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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

The weather has taken a sudden sharp turn this week so it's just as well that there has been plenty going on here at Fortismere to keep us all busy. It feels very much like we are returning to pre-pandemic Fortismere in many ways as every night this week there has been a face-to-face event.

On Monday our Year 7 and Year 8 students spooked us all in their outfits as they attended the Halloween Disco in South Wing Hall. Much fun (and sugar) was had by all. On Tuesday we turned things down a notch with the return of the more soothing and meditative experience of Pure Piano Concert (a Music Department Autumn staple in previous years) and our audience were thrilled by the talent on display. On Wednesday we went right back to full volume as we invited Year 11 students both from Fortismere and across North London to our Sixth Form Open Evening event.

We are always so proud to showcase our Sixth Form; we genuinely believe that our Sixth Form is the most vibrant, inclusive, diverse and exciting place to study in our local area. This belief is always supported by the students in Years 12 and 13 who represent the school on those evenings so effectively. It was a very successful evening with lots of information being shared and many questions being asked. In addition we held an assembly the following morning with Year 11 students to consolidate some of the important messages around approaching their learning in the run up to exams to ensure they are giving themselves the very best chances to access post 16 courses.

And at last, the fireworks returned to Fortismere! It was so great to see the community out in full force. We'd like to thank you all for supporting this important fundraising event and coming out on a chilly night to celebrate a sense of normality creeping back into our events scene. Another impressive event single-handedly organised by Maria Demetriou, our fundraiser.

We are also grateful for all of our staff who go above and beyond to organise these important occasions in our calendar. They have really helped to re-energise us all after the half term break.

We will however, need a nice, restful weekend. We hope all of you have a wonderful weekend too!

Black History Month Celebration



Last month, Fortismere celebrated Black History Month with a variety of activities to enrich our student's learning across all aspects of the curriculum.

The LINC Department hosted a Black History Month celebration with engaging lessons and some BHM cupcakes. The LINC staff would like to thank Mrs Adeagbo (Demilade's Mother) for preparing the delicious food.

Please see the attached flyer for our Black History Month Celebration event next week!

Year 7 and Year 8 Halloween Disco



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Halloween Disco on Monday evening. The South Wing hall was full of spooky lights, pumpkins, skeletons and sweet treats. Students made a fabulous effort with their costumes, with a few that were quite honestly terrifying. There was lots of dancing and a few games were played before we ended with the annual 'dance off'. The boys really shone this year with their breakdancing skills! **Thank you also, to all the staff and student leaders who helped the event run so smoothly - Miss Williams**

Parent and Student Support

Key Information

Parental engagement has a clear link with success both academically and in terms of social and emotional well-being. Our Student and Parent Engagement officer Ms Romina Harris works closely with students and their families to ensure that we work collaboratively to ensure that support is offered to families in need of support.

We facilitate many workshops throughout the academic year designed to positively engage and support parents throughout their child's education and give parents opportunities to meet our team, develop their knowledge about specific issues and have the tools to support their children in partnership with the school.

We have a range of professionals who will be contributing to these sessions including our Counsellors, Educational Psychologist and Dyslexia Specialist. Please see below for this terms schedule:



Supporting Your Child Read for Purpose and Pleasure

Thursday 11th November 2021
9:00 am – 10:00 am
South Wing Library

Drugs & Alcohol: Insight Platform

Tuesday 16th November 2021
9:30 am – 10:30 am (Virtual)

Place2Be Services

Thursday 25th November 2021
9:00 am – 10:00 am
(Virtual)



INSIGHT



- **Revision & Study Skills - English, Maths & Science: TBC (Virtual)**
- **Student Assessments: TBC (Virtual)**
- **Dealing with Anxiety: TBC (Virtual)**

If you are interested in attending any of the aforementioned sessions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Harris: rharris@fortismere.org.uk.

Charity Notices

Year 8 Fun Run



Year 8 took part today in a 'As Many Clothes As Possible Fun Run' to raise money for The Nick Webber Trust. They ran 10 laps around the astro turf and have raised £820 so far. There is still time to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

I want to thank the student Ambassadors for organising this and the tutors for helping them. I am so proud of them.

