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<p>Public Exams</p> <p>Please could the parents and carers of Y11 and Y13 students remind them that they need to be on site by 8.30am for a morning exam and 1pm for an afternoon exam. All students must have their lanyards with them throughout the exam period. It's important that students have identified and packed all the equipment they need into a clear bag. So far, the students' organisation has been excellent and we are very proud of them.</p> <p>Parental support for learning</p> <p>It is vital that students arrive at school ready for learning. In order to ensure that students have the best possible start to the day please could we ask that parents/carers check that your sons and daughters have the equipment they need for school, including a spare pen (they are easily lost!). Students must also have their lanyards with them: this is a very important part of our safeguarding procedures. We need to be able to identify all the students and staff who are on the site.</p> <p>Warm weather and dress code</p> <p>Fortismere does have a dress code for all year groups (including the Sixth Form) based on appropriate clothing for a work environment. Please could parents/carers ensure that your sons and daughters are arriving at school in the appropriate clothing. In addition, when the weather is sunny, students are using the back field at break and lunch times and there was a noticeable amount of sunburn. Sensible clothing would reduce the risk of harm.</p> <p>When the weather is warm we would urge students to bring refillable water bottles. These can be refilled during break and lunch times (not during lessons) and students are permitted to drink in lessons, although only water. Water is also available in the canteens either to purchase (although we are trying to reduce the use of plastic bottles) or in water jugs on tables. The lifting of Covid restrictions means that students can use the water fountains again.</p>	Co-Headteachers						
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	 <p><i>Thank you to Ms Oddi for the lovely flowers at SW Reception</i></p>						

Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

Y11 started their formal exam leave today, after their first maths exam. A significant number of students took advantage of the pre-exam breakfast hosted by the Maths Department and in between croissants and pain au chocolat, nerves were calmed and last minute questions answered. Other subjects will also be offering exam breakfasts and we will keep students informed via Google Classroom.

We have been impressed all week by the calm way students have conducted themselves and how well prepared they are. It is a stressful time for them (and their families) and we will continue to support Y11 in all aspects of their exams, even though they will be spending more time off-site. Y11 can still attend revision lessons in school and can also use the library for revision. Y13 will be leaving next Friday, and again, exam support will continue to be available.

The sport sections of the Newsletter are again, crammed with sporting success. Our students are winning in Haringey and being selected for regional and county teams. We are really proud of the performance of our sportsmen and women but also, very impressed at how quickly Fortismere has made a name for itself in the world of student sport. We look forward to continued successes and also, the leadership opportunities that accompany the increased participation.

We are also delighted to note the success of 3 of our students in obtaining an English Speaking Union scholarship to study in the USA. It's an amazing opportunity and the students have worked hard to secure their places. We look forward to hearing their feedback next year.

Please can we draw parents and carers attention to the section on Safeguarding at the end of the Newsletter. Ms Sullivan introduced this section a few weeks ago and it contains very useful updates and information regarding the safety and well being of all our students. The section also has contact details of the team (which are also on the website) and we would urge parents and carers to contact us if you require further information or would like to share a concern.

The weather over the weekend is predicted to be better than today (so sun cream for our sun worshippers). The Co-headteachers will definitely be out enjoying the weather as a break from monitoring our inboxes for the Ofsted draft report!

Sixth Form Notices

Year 13 Celebration Assembly - Monday 16th May 2022

We were thrilled to share a celebration assembly with Y13 on Monday 16th May. The class of 2022 have faced the most challenging two years and yet have impressed all staff with their stoicism and determination to succeed. We are so proud of them and loved the creative costumes that they arrived in for assembly! See the photos below. At the celebration assembly our Head Student Team spoke very fondly of their time in the Fortismere Sixth Form. We want to especially thank Imani Williams-Brown, Smit Kotak, Meera Needham-Hewavisenti and Marco Baschiera-Sabet for their service to the school.

