

School Leadership Messages

It was a pleasure to connect with so many of you at last night's Parent Engagement event. Hearing your perspectives and ideas on our school's vision across the six key areas (Communications, Learning, Extracurricular, Inclusion, Pastoral Care and Sixth Form) was truly invaluable. The discussions were lively and insightful, creating a really rich picture that will help us shape Fortismere's future together. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and contribute. Your partnership is essential to our success. For those who were unable to attend, look out for the parent engagement survey which we plan to send out to you all next week. In the meantime, keep the feedback coming via our 'Feedback at Fortismere' form which is a permanent listening mechanism and is linked at the bottom of this page.

There are still plenty of opportunities this term for parents to come into Fortismere, meet members of the team, find out more about what goes on here and how we can work in partnership with you to support your child. October will present plenty more opportunities: The Year 7 and Year 12 parent welcome events will be taking place while simultaneously we are throwing open our doors for next year's prospective Year 7 and Sixth Form students during our Open Evenings. I very much look forward to meeting many more of you on those dates. Before all of these events we will have the joy of next week's music concert, taking place on Thursday night. I know this will be an uplifting evening so please do join us in the Music Hall from 6pm if you are able to support our talented performers.

It's hard to believe that we will be moving into October next week although it does feel as though Autumn is definitely upon us. Our students tend to make great use of our outdoor spaces during the school day so a reminder to them all that coats and jackets are likely to be required from next week.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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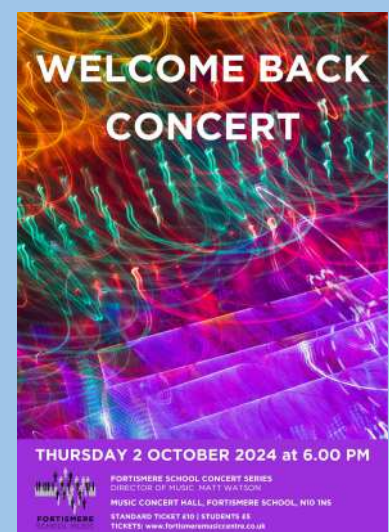
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02.10	Welcome Back Music Concert 6pm
08.10	Y6 Open Afternoon 4pm-6.30pm
15.10	Y7 Parent & Carer Welcome Event 4pm
22.10	Sixth Form Open Evening



Feedback at Fortismere [here](#)

Governing Board

Parent Governor Election

We've had nineteen parents put themselves forward for the two parent governor vacancies! We will be getting in touch with these parents next week to confirm their candidate statements and the election arrangements. We will then share all this information with parents via ParentMail.

Sixth Form Notices

Sixth Form Open Evening Wednesday 22nd October 2025 – Booking Now Open

We are pleased to invite Y11 Fortismere students and their parents/carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 22nd October 2025. Our Open Evening provides an opportunity for students and their parents to hear more about Sixth Form courses and life, and begin thinking about the transition beyond Y11.

For current Y11 Fortismere students, the evening will run from 4:00–5:30pm. During this time, you will be able to visit departments, meet subject teachers, and hear from our current Sixth Form students about life in the Sixth Form. Information about pastoral systems and wider aspects of Sixth Form life will also be available in the Tetherdown Building, and refreshments can be purchased from the Sixth Form café. There will be a presentation from the Headteacher and the Director of Sixth Form in South Wing Hall.

Please note that students must be accompanied by a parent or other suitable adult, and should attend wearing their school lanyard. **Booking is required** and places can be reserved using the form: [here](#)
We look forward to seeing all of our Year 11s and their families there!

Student Health & Wellbeing

Student Flu Vaccinations

This is a reminder that the Year 7–11 Nasal Flu Vaccinations are scheduled for **Monday 29th September**. This will be the first of two allocated vaccination sessions. It is essential that your child attends their allocated time slot; otherwise, they may miss their vaccination. If you have not provided consent, your child should remain in their lessons as normal.

Vaccination Schedule: **Mon 29th September**. Location: **North Wing Foyer**

By Surname (alphabetical order):

- 09:10 – 09:30am: A, B
- 09:40 – 10:40am: C, D, E, F
- 11:10 – 12:00pm: G, H, I, J
- 12:10 – 13:00pm: K, L, M, N
- 14:00 – 14:30pm: O, P

If you have any questions regarding the vaccinations, please do not hesitate to contact me Ms Izzet mizzet@fortismere.org.uk

Music Department Notices

Welcome Back Concert - Thursday 2nd October 6pm

Come and hear our students kick off the new school year in style! Big Band, orchestral ensembles, Samba Bateria, Junior and Youth Choirs, solos and more will perform in a multi-talented and varied programme. We

encourage all our families to come along and see the breadth of music going on in the department. Wine and snacks will be available from 5.45 pm. **Tickets are available [here](#)** or on the door (card and cash accepted). All concert ticket proceeds go towards supporting more music at Fortismere!

