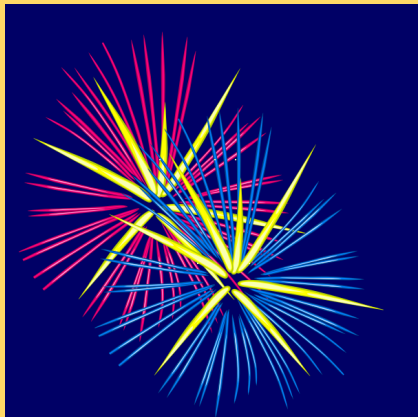


Friday 4th November 2022

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<p>Y11 ‘Buddies’</p> <p>Ms Brooks has launched the Y11 buddy system. Y11 students, identifiable by their yellow lanyards, will be working with Y7. The Y11 support will take place in tutor groups during registration but will also take place at break and lunch time. The yellow lanyards will ensure that any Y7 who needs an extra bit of help, will be confident to approach any students with a yellow lanyard outside of lessons.</p> <p>Fortismere Four: Respect</p> <p>Respect at Fortismere includes respect for the site. There has been a rise in vandalism this term and we are concerned that some students appear to regard this as trivial. Damage to the site makes the environment a less pleasant place for all. It also incurs costs to the school. Where appropriate, we may ask parents/carers for a contribution towards the cost of repair. We will be reminding students that care for the environment is a collective responsibility and we expect all our students to treat the school with respect.</p> <p>Top positive points this week</p> <table><tr><td>Annabelle Smith Y9 Ayla Barazi Y9 Moushka Maidens Y9 Sophia Hutchins Y9 Maisam Jewayni Y8 Cece Mensah Y9 Elkie Baker Y9 Maya Serri Leggatt Y9</td><td>Zach Whittaker Y9 Edanur Yigit Y8 James Spyrou Y8 Priscilla-Grace Aina Y8 Sophie Yufit Y8 Levi Prince Hughes Y7 Drin Loshi Y9</td></tr></table>	Annabelle Smith Y9 Ayla Barazi Y9 Moushka Maidens Y9 Sophia Hutchins Y9 Maisam Jewayni Y8 Cece Mensah Y9 Elkie Baker Y9 Maya Serri Leggatt Y9	Zach Whittaker Y9 Edanur Yigit Y8 James Spyrou Y8 Priscilla-Grace Aina Y8 Sophie Yufit Y8 Levi Prince Hughes Y7 Drin Loshi Y9	Co-Headteachers’ message	
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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

We've celebrated the two key autumnal events this week at Fortismere: Halloween and Bonfire Night.

We left the evening of the 31st October for trick or treating in the community and instead, held the Y7 Halloween Disco (how 20th Century!) on 1st November, All Saints' Day. The costumes were stunning, Y7 students exhibited a great deal of creativity and ingenuity with the designs of their outfits. We had ghouls and ghosts, vampires and witches and an array of animals including rabbits and wolves. Despite the complexity of some of these costumes (one student had another suited body emerging from his shoulders), many of the Y7s managed to dance. From Thriller to the Monster Mash, students 'got on down' to the sounds of Halloween. The Y7s were great company and all the staff who had volunteered to support the event thoroughly enjoyed their time spent with the year group. Events such as these are a great way to get to know the new year group and equally, for the students to get to know each other and their school better. And, as a bonus, Y7 collected a significant sum of money for their chosen charity. We would like to thank Ms Jones for organising such a successful event.

Thursday saw Fortismere's annual Firework display, our rival event to Alexandra Palace's bonfire extravaganza. As usual, Ms Demetriou had organised all the fun of the fair while ensuring that refreshments were available. The team who provide the fireworks met their usual high standard and there was much ooh-ing and aah-ing from the crowd. The heavy rain from morning made the field an interesting experience but at least we had dry weather for the event itself. As you know, this is an important fundraising event for the school and we raised just over £20K last night, so thank you very much to all those who attended, your financial contribution is appreciated.

Sandwiched in between our social events we had the Sixth Form Open Evening. During the first half we hosted approximately 250 Y11s and their families from a variety of different schools. It was great meeting so many young people keen to join the Fortismere Sixth Form. The second half was reserved for the Fortismere Y11 who are beginning the process of thinking about their next steps. With 27 A level subjects on offer and a highly successful BTec course, Y11 have a wide choice and we will be supporting their decision making throughout the year.

We understand that drier weather is on the way and we wish all our families a cosy and warm weekend.

