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<p>School photographs - Information from Bentley</p> <p>Further to their recent visit to the school Bentley Photographic have confirmed that student photographs are now available online for parents and carers to view and purchase.</p> <p>The order by date for free school delivery is Sunday 17th April 2022 00:00 BST. After this date you will be required to pay for a home delivery. If you have misplaced your ticket with the code, please contact support@bentleyphoto.com and they will be happy to assist you.</p> <p>Partial School Closure - Monday 25th April</p> <p>School will be closed to all Year groups except for Years 11 and 13 on the above date as departments complete their examination moderation. Please note this date in your diaries.</p> <p>Covid Update: Public Health Haringey: Please see letter attached</p> <p>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.</p> <p>a. In adults this is for for five days,</p> <p>b. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be three days.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Haringey Easter Opportunities</p> <p>Please see attached a range of activities available from Haringey and Tottenham Hotspur over the Easter holiday.</p>	Co-Headteachers	
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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

We can hardly believe we are saying goodbye to another term at Fortismere. Last week we were celebrating the coming of Spring yet this week saw us reaching again for our woolly jumpers. We asked tutors to remind our students to check the weather forecast this week before coming to school as a rather large number appeared at our gates yesterday in 2 degree temperatures with only their hoodies on. We hope for much milder conditions as we return on 19th April.

For the first time in two years we commence summer term with preparations for public examinations in full swing. Those of you with children in Years 11 and 13 will be aware that examination season begins earlier than usual (from the week beginning 9 May) and extends until 30 June. While this does mean that the examinations themselves are more 'spread out' than in previous years it also means that students may feel that the period of intense study is quite long. While we will offer teaching and revision support during that period it is important that students use the Easter break to map out their study and plan their revision for the forthcoming period, making sure that they are building in plenty of periods for rest and leisure so they don't end up feeling overwhelmed. Our pastoral teams will be able to provide advice, guidance and support for anyone who needs it so we would advise parents to communicate with tutors and head of Year if they have any concerns.

We said goodbye today to two valued members of staff, Ms John our Sociology Teacher and Ms A Williams our Head of Year 10. We know our students will have wished them well today. We know that Year 10 parents will specifically want to thank Ms A Williams for the support and guidance she has given those in her Year group. Mr D Ward will step in to this role for the next term and will be in touch with Year 10 parents in due course.

We hope that our students and their families have lovely activities planned for the Easter break. Perhaps some of our students will take the opportunity to get out into the countryside and take some photos for submission to the Georgia Morris photographic competition which will take place next term.



Whatever you all do we'd like to say 'Happy Easter' and 'Chag Sameach' and add that we look forward to seeing everyone for another term of learning, events and activities from the 19th April.



Easter Revision Year 11 & Year 13

Revision Support for Year 11 and Year 13

A number of subjects are offering support for students with their revision over the Easter break. This will take the form of either:

- Pre-recorded revision videos alongside 2x 1hr dedicated online Q+A time during the Easter holidays.
- In person sessions held in school. Some practical/language subjects are offering open studio and support sessions for Year 11 and Year 13 students.
- Please check your subject classroom for specific times

See table below:

Subjects confirmed	Y11 revision video and Q+A	Practical in person on-site support for Y11 and Y13
Art		8 th & 13 th April 10.00-15:00
Photography		5 th & 13 th April 10.00-15:00
Biology	4th April AM	
Physics	5th April	
History	4th April AM 6th April PM 13th April PM	
Geography	5th April AM	
Media and Film		Date TBC
Maths	Date TBC	
Music Tech		Open throughout (see Dept for details)
Music		Open throughout (see Dept for details)
PE	Week 11th April	
Spanish		4th-6th April 10.00am
French		Date TBC
Mandarin		Mon 4th April 10.00am
English Literature	Date TBC	
English Language	Date TBC	

