

### School Leadership Messages

#### Public Exams

Please could Y11s and Y13 be reminded to arrive promptly to their exams. There were some episodes of lateness this week.

#### Behaviour Support Sessions - Fridays 3.30pm-4.30pm

After half term we will be holding Behaviour Support Sessions for those students who have received the most negative points each week. We may also invite students to the sessions who have received a fixed term exclusion from school. The session will last 1 hour and will include individual worksheets for the students and a discussion with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and the wider Pastoral Team. Students will be given a target at the end of the discussion and to support students' success, we require parents and carers to discuss this with them and support them to improve their behaviour in school. If students are in this session on several occasions parents or carers will be invited in to discuss ways we can work together to support your children. Attendance at the session is compulsory and you will be notified on a Thursday if your son/ daughter is required to attend.

#### Parental support for learning

It is vital that students arrive at school ready for learning. In order to ensure that students have the best possible start to the day please could we ask that parents/carers check that your sons and daughters have the equipment they need for school, including a spare pen (they are easily lost!). Students must also have their lanyards with them: this is a very important part of our safeguarding procedures. We need to be able to identify all the students and staff who are on the site.

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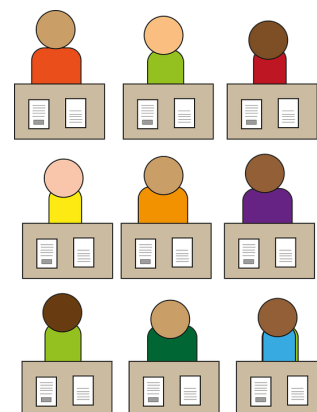
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### Calendar

27/5/22	Y13 Last day of formal teaching
27/5/22	Half-term holiday begins
6/6/22	School resumes (week 2)
3/7/22	Inset Day: school closure



Good luck Y11 and Y13!

## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

Over the past two weeks we have been holding assemblies with our students, revisiting our school rules, 'The Fortismere Four' with a distinct focus on 'Be Respectful'. We have been asking students to reflect and be mindful of how their daily conduct impacts on others and to recognise the things that we say and do in our community are so important in terms of supporting the wellbeing of each and ensuring that we are a caring and tolerant community. We also reminded our students to show particular 'respect' and consideration for those students in Year 11 and 13 who are now really in the routine of public examinations by moving quickly and quietly around the school at all times to ensure they have the best conditions to work in.

So far, Year 11 and 13 have been doing remarkably well and are remaining very upbeat and positive as they arrive for their exams. We have received plenty of compliments from our team of invigilators about how they are managing their routines.

Year 13 finish their formal teaching today, although all of their teachers are delivering revision lessons during timetabled lessons until their final exam has been sat in their subject. It is however a big moment for a Year group who have shown such tenacity and resilience over the past few years, that today is their last formal school day. We are very proud of them and wish them well in their examinations. We want them to know that all of their teachers are on hand for support and guidance whenever they need it.

We are all looking forward to half term and are praying for some sunshine. We would like to wish you all a restful break and enjoyable jubilee celebrations.

## Raising Aspirations

### Feedback from our Black Curriculum Ambassadors

Earlier this year, Ms Butcher wrote about The Black Curriculum National Ambassador Scheme (TBNAS) and the group of Fortismere students in Years 9-12 who were taking part. This year's programme is coming to an end and some of the students involved have written about it for the Newsletter. It's great to hear what a positive impact this programme has had.

*I'm a current Y12 student and have participated in the TBC National Ambassador Scheme 2021-2022. Throughout the year I have completed a number of different activities, such as: delivering a presentation to the Y12 cohort, teaching part of a Y7 lesson and researching a significant black figure. Being on the programme has forced me to come out of my comfort zone and I have learnt a lot that I wouldn't otherwise have studied. Not only did I work on my public speaking, I also worked independently and developed my research skills. It was challenging at times but there was a lot of support available from teachers when I needed it, and the 8 months available to complete the programme meant it didn't interfere with my studies at all. Overall, I have enjoyed the programme a lot and think it would be valuable experience for any future students. (Naimo Y12)*



