launched. Mr Holden's Year 12 students produced some amazing shots and it was incredibly difficult to choose the eventual winner, Alvin Erbil. Alvin will receive a cheque for £100 from Magma. Edition 85 is published in April.



### Ruth Rendell Award

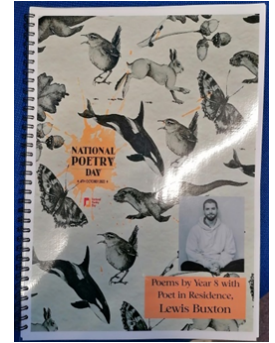
We were pleased to spot that Sita Brahmachari and S F Said are amongst the seven [shortlisted authors for the Ruth Rendell Award](#), which honours writers who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to support literacy development. That's not one, but TWO of Fortismere's Patrons of Reading! We pick them well!





## Music and Poetry Night - Thursday 9th February 7pm SW Hall

In October last year the whole of Year 8 worked with our Poet in Residence, Lewis Buxton (who also features in Magma – see above). The students' poetry is now printed and bound in a book that will be on display in the library forever! Several of the poems have been selected to be read during the Music and Poetry night next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February; this will be a magnificent evening, so make sure you come along. You can [book tickets here](#) or you can pay on the door.



## Recommended Reads of the Week

Some books for LGBT+ History Month: *"Claiming our past – Celebrating our present – Creating our future"*. Also, take a look at the Quick List we've put together on the Library Catalogue ([link on the school website](#))



## PE & Sports News

### Y7 Football: Fortismere 0-2 APS

This fixture meant a lot to both sets of players and unfortunately our Y7 team came up just short against our local rivals APS. It was a really tight game which could have gone either way. Our boys were understandably disappointed but it's clear that these two teams will enjoy going up against each other for years to come. We're already looking forward to the next match.

### Year 7/8 Girls Football: Haringey League - Fortismere 2-4 St Thomas More

The Y7/8 girls football team made the short journey to Wood Green excited and full of anticipation for their match against St Thomas More this week. We made a great start and kept possession well with some very good efforts on goal from Genivieve and Mia. It was Lola who took the ball on and played a great shot above the goalkeeper's head that put us 1-nil up; unfortunately



this didn't last long and a very strong Tommy More player scored a great goal against us. Our girls battled on and it paid off with Maia scoring to put us back ahead 2-1, but again they came back to level the match at half time. There were some questionable decisions made by the referee in the second half and unfortunately we couldn't get level again. The girls were still happy to have taken part and showed excellent attitude in defeat. Team: Lora, Ava, Imogen, Mia, Maia, Annie, Hollie, Amber, Freia, Lola, Lola, Genivieve, Alex, Rose and Eliz.

### Y9 Football: A & B Teams v Mill Hill

We took two minibuses with our Y9 A & B teams to Mill Hill School's impressive facilities on Monday afternoon this week. The A team showed excellent cohesion and team work, which paid off and saw them go ahead in the first half to lead 1-0. There was more great play in the second half and some very near misses for us. Mill Hill had a player who was excellent at taking corners and they were able to scramble one into the back of the net, ending the game all level at 1-1. Well done boys.

The B team had a more difficult task as we had been forced to find a few extra last minute players at lunchtime to make up the numbers for a full team - not a great start! The game was feisty from the kick-off with tackles flying in and both teams not playing fully within the spirit of the game. We scored in the second half and hung on to win 1-0. Despite the winning score line it was disappointing to see some unsporting conduct which has no place at all in any Fortismere sports teams.

### Haringey Badminton Double Champions

Congratulations to the boys and girls teams - who travelled to Dukes Academy on Thursday afternoon. There were some tough individual games with fabulous play by all involved. Well done : Ella, Eloise, Leila, Dilara, Alfie, Luca, Oscar and Joseph.



### Active Lives Survey

Thank you to all the students that took the time to answer the *Active Lives Survey* we advertised just before Christmas. We will hopefully receive a Healthy Schools Rating Award from the Department of Education in June.

