

### School Leadership Messages

#### International Evening – Ms Arrowsmith and Ms Brooks

We have moved our International Evening to **Thursday 5th May** to celebrate our diverse community and to fundraise for CanDo – a charity providing humanitarian support in conflict zones. Now, more than ever, it is important that we celebrate all of our different cultures of origin and that we come together as a community to celebrate all that we have in common. There will be food, drink, guest speakers, and performances from students. You should have received a Parentmail with more details and how to buy a ticket (proceeds to charity).

#### Covid Update: Public Health Haringey

1. From 1 April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.
  - a. In adults this is for five days,
  - b. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be three days.
2. As tests will no longer readily be available, children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
3. Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits.

#### Notice from the Sixth Form

We are delighted that so many year 11s have accepted their offers to continue their studies with us at Fortismere Sixth Form. Year 11s will attend a one to one meeting with a member of the Sixth Form leadership team to further discuss their subject choices and transition to sixth form on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. The time and location of the meeting will be shared by tutors on Tuesday morning.

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## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

We find ourselves at the end of an extremely busy week following our OFSTED visit this week. We are of course, unable to comment on the inspection until the final report is released. This should be in a number of weeks. We would however like to comment on the good conduct of the students on site on both days and thank those involved in the process. We'd also like to thank those parents who got in touch with the school to lend their support.

While such events tend to take over we are happy to report that there was other news this week! We were delighted to learn that two of our students came 1st and 2nd place in the Don Henderson Award at the schools Science Conference this week. Congratulations to the exceptional efforts of Christabella Chau (1st) and Toby Yorston (2nd) Meanwhile Louie Broadway, Redd Willment and Lucas Christenson in Year 8 travelled to Manchester to play Manchester United and our talented Year 12 drama students took their production of Cable Street to the Arts Depot in North Finchley (more of this later in the Newsletter). This weekend we wish Stanley Badacsonyi (Year 7 ) good luck as he is competing in the World Youth Chess Championship in Rhodes!

Parents will note that we moved our International Evening to next Thursday. There were still plenty of tickets left so we would urge parents, if they have not yet purchased tickets and they are able to come to support the whole school community and join us for what we know will be a wonderful evening of information, speeches, performances and most importantly, food.

We are grateful for this Bank Holiday weekend. We hope you have a lovely, restful time too.

## Geography Department Notice

### Year 7 Model Making Competition

The Geography Department ran a coasts themed 3D model making competition for our Year 7 students. It was an optional extra-curricular activity that we encouraged lots of our Year 7 Geographers to get involved in! The entries we received last Friday were brilliant and showed a real creative flare. The winning entry was entirely edible and enjoyed greatly in the staff room. We are pleased to announce the following competition winners:



- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Elizabeth Galichyan  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Sylvie Hammersley-Fox  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Leo Bell



## Music Department Notices

### Summer Term 2022 - Director of Music Mr Jefferies

The Music Department continues to hold regular rehearsals throughout the week and we encourage students to attend these groups so that they can take part in the performances that are scheduled for later in the term. There are lots of opportunities for students to be seen and heard including the ***International Evening, The Transition Day Concert, Strings Masterclass with Justin Bruns, A Summer Chamber Concert*** and ***Fortitude***.

### Ensembles

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
Friday	String Group - MU2	Classical Guitar Group - Concert Hall
Saturday	Music Theory Classes - 11:30am-12:30pm Fortismere Community Choir - 10:30am-1pm	

### Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra - Rehearsals resume on Tuesday 10th May

This term we are looking at some great repertoire that will bring our school week of music making to an exciting conclusion! There really is something for everyone in this concert with Mendelssohn's *Hebrides Overture*, a new commission by young composer Jared Bennet, Rossini's *Overture to William Tell*, Verdi's *Overture to Nabucco* and American Violinist and Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's Concert Master Justin Brun's playing Sarasate's *Carmen Fantasy* and Vaughn-Williams' *The Lark Ascending*.



The concert will take place on Saturday 16th July at St Andrew's Church in Muswell Hill and during the course of the week that Mr Bruns is here there will also be a String Masterclass and a Chamber Concert where we will be seeing some familiar faces popping up to once again astound us with their virtuosity. This really will be an exciting way to end the school year for the Music Department and we very hope that you will come along to enjoy the concerts or play. There is a concert poster attached to the Newsletter.

### Tour to Salzburg - October 2022

Thank you to parents that have sent in their expression of interest. The Director of Music will be in touch with further details at the beginning of next week.