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy

Parent/Carer Consultation on RSE policy

We would like to invite feedback from parents and carers on Fortismere's Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy. This policy has been developed in collaboration with other Haringey schools, the DfE, OFSTED, and the PSHE Association. It ensures that we meet the statutory requirements for providing all elements of relationships and sex education in an age-appropriate and inclusive manner. Our RSE policy also outlines the right of parents/carers to withdraw their child from sex education lessons in Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE). You can read the policy and see the PSHE curriculum on the Fortismere website [here](#). If you wish to provide any feedback on the policy, please complete the attached form [here](#)

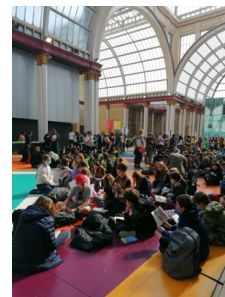
Simon Aldridge

Head of Philosophy, Religion & Ethics

Library Notices

Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award

On Friday 25th March Mrs Coles and Mrs Ward took 20 wonderful Year 7 students to Alexandra Palace for the day. Since January, we have been meeting every Friday lunchtime and reading a shortlist of 6 books chosen by a small group of Haringey school librarians. The trip on Friday was to attend a day of workshops, chats with authors and the actual award ceremony, together with 500 students from schools around Haringey. Our workshop was with Jack Meggitt-Phillips, who actually won the award with "The Beast and the Bethany" – he had us in fits of laughter throughout. It was so exciting meeting Polly Ho-Yen, Ben Davis and Anna Goodal and our day was rounded off by bumping into Michael Rosen when we were walking back to school.



Bibliobuzz Celebration 6th May 2022

Have you ever taken part in the Bibliobuzz - Haringey Children's Book Award? This is the first time that every year group in the school has been involved. Current Year 13 students - do you remember the books we read in 2016? Year 10s - do you remember Kick by Mitch Johnson and which book won that year? **Please join us in the Library for biscuits and a celebration of Bibliobuzz on Friday 6th May at lunchtime**

Free Audiobook

World Book Night is on 23rd April. You can download a free audiobook from this link (adults/older readers only) [Download your free audiobook for World Book Night 2022 | News | World Book Night](#)

Carnegie Shadowing

Our Year 8 shadowers are well on their way with the eight books shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, with many having already posted more than two reviews on the special Carnegie site. They now have two fabulously long weeks to read and post even more reviews. They are stars! [Fortismere – The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards \(carnegiegreenaway.org.uk\)](#)

Photography Department Notice

Georgia Morris Photography Prize 2022 - Call for entries Years 7-9

Georgia Morris was passionate about photography and always had a camera around her neck. She loved capturing the world around her and was particularly inspired by nature and wildlife. In 2016 after a brave fight against cancer she sadly passed away, but not without making a significant impact on those she came

into contact with. She was only at Fortismere for a short time but she loved the school and the creativity that thrived within it. As a fitting tribute to Georgia's memory the family decided to create the Georgia Morris photography prize. Georgia's family really hope this will encourage other young students to take up photography and to study it at school, as she would have loved to have done.

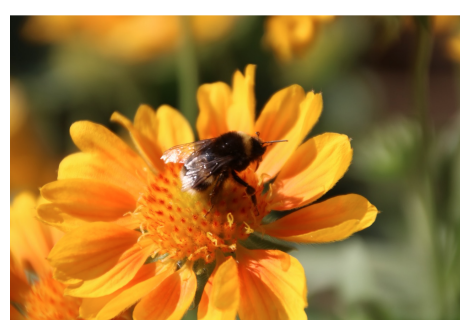
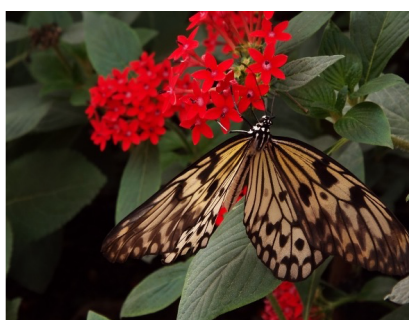
Georgia loved to capture nature as it unfolded before her photographic lens, and from walks on The Heath to days out at Woburn she was fascinated by the natural world. The brief for the competition this year is "Freedom in nature". This can mean animals, wildlife, trees and plants, landscapes etc. Think about what that means to you and what you might photograph as a response to the brief. Below are some of Georgia's pictures that will hopefully inspire you and give you some ideas of possible starting points.

