

Friday 16th December 2022

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Merry 'Green' Christmas



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16/12	Last day of term
3/1/23	School closed for Staff Inset
4/1/23	1st Day of term for students (week 1 timetable) 8.30am



*View from Muswell Hill this Tuesday morning
Eliza M (local resident)*

Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

Schools always 'wind up' to the end of term and Fortismere is no exception. This week the Heads of Year have been congratulating their year groups in assembly. We have an impressive number of students across the year groups who have received no negative points and whose attendance has been above 96%. The 'Congratulations' assemblies are always good fun; the students with the best record are entered for a prize draw and all the students participate in cheering on the electronic wheel spinner. It is a pleasure to watch the students enjoy the success of their peers and recognise all the effort the students make at school.

Last night saw the Fortismere Christmas Music Concert. Every music concert is excellent but last night may have been the best one yet. Mr Jefferies, ably assisted by Mr Cohen and a team of music techies and performers, produced a breathtaking event. From an arrangement of Bohemian Rhapsody for cello and trombone, to songs from the musicals, the standard was jaw droppingly high. The individual performances, either instrumental or vocal, were professional in execution and at least one performance was an original piece. The penultimate number, Sing, Sing, Sing, rivalled Benny Goodman in its rhythm and delivery and was further enhanced by a virtuoso tap dance routine from a student in Y9. We have run out of superlatives for the evening but you had to be there for the Men's choir's rendition of Sweet Caroline.

So, despite the snow, we have managed to end the term on both a figurative and literal high note. From Ofsted to inclement weather, it's been quite a term and we look forward to a possibly less eventful Spring Term. But as this is Fortismere, you never know....

We wish all our families a joyful and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing your sons and daughters refreshed and eager in 2023.



Masks

May we remind parents and carers that masks are no longer necessary at school. If a student needs to wear one to protect themselves or family members from Covid, please can they use a surgical mask:



All other types of mask are not allowed to be worn on site.

Awards & Positive Points

Top Positive Points This Term

Well done to our Top Positive Points scorers - they all get a star lanyard badge, and a lucky five will receive an Amazon voucher!



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Boux Barten-Weisweiller Liv Gwinner Xander Haga Steph Diaz del Rio John McDonagh Saskia Frances-Georgianna Mia Christenson Emma Galichyan Jess McDonough Carys Jenner Berk Demir Chloe Craig Annie Bass Florence Hall Ethan Moreno	James Spyrou Samuel Balint-Kurti Maeve Curry Neri Gordon Sophie Yufit Sasha Perry Geon Park Edanur Yigit Anna Arsientieva Ari Strathern Finlay Crichton Noah Sivolella Saliceti Emilia Ostrowska Isla Daniels Tamar Goldberg	Annabelle Smith Elkie Baker Cece Mensah Moushka Maidens Isobel Elkan Clara Cooney Peter Dolan Leo Haller Sophia Hutchins Eleanor Dring Zach Whittaker Charlotte Wright Lily Rosen Quilty Ethan Oliver Rayan Khan	Roberta Krasniqi Ella Ashdown Onur Sahin Caleb Schafer Julie Franke Vincenzo Claro Alexander Prentice Alexander Parkinson Yoko Dempsey Gergana Tsvetanova Oscar McGuirk-Wynne Meredith McKellar Tyrone Abbey Yotam Meir Emily Wood	George Lau Nadia Kennedy Amelia Parvizi Deren Demir Dara Sommerville-Lodhi Daniel Tzanev Aslihan Pastonoglu Florence Wright Lola Graham Amelia Owczarczyk Ayla Halim Alex Meremiyarina Alison Bibby Hugo Graziano Iris Millar

Subject Awards This Term

Art Y7 Talia Greenberg Y8 Lily Ganguly-Khan Y9 Tavon Mwangi Y10 Maia Gwynn-Jones Y11 Nuala Rennard	Computer Science Y7 Auerelian Gallais Y8 Jamie Charlton Y9 Rachel Baird Y10 Evelyn Wallis Y11 Nadia Kennedy	D&T Y7 Jackson Layton-Henry Y8 Natsuko Tanokashira Y9 Jared Van Almsick Y10 William Howarth Y11 Mya Thind	English Y7 Lora Vida Y8 Anna Arsientiev Y9 Dylan Zwickler Y10 Rosa Price Y11 Nadya Flury	French Y7 Lilly Rose Salhany Y8 Julian Ollesen Y9 Philip Antoniou Y10 Lara Cohen Y11 Alison Bibby
History Y7 Talia Greenburg Y8 Samuel Balint-Kurti Y9 Ellie Dring Y10 Daria Segal Y11 Atlas Durdu	Mandarin Y8 Aril Strathern Y9 Wilf Wallace Y10 Moin Meer Y11 George Bisset	Maths Y7 Mia Christenson Y8 Sasha Perry Y9 Leo Gomez Y10 Ella Ashdown Y11 Deren Demir	Music Y7 Aurelian Gallais White Y8 Xavi Branford Y9 Freya Brown Y10 Noah Hacking Y11 Lydia Morgan	PE Y7 Alfred Poucett Y8 Freia Cortino Y9 Leila Hadari Y10 Thomas Stannard Y11 Alison Bibby
PRE Y7 Emma Pretorius Y8 Aril Strathern Y9 Leo Teodoro	Science KS3 Y7 Carys Jenner	Spanish Y7 Jasmine Donington Y8 Stanley Badasconi Y9 Olivia Blackie Y10 Noah Cox Y11 Amelia Owczarczyk	Creative Digital Media Y10 Dumitru Cuzic Y11 Sissi Marshall	Media Y10 Emily Wood Y11 Elsa Wainwright
Photography Y10 Zac Wilson Y11 Will Bayston	Physics Y10 Isabel Spyrou Y11 Daniel Lenham	Sociology Y10 Caleb Schafer Y11 Tayla Dennis		

