

### School Leadership Messages

#### Covid Lateral Flow Tests

A reminder to parents and students that everyone in our community should be taking lateral flow tests twice weekly while COVID rates in the community continue to be high.

In the event of a positive result please follow guidance on our Covid pages [here](#).

#### Very close contacts

Students (from reception age or above) who live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, should in addition to arranging a PCR test also take an LFD test every day for 7 days while they continue to attend school: testing should start from when the first person in the home tests positive as household transmission is very likely to happen. If at any time the student becomes symptomatic, they must stay at home and arrange for a PCR test immediately (regardless of having already had a negative PCR test result).

#### Vaccinations for 16-17 years old

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that [all healthy 16 to 17 year olds should be offered a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine](#). 16- and 17-year-olds will not be vaccinated through the schools' programme, but through vaccination centres, community pharmacies and GP led primary care network sites. The national booking service will be available from Monday 22 November for 16- and 17-year-olds to book their vaccine.

#### Clarification on Year 8 parents' evening dates

We apologise for any confusion about dates for the Year 8 subject teacher evening. Please see the calendar on this page for clarification. The two dates are 1st December (8X) and 15th December (8Y). Parents will be contacted in due course in order to set appointments on School Cloud.

#### Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG) Contingency Planning (DfE)

The DfE released their [contingency planning guidelines](#) for the possibility of the cancellation of the 2022 exam series due Covid. We are examining the guidance and will be informing the parents and carers of Y11 and Y13 of any possible impact to their studies by the end of term.

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### Calendar

20/11/21	World Children's Day
29/11/21 30/11/21	Drama Production
01/12/21	Year 8 X Parents' Evening
15/12/21	Year 8 Y Parents' Evening



## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

The last month has seen Fortismere return to its busy calendar of events more closely to the schedule we had enjoyed pre-pandemic. We have been so pleased to bring reports of our community coming together to learn more about what goes on at Fortismere and to celebrate the achievements of our students. It was therefore a real treat to see the Y11 GCSE music examination performance recital take place on Tuesday evening in South Wing Hall. We are often taken aback by the talent of our students and this event was really no exception; we heard 18 performances ranging from Rachmaninov to Zimmer, Michael Jackson to Chopin with a little bit of Eminem thrown in for good measure. The musicality on display was remarkable throughout as was the wonderful camaraderie between the students who had clearly worked together to support their peers in preparation for this event. They were also supported by their teachers Mr Jefferies and Ms Topping. It is wonderful to be reminded how the opportunity to create and work together at our school can be so transformative for those who participate. For those in our community who enjoy their music there is plenty in the coming weeks to entertain you: there are two Fortismere Music Centre concerts with the Fortismere Community symphony orchestra playing on 27th November and The Fortismere Community Choir singing on 4th December plus a piano masterclass and our unmissable Christmas concerts still to take place at school. See below for further details.

There were vaccinations of a different variety this week as many students in our community opted to receive their flu vaccination on site. There was a steady flow of students through South Wing Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday; another large scale operation for our welfare team to organise. But as with all of the other vaccination and testing events we have seen take place at school this year they did a wonderful job of organising the student and keeping things moving. Thanks to Ms Izzet and her team for all of their hard work on these events over the last few weeks.

We estimate that we have one more week of relative sanity before we begin to be bombarded (in the nicest possible way!) by Christmas songs and other seasonal offerings. We'll try to enjoy a peaceful weekend before the onslaught begins and wish the same for you all too.

## Modern Languages Department Notices

### Year 7 - Spanish Setting Test

All students in Year 7 have now completed their Listening & Reading and their Writing assessments in Spanish. All students were extremely motivated and it was lovely to see how much they wanted to do well in Spanish.

If your child **missed their Listening and Reading Spanish Assessment** this week, they will have the opportunity to do the assessment on **Monday 22nd November at lunch time**. Please let your child know they have to come to **N16** and please provide a packed lunch for them on that day.

All Year 7 will start their French sessions next week and they will also have another taster week of Mandarin on a carousel basis.

## French and Catalan Cinema



On BBC iplayer there is currently the *Portrait of a Lady on fire* by the acclaimed French film director Céline Sciamma. It comes highly recommended for those interested in French cinema and also contemporary film studies. The film is set in 18<sup>th</sup> Century France and is about the transformative power of love seen through the female gaze. It should be noted that this film is rated 15 and is recommended to Sixth Form students, parents and carers.

Cinematic presents an online **Catalan Film Festival**. There are a few films and shorts available for a small price as well as some free workshops highly recommended for those interested in Spanish cinema and also filming studies.