Georgia loved going to Park Cameras to buy her equipment and for that reason the family are keen for Fortismere's budding photographers to visit the shop. The prizes will be photographic vouchers that can be used in the shop to purchase items to help take more beautiful pictures and hopefully inspire a lifelong passion for photography.

1st prize - £150
2nd Prize - £100
3rd Prize - £50

All entries for the competition need to be emailed to Mr Holden gholden@fortismere.org.uk by the deadline **Friday 10th June 2022** - So get outside and start photographing!

There is more information about the competition [on the website](#) including a powerpoint presentation



Modern Languages Department Notices

Happy Easter

The ML Department wants to wish all our students and their families a Happy Easter! Students have worked very hard this term and they truly deserve a break.

¡FELICES PASCUAS!

JOYEUSES PÂQUES!

复活节快乐!



Year 11 Languages Revision Sessions

Revision sessions will continue after the Easter holidays. We are still targeting certain students and their parents have been informed via ParentMail that we expect students to attend the sessions. Please be aware that if targeted students do not attend these interventions a negative point will be recorded in CloudSchool.

See below for details of the revision sessions including a schedule of what will be covered every week.

French - Tuesdays **Week 1** - After School in N16// Thursdays **Week 2** - Lunch time in N16
Mandarin - Wednesdays Week 1 and Week 2 - After school in N20
Spanish - Tuesdays **Week 1** - After School in N18// Fridays **Week 2** - Lunch time in LINC

W/B 28th Feb: Topics 1 & 2	W/B 18th April: Higher - L&R
W/B 7th March: Topics 3 & 4	W/B 25th April: Foundation Speaking
W/B 14th March: Topics 5 & 6	W/B 2nd May: Higher Speaking
W/B 21st March: Topics 7 & 8	W/B 9th May: Foundation Writing
W/B 28th March: Foundation - L&R	W/B 16th May: Higher Writing

Easter Revision Sessions In School & At Home

The ML Easter revision sessions for Year 13 and Year 11 focus on speaking and will be held in school (South Wing) as face-to-face sessions. Teachers have let their students know via Google Classroom the day and the time of these sessions.

They provide a valuable opportunity for students to do another run through of their speaking exam, a skill we know that students find particularly challenging.

Year 11 students can find revision material for all skills in Fortizone as well as in their Google Classrooms. Year 13 students can find revision material in their Google Classrooms.

If any student feels that they need more guidance on their revision, they should email their teacher who will happily help them with this.

And at home, when students need a break... they can always watch TV programmes and films in the language they study via a variety of online platforms.

Mandarin Trips - Year 12 at UCL

On Monday, Year 12 Mandarin students attended the University Day at the Institute of Education UCL. It was a great opportunity for our students to talk to student reps from different universities across the UK. They had an insight of what opportunities learning Mandarin in universities can bring them, and what skills they can learn through the Mandarin courses to better prepare for their future careers. Students' feedback on the event was very positive and they spoke highly about the experience of the day in the university.

Mandarin trips - Year 11 in Chinatown

On Tuesday, Year 11 Mandarin students went on a trip to Chinatown. Students were excited about the trip since it was the first Chinese cultural education trip since Covid started. Students ordered their favourite dishes before the trip and tried authentic Chinese food in a restaurant on the day. They enjoyed the great food using chopsticks and learned more about Chinese cuisine through trying one of the most popular Chinese regional cuisines - Sichuanese! In addition, they used Mandarin to talk to the business owners in Chinatown while buying gifts, snacks and bubble tea. Students enjoyed the day and it was a treat after working so hard in this challenging year.



What's going on in Languages

WE LOVE CINEMA - London Spanish Film Festival 2022 - 11th Spring Weekend

Three days packed with some of the best and latest productions from Spain, including the UK premiere of Fernando León de Aranoa's much awaited *The Good Boss* with Javier Bardem. Save 50% on cinema tickets at the London Spanish Film Festival 2022 using our codes below. There is only a limited number of discounts available per screening, so hurry! First come, first served.