To donate to our Just Giving Page: [Click Here](#)

To find out more about The Nick Webber Trust: [Click Here](#)

Sixth Form Charity Society



Thank you very much to everyone who wore pink and donated, guessed how many sweets there were in the jar or bought a cake from the cake sale. We raised £550 for breast cancer awareness!

This is such an incredible amount and it means so much that so many students wanted to get involved and help out!

Modern Languages Department Notices

Year 7 - Spanish Setting Test

As per Ms Dabrowska's ParentMail, Year 7s will be doing their Spanish setting test the w/c 15th of November. Please see below for dates. All information for revision has been sent through ParentMail.

Bank	Listening/Reading	Writing
X bank	Tuesday 16 th November	Friday 19 th November
Y bank	Wednesday 17 th November	Friday 19 th November

Year 11 Spanish and French revision guides

The payment is now closed. Spanish students received their guide this week and French students will get them next week. If you did not have time to get one but still would like to do so, please do contact me.

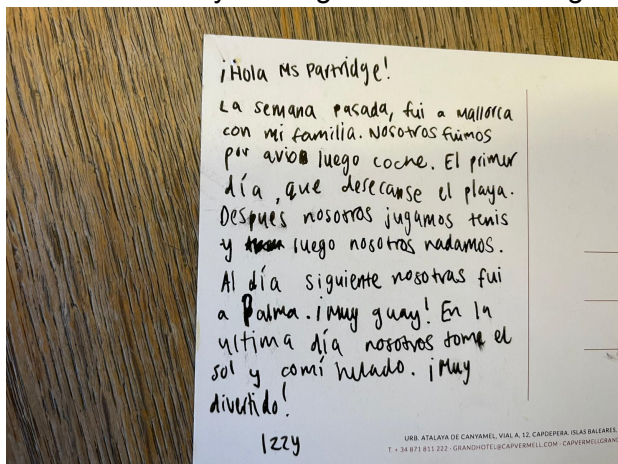
The Phoenix Cinema

The Phoenix cinema are currently showing some French Films including '*Le Petite Maman*' and *Kirikou and The Sorceress*

More information can be found here: [Phoenix Cinema](#)

Exceptional Homework

Izzy in Year 8 did an exceptional piece of homework for Ms Partridge by getting a real postcard and talking about her holidays during half term! The languages Department is really proud of her!



Music Department Notices

Ensembles 2021/22

Please encourage your children to get involved in the Music Department by joining an ensemble or an activity. **Please remind your children that Senior Choir is now on a Tuesday lunchtime in the Concert Hall, Popular Guitar Group will also be on a Tuesday in MU2 and Classical Guitar Group is now on a Friday Lunchtime in the Concert Hall.**

It is also important that your child brings in a pack lunch for rehearsals so that we can start on time. Please impress upon them the need for regular attendance, punctuality and practice of parts.

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Senior Strings (G5+) Concert Hall	KS3 Music Tech MU1 School Orchestra (Gr2+) Concert Hall
Tuesday	Percussion Group MU1 Popular Guitar Group MU2 Senior Choir (Yr 10-13) Concert Hall	Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra (7-9pm)
Wednesday	MusicalTheatre Group MU1 Big Band (Gr3+) Concert Hall	Bands (Various) Gospel Choir Room A
Thursday	DJ Club Top Studio Junior Choir (Yr 7-9) Concert Hall	KS4 Music Tech MU4
Friday	Junior Strings (G1-4) MU2 Classical Guitar Group Concert Hall	
Saturday	Music Theory Classes (10am - 12pm) MU1 Fortismere Community Choir (10am - 1pm) Concert Hall	Afternoon (1 - 4pm) Chamber Groups Rock Bands

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons - Endangered Species



If your child would like the opportunity 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 still have some free lessons for new starters available on French Horn, Bassoon, Double Bass and Trombone. Email ejefferies@fortismere.org.uk for more details.

Pure Piano Concert - Congratulations!