Well done to all our Subject Award winners who get a subject lanyard badge and a certificate.



Intercollege Competitions

Tower Building Competition

Forty Year 7-8 students and Forty Year 9-11 students competed over two lunchtimes recently to see who could build the tallest free standing tower from pasta and marshmallows. Great teamwork, college spirit, ingenuity and brainpower was shown by all the Colleges but it was Wollstonecraft who came out on top in KS3 and Franklin who triumphed in KS4. Great fun was had by all - well done to everyone who took part.



Art & Photography Department Notices

Christmas Card Competition



Ella Meir 8Y1



Elisha Gomes 8X5



Kitty Edge 7Y5



Evie Robinson 7X4



Talia Greenberg 7X3



Sylvie Saker 7X3



Ella Forest 9Y4



Pippa O'Brien 7X4



Dash Perrett 7Y2



We were overwhelmed by the quality of the entries this year however the Co-Heads chose Carys Jenner's design as this year's Christmas Card winner. It was felt that Carys had successfully combined the theme of Christmas with an important message about recycling. Carys's card is on the front page of the newsletter.

As Fortismere's official Christmas Card for 2022, Carys' design will be sent all over the borough. She will also receive a bumper pack of Art materials just in time for Christmas.

We would like to thank all students who entered - you really made it difficult to choose a winner.

Go and see Lindsey Mendick's work in 'Strange Clay' at the Hayward Gallery

Ex-Fortismere Art student, Lindsey Mendick, has received rave reviews for her work in the highly acclaimed exhibition, *Strange Clay*, at the [Hayward Gallery](#).

This is a 'must see' for all Yr 8 students who are currently working with clay. Yr 10 and Yr 11 GCSE art students should also visit the exhibition and document it in their 'Protest' sketchbook.



Music Department

Autumn Term 2022 Round Up

A massive congratulations to the students and staff that have taken part in the music making at Fortismere since September, it's been a busy term! We have had a Welcome Back Concert, a Composition Workshop from Wigmore Hall, Pure Piano, GCSE Recital Evening, a Cello Masterclass from Jonathan Aasgaard, a Symphony Concert, a Carol Concert, a Stage Band for the Drama Production and the Fortismere Christmas Concert.

There has been over 150 hours of rehearsals that have taken place at lunchtimes, afterschool and weekends not to mention the practice involved in preparing individual pieces for performances and this has all come together to create 15 hours' worth of music which is an incredible feat! Pupils have continued to impress the Department with their stand out performances and commitment to their craft and as always they have risen to the occasion and produced outstanding music which has entertained and thrilled their audiences.

Year 13 students have been accepted into world leading Music Colleges for undergraduate courses and younger students are also leading the charge with Junior Conservatoires and music making outside of school in highly competitive groups.

The final concert of 2022 took place last night and I was so impressed by the quality of every item. There were outstanding items from every group and individual that took part so I won't mention any names here since it would simply be a case of writing out the whole programme. I will say that it was a pleasure to see so many of you singing and that the support and respect you showed for each other created an electric atmosphere that was picked up by your audience who were with you every step of the way.

It is because of this that I would like to express my thanks to the musicians of the Fortismere Community that make my job so special. Their dedication and exuberance is the reason that I became a teacher and whilst we have young people who are willing to work hard and love to express themselves in this way it gives me hope that the Arts in schools will always be a beacon of excellence and inclusivity for our students.

Have a Merry Christmas and I will see you all in the first week back for rehearsals! Mr Jefferies

Concerts Next Term!

I am aware that we have just finished a very big week of rehearsals but we now have to prepare for next term. Music will be added to classrooms for you to look at over the Christmas break and please get involved in the concerts that are coming up.