More information can be found [here](#) on the We Love Cinema website

Music Department Notices

Spring Term 2022 - Director of Music Mr Jefferies

As always we have been extremely impressed by our students' hard work and dedication across this term. The Year 11 students completed their GCSE final performances in February, there was an Evening of Music and Poetry featuring over 85 students in various groups and solos, the Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra performed a demanding programme that would have challenged any amateur orchestra, the Sixth Form delighted us with their A Level recital evening and the Year 11 band *The Shower Heads* represented Fortismere at the Haringey Albert Hall concert to an audience of thousands.

The high-quality level of music making that takes place at Fortismere is exceptional and I would urge you to encourage your children to take part in the ensembles that are on offer. At a time when the arts can be overlooked by the Government, our school continues to encourage its students to follow their dreams and to get involved in activities that will nourish their wellbeing. We thank you for your continued support of the Music Department and the Arts at Fortismere and very much hope that our aspiration to inspire continues for many years to come.

Ensembles this Half Term

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

Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert

Congratulations to all that took part in the Spring FCSO concert on Saturday 26th March at St Andrews Church, Muswell Hill. The orchestra started the programme with an Overture by Farrenc followed by a Double Concerto for Clarinet and Viola by Bruch featuring two local soloists, Chris Stripp and Hannah Gardiner and finished the evening with the 5th Symphony by Sibelius. As always we are thrilled to have an orchestra that spans so many generations, a special thanks must go to those students that took time to rehearse on a weekly basis with such demanding repertoire!



Composer Workshop - Rohan Stevenson

A huge thanks to Rohan Stevenson who came in to talk and work with some of our students this week. Mr Stevenson is an award winning composer who has worked on numerous film and television projects such as Merlin and Atlantis. The Year 13 students were extremely fortunate to have him come in and talk to them about commercial composing as well as showing them some interesting techniques that they might include in their own work.



Tour to Salzburg - October 2022

If you have received a letter inviting your child to the Salzburg tour please click on the link and fill in the document to register your interest.

If the link that you have been sent does not work please contact the Director of Music by emailing ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk

FCSO Summer Term

Next term the Community Symphony Orchestra will be performing a varied programme for their Summer Concert. We have two visiting musicians that will be working with the group from the USA and the programme will include *The Hebrides Overture*, *The Lark Ascending*, A newly commissioned work by a local composer, *The Overture to Nubucco* and the *Carmen Fantasy* and the *William Tell Overture*. Justin Bruns the Associate Concertmaster of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will be our soloist for the evening and the conductor for the concert will be Steven Huang.

The first rehearsal will take place on Tuesday 10th May and the concert will be held at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 16th July. There will also be a chamber concert a few days prior to the main event and we will be inviting our young string players to take part in a masterclass with Justin Bruns so please get in touch if you are interested taking part in either event by emailing the Director of Music ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk

Fortismere Community Choir Concert - Saturday May 7th 7:30 pm - 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/>

Drama Department Notices

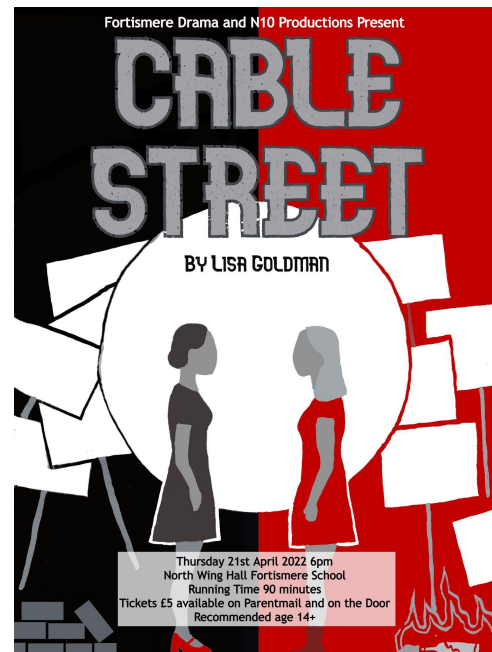
Cable Street - Year 12 Production

Don't miss our next drama production!