I feel more confident to speak out and advocate for causes I strongly believe in as a result of participating in TBCNAS. (Alison Y10)

Being on the TBCNAS has given me a sense of community and has given me a platform for activism. (Milla Y10)

Being on the TBCNAS has helped me find more friends that are black and so I feel like less of an outsider in my school. (Iris Y10)

Participating in TBCNAS encouraged me to be more open minded and inspired me to campaign for greater black representation in the KS3 curriculum. (Kayla Y9)

I have enjoyed being on the TBCNAS as it provided a sense of community and I feel like I am doing something good to help people in the black community. (Sissi Y10)

Being on the TBCNAS has opened doors for me to a wider range of possibilities and opportunities such as talking to senior members of staff about issues with the curriculum. It has given me a voice. (Bahja Y10)

Being on the TBCNAS allowed me to see things that I can work on to improve my school community. I am excited for what may come in the curriculum at Fortismere. (Oluwalose Y10)

Ms Butcher

## Library Notices

### Carnegie Shadowing

Members of our Year 8 Shadowing group are getting on brilliantly with the eight shortlisted books, and we're really pleased that they are keeping their reviews short and succinct. It's always tricky to work out which are their favourites, but easy to see which books they are not enjoying! You can read the reviews here: [Fortismere – The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards](#)



## Recommended Reads of the Week

Some Right Royal Recommendations from our shelves – although the links to the Platinum Jubilee are somewhat tenuous



## Art & Photography Department Notices

### GCSE Art & Photography Exhibition



Thank you to all who came to the GCSE Art & Photography exhibition on Friday 20th May. The evening was a huge success and a fitting celebration of all the effort and hard work put in by students and teachers over the past two years.



## OOF Gallery, Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

OOF Gallery is the world's first, cutting-edge, art space dedicated to football and the culture that surrounds it. Their exhibition programme presents some of the artworld's biggest names alongside a pick of the UK's most exciting young artists. OOF Gallery is free and open to everyone. The Art Department will be working with them during the next academic year.



OOF Gallery, Warmington House, 744 High Road, London, N17. Open Thu-Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4, Mon 10-5. [OOF GALLERY](#)

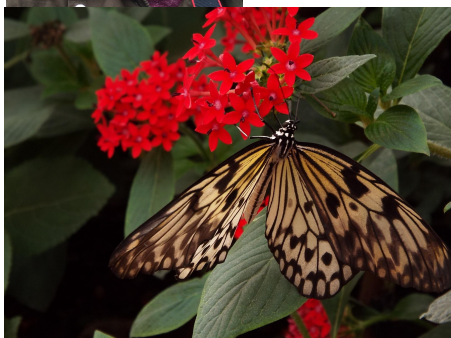
## Georgia Morris Photography Prize (Yrs 7-9)



In 2016, after a very brave fight against cancer, Georgia Morris sadly passed away. She was only at Fortismere for one year but still made a significant impact on the whole school community. Georgia loved the school and the creativity that thrived within it. As a tribute to Georgia, her family created the **Georgia Morris Photography Prize**, for students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Georgia's family hopes this will encourage other young students to take up photography and to study it at the school, as she would love to have done.

**The 2022 brief is Freedom in Nature**



*Here are some examples of Georgia's work to inspire you.*

Georgia loved going to Park Cameras in London to buy her equipment, and for that reason the prizes are vouchers that can be used in the shop. The hope is that this will allow students to buy the equipment that will inspire a lifelong passion for photography.

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

**All entries must be emailed to Mr Holden: ([gholden@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:gholden@fortismere.org.uk)) by 10th June 2022.**

## Modern Languages Department Notices

### Year 7 - Languages

Students will be placed in their new teaching groups after half term. Further information will be sent via ParentMail.

### Year 11 - Exams

The department wants to congratulate all students for their excellent effort for their speaking exam last week. Having the mocks just a few weeks before definitely helped students to be less nervous and all teachers could see an outstanding improvement in their students' performance.

