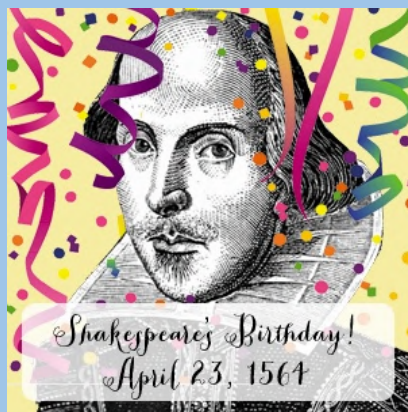


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<p>Friday 3rd May: Y11 Celebration Assembly</p> <p>Y11 will be having their Celebration Assembly next Friday at 8.35am. Years 7-10 and Y12 are expected on site from 10am (via Tetherdown and NW entrances only) for a shortened P2 lesson.</p> <p>Y13 are expected to attend their P1 and P2 lessons as normal. The only exception is Ms Mobbs' Sociology P2 lesson – those students should go to S12 for a guided revision lesson, overseen by Ms Sullivan.</p> <p>Friday 10th May: Last day of teaching for Y11</p> <p>Students sitting their GCSE Biology exam on the morning of the 10th May are permitted to leave the site after the exam. Separate arrangements will be parentmailed for those students sitting Sociology GCSE that afternoon.</p> <p>Ordering school photographs</p> <p>If you would like to have your school photos delivered to the school for free, 29th April is the deadline set by Fizz photography. If your child has lost their photocard but you would like to see and order the photo please contact charlotte.costello@Fizz-group.co.uk . Please note a safeguarding check will be done with the school to cross reference names and email addresses before you are able to order.</p> <p>Top achievement points this week</p> <p>Well done to the following students: Martha Appleby Y8; Jaziah Dragon Y7; Rosie Elkan Y7; Saskia Frances-Georgianna Y7; Samaya Scheideler Y7; Romy Williams Y7; Sarah Apire Y7; Lino De Ostos Y7; Ezel Demir Y10; Salem Dron Y9; Ella Forrest Y10; David Grunhut Y7; Amelia Grzechowiak-Czajka Y7; Yunus Hacihaliloglu Y7; Xander Haga Y8; Sasha Hayling Y7; Theo Mears Y7; Jonah Morris Y8; Jessie Muhsin Y7; Saule Rimkeviciute Y7; Goktay Tujen Y8</p>	CoHeads' Weekly Roundup	
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02.05	Spring Music Concert 6pm NW Music Hall	
03.05	Late start Y7-Y10 & Y12 10am arrival via Tetherdown & NW entrances only	
06.05	Spring Bank Holiday school closed	
		

Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

This week we have been reviewing our 'Student Voice' opportunities and are impressed by the range of groups and roles that enable our students to be heard. The Pastoral Team has introduced a system of Form Representatives who have opted into different student voice groups: Safeguarding, Diversity, Climate Change and Sustainability and Olive Branch award. These are 'voted for' positions currently for year 7-10.

Each group has a different remit; the Safeguarding group meets to discuss issues around safety and communications with the Safeguarding Team and feeds into our strategies. The Diversity Group ensures equal representation and curriculum content while the Climate and Sustainability Group work with Ms Holder on improvements we can make with regards to net zero, recycling and site maintenance. The Olive Branch Group is working with 'Solutions not Sides' which follows up from the Stand Up! Workshops in the first term, countering misinformation and ensuring that any external conflicts are not replicated in school. This also includes students reporting back on any racist (including anti-Semitic) graffiti and working with us on our classroom and pastoral approaches. The Olive Branch Group met today and we are looking forward to their report back.

Year 12 has also introduced a Form representative system and there are three sixth formers supporting each of the groups. The lower school loves working with Sixth Formers and they provide a useful role model for our younger students.

Not all student voice is conducted via groups. This week's Newsletter has the student magazine, Fortistory, attached. If you want a real insight into the issues and events concerning our students, please take a look. We are very proud of the work done by our very own press gang!