North Wing Hall Thursday 21st April 6pm

Cable Street is about 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. As tensions rise and a battle seems imminent, will Kitty and Leah be able to overcome not only the conflict in the streets, but also the conflict in their hearts?

Tickets are on sale on ParentMail now



Meet Lennie James

Masterclass has a brilliant opportunity coming up for 16-30 year olds during the holidays! You can join Lennie for a Q&A on his work as an actor and writer. After the Q&A, Lennie will run through a duologue from his recent play - there'll even be an opportunity to get up on stage to do part of Caryl Churchill's A Number! Booking details on link [HERE](#)!!

Friday 8th April 2.30 - 4pm
Theatre Royal Haymarket



Sport & PE Notices

Active, Active Fortismere at its very best!

As we approach the end of another very busy term on the sporting front I wanted to congratulate everyone who has attended a club, played in a fixture, played in a tournament or was involved in a sporting event as a Sports Leader. The numbers of students involved in sport at Fortismere has been fantastic and I hope it continues to grow and grow. Fortismere Sport & PE has put on over 40 Extra Curricular sporting opportunities, each week since Christmas (that's 500+ Clubs), and we have been delighted at the number of you participating. We have also had an incredible 88 Fixtures or Competitions this term ranging from Y7 'C' Football teams all the way through to 1st XI & VII Football & Netball. We have County Champion Footballers, London Champion Hockey Players, and National representation in Cross-Country and Ice Hockey and Football to name just a few. What an incredible term.

Focus switches to Summer Sports now, Athletics, Tennis, Rounders and Cricket and we hope to see as many of you taking part as we have the rest of the year.

Mr Orton

Director of Sport & PE

Welcome to our Sports Captains

A couple of weeks ago I spoke in Year Group assemblies to introduce a new initiative of Sports captains for every tutor group. Sports Captains will be the PE voice in the school communicating information, selecting teams and giving the Department feedback on students' views about Sport & PE at Fortismere. From the Sports Captains we will elect two students from each year to sit on the Sports Council. I have been delighted with the response to the Sports Captains initiative and overwhelmed with how many of you put yourselves forward. Many tutor groups held mini elections for their candidates. Thank you to everyone that put themselves forward and many congratulations to those elected. I am delighted to introduce you to your new school sports captains.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
7JD - Lola Currie & Baxter Davies 7TG - Joe Attridge & Katie Lilley 7ET - Leo Templer & James Davidson 7RC - Raiya Maxim 7MB - Euan Hacking & Alexander Tokarczyk 7AP - Jackson West & Amber Oliver 7PBA - Eliz Degirmencioglu & Luke Nutt 7VK - Thea O'Neil 7GK - Sophia Reed & Kasuka Mutukwa 7LD- Blake Morris & Maeve Curry	8LC- Lucas Christenson & Dilara Bilici 8RA - Isaac O'Gara & Leila Hadari 8SA - J McCourt & Adam Filali 8SO - Melissa Hansen & Joe Thomas 8DS - Gabby Otshudi & Ben Redland 8BO - Elkie Baker & Ben Whitley 8SC - Ethan Safiah 8FO - Izzie Doku & Milo Turnage 8MV - Phoebe Lynn & Gabriel Betancort 8SM - Lila Priyadarshini & Eesa Mangera	9PH - Yotam Meir & Coco Smith 9TG - Ellie Spitzer & Lucas Klerck 9CC - Zach Schneider 9HL - Kahn Toptas 9VB - Toby Amos & Joe Davies 9EJ -Thomas Radley & Caroline Van Sooet 9KF - Marko Manojlovic & Timoor Khalouf	10TA - Louis Saunders & Joseph Balint-Kurti 10AH - Hartley H & Kaia K 10DL - Alex Bass/Marcus Weekes & Milla Hope-Seaton 10LOS - Romy Grayburn & Tom Fernand 10MH - Phoebe Beverley & Molly Rock, 10SC - Sophia Georgiades & Jonathan Worth 10JJ - Benni Scagliola 10NDF- Tayla Dennis & Daniel Kennedy 10RM - Iris Miller & Jack Powell

Fortismere Leaders Save the Day!