January 26th 2023: Charity Band Night - this is an amazing evening being organised by the 6th Form to raise money for SHELTER and whilst there will be some performances from various school ensembles the night is a chance for our school bands to put their best foot forward. If you would like to perform please contact the Director of Music, Mr Jefferies

February 9th 2023: Music and Poetry - this is a concert that features music and poetry from across the school. There will be some outstanding performances and we look forward to Haru Ogiwara's Haydn Cello Concerto amongst various other performances. If you would like to perform please contact the Director of Music, Mr Jefferies

March 9th 2023: A Level Recital Evening - this concert will feature performances from our A Level students who will be playing their final recital pieces. This group of musicians are really quite outstanding and I would urge you to come along to hear them

Careers & Work Related Learning

Current Opportunities for Students

We've been adding to the website lots of new opportunities for students to access careers related learning - have a look at [this page here](#) We'll be adding more to the website next term so keep checking back. If students have any queries they can speak to Ms Andreou or me, Mr Renner

Library

Merry Christmas from the Library



*Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year
from the Library*

Recommended Reads for Christmas

Last minute stocking fillers for young and old readers alike – some books we've recently read and loved!



Sport & PE News

Sports Fixtures for the New Year

Tuesday 10th January - U15 Girls National Cup 5th Round @ Home 1.30 pm KO

Tuesday 10th January - Haringey Indoor Cricket Girls Year 7/8 at Fortismere

Wednesday 11th January - Haringey Indoor Athletics Year 8 @ STM School

Tuesday 17th January - Haringey Indoor Cricket Girls Year 9/10 at Fortismere

Wednesday 18th January - Haringey Indoor Athletics Year 7 @ STM School

What a busy term for Sport!

What a fantastic Autumn Term of Sport we have enjoyed. We are so proud of our students who have attended clubs and represented the school in fixtures, tournaments and events. The fact that so many of our brilliant young people have had the chance to be active and/or to represent the school is something the department is very proud of. Every week there have been at least 35 Extra-Curricular Clubs and activities put on by the department and attended by the students. On top of this we have taken part in an incredible 71 Fixtures and 18 Stand Alone competitions covering a wide array of sports including, Football, Netball, Tennis, Volleyball Cross-Country Running and Table-Tennis. All in 14 weeks! Well done to everyone from Y7 to Y13 who has represented Fortismere Sport so proudly. The PE department wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and try to fit in some activity if you can. We will see you in the new year when we go again. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



KS3 PE & Sports Students of the Month - November

Congratulations to the following students in KS3 who were nominated by their PE teachers in recognition of their impact, effort and attitude towards PE lessons and extra-curricular sport. As usual their pictures are proudly displayed in the sports hall. Well done to all 6!

Year 7: Ellis Cleary & Lora Vida

Year 8: Lukas Robertsson & Alexandra Beresneviciute

Year 9: Ramsay Quidam & Viola Ashforth

Inter-College Sports Results - Half Term 2 (Table Tennis)

Some excellent table tennis competitions over the last 2 weeks - and they've had a big impact on the overall inter-college standings!...

1st	SELVON	1580
2nd	KEATS	1300
3rd	WOLLSTONECRAFT	1180
4th	FRANKLIN	1080
5th	TURING	760

After School Gymnastics Club starting January 2023

Vicky RG Academy will be running an after-school gymnastics club on Wednesdays starting on 11th January - please see the poster and application form attached to this week's Newsletter for more details and to book a place.

Sports Extra Curricular Club Timetable Jan - Feb Half term

Fortismere Sport & PE Department – Extra-Curricular Timetable Winter Term 2022

	Lunch Time	After School 3.20-4.30pm (2.55-4pm Weds)
Monday	Y7 Badminton – Sports Hall – GK All Basketball Outside Courts – SC Y7/8/9 Astro – MH/MV Y10/11/12/13 Table Tennis SW GYM - KW	All Years Basketball - Sports Hall SC/KJ Football Girls All Years - Astro turf - MV Y8 Football - Astro Turf - GK
Tuesday	Y8 Badminton- Sports hall – MV All Basketball Outside Courts – MH Y9/10/11/12 Astro – GK/SC Y7/8/9 Table Tennis SW Gym – LB	Table Tennis - SW Gym (Sports Hall during Exams) Visiting Coach Badminton - All Years -Sports Hall - LB Hockey - Astro turf GK Y10 Football - Field SC
Wednesday	Y9 Badminton – Sports Hall –MH All Basketball Outside Courts – MV Y7/8/9 Astro – GK/SC Y10/11/12/13 Table Tennis SW GYM - KJ	Gymnastics - SW Gym (SPORTS HALL DURING EXAMS) Visiting Coach Street Dance - Sports Hall- Visiting Coach
Thursday	Y10 Badminton – Sports Hall –KJ All Basketball Outside Courts – GK Y9/10/11/12 Astro – SC/MV Y7/8/9 Table Tennis SW Gym – MH	Netball All Years - Visiting Coach & AB/MV Basketball Fixtures - Sports hall TBA
Friday	Y11/6 th Form Badminton – Sports Hall – AB All Basketball Outside Courts – SC Y7/8/9 Astro – MH/GK Girls Basketball SW Gym - MV	Basketball Fixtures TBA

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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