Just a reminder that students have everything they need for their revision in Fortizone and/or in their Google Classrooms. Students are more than welcome to contact teachers with any questions they might have prior to their exams. We wish them all the best of luck in the rest of their exams!

## Year 13 - Exams

Similar to Y11, we want to congratulate all Y13 students for their excellent performance in their speaking exams. It is definitely the most challenging part of the full exam but they showed real commitment and an excellent knowledge of their chosen topic.

Students have all they need to revise at home for their exams as well as the eRevision website and Seneca website (for grammar). Students are more than welcome to contact their teachers with any questions they might have prior to their exams. We wish them all the best of luck in the rest of their exams!

## What's going on in Languages...

**Interway Summer Experience 2022** - This is a cultural, enriching and most of all, super fun experience for teenagers from all over the world. The INTERWAY SUMMER EXPERIENCE is a summer camp based on the English language. It is a month-long immersion of games and activities all focused on conversation and teamwork. Their aim is to encourage Spanish teens to speak English so that they can improve their grasp of the language. Set in some of the most beautiful corners of Spain that are converted into English speaking territories the camp runs from the 29th of June to the 28th of July. These programs are funded by the Spanish Ministry of Education and native English participants only need to pay for their flights to Spain. You can find more information on their website <https://www.interway.es/do-the-interway/>

## Music Department Notices

### 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	Cello Ensemble - Concert Hall	Classical Guitar Group - Concert Hall
Saturday	Music Theory Classes - 11:30am-12:30pm Fortismere Community Choir - 10:30am-1pm	

Before anybody thinks that the Musical Calendar has ended for the year please remind your children that ensembles continue to run until the end of term since there are so many performance opportunities for our young musicians!

Over the next few weeks there will be many evenings where you can hear some outstanding offerings from our students with events such as the Transition Concert for Year 7 which will feature performances from some of our younger students and Big Band. The Pride Event where students have selected pieces from LGBTQIA composers, the Fortismere Summer Festival which will showcase some of Fortismere's Bands and a String's Masterclass that will offer our young musicians the chance to work with world class Violinist Justin Bruns. The Summer Chamber Concert is our penultimate concert featuring some truly beautiful

pieces of music and our final Symphony Orchestra Concert of the Year offers up some popular classics that will have you at the edge of your seats.

With so much on offer we very much hope that you will come along and support the Music Department  
Mr Jefferies  
Director of Music

### **Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra - Rehearsals every Tuesday from 7-9pm**

Fortismere Community Orchestra has restarted and there are some awesome pieces to be played this term! 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 Bruns playing Sarasate's *Carmen Fantasy* and Vaughn-Williams' *The Lark Ascending*.

### **Year 6 Transition Concert - Summer Term**

If your child is in Year 7-9 and would like to perform in the Year 6 transition concert later in the term please get in touch with the Music Department. We would love to see a diverse range of performers at this event and it would be lovely for our key stage 3 students to be able to talk to the incoming students about what music is like at Fortismere

### **Fortismere Summer Music Festival - Saturday 9th July**

We are looking for Bands and singers to take part in the annual Fortismere Music Festival that will take place on Saturday 9th July at Fortismere School. All key stages are welcome at the event and we would like a really diverse range of music! Additionally if you are a parent that would be willing to sing or perform at the event either as a soloist or as part of a group please contact the Director of Music Mr Jefferies.

### **Justin Bruns Masterclass - Thursday 14th July 3:00pm**

There will be a String Masterclass on Thursday 14th July led by Justin Bruns the ConcertMaster of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra who will be the Music Department guest during our *Music Week* in July. If your child would like to take part please contact the Director of Music for more details.