We are pleased to be able to give Year 10 students an opportunity to meet and engage with local Award winning Filmmaker Amani Simpson on Monday 29th April here at Fortismere school. Amani was brought up in Tottenham and has developed an inspiring career for himself as a Short Film maker and Public Speaker where he focuses on what it is like to grow up in North London. His films are insightful and thought provoking and a helpful contribution to our PRE curriculum for our students. We expect our students to be both engaged and challenged by the workshops and we anticipate much enthusiasm from the year group about the experience.

Students have been complaining all week about the unseasonal cold and we've had to explain that although we control many things, it does not include the weather! We are expecting warmer weather next week but in the meantime, we would urge parents to follow the Old English advice: "n'er cast a clout till May is out". In other words, don't pack away jumpers and hoodies until after half term!

We wish all our families a peaceful (and warm!) weekend.

Extra-Curricular Notices

Chess Club News

After narrowly losing to Latymer School in the Region 15 Final in late March, Fortismere's chess team sought another chance to secure a place in the Finals of the National Secondary Schools Chess Competition for the first time. Yesterday, Fortismere took part in the ESCC Repechage A event, finishing 13th out of 22, still the second best non selective state secondary school performance. Our team consisted

of Stanley Badacsonyi (Candidate Master), Frankie Badacsonyi (Candidate Master), Theo Mears (Y7), Mia Wang (Y7), Rafi Weisfeld (Y9) and Sam Murphy (Y7). Well done to all our players and thank you to Mr Silk for helping with our online participation.

Remember - chess learning resources (for Beginners & Advanced players) are on google classroom using the code g2zoaai

STEM News

On Wednesday this week, 20 of our Year 10 students, who had been involved in the after-school STEM investigation projects with Mr. Nano since January, went to the University of Westminster for the Annual School Science Conference. This year the conference has an AI focus and this was highlighted in an exhibition produced by various science bodies involved with NHS England they showed how the use of AI is utilised in a range of ways from replicating protein structures to identifying cancers

Mr Common

Sixth Form Notice

Y12 Students Challenge Themselves and Succeed

Congratulations to Year 12 students Freddie Hammersley-Fox, Jonathan Worth, Kaon Read, and Lucas Kershaw who recently went on an adventure to the Arran Islands in Scotland. The students set out to cover an impressive 65 miles during their week-long expedition on the Island, all while wild camping and carrying provisions on their backs. Their journey was not without challenges, as they had to contend with unpredictable forces of nature, including Storm Kathleen. This adventure was made possible by the [Mark Evison Foundation](#), an organisation dedicated to supporting young people in planning and undertaking challenging adventures. Through their funding and guidance, the foundation empowers students like ours to push their boundaries, learn valuable life skills, and gain unforgettable experiences.



Library Notices

Patron of Reading Visit

The power of a good interviewer is revealed in the quality of questions they ask and the responses they get. When Dan Freedman talked with our Year 7 students on Tuesday 23rd April, they proved that they were magnificent interviewers! They learnt so much about Dan. They learnt about the process of turning books into TV shows (Jamie Johnson), about his relationship with his dad, about what makes a good story, about who was the nicest footballer he worked



with (Steven Gerrard) about how his job with the FA informed his writing... What is marvellous about Dan's visits is that he doesn't talk at the students (he calls them his "bosses"); he has real conversations with them and discusses what interests them. He has now met the entire Year 7 cohort and his next visit will be talking about how to get jobs in football without being a footballer! If this is of interest to your child (Years 8-10), please get in touch gward@fortismere.org.uk

Young Quills

Mr Stewart has been running the Young Quills reading group in the library and the photo shows a few of the members.

Students from Years 7-10 have been reading books from a longlist provided by the Historical Association and sending in their reviews so that a shortlist and ultimate winner can be decided. We're looking forward to seeing what that book is!



Recommended Reads of the Week

Reading historical fiction is a great way to encourage students to develop a love of history and a feel for the period they are interested in. Here are some books from the latest Young Quills longlist that we have read and enjoyed.