- To watch *Portrait of a Lady*: [Click Here](#)
- To view the Catalan Film Festival Content: [Click Here](#)

## Year 11 and Year 13 Upcoming Mocks

All students have been advised on starting a Revision timetable and incorporating languages in it on a daily basis for a short amount of time. Learning languages is a skill that requires consistency hence why it's better little but often!

One of the key elements of the exam where students have had less experience is the speaking. It's important that students practice speaking out loud and record themselves to get either feedback from their teacher or for self-assessment. Below are a few websites to help them with this skill:

[Free Teleprompter Software - Voice Activated Online Teleprompter \[2021\]](#) - useful for remembering some of the answers as well as the Yr13 presentation on their topic.

[Create Voki](#) - students can record themselves and upload it in a cute avatar. Alternatively, they can type in a text and the avatar will pronounce it the selected language. It's good for getting the pronunciation correctly.

[Learning tools and flashcards - for free!](#) - students can create their sets in quizlet with questions to remember their meaning and also to listen to it in the target language.

## ML Postcards



The ML Department is proud to announce our new Department postcards. These will be sent home to congratulate students in their performance and engagement in their language lessons.

## Sport & PE Department Notices

## Weekly Roundup

The week started well with a super win by our Y7 boys Football Team in the 3rd round of the National Cup - we traveled out to Essex but made the long journey worthwhile with a fine 2-1 victory - although we needed extra time to do it. Our Y7 & Y8 girl Table Tennis teams were in action on Monday night as they took part in the Borough Championships. I'm delighted to report that both teams finished in Runners Up positions underlining Fortismere's incredible consistent performances in all sporting competitions.



Y7 & Y8 Girls table-Tennis Teams



Y7 'A' Football Team

On Tuesday we took Y7 A, B C and D Teams over to Highgate for an afternoon of Football Fun. The games were friendlies and we won 1, and Lost 3 but all the boys had great fun representing the school. Wednesday saw our Y10 Volleyball Team head over to St Thomas More for the Borough Champs - it was a very tough, high standard even with our boys finishing a hard earned 6th place.

## Extra-Curricular Timetable

**\*Boots and Shin-pads are required for football\***

**Monday Lunchtime:** Y7 Badminton (Sports Hall), Y7 Table Tennis(SW Gym), Y7 Games (Astro), Y11 BB (BB Courts) and Y10 Fitness (Fitness Room).

**Monday After School:** All Year Group Cross Country(School Field), Y7 Boys Football(School Field), Y9 and Y10 Netball (Netball Courts), Y7, Y8 and Y9 Rugby(School Field) and Sixth Form Handball (Sports Hall)

**Tuesday Lunchtime:** Y8 Badminton (Sports Hall), Y8 Table Tennis(SW Gym), Y8 Games(Astro), Y11 BB(BB Courts) and Y11,12 and Y13 Fitness (Fitness Room)

**Tuesday After School:** All Year Group Hockey (Astro), Y8 and Y9 Football, (School Field), Y8 Netball (Netball Courts) and Y10 and Y11 GCSE Practical Club/ Badminton (Sports Hall)

**Wednesday Lunchtime:** Y9 Badminton (Sports Hall), Y9 Table Tennis (SW Gym),Y9 Games (Astro),Y11 BB (BB Courts) and Y10 Fitness (Fitness Room)

**Wednesday After School:** Sixth Form Badminton (Sports Hall), Sixth Form Football (Field), Sixth Form Fitness (Fitness Room), Sixth Form Netball (Netball Courts)

**Thursday Lunchtime:** Y10 Badminton (Sports Hall), Y10 Table Tennis (SW Gym), Y10 Games (Astro), Y11 BB (BB Courts), Y11,12 and 13 Fitness (Fitness Room) and All Years Cross-Country(Coldfall Woods)

**Thursday After School:** All Year Group Cross Country (School Field), Y7 Netball (Netball Courts), Sixth Form Handball (SW Gym), KS3 Badminton (Sports Hall) and All Girls Football (Astro)

**Friday Lunchtime:** Sixth Form Badminton (Sports Hall), Y11,12 and 13 Table Tennis (SW Gym), Y7, Y11

and Sixth Form Games (Astro), Y11 BB (BB Courts) and Sixth Form Fitness (Fitness Room)

## Leaders on the Whistle



Our fantastic sports leaders were in action this week. Requested by Haringey Sport ten leaders from Year 8 and Year 9 went off to Powerleague to officiate and help manage the borough 5-a-side tournament for Years 3 and 4. As always they made us extremely proud and received praise from all concerned.

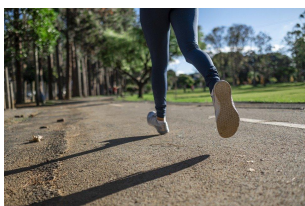
Well Done Boys! Our Y9 B team enjoyed an away fixture at Highgate school on Thursday - They played really well, showing excellent Team Spirit and ran out 5-0 winners. Well Done Boys.

