
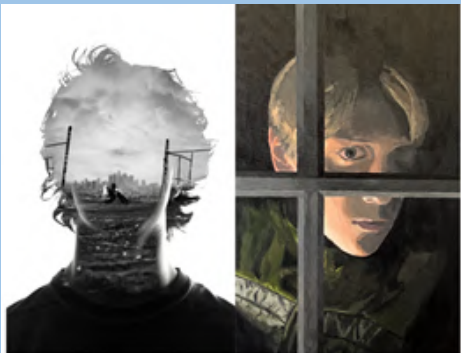


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<p><b>Parent Response to Teachers' Mitigations</b></p> <p>As part of the resolution of the dispute between the Fortismere NEU and Leadership we have agreed a series of mitigations to compensate for the extra work being required of the teaching staff. We have shared a draft of these mitigations with parents and carers previously.</p> <p>Today we are offering parents and carers the opportunity to complete a google form to give more specific feedback on the changes. It should only take a few minutes to complete. We will keep the form open until <b>Monday, June 2nd at 4pm</b> to enable as many parents and carers as possible to contribute to the feedback. Please find the link <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Sad News: Mr Kabbie</b></p> <p>It is with great regret that we write to inform you of the sudden death of Mr Kabbie. He had worked as a TA within the LINC Department for a number of years and was extremely popular with staff and students alike. He was a warm and friendly presence in the school, with a kind word and friendly smile for all. He will be much missed within the school community.</p>  <p>Mr Kabbie worked closely with the Maths Department and the LINC homework club and we are aware that news of his death will be upsetting to a number of students. If any of your sons or daughters would like support dealing with the loss please direct them to their tutor, Head of Year or PSM. We also have support available from Place2Be. If you are concerned about the impact of this loss on your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.</p>	<p><b>CoHeads' Weekly Roundup</b></p>
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## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

The exam season kicked off in earnest this week with the English Literature paper 1 on Monday. Y11 have been excellent in their approach to the exams thus far. They have attended the exam breakfasts for the core subjects in large numbers and have been very impressive with their time management. They have conducted themselves calmly and with surprising good humour given the very real stress that public exams cause; their maturity is very impressive. Y13 are more seasoned exam-sitters but they also shone this week with their positive attitude and self-organisation. We will continue to ensure that we make the experience of exams as smooth as possible to support our students at such a pivotal time.

While Y11 and Y13 have their noses firmly fixed to grindstones, the Y10 French exchange is in full swing. Reports from Annecy are full of descriptions of the fun the students are having - getting to know their host families, a day trip to Geneva, lots of lovely French food...We are delighted that it's going so well and look forward to more details when they return next week.

We are delighted that in recent Newsletters we have seen more student contributions. We are always both proud and amazed at the quality of the writing and information. This week it's the turn of Udit Bhattacharjee in Y12, writing about the Y12 Physics visit to the Royal Society for a lecture on nanotechnology. It's a fascinating topic and we have definitely learned something new by reading the article.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to our Patron of Reading, Dan Freedman. His work with the school via Mrs Ward and the Library has reached a number of students - and not just the football mad! We are also delighted and grateful for the comments Dan has made about his time at Fortismere - you will need to read the article to find out how much he likes our school.

Neurodiversity has become a much more visible and debated condition (or series of conditions). Many of you may be watching the Martin Sheen inspired programme The Assembly on ITV which sees celebrities answer questions from a group of autistic, neurodivergent, and learning disabled individuals. Radio 4 has The Autism Curve and below, Mr Fari writes about the Chris Packham documentary, Our ADHD Minds, recommended by a Fortismere parent. It is heartening to see so much more information and shared experiences in the mainstream and we hope that our neurodivergent students will be encouraged by this closer attention.

We would like to thank the Friends of Fortismere for their tenacious approach to raising money for the school. We are delighted that so many of our families are using the Martyn Gerrard boards and fully endorse the drive to reach the £4000 mark! We can already feel the difference that the FoF are making to our school and are looking forward to future events - especially the summer festival..

As you will see from the first page we end the week on a sad note. It is never easy losing a member of staff and we know that many of our school community will think of Mr Kabbie over the weekend. Amidst the sadness we will also be taking joy from remembering his positive contribution to the life of the school; Mr Kabbie's unrelenting good humour and kindness to all will be remembered and treasured.

We wish you all a peaceful and happy weekend.

## Friends of Fortismere

### More Boards More Money For Fortismere

So far we have 150 households signed up for a Martyn Gerrard board - thank you! That's £2,250 raised so far with so little effort. We are getting closer to our aim of £4,000 but we can't do it without you (and your mum, your uncle, your friend in Clapham... anyone with a front garden or fence in London)!



- Deadline to sign up is soon - 26 May
- Each board is £15 for Fortismere - free money for the school!
- Boards can go up anywhere in London - not just the local neighbourhoods
- Already said yes to your primary school? You can still have a Fortismere board
- Boards are up from mid-June to just after the Summer Festival (Sun 6 July – don't forget!)

If you haven't signed up (or know someone who hasn't) use this form: <https://forms.gle/jczZbdLzXHLLW7JD6>  
Do it for the school. Do it for the Festival. Do it because it costs you literally nothing!  
Thank you from Friends of Fortismere

## LINC Notices

### Inside Our ADHD Minds

You may have seen or read about the Chris Packham documentary *Inside Our ADHD Minds* already but I was pleased to get the following message from a parent this week recommending it to us. *This programme follows the lives of two individuals who tell their stories. However, it is Doctor Lloyd who features at the beginning who I feel provides a good insight into what is happening in the ADHD brain. Particularly, how the lack of brain chemistry leaves kids and adults with very fragile mental health.*

I've read some really good reviews about it, The Guardian described it as "a beautiful and revelatory programme which feels educational without being didactic" I'll definitely be making time to watch it and recommending it to colleagues. I hope lots of you watch it too. [Watch Inside Our ADHD Minds - BBC iPlayer](#)  
Mr Fari

### Haringey SEND Workshop - Parenting an Autistic Child

This session is for parents and carers of autistic children and young people in Haringey schools and colleges and will provide valuable insights from families and practitioners. Engage in discussions, learn about effective strategies and connect with a supportive community to find guidance for your unique journey.

Date: Monday 16 June 2025. Time: 10am-12pm. At: Earlsmead Primary School, Broad Lane, N15 4PW  
[Register here](#)

### Haringey SEND Power Newsletter

There is lots of useful information and links to resources and events in the *SEND Power Newsletter* - you can access it [here](#) - including a request to parents and carers to share their views on SEND services and support in Haringey through a survey. They want to hear about your child's experiences of education, health, and social care.



The survey deadline is **31st July 2025** - access it here <https://forms.gle/3YsKCiqv6o3F3tzip6>

## Physics Department Notice

### Y12 Visit to The Royal Society

*Year 12 physics students went to a lecture at the Royal Society this week. Udit Bhattacharjee, one of the students on the visit, has sent an excellent write up for the Newsletter.*

Nine students and a teacher from the physics course went to a lecture in The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG. The lecture was on nanotechnology by biophysicist Professor Sonia Antoranz Contera who was highly enthusiastic about matters relating to how nanotechnology was connected to physics as well as microbiology.



She talked about how physics allows you to make predictions in certain phenomena, talks about how there is a mysterious component in intuition and how those have led to major discoveries in all fields of science. She said that once you know you can predict something in time, you can use that to make something. She said that in the 21st century as physics has reached biological complexity, the world, time and space have ceased to become what they were during the time of Einstein (1905). She reveals how reality has strange consequences on time and how nanotechnology was the next major technological revolution after Einstein, as scientists began to think about what part of logic lay outside the boundaries of algorithm and intuition. All these ideas have been influenced by the ambiguity of consciousness as well as the human mind and body.

As she began to move towards biological concepts, she said that we can never separate human simplicity from the complexity of nature. She mentioned that when we let biology work by itself, we are able to create things that work through the laws of nature. Her explanation of complex structures and behavior of the human body in the nano-scale was breathtaking and fascinating. She explained how the geometry of structures play a major role in transportation as well as other chemical processes that help keep us alive.

I believe that biophysics has helped her understand the human body in a level deeper than what she would have achieved if it was simply just biology and her research has opened pathways for nanotechnology to grow and develop through years to come, such as in the field of neuromorphic computing, which is inspired by the human brain and its function and replicating it to produce computers that mimic neural networks for efficient computation.

At the end, she answered a lot of questions from the audience including topics regarding jobs, funding, future technologies as well as ethical concerns. We were fascinated by her intellect and enjoyed the lecture through and through. It has inspired me to look into nanotechnology and explore potential ideas such as its use in robotics as well as quantum computing. It was an amazing experience for all of us.

*By Udit Bhattacharjee, Y12*

## Maths Department Notice

### Well Done to our Talented Young Mathematicians

Sixty of our most talented maths students in Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge at the beginning of May. This is a national competition designed to test mathematical reasoning and problem solving skills. We're pleased to report that we had some outstanding results with 11 Gold Certificates, 20 Silver Certificates and 18 Bronze Certificates.





Two students deserve a special mention: Sam Murphy who achieved the highest mark amongst our Year 8s and Robbie Pickup, who not only scored the highest mark in Year 7, but also earned a perfect score, answering every question correctly. Well done to everyone for taking part.