We had our Piano recital in the South Wing on Tuesday 2nd November. A massive thankyou goes out to all of the students that participated! It was a pleasure to listen to our very talented young players and to hear them play music that they have been preparing at home.

Christmas Concert Auditions - Deadline extended to 10th November



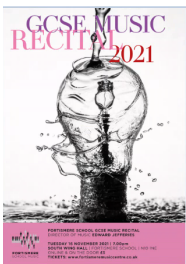
Preparations for the Christmas Concerts are in full swing at the moment and there will be plenty of music on offer from a variety of our ensembles. Orchestra, Big Band, Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Percussion Group, Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Guitar Group will all be taking part but we are interested in students in solo and groups performances for the two nights.

Please ask your child to talk to their music teacher if they are interested or email Mr Jefferies: ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk and they will be added to a google classroom.

The deadline for auditions has been extended to Wednesday 10th November and we will be asking for video submissions students can submit online. Please note that students will only be offered solo spots if they are actively involved in one of the ensembles on offer during the week at Fortismere.

Tickets for this concert can be bought: www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk.

GCSE Recital Evening - Tuesday 16th November South Wing Hall 7pm



Our Year 11 GCSE music students will be performing for parents and friends on Tuesday 16th November in the South Wing Hall. There will be a myriad of musical styles to listen to so please feel to come along and enjoy the talent on display.

Tickets are £5 on the door or are available online: www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk.

Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra Concert- Saturday 27th November

The next concert for the FCSO will take place on Saturday 27th November in St Andrews Church, Muswell Hill at 7:30pm.



The programme for this event is a real treat for lovers of the *Romantic* repertoire with Khachaturian's *Adagio from Spartacus*, Dvorak's *8th Symphony* and Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. Our soloist for this concert will be Japanese pianist Tadashi Imai who has performed all over the world including Carnegie Hall, Wigmore Hall and The Royal Festival Hall.

The orchestra were lucky enough to have Mr Imai join them for a run through of the Theme of Paganini this week and we can promise you that you will not want to miss this concert.

Tickets for this concert can be purchased at: www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk

Piano Masterclass with Tadashi Imai



Tadashi Imai has graciously offered to conduct a masterclass for piano students at Fortismere in the week before the concert. We are looking for students of various standards and from across the various key stages at school.

If you are interested in participating you should contact the Director of Music: ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk

Sport & PE Notices

Weekly Roundup

After a well earned half-term break our sports teams were immediately back into action this week. Y7 Girls and Boys 6-a-side teams started us off with participation in the Haringey Borough competition. Girls finished in 3rd place whilst the boys went one better and were runners up.

On Wednesday it was the turn of the Y8's - the boys finished 3rd while the girls ran out as Champions. Thursday saw our Y9's in action and Friday our Y10's. Results in next week's newsletter.

Our team's impressive runs in the national ESFA Cups continued with our U16 girls securing an impressive 2-0 win over Queens School Watford and our 2nd XI with a very late, extra time winner that saw us to victory over Chigwell school. Y12's Jamie O'Neil with one of the most amazing goals I have ever seen in school football. Too much detail to write here but I'm sure he will be happy to tell you about it if you see him around! Our Y8 team travelled to North Kent on Thursday afternoon to plate Hurstmere School for a place in the 4th round of the U13 ESFA cup- they came up against a really good team and lost 0-3 but played really well and the game was much closer than the scoreline reflects.

Euan in National Top Ten



How many of us could say we are the top tenth person in the whole country in our sport?

Well Y7's Euan Hacking can - he has just been moved into the national ranking of 10th for Table Tennis in his age group - what a wonderful achievement and obviously following in his older brother, Noah's (Y9) footsteps. Well done Euan!

Local Opportunity for Girls Football

There is a new beginners football class opening up for girls aged 12-15 run by Islington Womens Football Club at Whittington Park, Archway. It's £2 a session on Mondays 5-6pm.

This is suitable for both experienced current players, girls returning to the game or new players.

To view the flyer please: [Click Here](#)

Rugby Opportunities

We have received the following from local rugby club Saracens.

We wanted to make contact with Saracens Amateur Rugby Club as we're looking for some more players in our U15s age group (players must be 14 as of 31st Aug 2021). We have a broad squad of about 40 players and we are looking to increase that squad up to 50-60 players.

We are keen to be able to field two competitive teams and with the shadow of Covid and the usual family commitments etc each team requires a roster of about 25 players, hence the numbers required.

Our A team is in the 2nd tier of the Herts Middlesex leagues and we have a number of players who are of a quality eligible to go to the Academy (DPP) programmes. Our B team has struggled in the past but at its core is a good team spirit and inclusivity.

We are not selective about entry into the club and this has kept us a community club where people can come and play rugby for the enjoyment of it without the pressure of a must win attitude that doesn't suit many players. The key feature of our club is that we train as a single squad so there is plenty of opportunity for players who are on the higher end of the B team talent to move into an A team role and players have their destiny in their own hands.

Over the past 2 seasons we've taken on a number of boys with no experience at all and they have fit in very well and learned the game quickly. Our training times are Sunday mornings and an optional Wednesday evening session – matches will be on Sunday mornings.

In Year 10 and Year 11 for their PE GCSEs a number of players will be filmed for their coursework and our coaches would be happy to write reports for them as we have done for DofE qualifications recently.

Please contact Karim Awenat for more information: drkazza@gmail.com

Fixture Results

This Week's Fixtures:

Monday 1st November

- Football Y7 'A' v St Clements Dane (A) ESFA 1st Round KO 2.15
W/O to Fortismere

Tuesday 2nd November

- Football Y7 Boys and Girls Haringey 6-a-side tournament at Powerleague
Boys Runners up - Girls 3rd
- Football U16 Girls v Queens School (H) ESFA Round 3
Won 2-0

Wednesday 3rd November

- Football Y8 Boys and Girls Haringey 6-a-side tournament at Powerleague
Boys 3rd - Girls Champions
- Football 2nd XI v Chigwell (H) ESFA Round 2
Won 3-2 AET
- Football 1st XI v Orleans Park (H) ESFA Round 2
Postponed

Thursday 4th November

- Football Y8 Boys 'A' v Hurstmere (A) ESFA 3rd Round 2.15 KO
- Football Y9 Boys and Girls Haringey 6-a-side tournament at Powerleague - Boys 4th Place and Girls Championship

Friday 5th November

- Football Y9 Boys and Girls Haringey 6-a-side tournament at Powerleague 11-3

Next Week's Fixtures:

Monday 8th November

- Table-Tennis - Y7 & 8 Borough Champs at APS 3.30-5.30

Wednesday 10th November

- Volleyball Y9/10 Girls Champs at St Thomas More

Thursday 11th November

- Football U15 Girls v Lampton (A) Middlesex Champs

Friday 12th November

- Football 9/10 Girls & Boys Tottenham Series at New River - 9.30-12.30

English Department Notices

Macbeth at the Almeida Theatre



Teachers in the English department were delighted to take a group of Year 11 students to see 'Macbeth' at the Almeida Theatre in Islington.

Last month, Ms Salter persevered for hours in a virtual queue and on hold at the box office to secure a very limited number of tickets to this much-anticipated production.

Feedback from students who attended was very positive, though they were glad not to be watching from the front two rows where the audience got very wet after Lady Macbeth flooded the stage having left the tap on during her somnambulant hand-washing!

Library

Author Visit



Laura Bates is the Founder of the Everyday Sexism Project, writes regularly for major newspapers and contributes to the Today Programme, Woman's Hour, Channel 4 News, Newsnight and more. She has been awarded a British Empire Medal in the Queen's Honours List for services to gender equality.

Her non-fiction writing is critically-acclaimed and award-winning, and she has written two YA novels for teens, "The Burning" and "The Trial". And over 150 students and members of staff signed up to hear her speak when she came to Fortismere on Thursday 21st October.

Laura spoke movingly about her personal experiences of sexism, harassment and assault and encouraged our students to speak out to help to redefine understanding of consent and the idea of what relationships look like. It was an extraordinary event; thought-provoking and important.

Patronus of Reading News



Here's an excellent, free online event to add to your diaries – Sita Brahmachari in conversation with Michael Rosen.

Here's the link: [Sita Brahmachari Tickets](#) – book before it's too late!

Library Catalogue



Our new library catalogue is up and running. We are still finding out about all the things it can do, but for now students and staff can find it in school *All Programs – Library Catalogue – Accessit Library*. It can also be found on the school website via two pathways: *Student – Useful Links for our Students – School Library Catalogue* and *Curriculum – (In this Section) Library – Log in to Accessit*.

For now, please just remain as a Guest and use the Search box at the top of the screen if you are looking for something specific e.g. title, author or a keyword to something that's of interest.

We have also started creating reading lists which you can find on the Quick Lists tab (just above the Search box). Please take a look and discover some of the things we have to offer, and watch this space for more!

Recommended Reads of the Week

We'd once again like to promote the wonderful Barrington Stoke who publish super-readable books that are short and suitable for students with dyslexia as well as those who prefer a quicker read. They engage some phenomenal authors; here's a taster.



Fortismere Holiday Activity Camp

Christmas Holiday Camp Book Now! Open to the Community

We are pleased to announce we are running a four day Christmas Camp.

If you have been struggling to find a spare moment to buy and wrap Christmas presents without the kids looking, this is the perfect opportunity. Give your child the opportunity to have a fun filled day, whilst you spend a day or two relaxing before the Christmas madness.

These activities will run between 9:00am- 3:00pm each day at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE. The 4 day week will cost £80*, an 8:00 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: mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk

Holiday Club Activities: Limited Spaces

Monday 20th December -Thursday 23rd December

Art Club: Spaces Available

[Art Club Tickets](#)

This Christmas, Art Pole will be bringing art exploration to Fortismere. Our students will make life sketches, collages and cut-outs from old magazines and plain paper and will also build towers and spaceships out of cardboard and glue then turn these structures into graphics or technical drawings. These activities will open the eyes of young people to the world of artists, designers and architects. Anyone from 8 years old is welcome. Our environment is encouraging, inclusive and non-competitive allowing students to move at their own pace and thus develop their unique skill-set.

Monday 20th December -Thursday 23rd December

Ballet, Tap and Musical Theatre: Spaces Available

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

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.

Monday 20th December -Thursday 23rd December

Drama Club: Spaces Available

[Drama Club Tickets](#)

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

Monday 20th December -Thursday 23rd December

Little Imaginations: Spaces Available

[Little Imaginations Tickets](#)

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 fun!

Monday 20th December -Thursday 23rd December

Multi Sports: Spaces Available

[Multi Sports Tickets](#)

This will give the children the opportunity to have fun and interact with others through a range of sports such as football, rounder's, tennis and competitions.

Drama Department Notices

Limited Tickets for Jekyll and Hyde



MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2021
TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

6:00PM & 7:30PM 2 SHOWS EACH NIGHT
CHOOSE BETWEEN A STEAMPUNK TICKET OR A VICTORIAN TICKET
LIMITED TICKET AVAILABILITY DUE TO IMMERSIVE NATURE OF THE SHOW. ADVANCE SALES ONLY
£6.50 A TICKET AVAILABLE ON PARENTMAIL
SEE PAYMENTS AND THEN SHOP

AUDIENCE ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR EITHER STEAMPUNK OR VICTORIAN DRESS ACCORDING TO YOUR TICKET CHOICE. PLEASE BE WEATHER PREPARED AS SOME PARTS OF THE PERFORMANCE WILL BE OUTSIDE. PLEASE ARRIVE AT SOUTH WING TETHERDOWN ENTRANCE 15 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR PERFORMANCE TIME.

ALL ENQUIRES TO MS TURNER DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Tickets are selling out fast for the Drama Department's immersive performance of 'Jekyll and Hyde'.

Book tickets via parentmail to ensure you have the opportunity to participate in this exciting theatrical event!