Sport & PE Notices

London Mini Marathon

There was a fantastic atmosphere early on Saturday morning at the finishing line on the Mall for the Mini London Marathon. There were seven Fortismere students representing Haringey in this prestigious event. The weather was perfect for running and all our runners had a fantastic time as well as performing brilliantly.

Well done to our students: Ivy Gray, Jessica Lappin, Tal Querforth, Alexandra Elezi, Maya Querforth, Alex Kirk and Jonah Morris. The Haringey team results were: U13 Boys: 9th - Alex Kirk, Jonah Morris. U13 Girls: 12th - Alexandra Elezi, Maya Querforth. U15 Boys: 10th - Tal Querforth. U15 Girls: 5th - Ivy Gray, Jessica Lappin. U17 Girls 4th. U17 Boys 7th.



Haringey Tennis Festival

It shows real commitment when you give up your free time on an Inset day to represent the school and that's exactly what Sivaan, Connor and Alexandra did on Monday. All three were unbeaten in some thrilling Tennis matches against Alexandra Park and Highgate Wood. There was some excellent play out on the courts - well done to all of you on what wasn't exactly a warm day for tennis!



Seeking Handball Players

Haringey are recruiting Handball players to represent the borough at the London Youth Games on the 18th/19th May. If you are interested please come to the training session on **Wednesday 1st May Sports Hall after school**. This is a great opportunity to try a new sport and possibly represent the borough - If you are coordinated and a good games player please come along to see if you can make the team.



Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 29th May	Y9/Y10 Haringey Netball Festival 1.30 pm @ Fortismere Y9/Y10 Tennis v USC 3 pm Away
Wednesday 1st May	A Level Practical Moderation and GCSE Practical Moderation
Thursday 2nd May	U15 Cricket v Highgate Away 2.15 pm GCSE Y10 Haringey Netball Assessment 1.30 pm @ Fortismere, Y9/Y10 Boys Tennis v Mill Hill School 4 pm Away

Music Department Notices

Free/Discounted Tickets - Community Choir & Orchestra Concert 27th April

A reminder that it's not too late for students to get free tickets for tomorrow's all-Mozart concert at St Andrew's Church on Alexandra Park Road at 7pm.

The student code for a free ticket is HARINGEYFREE and a parent/carer accompanying them can get £8 off with code HARINGEYADULT. Standard ticket prices are £13.00 or £16.00 on the day or on the door. Tickets available online from www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk.



School Concert Series - Thursday 2nd May at 6.00pm NW Music Hall

This concert of mostly solo performances will showcase the many and varied musical talents of Fortismere students, ranging from heavy metal guitar to classical piano. Tickets just £5.00 available online from www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk.



Holiday Camps

May Half-Term Holiday Camps - Booking Now Open

Booking is now open for the May half-term holiday camps which will run from Tuesday 28 May to Friday 31 May. Our camps are really popular and places fill quickly so if your child would like to do sports, comic club, cooking or some pottery don't delay. Full details and booking information are on the school website - [See Fortismere Holiday Camps](#)

School Fundraising Notice

Donations by Direct Debit

Direct Debit is a really convenient way to set up a regular donation to support the school. Support from our families is invaluable and will make a real difference to our students.

Setting up a direct debit - use the following link and ensure you select Bacs Direct Debit as your payment method: [Set up a Monthly Direct Debit](#) You can also arrange a regular monthly payment or make a one-off donation via our school website: [See this page](#)

Thank you in advance for your support - your generosity is much appreciated.

Ms Demetriou

Community Notice

Thank you TL Motors



Thank you to Enzo and his team at [TL Motors](#) (Cromwell Road N10 2PD) for sponsoring and supplying the Fortismere Senior boys team with a fantastic new football kit! We really appreciate this.



Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Sullivan) about any safeguarding matters or concerns please use the My Voice [link](#) or QR code alternatively contact your child's Head of Year



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