## Y11's Araya to attend England Training Camp

I'm delighted to report that Araya Dennis Y11 has been asked to attend an England Women's U16 training camp. **The camp will run from Friday 3rd december to Tuesday 7th December.**

It is hosted at the home of English Football - St Georges park. We are so proud of Araya and this is another exciting step in her football journey.

## Good Luck to our Runners!



This Saturday many of our Fortismere cross country runners are representing Haringey in the London Youth Games Championships on Hampstead Heath. Our Runners train so hard and are fully deserving of their place in the Haringey squad. Good Luck to all!

## Fixture Results

### This Week's Fixtures and Results:

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

- Football Y7 'A' v Harris Academy (A) 2.30 ESFA 2nd Round **Won 2-1 (AET)**
- Table-Tennis Y7/8 Girls Borough Champs at APS 3.30-5.30: **Y7 2nd Y8 2nd**

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

- Football Y7 A, B & C Teams v Highgate (A) Friendlies 2.30 KO return by 4.15: **A lost 2-5, B Lost 3-5. C Won 9-1, D Lost 5-9**

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November

- Football Y9B v Highgate U15C (A) 2.30 KO

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

- Football 9/10 Girls & Boys Tottenham Series at New River - 9.30-12.30: **Boys 3rd Girls Runners Up**
- U13 V Ryder ESFA Cup 3rd Round: **Won 4-0**

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November

- Cross-Country - LYG Hampstead Heath 8.30 Meet

### Next Week's Fixtures:

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

- Football U14 Girls v Saracens Middlesex Cup 3.30 (H) KO
- Football Y7 'A' v UCS (A) Middlesex Cup 2.30 KO

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

- Football Y8 B & C v Highgate (A) 2.15 KO

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

- Football Y8 'A' v Kingsford Community School (N) Orient Competition Pool Game 1 - 2pm KO

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November

- Football U15 A & B v Highgate (A) 2.15 KO

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

- Table Tennis - U19, U16, U13 North London Team Champs at London Academy 3.45

## Music Department Notices

### Ensembles 2021/22

We are adding more rehearsals to our ensembles as the Christmas concert gets closer. Please make sure that your children attend when they are needed so that the items are properly prepared.

Please note that we cannot walk students to the front of queues so they need to bring a packed lunch into school.

### Christmas Concert - Extra Rehearsals

A reminder that we have asked that students come into school for extra rehearsals this **Sunday 21st November and then again on Sunday 5th December**. The following groups will rehearse in the Music Concert Hall at these times. Rehearsal schedules have now been sent out to all students in Google Classrooms and a parent mail will outline commitments to those children taking part:

School Orchestra	10.00 - 11:30am	Concert Hall
Big Band	12:00 - 1:00pm	Concert Hall
Junior Choir	2:00 - 3:30pm	MU1
Senior Choir	2:00 - 3:30pm	Concert Hall

### 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](mailto:ejefferies@fortismere.org.uk) for more details.

### Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra Concert - Saturday 27th November



Next week we have a concert with the FCSO that 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. Tickets are selling fast so book now for what promises to be an amazing evening.

## Piano Masterclass with Tadashi Imai - Friday 26th November South Wing Hall 2- 4pm



Tadashi Imai has graciously offered to conduct a masterclass for piano students at Fortismere in the week before the concert. *Biba Betteridge, Zachary Almeida Rosser, Kate Tsui, Louis Barnett* and *Noah Hacking* have been selected to play at the event which will take place in South Wing Hall.

**Tickets are free if you would like to attend but please book through the music centre website so we know about numbers.**

## Fortismere Community Choir Concert - Saturday 4th December



**The next concert for the Fortismere Community Choir will be on Saturday 4th December at St Andrews Church in Muswell Hill.** They will be performing Bach's *Magnificat* as well as traditional festive hymns which will include audience participation.

## Fortismere School Christmas Concert - Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December



Our annual Christmas Concert returns this year with two evenings of music making from the pupils of Fortismere.

There will be performances from the school ensembles such as Orchestra, Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Big Band, Classical Guitar Group, Popular Guitar Group, Percussion Group, Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir. We will also have some solo and band items from students across all key stages.

## Year 11 GCSE Recital Evening - CONGRATULATIONS!



Our Year 11 GCSE music students performed for parents, friends and teachers on Tuesday 16th November in the South Wing Hall. There were performances in a variety of genres that delighted the audience and really showed off the hard work and dedication of such a talented year group.

## Year 7 Disney Cup Challenge



On **Thursday 16th December** the whole of Year 7 will be getting together to compete for the Year 7 Disney Cup. The afternoon will see all tutor groups singing and dancing to their favorite Disney Song with a live band and some surprise judges!