## FCC Concert - Saturday 7th May 7:30pm St Andrews Church

A performance of Franz Von Suppe's Requiem will take place on Saturday May 7th at St Andrews Church, Muswell Hill at 7:30pm. This rediscovered piece of music is rarely performed and we are extremely excited that the choir has the chance to showcase this work since it has not been part of a concert programme since 1970. This piece will be performed not only once but twice since there will also be a concert at St Magnus The Martyr EC3 on Friday 13th May at 7:30pm. If you are interested in tickets please visit the fortismere music centre website at <https://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk>

Having attended some of the rehearsals I can recommend that you come along to these concerts since the choir are sounding brilliant and the music is sublime!

## Library Notices

### Book Group News

Our Year 8s are half way through shadowing the **Carnegie** Award. Getting through eight books in 12 weeks is going to be quite a feat! Here's a link to some of the quick reviews they are writing about the books. Our shadowers at Fortismere are always well known for being...blunt! [Fortismere – The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards](https://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk) ([carnegiegreenaway.org.uk](https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk))

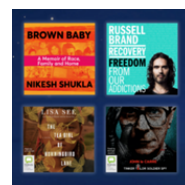


If you were a member of the **Haringey Children's Book Award** Group (now the **Alexandra Palace Book Award**) we are celebrating its seven year anniversary next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May with a Book and Biscuit party in the library at lunchtime. Our first members are now in Year 13!

The next meeting of **CoverUp**, our parent staff reading group, is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm in the library. We'll be discussing "The Crossing Places" by Elly Griffiths – looking forward to getting our teeth into a good murder mystery! Everyone welcome, refreshments provided.

### Free Audio Book (for older readers)

The World Book Night event at the British Library was excellent and reminded us that you can still download free audio books here [Download your free audiobook for World Book Night 2022 | News | World Book Night](#) We recommend "Brown Baby" (mainly because Nikesh Shukla was such an inspirational speaker when he visited our library).



### Recommended Reads of the Week

Our Carnegie Shadowers are now immersed in this year's wonderful shortlist, so we thought we would share a few winners from the past – you may not have heard of some of them. Highly recommended!







## Sport & PE Department Notices

### Fortismere Teams Walking on Water



On Monday our Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 Swimming teams were at Dukes Aldridge School for the Haringey Borough Schools Swimming Championships. Our teams were a little depleted as Monday was a non-school day for Fortismere students - so well done to those that took part.



The Year 7/8 girls were Champions and in Year 9/10 age group it was third place for our boys and second place for our girls. A podium place for every Fortismere team - what a great achievement. We are really proud of our amazing swimmers and well done to all of them.

### Table Tennis with Zoltan

I am delighted to announce that Zoltan, the Haringey Table Tennis Coach and long standing friend of Fortismere, returns this term to offer free Table Tennis Coaching to our students. All ages and standards are welcome. The coaching takes place in South Wing Gym on Wednesdays after school from 3pm-4pm. Hope to see many of you there.



### Anyone for Tennis?

The tennis season is upon us again and Fortismere teams are entered in a number of events. There are two training nights for team players and potential team players to come along to practise.



Tuesdays are for Year 9/10/11 and Thursdays are for Year 7/8. Training takes place from 3.20-4.30pm. All Welcome!

### Track & Field Training

Athletics has always been a strength of Fortismere and now that the season has started we are looking for athletes for our different teams that are entered into a number of competitions this summer. Athletics training is every Monday and Thursday from 3.20pm-4.45pm.

We really want to see lots of you there. Everybody is welcome and all events are catered for - come along and run, throw or jump for Fortismere!



## Fortismere Boys play Man Utd!

Last weekend Louie Broadway, Redd Willment and Lucas Christenson travelled to the north west, with their football team to participate in some very high quality football matches. First up, on the Friday, was a Manchester United U14 team no less! Our boys, who are only U13, narrowly lost the match 2-3. Next up, on the Saturday, they played in a tournament in Liverpool and on the Sunday, finished with match against a first-rate Manchester grassroots team organised by Manchester United. The boys team ran out 4-1 winners which was a fantastic way to end a brilliant weekend of top-notch football. Well done boys.