Governing Body Notice

Governor Surgery

Thank you to those parents and carers who came to this week's Governor Surgery. We hope having to share the building with most of Y7 at their Halloween gathering wasn't too distracting! We trust you found the sessions helpful. A range of topics came up including maths setting, fundraising, support for children with additional needs and our recent OFSTED. As ever, all your feedback will greatly assist Governors in their role of both scrutinising and supporting the work of the school. There will be a further Governor surgery in the new year.

Mark Chapman

Chair of governors

Year 7 News

Halloween Disco Fun Was Had By All

On Tuesday this week, the Year 7s enjoyed a Halloween disco. The costumes were exceptional, with prizes awarded to Gabe Cohn and Amelie Turnage, as well as the Ghostbusters girls for the best outfits. The students showed us how it was done on the dance floor, somehow knowing all the dance moves to songs like Rick Astley's Never Gonna Give You Up and the YMCA! They also took part in a challenge to wrap a teammate up in loo roll to make the best mummy and ate their body weight in sugary treats and crisps.

It was a great evening and even better, we raised nearly £700 for the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. Special thanks go to Nelle Baker and Jack Parsons in Year 12 who were the DJs for the night, as well as to all the staff who made the evening possible by volunteering their time. Also thanks to our Charity Ambassadors for their great ideas for the fun activities and the posters they produced to promote the event - great team work by them. Some Year 7s are already asking when the next one will be so watch this space!

Ms Jones
Head of Year 7



Library News

Community Award Winners!

Eight years ago, four Haringey school librarians got together to form the imaginatively titled Haringey Children's Book Award for students in Years 5 to 7 – the transition period between primary and secondary – with the aim for schools around the borough to form reading groups, vote on the shortlisted books and get together in a grand award ceremony. More and more schools got involved, we outgrew our award ceremony space at Heartlands School and we approached Alexandra Palace to see if they were interested in forming a partnership. The rest is history and the Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award (BiblioBuzz) is going strong, with 500+ children attending the ceremony in the restored Victorian theatre this year. Just before half term, three of the four librarians drove to Swindon – on a school night – for a Gala Dinner as the team had been nominated for a prestigious award. Against all odds, and teams and individuals from all around the country, we won the Community Award; our certificate is now proudly displayed in the library.



This week, we four battled it out for 5 hours to choose just 6 books for APCBA 2023 from over 400 submitted by publishers in the past few months. As you can imagine, lots of reading has been done since April, and we each had our favourites; luckily the meeting remained civilised with no fisticuffs. We are now contacting authors, agents, publishers, publicists and will soon go public with what we think is a brilliant shortlist. Mrs Coles and Mrs Ward will then be inviting our Year 7s to join us on Thursday lunchtimes for reading, fun activities and biscuits – watch this space.

Watch this <https://www.dropbox.com/s/wncu4bp7euasli4/bibliobuzz20video20for20SLA.MP4>

Calling our Young Writers!

Here's a lovely writing competition for our students - [My Twist on a Tale competition](#) The closing date for entries is 25th November, so get submitting now!



Recommended Reads of the Week

With Remembrance Day – November 11th – next Friday, make sure you all have your poppies which are available in the library. Here are a few books Lest We Forget...



Music Department Notices

Autumn Pure Piano - Thursday 10th November 2022 - South Wing Hall - 7pm

A reminder that the Autumn Pure Piano takes place on Thursday 10/11/22 in South Wing Hall. **Tickets are available by going to** <https://www.fortismereperformingartscentre.co.uk>



Cello Masterclass - Change of date - Tuesday 15th November - Music Hall - 4pm

The cello Masterclass with Norwegian Cellist Jonathan Aasgaard will now take place on Tuesday 15th November from 4-6pm in the Music Concert Hall.

Mr Aasgaard is the principal cellist of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra as well as a busy international soloist. We are extremely fortunate that he has agreed to come in and coach some of our students and I would urge you to attend this masterclass since he is both an exceptional player and teacher. If you would like to know more about him please visit his website at www.jonathan-aasgaard.com

There will be performances from Haru Ogiwara (Yr 13), Aaron Rambow Czarny (Yr13) , Kaon Read (Yr 11) and Xavi Branford (Yr 8). Should you wish to attend and hear these students play please contact the Director of Music.

GCSE Showcase - Thursday 17th November - South Wing Hall - 7pm

Please come along and support our Year 11 GCSE students on Thursday 17th November in the South Wing Hall for their Showcase Recital. The evening will consist of solos and ensembles that the students have put together as part of their GCSE coursework and promises to be an evening of high quality. Tickets are available by going to: <https://www.fortismereperformingartscentre.co.uk>

Can parents of Year 11 students please ensure that they have read and understood the email from the Director of Music about the Mock Exams that will take place the week after (21/11/22 - 25/11/22) and make sure that their children have sent in scores and have both a solo and ensemble ready for the exams. For the purposes of this recital they can choose to perform either as a soloist or as part of a group.