At 7.30am last Friday morning, I received a call from Adem Ali of Haringey Sports, he told me that he was running the 3v3 Primary Basketball Competition that day and had been let down by the umpires and pitch managers. He wanted to know if we had any sports leaders that could step in at short notice? We were determined to help out to avoid the event being cancelled and all those disappointed youngsters. Up stepped Oscar Helfgott, Theo Bouchard, Reufus Williams, Albie Newman, Rayn Jospeh-Smith and Spike Blake to the rescue. They were fantastic and umpired and recorded results all day - many of the parents and teachers at the event told me how wonderful and helpful they had been.

Fortismere is getting very well known for the quality of our Sports Leaders and we are so proud of our young people. Well Done!



Final Fixture for our Year 13 Football Team

Our 1st and 2nd XI travelled to Cokethorpe School in Oxfordshire to play in what would be the final Football Fortismere fixture for our Y13 boys. We had two wonderful games with the 1st team drawing 4-4 in a match where we dominated possession but came up against a resilient Cokethorpe defence. We just couldn't get the winner but it was a thrilling game of high quality and a worthy one for our Year 13 Boys to bow out on.



The 2nd XI had no such trouble and easily dispatched a depleted Cokethorpe 6-0. Again a great note for the Year 13 lads to finish on. The 1st and 2nd teams have been an absolute pleasure to run this year and have been a credit to Fortismere wherever they have played. We wish our Year 13 players all the best in their next ventures and look forward to our current Year 12 and Year 11 boys taking over the mantle next season

Netball Girls Shine at Cokethorpe

Accompanying the Year 13 Football teams on the same fixture was our Year 10 Girls netball team, with two guest players from Year 13. They set themselves a real challenge by taking on the 1st and 2nd VII's of Cokethorpe, a top independent school. Our girls were magnificent winning both games (27-20 & 21-4) - the opposition coaches and players were full of praise for the high standard of our play. Really proud of you girls – well played.



Seconds Out for Timoor

Y9's Timoor Khalouf has been training really hard with his Boxing club and I'm pleased to report that last Saturday Timoor contested his very first competitive bout and came out on top. Well done Timoor!



Extra-Curricular Opportunities Summer Term & Results/Fixtures

As we move into the Summer term (it's snowing as I write this) please note our new Extra-Curricular Timetable starting after Easter. A copy is attached to the Newsletter and will be added to the website. Be sure to check out all the Athletics, Tennis, Cricket and Rounders clubs taking place.

Results This Week

Monday - Boys Football Y7 B & C v Latymer (a) **B lost 3-8 C won 9-1**

Monday - Boys Football Y10 'A' v APS (H) **lost 2-5**

Tuesday – Boys Football Y8 'A' v APS (H) **Postponed**

Wednesday-Boys Football 1st and 2nd XI v Cokethorpe (A) **1st Drew 4-4 2nd Won 6-0**

Wednesday – Netball 1st & 2nd VII v Cokethorpe (A) **1st won 27-20 2nd won 21-4**

Fixtures Next Week

No Fixtures the first week back after Easter

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

Fundraising & Development Notices

Spring Fundraising Event - Help Us Reach Our Target

Our Quiz Night taking place on **Saturday 7th May 6.30 pm** is our main spring fundraising event and we really need your help to reach our target of £7000.



By taking part in the Quiz Night not only will you have a fun night out but you will also be supporting the school to generate much needed additional income to help us meet shortfalls in funding and increasing costs. Get your tickets early for this not to be missed event hosted by award winning comedian Pauline Eyre. Don't worry if you haven't got a full team of people as we'll make teams by combining smaller groups and don't worry if you aren't very good at quizzes as there will be lots of comedy even if you don't know any answers! Tickets are £10 per person (teams of 8-10 people). Smaller groups will be combined to make up a full team. There will be a bar but please bring food to share with you. Tickets available from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fortismere-quiz-night-7th-may-tickets-294461180317>

Even if you can't attend the quiz if you think you can support this event in another way please contact me.
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