### Fixtures - Next Week 6th Feb

Monday 6th Feb: U15 Girls Middlesex Cup v GCA - Away meet at 12.45 pm  
Tuesday 7th Feb: U16 Girls Middlesex Cup v Highlands - Away meet at 1 pm  
Tuesday 7th Feb: U16 Boys Hockey Tournament - All day @ Southgate  
Wednesday 8th Feb: U18 Boys Hockey Tournament - All day @ Southgate  
Thursday 9th Feb: Y9/10 Netball v Highgate School - Home Netball courts after school

## Music Department Notices

### Music & Poetry Night - 9th February 7pm - Arrangements

Miss Fox will be contacting students and parents that have been selected for this event for the English Department and Miss Ward is organising the Library group of students that have been selected.

### Music & Poetry Night - Dress Code

**Girls: Smart Black / Dark, Dresses, Skirts, Blouse / Shirt, Trousers, Shoes**

**Boys: Smart Black / Dark, Shirt, Trousers, Shoes - Ties are optional**

This is a formal school event and there are to be no jeans or trainers. Students are expected to be properly attired for a concert.

### Music & Poetry Night - Rehearsal Schedule

		After School
<b>Monday 6th</b>	<b>12:30pm String Group</b> - Haydn Cello Concerto	<b>3:20pm Man Choir</b> - Maria
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	<b>12:30pm SSA Choir</b> - Jolene <b>12:30pm Popular Guitars</b> <b>Period 5 Man Choir</b> - Maria	<b>3:20pm Jazz Band</b> <b>3:20pm Junior Choir</b> -You'll be Back
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	<b>Period 3 Cello Ensemble</b> - Pavane <b>1:05pm Big Band</b> - Sway <b>Period 5 SSA Choir</b> - Jolene	<b>3:20pm Cello Ensemble</b> - Pavane
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	<b>Period 1: Set Up</b> <b>Period 2: Cello Ensemble / String Group</b> <b>Period 3: Junior Choir / SSA Choir / Man Choir</b> <b>12:30pm: Big Band</b> <b>Period 4: Walk Through</b> - ALL <b>Period 5: Solos</b>	<b>3:20pm Bands</b> <b>4:00pm Hall Clear</b>  <b>6:15pm Arrive in SW Hall</b> <b>7:00pm Concert</b> <b>9:30pm Concert Ends</b>

## School Fundraising Event

### Quiz Night - Saturday 25th February 2023 6.30pm SW Hall

Here's a date for your new 2023 diaries - The **Fortismere Annual Quiz Night** is happening on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 pm in South Wing Hall. This is our main spring fundraising event and we've set an ambitious target of £7000 and need your help to reach this. Our host for the event is the award winning Pauline Eyre and we know that she's going to make the Quiz a lot of fun and a great night out. Tickets are £10 per person to make up teams of 8-10 people. If you're a smaller group don't worry we can put you with others to make a full team. There will be a bar but bring your own food to share.



Please get your tickets early - you'll have a fun night and you'll be helping the school to raise much needed extra funds. **Tickets available from** [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) Contact [mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk) with any queries

## Fortismere Holiday Camps

### February Half-Term Camps - LIMITED SPACES - Book Now

Fortismere runs school holiday camps that cover a broad range of activities for children aged 3 years and up including arts, dance, drama and sports. Bookings are now open for February half-term (13th-17th Feb).

Full details of all the activities, dates, times and prices can be found by following the links from our website - [please see here](#). The camps are very popular and fill up fast so don't delay making a booking.

## Information & Activities for Families

### Haringey Half-Term Activities

Haringey are offering an extensive programme of activities for children and young people this coming February half term. Please follow [this link](#) for the programme booklet.



## Safeguarding at Fortismere

### Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Sullivan) about any safeguarding matters or concerns please email [safetalk@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:safetalk@fortismere.org.uk) alternatively contact your child's Tutor or Head of Year:

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Year 10 [kjackson@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:kjackson@fortismere.org.uk)

Year 11 [dward@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:dward@fortismere.org.uk)