Community Symphony Orchestra Concert - Saturday 19th November - St James Church N10 7:30pm

The rather epic programme of Tchaikovsky's *5th Symphony*, *Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain* and Walton's *Cello Concerto* takes place on Saturday 19th November at St James Church. We are extremely fortunate in that Norwegian Cellist Jonathan Aasgaard has agreed to play the concerto for this concert and I would urge people to come along and hear this performance. See the poster attached to the Newsletter for details. **Tickets are available by going to** <https://www.fortismereperformingartscentre.co.uk>

Mozart and Christmas Carols - Saturday 10th December - St James Church N10 7:30pm

If Mozart's Coronation Mass with a live symphony orchestra is your sort of thing then come along on Saturday 10th December to St James Church, Muswell Hill. The Junior Choir from Fortismere will also be singing Carol of the Bells which is sure to make you feel extremely Christmassy. It's the perfect concert for feeling festive and you get to drink mulled wine and sing some carols as well! **Tickets are available by going to** <https://www.fortismereperformingartscentre.co.uk>

Christmas Concerts - 13th and 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 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 ajefferies@fortismere.org.uk or popping into the music office for a chat.

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

Tickets are available by going to <https://www.fortismereperformingartscentre.co.uk>

Christmas Concert and Carol Concert Dress Code - No jeans / trainers / hoodies

Saturday 10th December Carols: All black with a splash of seasonal red. Smart attire.

Girls: Black Dress / Black Blouse/ Black Trousers / Black Shoes (Splash of Red)

Boys: Black Shirt / Black Trousers / Black Shoes (Red Tie / Red Bow Tie)

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December School Concerts: Smart Dress Only

This event is fun but since it is a public performance we ask that pupils are dressed smartly. There can be a sense of individual style but we ask that students adhere to a dress code. There is no colour scheme but think Christmas Party!

Girls: Dress / Blouse / Trousers / Sensible Shoes or Heels

Boys: Shirt / Trousers / Shoes / Suit / Jacket

Endangered Species - FREE LESSONS

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 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 ajefferies@fortismere.org.uk for more details.

Community Performing Arts

Fortismere is delighted to offer performance opportunities to both students and parents!

Monday Evening: 7-9pm Music Hall

Contemporary Dance. Appalachian Spring by Copland as a Contemporary Piece. **Open to Adults and 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 Instrumental Lessons: 9:30 - 4pm Music Block

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons are available at The Fortismere Performing Arts Centre.

Saturday Morning: 10:30 - 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 Afternoon: 3:30-5:30pm 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.

Music Ensembles Autumn Term 2022/23

Reminder: As the Christmas Concerts fast approach we ask that you remind your children to regularly attend the various music groups that take place over the course of the week. If a student fails to regularly attend they will not be able to take part in the concerts. We also ask that your child bring in a pack lunch on rehearsal days since there is limited preparation time for these concerts and there will not be any extra weekend rehearsals this year or any extra time taken out of the curriculum in order to rehearse.

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Senior 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 Cello Group - MU2
Friday	Male Voices - Concert Classical Guitar Group - Concert Hall	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 Department News

Y10 Penalty Heartbreak in ESFA Cup

After having to switch the game to AstroTurf due to the fireworks display, we hosted Fulham on Thursday night in the English Schools FA Cup. The game was end to end for the entire sixty minutes, Fortismere taking the early lead with a brace of goals from our Captain, Thomas Radley. Fulham kept equalising though and at half time we had a 3-2 lead. With two minutes left of the second half, the score was 4-4 and extra time and penalties were looming. However, another late goal from Ethan Earn Shaw seemed to seal the win for us, much to the annoyance of the Fulham Boys. However, with less than thirty seconds left they returned the favour to equalise, 5-5. Ten minutes of tense extra time yielded no further trouble for the scorers, and the game was to be decided by penalties. After five penalties each, the scores were level at 4-4, with some additional drama as one of the Fulham penalties had to be decided with the aid of VAR. Sudden death was not kind to us, and we eventually lost 5-4. Our boys, and their supporters, all behaved impeccably throughout and showed tremendous team spirit. It was genuinely one of the best games of school football I have ever experienced in over 20 years as a teacher!

Mr Cox.

U15 Girls Progress in the ESFA Cup

Congratulations to our Year 9/10 Girls who progress to the next round of the English National Schools Cup. It was a well fought game in the middle of Hackney marshes on a very lumpy pitch! Lilly Gubby scored a great first goal to put us ahead only to concede a goal minutes later. Jada Thompson then used her skill and strength to score just before half time. Lilly scored our third goal to make it 3-1 at full time. A great performance by all our players, but the player of the match for her persistence and determination goes to Isobel Finer.