We wish all our Y13s every success for the examination season and look forward to further celebrations on 18th August: results day.



Scholarship Success for Y13 Students

Warmest congratulations go to Milo Callaghan, Dexter King and Mia Laurens. All three students have secured a prestigious and highly-sought after scholarship to an American high school next year. This is an amazing achievement and we're really proud of them. Dexter is off to [Nicholas School in Buffalo, New York](#), Mia is going to the [Asheville School in Asheville, North Carolina](#) and Milo is heading to Boston, Massachusetts. We can't imagine a more exciting gap year.



The scholarship programme is run by the English Speaking Union, an international educational charity that helps young people to engage with the world and to listen to and understand different points of view. You can read more about the programme [here](#).

Year 9 Notice

Year 9 Fundraising for the Big Issue - 26th & 27th May 2022

Some of the Year 9s in Ms Mangan's Form are fundraising for the Big Issue charity. They've organised a charity Big Issue magazine and bake sale next week, on Thursday 26th & Friday 27th May in SW Courtyard.

They've worked really hard and made a brilliant presentation about the charity - please have a look at it [here](#) and make sure you come and buy a magazine and a cake!



Library Notices

Author Visit

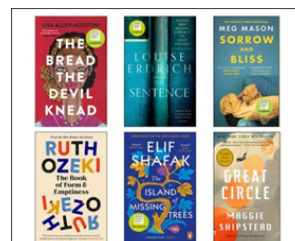
It was a real coup to get author Elle McNicoll to come and speak to the whole of our Year 7 cohort on Friday 13th May. Elle has won and been nominated for numerous prizes. Her brilliant debut “A Kind of Spark” won the Waterstones Children’s Book Prize, the Blue Peter Book Award, Blackwell’s Overall Best Book of the Year and... the Alexandra Palace Children’s Book Award! The BBC TV series of AKOS is now being written and casted, and Elle described the difference between writing a novel and a script.



Autistic herself, Elle is an advocate for better representations of neurodiversity in publishing. When she worked for a major publisher, Elle was told that the company would not be commissioning books with neurodivergent characters because there was no audience in America and Asia for “imperfect” storylines. After sobbing in the toilets, Elle walked out of the job and a week later met David Stevens of KnightsOf <http://knightsof.media/>, showed him the first draft of AKOS and the rest is history. [Useless fact: David Stevens is the husband of Robin, author of the Murder Most Unladylike books...] Now three books in, Elle is now working on a YA novel, an adult novel, the BBC script and is everywhere in the media talking about the representation of neurodiversity – for example, here last weekend <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0017ckd> Elle’s books “A Kind of Spark”, “Show Us Who You Are” and “Like a Charm” are all available in the library.

CoverUp

The next meeting of our parent/staff reading group will be on Thursday 7th July, 7pm in (or outside) the library. We will be reading and discussing the winner of the Women’s Prize for Fiction, which is announced on 15th June. Take a look at the shortlist here if you want to try to get a head start! [Women's Prize for Fiction](https://www.womensprizeforfiction.co.uk) [womensprizeforfiction.co.uk](https://www.womensprizeforfiction.co.uk) Traditionally, and assuming the weather is glorious, our last meeting will be outside watching the sun set over the field and drinking Pimms! Not to be missed!



Recommended Reads of the Week

Waterstones always have some great books on their older reader award shortlists. Here are some. All in the school library, all spectacular!



Sport & PE Notices

Track & Field Update

Our Awesome Athletes are Borough Champs!

What an incredible start to the week on the track and field, our Y7 and Y8 boys and girls Athletics teams headed off to the New River Stadium to contest the Haringey Borough Schools Athletics Championships. We had an amazing day and our athletes performed brilliantly, even heroically, at times! I'm really proud to say that our Y7 boys and girls finished as runners up, our Y8 girls also took second spot and our Y8 boys went one better and won the whole championship! With three second places and a first place, Fortismere was by far and away the most consistent school at the event and were the overall champions. Amazing! We are so proud of you all. Keep up the training as there is plenty more to come! Next Thursday it's the turn of our Y9 and Y10 Teams – a lot to live up to!