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## Results & Fixtures update

### Results This Week

Monday – Swimming Y7/8/9/10 Boys/Girls Borough Champs – at Dukes Aldridge **Y7/8 Boys 3<sup>rd</sup>, Y7/8 Girls Champions. Y9/10 Girls 2<sup>nd</sup>. Y9/10 Boys 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Tuesday – Football Y10 'A' v Greig City 3.45 **Won 2-0**

Friday – Football Y8 'A' v APS (H)

### Fixtures Next Week

Tuesday – Athletics ESAA Track & Field Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round Lea Valley JB, JG and IG

Tuesday – Cricket U15 v APS at Highgate CC

Wednesday – Cricket U14 v QE Barnet (County Cup)

Wednesday – Trampolining Haringey Schools Borough Champs @ Hornsey Girls School

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

**Don't forget to let me have news of your sporting participation & achievements outside of school.**

## Drama Department Notices

### Cable Street - Year 12 Sell-Out Success at Arts Depot

Year 12 smashed it this week in their performance of **Cable Street** at Arts Depot in Finchley. It was wonderful they got an opportunity to showcase this new piece of writing by playwright Lisa Glodman on a professional stage. Lisa attended the performance too and commented *“lovely to see such spirited performances from hard working cast... real talent there”*.



Ms Overs, Head of Drama, along with several cast members have **family connections** to the battle of Cable Street, so this story felt even more poignant to tell. Cable Street was written by Lisa Goldman as part of the National Theatre Connections programme, something the Drama department has taken part in this year. The A-level drama students were able to use the rights for this fascinating play as part of their exam work.



Cable Street tells the story of two girls growing up in London's Jewish east end in the 1930s. Leah and Kitty are blood sisters, best friends and more... but they get caught up in the political turmoil caused by Oswald Mosley's fascist Blackshirts.

**Cable Street is the first Queer love story** written about this event in history and is a world first. The students considered all the issues so sensitivity and this really showed on stage. Diversity and representation is fundamental to the Arts and we were so proud to bring this show into the public arena.

**Thank you** to Artsdepot, the Drama department, Paul Slater, The Royal National Theatre and the school for helping make this all possible.





## Drama Club

Reminder - Year 7s are invited to join the Drama club. Please come to the North Wing hall at Lunchtimes on Fridays. Bring a packed lunch if you can.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

### World Youth Chess Championship

Wishing Stanley Badacsonyi the very best this weekend. He has made the rankings to compete in the World Youth Chess Championship in Rhodes! Good luck Stanley.



## Haringey Events for Parents and Carers

### Haringey SEND Parent Carer Forum

The *SEND Parent Carer Forum* is a voluntary group of local parents and carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, aged 0-25. The Parent Career Forum works with Haringey to improve services for children and their families and with parents to provide support and information.

**Walk and Talk Events** - Each month members go to a different park in Haringey, have a healthy walk and talk and then do some more talking over coffee and cake! Parents and carers can meet other parents and share ideas, views and experiences with each other and with the parent reps, who attend strategic local authority meetings like the SEND Executive Board. Walks are usually held on the first Monday of each month, but in May (because of the bank holiday) it's **Tuesday 3 May in Markfield Park 11.30am-12.30pm**. The meeting point is the Markfield Centre. For details email: [sendpcf@bridgerenewaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sendpcf@bridgerenewaltrust.org.uk)

#### **Parent Information session: Sensory Differences and Behaviour**

**Thursday 12 May 2022 10am – 12.30pm (Virtual session)**

In this virtual session, hosted by the Occupational Therapy Service in Haringey, we will discuss sensory differences in children from the perspective of Occupational Therapy, why some children have sensory processing differences and what can be done to support these children. To book email:

[sendpcf@bridgerenewaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sendpcf@bridgerenewaltrust.org.uk)

The Parent Carer Forum are setting up a new webpage but you can still find information here: [Haringey SEND Parent Carer Forum](#) and if you want to know more about the Forum email:

[sendpcf@bridgerenewaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sendpcf@bridgerenewaltrust.org.uk)



# Fortismere Holiday Camps July & August 2022

## Summer Holiday Camps

With Lots of fun and games to enjoy from Sports, Art, Early Years, Drama and Coding to Chess and multi sports, holiday camps are ideal if you find it hard to juggle work and keep the children entertained. The Fortismere Holiday Club will also support the social interaction lost during the last lock down.

These 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 25<sup>th</sup> July Tiny Twinkles**

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

#### **Week 2 1<sup>st</sup> Aug Tiny Twinkles**

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

#### **Week 3 8<sup>th</sup> Aug Tiny Twinkles**

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

#### **Week 4 15<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> July Sports camp Age 7-15**

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

#### **Week 2 1<sup>st</sup> Aug Sports camp Age 7-15**

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

#### **Week 3 8<sup>th</sup> Aug Sport camp Age 7-15**

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

#### **Week 4 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 story telling 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> July Gardening Age 7-15**

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

**Week 2 1<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> July Drama Age 7-15**

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

**Week 2 1<sup>st</sup> Aug Drama Age 7-15**

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

**Week 3 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Aug Art Age 8-15**

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

**Week 4 15<sup>th</sup> Aug Art Age 8-15**

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