Next Week's Fixtures

Monday 7th Nov	Y7 'B' v STM (A) on 3g astro. 3:30 KO. Meeting at 2:20pm.
Monday 7th Nov	Y10 v APS (H) Midd Cup 2:30 KO. Astro / Field TBC
Tuesday 8th Nov	All years Netball v Gladesmore (A) 2:30 start time.
Tuesday 8th Nov	1st XI Senior v STM (A, 3G). 4:00pm KO, meet 3:20.
Wednesday 9th Nov	Girls U16 ESFA Cup v Shenfield (A)
Thursday 10th Nov	Y7 'A' v STM (H/A TBC). 2:20 meet time.
Thursday 10th Nov	Girls U14 ESFA Cup v Shenfield School (H)
Friday 11th Nov	Girls U16 Midd Cup v Ashmole School (A)
Saturday 12th Nov	ESAA Cross Country Cup Regional Finals Y7/8 Boys St Albans

Inter-College Sports Results - Half Term 1

It was great to see inter-college events back in full swing before half-term! Students represented their college colours in Football and Netball competitions across Years 7-10. There were some excellent performances with a close leaderboard after round 1! The next round (Badminton and Table Tennis) will be held just before the Christmas break.

1st	SELVON	860
2nd	TURING	720
3rd	WOLLSTONECRAFT	660
4th	FRANKLIN	600
5th	KEATS	580

Further results this week

Unfortunately the **2nd XI senior football team** came up short in the 2nd round of the ESFA cup this week against a strong Beaumont School (St. Albans). Effort levels never dropped, despite the score line going the wrong way for us in the second half.

PE Kit Supplier / KS4 PE T-Shirts

Please note that our kit supplier has rebranded their website and can now be found at <https://orcprintwear.co.uk/>. We would like to remind parents and carers of students in KS4 that there is a KS4 t-shirt (priced at £7) for those students who may have outgrown their previous kit. Further optional items include KS4 sports hoodies and GCSE t-shirts that may be of interest.



School Community Events

Christmas Holiday Camps - Booking Now Open

Booking is now open for the Fortismere Christmas Holiday Camps. The activities will run from 9.00am to 3.00pm at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE. Specific dates and prices are on Eventbrite - follow the links for each camp below

An early drop off option (08.15am) with a light breakfast is available - see this link here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-early-drop-off-tickets-456909246857>

Drama Age 7-15 years

This will be taught by Adam Gillian West End Performer.

This week the children will work on improvisation and comedy skills. Lots of drama games and exercises with the children to develop their confidence and skills.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-drama-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-440790816197>

Tiny Twinkles Age 3-6 years

Perfect for 3-6 year olds led by professional actors with a love for early years! Each day the children will explore all genres of creative arts-learning songs & dances, acting out role play adventures, exploring arts & crafts plus lots of games and crafts.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-tiny-twinkles-club-age-3-6-19-22nd-december-tickets-440795429997>

Sports Age 7-15 years

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.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-sports-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-440938457797>

Design and Technology Age 8 -15 years

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-d-t-club-age-7-15-19-21-december-3-day-course-age-8-15-tickets-440941677427>

Comic Club Age 7-15 years

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-comic-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-441469646597>

Art Age 7-14 years

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-art-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-441471000647>

Musical Theatre Age 7-14 years

This will be taught by Miss Dee. Each day the children will explore different styles of dance with an emphasis on ballet and tap. Children will work on technique, dance routines and choreography, as well as projects designed to encourage creativity when storytelling through dance. The participants will work towards final pieces and will be given plenty of time to interact with others and make lasting friendships! Leaders are professional performers with a background in theatre and dance.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-musical-theatre-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-44499027557>

Cooking Christmas 9-16 years

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-christmas-baking-cooking-club-age-8-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-444492889197>

Chess 7-15 years

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-chess-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-456905335157>

Contact Maria Demetriou mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk with any questions about the Camps and bookings

Community Events

Free After-School Cooking & Business Skills Course

Haringey and Rising Green Youth Hub are running a free after-school cooking and business skills course from 4th November to 9th December. **Details are in the flyer attached** to the Newsletter or you can call Carl: 07773630841 or email carl.latham-henry@haringey.gov.uk for more information.

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Information

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

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Year 8 icuenca@fortismere.org.uk

Year 9 kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk

Year 10 kjackson@fortismere.org.uk

Year 11 dward@fortismere.org.uk

Ms Sullivan

Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead