


Friday 11th November 2022

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<p>Behaviour on Broadway - Planet Organic</p> <p>There has been a recent spate of poor behaviour from a handful of our students using the pedestrianised area between the Everyman Cinema and Planet Organic. The police are working with the group on curbing any examples of anti-social behaviour and we are asking parents and carers to remind students to go home promptly, rather than spending time on the Broadway.</p> <p>Curriculum Rewards</p> <p>We continue to be very impressed with the way that our students immerse themselves in their learning across the curriculum. Between now and the end of term we are gathering names of students from heads of Subject areas of students in Years 7 -13 who deserve recognition for their hard work and achievements. We look forward to celebrating with our worthy winners at the end of this term.</p> <p>Odd Socks Day Anti-bullying week - Monday 14th November</p> <p>We would like to encourage all students to wear odd socks to school on Monday to show their solidarity with our community and the fact that this is a place where differences are celebrated. Year 9 students will be collecting donations of £1 to raise money for charity.</p> <p>Top positive points this week</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p>Boux Barten-Weisweiller Y7 Liv Gwinner Y7 Saskia Frances-Georgianna Y7 Steph Diaz del Rio Y7 Xander Haga Y7 Roberta Krasnigi Y10</p> </td><td> <p>Elkie Baker Y9 Sophia Hutchins Y9 Emma Gallichyan Y7 Florence Hall Y7 Pippa O'Brien Y7 Veeran Sangha Y7</p> </td></tr> </table>	<p>Boux Barten-Weisweiller Y7 Liv Gwinner Y7 Saskia Frances-Georgianna Y7 Steph Diaz del Rio Y7 Xander Haga Y7 Roberta Krasnigi Y10</p>	<p>Elkie Baker Y9 Sophia Hutchins Y9 Emma Gallichyan Y7 Florence Hall Y7 Pippa O'Brien Y7 Veeran Sangha Y7</p>	<p>Co-Headteachers' message</p> <p>Fundraising Event</p> <p>Anti-bullying week</p> <p>LINC News</p> <p>Departmental News</p> <p>Holiday Camps</p> <p>Safeguarding Information</p> <p>Calendar</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>15/11</td><td>Cello Masterclass Music Hall 4pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>17/11</td><td>GCSE Music Showcase SW Hall 7pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>30/11</td><td>Y8 X bank Parents' evening</td></tr> <tr> <td>11/12</td><td>Christmas Fair 11am-4pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>14/12</td><td>Y8 Y bank Parents' evening</td></tr> </table> <div>  </div> <p>Remembrance Day 11.11.2022</p>	15/11	Cello Masterclass Music Hall 4pm	17/11	GCSE Music Showcase SW Hall 7pm	30/11	Y8 X bank Parents' evening	11/12	Christmas Fair 11am-4pm	14/12	Y8 Y bank Parents' evening
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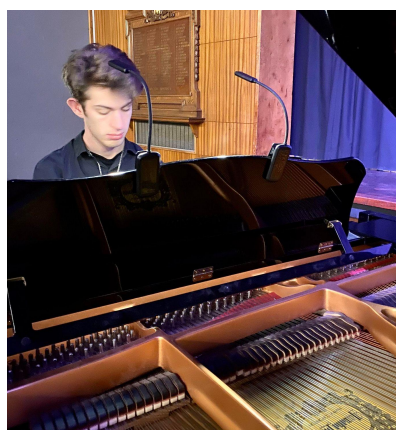
Weekly Roundup

We are all feeling the nights drawing in earlier and the distinct sense that winter is nearing as each day goes by. However, there is still much evening activity taking place at Fortismere. Last night we had the pleasure of hearing the Pure Piano recital in South Wing Hall (photos below). The evening included a number of performances across a range of musical genres from students from Key stage 3 to 6th form with also a surprise return from one of last Year's pianists. We are always impressed by the confidence of our young performers and their extraordinary ability to capture their audiences. We'd like to thank Mr Jefferies and his team for hosting the event and are very much looking forward to the Year 11 performances next Thursday.

A lucky group of Year 13 students have decided that they aren't quite ready to surrender to the cold and left yesterday to embark on a trip to Athens as part of a Classics super-curricular enrichment programme. By now they are no doubt sampling the delights of some wonderful ancient heritage sites and museums and visiting some of the locations that provide a backdrop to their classical studies. We are extremely excited to find out what they have learnt on their return. Thanks to Mr Aldridge for leading this exciting trip.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and at Fortismere we are encouraging students to come to school in odd socks to raise awareness of the fact that we celebrate differences in this community. This charitable endeavour is being led by our Year 9 students and we are proud of them for showing the initiative on this. While we are on the topic of student leadership we are waiting with baited breath to hear the results of the KS4 student leadership team interviews. The team will have some important work to do over the course of this academic year engaging student views on their experiences at Fortismere so we hope they are ready for some hard work!

Having complained about the darker evenings it looks like sunny days this weekend so whatever you have planned you all enjoy a pleasant weekend.



School Fundraising Event

Christmas Fair - Sunday 11th December 2022 11.00am-4.00pm

The Christmas Fair is taking place on Sunday 11th December from 11am-4pm and we are asking for your help with this please. Last year the Christmas Silent Auction and Raffle raised over £3000 - can you help us to raise even more this year by donating gifts, treats and prizes? Do you know a local shop, service provider or restaurant that might donate something to the school? Do you have any business contacts that you could put me in touch with that might be able to help us? Any help is very much appreciated.

Christmas Hampers, put together by the school also raised a lot of money last year and we need lots of donations to be able to do the same again this year. We need food donations like mince pies, jams, biscuits, puddings, teas and coffee, chocolates and treats (please no meat or cheese products). Other items like Christmas crackers, beauty and bath products, baskets, old hampers and nice boxes we can use to package things.

And we always need donations for the tombola and things to sell on our stalls like vintage clothing or jewellery and we can never have enough chocolate and sweets please! Wine and alcoholic drinks are always welcome but these donations must not be brought into school by students. You can contact me to collect any alcoholic donations.

Please send all other donations as soon as possible to South Wing Reception. If you have any questions or want further information please email me mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk

Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day - Monday 14th November



Remember to bring a £1 for Year 9's collection for charity

EAL Students

London Velodrome Olympic Park Trip

Earlier in November I took a group of 15 EAL (English as an additional language) students from across the school on a trip to the London Velodrome at the Olympic Park. The session was led by a coach who took us through safety and confidence building exercises for the first few laps. Riding on the track for the first time was a really daunting experience – flying towards the steep banking (42 degree angle!) of the velodrome on a fixed gear bike with no brakes and no freewheel made the experience extremely unique! But it was also an exhilarating, adrenaline-filled ride, and one which need not strike fear into first-timers. Chen Nguyen flew round and dominated the track in the end. The coach was very informative and helpful and everyone learnt lots of new skills. I think he's encouraged a few students to think about taking up track cycling. Tom Preka claims



"it was out of this world" while Erdem Yigit and Yotam Meir added that *"they were flying"*. Juan Peneherrera looked the part when he respectfully overtook others: *"stay in lane, I am overtaking"*, he shouted. Terrific Tara Koupaie raced round like a pro on the track, amazing! It was a thrilling moment to be cycling on the London Olympic track and mountain biking around the muddy park. The velodrome was a great venue and it felt a real honour to be riding around it. Once again, the group behaved well; some shared food, language skills and built new friendships. They cannot wait for their next EAL adventure. It was a fantastic experience which we all enjoyed tremendously, and I am delighted to report that despite being battered and bruised, all performed well and returned in one piece!

Ms Ingerslev

LINC Department News

Dyslexia Online Information Event - Thursday 24th November at 5pm

LINC are hosting another online information event for parents and carers and this time the focus is on Dyslexia. The event will cover the following - understanding the impact of dyslexia, how the school supports students with dyslexia and what parents and carers can do to support their child at home. It is primarily aimed at parents/carers of students with dyslexia but is open to all and might also be useful if you think your child has literacy related difficulties.

Dyslexia Information Event - Thursday 24 November 2022 5.00pm-6.30pm online

If you would like to attend please email LINCAdmin@fortismere.org.uk and you will be sent joining instructions and a link.. The event will be recorded and made available afterwards.

SEND Funding Events - Tuesday 6th December

SEND Power in Haringey (Parent Carer Forum) is holding SEND Funding Information Sharing Session on Tuesday 6th December. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to hear from Haringey Head of SEND about how SEND funding is allocated and a number of other programmes currently running.

There are two sessions: Tuesday 6th December 10.30am-12.30pm at Chestnuts Community Centre. [Book a place here](#) and Tuesday 6th December 6.30pm to 8pm Online. [Book a place here](#)

Drama Department Notices

Hitchhiker's Guide... Rehearsal Diary

Recently I interviewed Ellie Doku, who attends Fortismere sixth form, about her role as assistant director for the school play 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' and how she got into acting.

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

When did you find your love for acting? *"I've always enjoyed talking since was little so when it came to talking in front of a audience i enjoyed it even more"*

Where did you start? *"Everyone starts somewhere, for me it was by performing in the school's productions and as I got older and was more capable I worked up and eventually joined an agency but having said that it doesn't mean that's where you have to start"*

What does an assistant director actually do in production? *"you work with the actors and guide them through the script focusing on certain scenes and helping them understand the play"*

What benefits do you get from being assistant director? *"Helping other kids hopefully find their passion for drama and possibly being part of their journey"*

What are you most looking forward to in the play and what should the people in the audience expect? *"For some of the scenes instead of using props we make objects out of the cast and it allows these sci-fi gadgets to come to life and there are also some great dances"*

What advice do you have for anyone who wants to be an assistant director?

"Go for it, it's honestly such a fun experience and seeing the play progress is so rewarding and hearing all the kids ideas and suggestions is so fun "

Many Thanks to Ellie Doku for sharing this with us



Year 12 Theatre Review - The Band's Visit

A level Drama students were privileged to be invited to see The Band's Visit at the Donmar Warehouse this week. Here is their review:

"We went to see the Donmar Warehouse's 'Band's Visit' on Thursday which followed a police music band who ended up in the wrong place in Israel. The locals in the town befriend the band, as we see how friendships and relationships form despite a difference in cultures. The totally live music with the band on stage for the whole production was extremely powerful, in addition to the incredible Miri Mesika as the leading lady providing a stunning tone through carrying the gorgeous story through."



Library

CoverUp

The next meeting of our parent/staff reading group is this coming Thursday 17th November, 7pm in the library, when we will be talking about Hilary Mantel's "Giving Up the Ghost" (and "Beyond Black" if anyone's had time!) Do come, even if you haven't read/finished the book(s) as we are expecting plenty of bookish conversation. Refreshments provided.



Reading Reminder

We have finished the STAR Reading tests for Years 7 and 8 and have just started on Year 9 testing. If your child is disappointed with their results, please remind them that the only way to improve is to read regularly – we recommend at least half an hour every single evening. Reading is the most important skill and is necessary for all subjects in the curriculum; it will get progressively more complex as your child progresses up the school. We have books for every interest and ability in the library so please ask your child to come and see one of us for help and recommendations. And they should have a current reading book in their bags at all times, not just on English and library lesson days! Preferably inside a plastic bag to avoid damage on wet days...



Recommended Reads of the Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. Here are some books in our library that should be read.



Sports & PE Department News

Netball Results v Gladesmore School

All four of our Netball teams travelled to South Tottenham on Tuesday evening. Luckily the rain stopped in time for the matches. Year 10/11 showed their brilliant team work as well as individual skill to beat the opposition 23-2. POM Kaia Kelleher

Year 9 won 15-3. Showing excellent team cohesion and determination: The team included: Cece, Leila, Viola, Melissa, Freya, Xanthe, Graine and Jess. POM Cece

Year 8 won 5-1 which shows that this squad is making steady improvement with two straight victories now. The team consisted of: Lyra, Emily, Amelie, Cecilia, Genevieve, Ione and Isla. POM Genevieve.

Year 7 also won again this week - which is excellent, they showed really good grit and determination. Team Saoirse, Lottie, Sophia, Annie, Mia, Alice, Tiger Lilly and Jessica. POM Saoirse



1st XI Senior Team hold on in epic game v STM

Our **senior 1st XI** travelled to St Thomas More in the U18 Brigg cup on Tuesday. A highly entertaining match finished 6-5 to Fortismere with Charles Tresize-Bruce scoring 4! Fortismere looked comfortable going into injury time - 6-3 up - but two very late goals made it a nervy finish. Great to see a mixture of Y11, 12 & 13s combining so well to get a deserved victory. Next up, a big game against Highgate Wood which the boys will need to win to progress from the group.



Further results this week

Year 7 'B': A good showing from the boys on Monday against a strong St Thomas More team. Unfortunately the result ended **4-1** in favour of STM but the squad is gaining valuable experience and enjoyed the game despite the result.

Year 7 'A': For the third time in 4 days we travelled to STM's astro, this time the turn of the year 7 A team in the Haringey league. A really positive performance from the boys, only denied victory by a late long range goal, with the game finishing **1-1**. Man of the match goes to Ellis Cleary for a really strong centre back performance.



U16 Girls ESSA Cup

The girls unfortunately lost this week against Shenfield School who won the National Cup last year. Ella Stephens scored the first with a great run down the line and Taylor Dennis scored two brilliant goals dribbling through their defence to make it 3-3 but we gave two goals away at the very end. Unlucky girls we still have the U18 Cup. Congratulations to **Tayla Dennis** who has been selected to represent Middlesex School's Representative side this Saturday.

Fixtures Next Week

Monday 14th Nov	All years Netball v STM (A). Meet 2:20.
Tuesday 15th Nov	Y7ABC Fball v Highgate (A). Meet 2:20. Students back at 4:30
Tuesday 15th Nov	Y7/8 Netball v Dukes (H). Meet at 3:20.
Wednesday 16th Nov	Y9 & Y10/11 Netball v Dukes (A). Meet at 2:45.
Thursday 17th Nov	U18 Girls Football v Ashmole (A, Midd Cup). Meet 1pm.

Music Department Notices

Autumn Pure Piano - Congratulations to all Performers!

Autumn Pure Piano took place last night in South Wing Hall. A huge congratulations to the pianists that took part and it was as always lovely to see how you have developed over the years and your support of one another.

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 ejefferies@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

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)

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, rounder's, 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-444499027557>

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

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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