Ms Berry

## Library Notices

### Full Time for Dan

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May saw the last official visit of Dan Freedman as Fortismere's Patron of Reading. In his two year tenure he has met all the students in Years 7 and 8, and also did a whole year group presentation to Year 9. You may know Dan from his Jamie Johnson books which have been televised - 75 episodes on the BBC. He's worked in the communications department of the FA for 7 years, and has also worked for the Premier League and FIFA. Dan's ghost-written columns for Sir Alex Ferguson, David Beckham and two



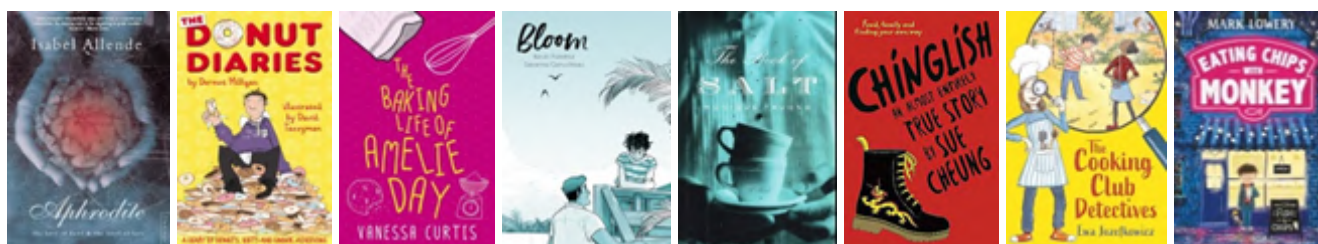
England managers. He's been to World Cups as the in-house journalist for the England team and currently works with the Premier League's Education Department (with Man City, Man United, Liverpool, Everton, West Ham, Palace and Fulham) with the young academy players.

Our students really enjoy his name-dropping and hearing about all the famous players he's interviewed! But what I love is that underneath all the football chat is the subliminal message about the importance of reading and literacy. I was delighted to receive an email from a parent: "I also wanted to say thank you so much to you and to Mr Freedman. You don't know how much of a boost it gave (him) yesterday... He used to love reading and writing in primary school and has lost a little confidence in the last year but yesterday he came home thrilled and full of ideas and enthusiasm".

And Dan himself has hugely enjoyed his visits: Thank you so much for giving me the honour of being your Patron of Reading. It has been such a privilege and I've loved every minute of it. Meanwhile, a quote for your use if helpful: *If you are an author and are lucky enough to be invited to visit Fortismere School, you must say yes. It will be one of the best school visits you ever do.* Dan Freedman

### Recommended Reads of the Week

In honour of National Doughnut Week, here are some books that will make your mouths water!





## Careers & Work Related Learning Notices

### Latest Resources & Opportunities

You can access the latest edition of **Choices** [here](#) - this is a **monthly guide for parents and carers to apprenticeships and technical education**.

For a **Summer Holiday Work Experience Opportunity** have a look at what **GlaxoSmithKline** in Stevenage are offering - A 4 day onsite work experience programme from Monday 28th July to Thursday 31st July 2025. The programme offers students an insight into the pharmaceutical industry and the world of STEM through:

- An overview of the 'Molecule to Market' journey
- Exposure to real-world applications of Biology, Chemistry, and Digital & Analytics
- Insight into GSK's collaborative and innovative work environment
- Opportunities to explore STEM career pathways and network with peers
- Development of employability and soft skills through engaging, hands-on activities

The application process is now open and **closes on Friday 23rd May** - **Apply and find full details** [here](#) If you have any questions contact [STV.STEM@gsk.com](mailto:STV.STEM@gsk.com)

The latest edition of the **Fortismere Careers Newsletter** is available on the website [here](#)

## Drama Department Notices

### KS3 Drama Club performs A Midsummer Night's Dream (Reimagined) - Coming Soon!

**Coming soon!**

**Fortismere Drama Club presents:**  
**'A Midsummer Night's Dream' (Reimagined!)**

This July, KS3 Drama Club will be performing their own version of  
'A Midsummer Night's Dream'  
for ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Come along and enter the world of...London,  
as magical mischief wreaks havoc on everyone  
unlucky enough to cross paths with Puck.

Full details and a ticket link coming soon!  
Keep an eye out and join us for the show!



## Upcoming: Year 7 and Year 8 Theatre Trip - Tuesday 15th July at 7.30pm

The Drama Department is currently planning an exciting Year 7 and Year 8 evening theatre trip to see 'The Comedy About Spies' at Noël Coward Theatre on 15th July at 7.30pm.



**THE COMEDY ABOUT  
SPIES**

There will be a limited number of spaces on the trip. Spaces will be first come first served once all the information goes out. We will be sharing full details soon!

In the meantime, if your child is in Year 7 or Year 8 and is potentially interested in joining the trip, they can let their Drama teacher know!