Instrumental and Vocal lessons - Weekdays

Well done to all the students who have started or are continuing with instrumental lessons this term. Most are now signed up to their Google Classrooms which is where updates will be shared from now on - if your young person is not getting notifications yet, please check their Google Classroom invites or get in touch with Ms Morgan at fmcinfo@fortismere.org.uk

Fortismere Community Choir Still Singing!

We are delighted to say we will be continuing with the community choir! Anyone who would like to join in and sing at our Christmas Concert at St Andrew's on 7th December please come to our next rehearsal which is this Wednesday, 7 pm - 9 pm in the Music Block (entrance from Tetherdown gate only). Email fmcinfo@fortismere.org.uk for more information.

Geography Notice

Year 11 Geography Trips - Mon 29th & Tue 30th September

Our Y11 Geography students will be completing the first of their compulsory field work days for their GCSE course. This first fieldwork day is to Walton on the Naze to investigate the process of coast erosion and the range of coastal defences in use. We have reminded students that they must check with their other teachers and on Google Classroom to find out what work they will miss in their other subjects on their day out. We remind all students to bring waterproof jackets, hats and warm layers as well as comfortable and sturdy shoes for walking. Packed lunches (no nuts please) and a pen and pencil are needed. **We meet at 8am at Twyford Avenue gate and we hope to return at 4pm** but may be delayed by traffic. The School office will be notified if there is a delay.

Sport & PE Notices

Proud of Our Young Leaders

Farrah, Etta, Arielle, Evie, Alba and Maya took their role as Young Leaders very seriously on Thursday at the Haringey Primary Schools Girls Football event.

Our students refereed and helped to organise a very successful event. Haringey were very grateful and praised them all for being such great role models. We're very proud of them.



Haringey Cross Country

What a perfect afternoon it was weather wise for Cross Country running last Monday. Well done to all the students involved.

Congratulations to Alex Kirk, Jonah Morris, Cleo Sparkes and Etta Harding who were all in the top 10 of their age group.

The Year 8 and Year 9 Girls were both 2nd to Highgate School as were the Year 10 Boys.



Middlesex Cup News

Well done to the Year 8/9 girls team who are through to the next round of the Middlesex Cup after beating Highlands School in a very tense penalty shoot out. The boys played a great game versus APS on Tuesday in what was an incredibly close match with end to end goals - unfortunately Fortismere lost 5-6 in the end. Well done to our boys.



Upcoming Fixtures

Mon 29 Sept	U15 Girls v Gladesmore (Middlesex Cup) Away. Meet at 12.45pm U15 & U13 Boys Table Tennis Competition at APS. Meet at 3.00pm
Tue 30 Sept	U16 Girls v Ashmole (Middlesex Cup) Home. Meet at 1.45pm
Thur 2 Oct	Y8 Girls Football v HGW Away. Meet at 2.15pm. Y10 Boys Football v Heartlands Home. KO 3.30pm

Careers & Work Related Learning Notice

Student Careers Portal

Students have a link on their Google classroom year group page to a **Careers Portal** - this is where we add links to all the latest information and resources on a wide range of areas. Ask your child to login and show you what is available for their year group.

Another reminder that you can also access our weekly Careers Newsletter via our website [here](#).

Last week's edition (3) had a focus on careers linked to language skills and the benefits of speaking multiple languages - there are links to activities, information, articles and some fun tips on speaking in front of others. 26th September is European Day of Languages so why not have a look at this with your child and get them to practice some of their language skills at home.

This week's edition (4) links to World Space Week which is coming up from 4th October. The employer spotlight is on NASA and the job of the week is Astrobiologist. There is a link to a Springpod Virtual Work Experience Programme that was jointly created with Airbus and how about joining a 2-day virtual experience in the October half term about ant colonies, ecosystems and careers in entomology? Lots to look at in this edition and hopefully inspire your child to reach for the stars!

Mr Renner

Pastoral Notices

Key Stage 3 Pastoral Curriculum - Next Week

Every week students in Years 7, 8 and 9 take part in Pastoral Curriculum activities with their form tutors. In the next week:

- **Year 7** are continuing with their transition programme. They have been focusing on the Fortismere Four and what it means to be a great Fortismere student
- **Year 8** are exploring healthy friendships
- **Year 9** are working on study skills, resilience, and managing stress

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead about any safeguarding matters or concerns please contact Ms Sullivan on safeguarding@fortismere.org.uk

Alternatively you can make a safeguarding referral using *My Voice* [use this link](#) or the QR code. You can also contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Support Manager.