Fortismere Students to represent Haringey in the County Championships

Following our students' terrific performances at the borough championships an incredible twenty one, yes 21, of our wonderful young athletes have been selected for the borough team that will contest the Middlesex County Championships. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected:

Freya Cintino, Edanur Yigit, Tal Querfurth, O'Neil Baah, Sachin Barwick and Thomas Van Soest (Y7); Elkie Baker, Jada Thompson, Amy Kirk, Melissa Asare, Sophia Weiss, Gabby Otsundi, Ivy Grey, Lucas Christenson, Triziano Wilson, Kai Smale. Aston Sanderson, Jasper Cameron, Ben Redland, Ramsey Bustin, George Bustin (Y8)

Athletics Training - Everyone Welcome

We've got some super athletes at Fortismere but we're always looking for more students for our teams so please come along to the after school training every Monday and Thursday from 3.20pm-4.45pm

Year 9 Sports Leaders

These are our wonderful Y9 Sports Leaders who helped to run the Haringey Primary Schools Athletics Championships at New River Stadium on Thursday. They were all amazing - well done!



Fortismere Help Haringey to Cup Success

What a few weeks it has been for Haringey Girls Football Club. First off, the U14 team won the National Cup Final with Fortismere's own Leila Hadari in the team and then last weekend the U16 team replicated their younger teammates' performance and also won their National Cup final! There was a strong Fortismere presence in the U16s with Tayla Dennis Y11 and Rosie Davies Y10 contributing to the team's fantastic victory! Well done to all our brilliant footballers.



All Things Aquatic

Zaki Completes a Swimming Marathon

Zaki Vardy, Y8, will sleep well this week. Last weekend he completed an amazing 5k Swimathon - that's 200 lengths of the pool and a total time of non-stop swimming of nearly 2 hours! Wow - what an amazing achievement – well done Zaki!

Haringey Need Sailors!

Do you sail? Do you want to represent Haringey in the London Youth games? If you are a competent sailor (RYA Stage 3 - must be able to leave and return to a lee-shore/and land on a lee-shore) please let me know and I can pass you all the details. We would love for a Fortismere Sailor to represent the borough.

Rowers (the indoor kind) Wanted

Do you want to represent Haringey in the London Youth Games? Haringey are looking for indoor rowers to compete in the Indoor Rowing competition. The event is open to boys and girls from all years. You need to be fit and reasonably strong – if you are interested please contact me as soon as possible.
sorton@fortismere.org.uk

Have an Active Half-Term

Once again our wonderful borough will be putting on a wide range of fun activities during the Half-term week. These activities are free, open to all and cover many fun sporting activities. Go and have a go and try something new! You can find all the information you need here – [Haringey Fun May Half-Term 2022](#)

Results & Fixtures

Results Last Week

Trampolining Haringey Schools Borough Champs - Team Champions and Individual Champion

Cricket U13 v APS - Won by 4 wickets

Cricket U12 v APS - Lost by 31 runs

Athletics Y7/8 Haringey Borough Schools Championships -Y7 Girls 2nd, Y8 Girls 2nd Y7 Boys 2nd Y8 Boys Champions

Tennis Y7/8 v John Lyon (A) - Won by Championship Tie Break

Cricket U15 v UCS (A) - Lost

Fixtures Next Week

Monday: Football Y10 v Harris 3.45pm KO

Tuesday: Tennis Y10 Boys v APS (A) 2pm

Wednesday: Football Y9 v Harris (H) 3.20pm KO

Wednesday: Cricket v Latymer (H)

Thursday: Athletics Borough Championships Y9/Y10 10am-2PM

The Sport & PE Department has an active **Twitter account** and this is where you will find all the latest updates on fixtures, information and all things sport related so make sure you give us a follow. Fortismere Sport & PE @FortismerePE

And lastly, don't forget to let me know about your sporting participation and achievements outside of school.