## Year 10 GCSE Drama Devised Exam: In Rehearsal with Y12 Mentors

The fantastic Year 10 GCSE Drama students are currently working hard towards their devised exam which will be taking place in June. Joining some of our classes from time to time are some of our amazing Year 12 students, who step into classes to offer their expertise, guidance, and creative input, mentoring and supporting the students as they go through their collaborative, creative process. It is really beneficial for the Year 10 students to have the chance to share and work with other students who have already been through the process, and gain creative input from beyond their class. It is also great for the Year 12s to gain experience in creative mentoring and learning from our Year 10s and their ideas too!

Thank you to some of our Year 12s for stepping in in such a wonderful way and thank you to our Year 10s for embracing this collaborative opportunity!



## Sport & PE Notices

### Borough Athletics Tournament

On Tuesday this week, our Year 7 and 8 teams represented the school at the annual Haringey Athletics Tournament. The weather was perfect for athletics and with so many Haringey schools taking part in the competition, the atmosphere was fantastic.

Our Year 8 boys started off on the track and there were some excellent individual performances with Max and Sam finishing 2nd and 3rd in the 1500m. Ronnie was 2nd in the 300m, and Lino won both the 100m and the 300m. On the field, Ben was second in the javelin and Lino was 2nd in the long jump. The Year 7 boys also put in a great effort and Francesco finished 3rd in the 1500m against tough competition. The girls started in the same way on the field - Sharon won the Year 7 long jump and Selin was 2nd. On the track Farrah won the hurdles as did Etta. Selin won the 100m and Felicie and Maya were 3rd and 4th in the 800m. Great effort everyone. Overall, out of the nine schools taking part, we did very well.

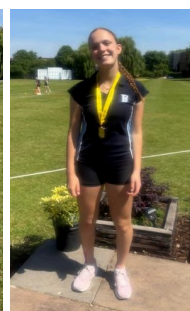


Y7 Boys: 7th	Y7: 2nd	Y8 Boys: 2nd	Year 8 Girls: 2nd
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## Middlesex Girls Cricket Competition

On Wednesday this week, we were at Crouch End Cricket Club to play in the Middlesex Schools Outdoor Cricket Competition. Again, the weather was perfect and the girls had the best time doing something that they all love and collaborating and working so well together in their teams. Selin proved to be a great captain and won player of the tournament for her great leadership skills and her bowling and batting skills. Our Under 13s won all of their matches and were winners of the tournament. In the Under 15s competition Genevieve is also a great leader and captain and won player of the tournament for her batting skills having retired twice in the matches. The Under 15s team finished 2nd overall. Well done everyone.



## Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 19th May	Year 9/10 Tennis v Mill Hill @ Home Sports Leaders helping at Haringey Primary Athletics @ New River 10am-2 pm
Tuesday 21st May	Y7/8 Tennis v Latymer @ Away Sports Leaders helping at Haringey School Athletics @ New River Sports Centre

## Student Health Notice

### Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - Tuesday 20th May 2025

The **second session** for the Year 8 HPV vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday 20 May 2025**.



It is essential that your child attends their allocated time slot. If they do not attend at the correct time, they may miss their vaccination. If you have not provided consent, your child should remain in their lessons. If your child missed their vaccination during the first session, ensure they attend the 9.15-9.40am session. Vaccinations are in the North Wing Canteen.

**By Alphabetical Surname:**

- **09:15 – 09:40:** M and any students who missed the previous session
- **09:50 – 10:40:** N, O, P
- **11:10 – 12:00:** Q, R, S
- **12:10 – 13:00:** T, U, V, W
- **14:00 – 14:30:** X, Y, Z

Please note, I have been informed of a **Geography trip** that may affect some students in (8X3 and 8X5 ) scheduled for the **afternoon sessions**. If your child is involved in this trip, and is scheduled to have their vaccine between **14.00-14.30** please ensure they attend **one of the earlier available sessions** instead. If you have any questions about the vaccinations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

[mizzet@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:mizzet@fortismere.org.uk)

Ms Izzet

## Art & Photography Notice

### GCSE Art & Photography Exhibition: Friday 23rd May 6-8pm

The Art & Photography Department invites you to celebrate the success and achievements of our Year 11 students at the GCSE exhibition.

#### **GCSE Art and Photography Exhibition 2025**

Friday 23rd May 6-8pm  
Fortismere School  
North Wing  
Creighton Avenue  
Muswell Hill



## Safeguarding at Fortismere

### Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead about any safeguarding matters or concerns please contact Ms Sullivan on [safeguarding@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@fortismere.org.uk)

Alternatively you can make a safeguarding referral using *My Voice* [use this link](#) or the QR code. You can also contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Support Manager.