We will be recording the event and then sending the link to interested parents for a donation of £5 which will go to the Noah's Ark Hospice for Children. If you are a Year 7 parent please support their efforts and don't be surprised if you are asked for props for some very interesting performances!

## Concert at Queen Elizabeth Hall - Jazz Festival

Our Year 11 GCSE music students performed for parents, friends and teachers on Tuesday 16th November in the South Wing Hall. There were performances in a variety of genres that delighted the audience and really showed off the hard work and dedication of such a talented year group.

## Tickets For Music Concert

Tickets for all school and community concerts can be purchased at the Music Department website: [www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk](http://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk)

## Drama Department Notices

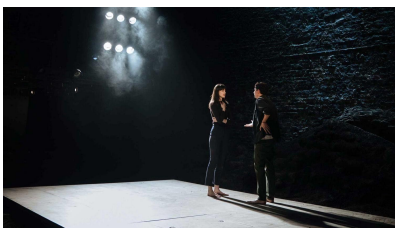
### Hamilton By Clementine Knowles and Hiroki B Year 12



On Tuesday 16th November 28 lucky Fortismere students had the opportunity to see Hamilton the musical! We were taken into a new and fresh view of the American Revolution, where Washington was a boisterous leader and Jefferson and Hamilton went into a rap battle. It's a refreshing take on done to death historical events by use of it's clever and crafty lyricism and a brain blowing transition and story structure in the beginning makes Hamilton a spectacle like no other.

I can see the idea of a rap based musical taking off in the future. At a hugely discounted price, Hamilton was for sure an incredible experience. Thanks to Mr Fari and Ms Lane for Accompanying the trip.

## Theatre Reviews of the Week



### Love and Other Acts of Violence: By Eva Djurasinovic Year 13

This play was a play about a boy and a girl who meet and fall in love and the many obstacles they face in their relationship. It is a subversive and intimate story about inheritance and the cycles of politics and history. The acting in the play had many strong points but had moments of weakness where it wasn't completely believable but the actors seemed to grow in confidence as I watched.

Moreover, seeing the Q & A afterwards, I understood the themes more clearly. The lighting, sounds and set was brilliant and extremely advanced and highly benefited the play. An enjoyable yet challenging afternoon.





Limited Tickets for Jekyll and Hyde

# JEKYLL & HYDE

FORTISMERE DRAMA  
PRESENT  
AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

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

## Library

### Young Quills



Our historical fiction reading group goes from strength to strength. We have just finished *Fountains of Silence* by Carnegie medal winning author Ruta Sepetys, and loved it. And it was great to get personal messages from Ruta!



### The Poetry Society Competition



The About Us poetry and coding competition, on the theme of “connectivity and the universe” is now open. You can enter a poem or a Scratch project, or both. We have some amazingly creative students out there, so please get your entries in by **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, and win some amazing prizes.

For the full details: [Click Here](#)

### Stationery Shop

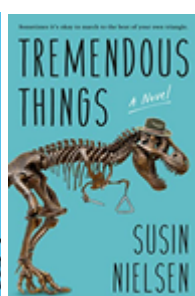
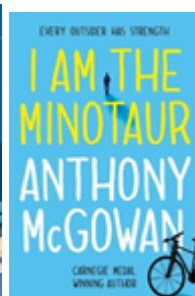


Just a reminder that the library sells stationery items very cheaply from pencils at 5p to filled pencil cases at £3.50. We also keep a stock of Casio scientific calculators.

### Recommended Reads of the Week

It's getting to the time of year when you need ideas for gifts, and what better than a book or two? The nominations for the Carnegie Medal have just been announced; these books are guaranteed to be brilliant.

The shortlist is not announced till March 2022, when we will start shadowing the judges, so see how many you can read before then. Here's a few of our favourites to get you started – it's coincidental that they all have blue covers: [Click Here](#)



## Christmas Craft Fair

### Christmas Craft Fair

Our Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 11:00am-4:00pm. This Silent Auction is set up to help raise funds for Fortismere.

We will have an online shop where you will be able to bid on our fabulous silent auction.

Could you donate some of your time, skills or another type of prize to raise money for the school? Christmas Hampers, put together by us, raised a lot of money last year.

Please can you help us this year?

**We need food:** mince pies, preserved fruits, jams and marmalade, biscuits, Christmas Puddings, teas and coffee, wine, chocolates and treats (but no meat or cheese products).

**Non edibles:** Christmas Crackers, beauty items and bath products



## 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](mailto:mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk)

### Holiday Club Activities: Limited Spaces

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, colleges 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 20<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Drama Club: Spaces Available**

[Drama Club Tickets](#)

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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.