Fortismere Holiday Camps July & August 2022

Summer Holiday Camps

With lots of fun and games to enjoy from Sports, Art, Drama, Coding to Chess and multi sports, our holiday camps are ideal if you find it hard to juggle work and keep children entertained. Activities will run between **09.00 am-15.00 pm** each day at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE.

The full week will cost £80*, an early **08.00 am** drop off option will be offered, where the children will be provided with a light breakfast of toast, cereal & juice.

Tiny Twinkles Age 3-6

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.

Week 1 25th July Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-week-1-tickets-314464641207>

Week 2 1st Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-week-2-tickets-314494540637>

Week 3 8th Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-week-3-tickets-314497449337>

Week 4 15th Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-tickets-314501020017>

Sports camp Age 7-15

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

Week 1 25th July Sports camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-sports-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-316382397267>

Week 2 1st Aug Sports camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sports-age-7-15-week-2-tickets-316450470877>

Week 3 8th Aug Sport camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sport-age-7-15-week-3-tickets-316459548027>

Week 4 15th Aug Sports Camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sports-age-7-15-week-4-tickets-316620950787>

Chess Camp Age 7-15

Chess has been growing in popularity (online), boosted also by the popularity of the chess scenes in the recent Queen's Gambit TV show. This course aims to develop students' chess skills which can also indirectly help analytical and evaluative skills needed also in the classroom. The chess course will look at tactics, strategy, chess openings and endgame play, helping to become a better player.

Week 1 25 July Chess Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-chess-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-316622876547>

Week 2 1st Aug Chess Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-chess-club-age-7-15-week-2-tickets-327900568427>

Dance Age 6-12

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.

Week 1 25th July Dance Age 6-12

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-dance-tap-jazz-and-musical-theatre-age-6-13-tickets-316626748127>

Week 2 1st Aug Dance Age 6-12

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-dance-tap-jazz-musical-theatre-age-6-13-tickets-316655915367>

Gardening Age 7-15

Garden planning outdoors and in, designs, types of plants and soils, videos, research and drawing activities, digging and planting of plants and more.

Week 1 25th July Gardening Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-gardening-camp-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-315264523677>

Week 2 1st Aug Gardening Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-gardening-camp-age-7-15-week2-tickets-315271153507>

Drama Age 7-15

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.

Week 1 25th July Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-tickets-318698494777>

Week 2 1st Aug Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-week-2-tickets-318699036397>

Week 3 8th Aug Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-week-3-tickets-318702025337>

Art Age 8-15

Students will make life sketches, collages, and will also build structures out of cardboard and glue using these in graphics as an inspiration for their own streetscapes. These activities will open the eyes of young people to the world of fine 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

Week 3 8th Aug Art Age 8-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-art-club-age-7-15-week-3-tickets-321226997597>

Week 4 15th Aug Art Age 8-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-art-camp-week-4-age-7-15-tickets-321228802997>

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Update

Vapes

As mentioned in the newsletter on Friday 22/04 we are aware that some students have been using vapes both in and outside of school. This anti-social behaviour has also lead to misuse of the toilets. We encourage you to talk to your children about vaping and check that you know if they are using them and where they may get them. A reminder that you need to be 18 to purchase vape products for yourself and it is illegal to purchase vape items for those under 18.

Festival safe

For those of you who may have children attending festivals this summer you may like to take a look at [this](#) useful website. It covers a variety of information from getting ready to go to staying safe whilst there.

Safeguarding in school

If you require safeguarding support about specific issues you may wish to visit our Safeguarding page on the school [website](#). We add new links and information often so it is worth checking this regularly.

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

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Year 10 dward@fortismere.org.uk

Year 11 glewis@fortismere.org.uk

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