### **Summer Chamber Concert - Thursday 14th July 7:00pm**

We are delighted to invite our school community to a concert on Thursday 14th July at St Andrews Church at 7pm. There will be items from a variety of students across the Key Stages and we are thrilled to be able to invite back Tadashi Imai who will be playing Mendelssohn's Piano Trio in D Minor with Justin Bruns and Thomas Gregory. Other groups that will be performing include Junior Choir, Chamber Choir, Cello Ensemble, Senior Strings and the Classical Guitar Ensemble. If you are interested in attending this event please visit the Fortismere Music Centre website at [www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk](http://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk)

### **Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert - Saturday 16th July 7:30pm**

Our final concert of the year will take place at St Andrews Church on Saturday 16th July at 7:30pm. This concert will be conducted by American conductor Steven Huang and feature Violinist Justin Bruns playing Vaughan-Williams *Lark Ascending* and the Sarsate *Carmen Fantasy*. There will also be plenty of popular classics to keep the audience entertained over the course of the evening. Tickets are available for all of our concerts at [www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk](http://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk) A poster for the event is attached to the Newsletter.

## Sport & PE Notices

### Fortismere Girls - Sports England Needs You!

Fortismere girls were heavily involved in the piloting and feedback for the Sport England 'Studio You' initiative and then completed a survey for them on Lifestyle and Health. Now, Sport England, are again requesting the opinions of Fortismere girls on their enjoyment of school Sport and PE. They are seeking the opinions of Y9-Y11 girls and I would be delighted if as many of you as possible could complete a survey about your involvement in PE and Sport here at Fortismere. Your views will not only help Sport England but also the PE staff here at Fortismere. I have put the link below – please complete if you can [www.childwise.co.uk/sportandexercise.html](http://www.childwise.co.uk/sportandexercise.html)



### Fortismere School Sports Council

This week I had the great pleasure of meeting with all the Fortismere Sports Captains - this was our first joint meeting since taking up their roles. I'm delighted and extremely proud that we have so many committed and enthusiastic young people who want to take responsibility for sport in their tutor groups. We are now ready to set up our first ever Sports Council - this will be made up of two Sports Captains from each year group. The Sports Council will gather students' views, ideas, initiatives and feedback regarding all things Sport and PE related at Fortismere. Sports Captains that put themselves forward for the Council will have the opportunity to speak to their peers and explain why they would make a great sports council member. Students will vote and the Sports Captains with the most votes will become members of the Sports Council. It's a responsible position but from my meeting with the Sports Captains, I know that we will have some outstanding candidates.



### Game Set and Match for our Tennis Teams

Our Y9 and Y10 Boys Tennis Boys teams were in action this week – remember these are some of the boys that went all the way to the regional competition last year. Playing against UCS School, our teams got off to a flyer and won all their matches. Well played all of them!



### Swimming & Pool Opportunities

The Sports Development Office at HR Academy have been in touch about some great swimming and pool initiatives that they are running and that may be of interest to Fortismere students.

*At HR Sports Academy, we are starting a range of free or heavily subsidised swimming programmes for children aged 8years+. These include a 10-week learn to swim Stage 6-8 programme and taster sessions for diving, water polo and artistic swimming. We also have free spaces on the Swim England Assistant SwimTeacher and Lifeguard Course for individuals who are aged over 14 and interested in volunteering in swimming. If you have any students interested in these programmes please advise them to email [stephanie.gadd@swimming.org](mailto:stephanie.gadd@swimming.org)*

### Fortismere Sports Day - Wednesday 13th July 2022

Fortismere Sports Day takes place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July this and is sure to be a feast of sporting fun and activities. The morning will see College Clashes in Football, Tennis, Rounders, Table Tennis, Dodgeball and Badminton while the afternoon will see the Colleges battle it out on the athletics track. Full details will be released soon and your Tutors will share a slideshow that will explain the plans for the day.





## Results & Fixtures

### Results Last Week:

Monday - Football Y10 v Harris 3.45 KO POSTPONED

Tuesday – Tennis Y9 & Y10 Boys v UCS (A) 2pm Y9 Won Y10 Won

Tuesday– Football Y9 v Harris (H) 3.20 KO Postponed – Won W/O

Wednesday – Cricket Y9 v Latymer (H) Postponed

Thursday – Athletics Borough Champs Y9 and Y10 10am-2PM

### Fixtures Next Week (After Half-term)

Tuesday – Tennis Boys v Mill Hill (A)

Thursday – Athletics – Y9 and Y10 Quadkids

## Fortismere Holiday Camps July & August 2022

### Summer Holiday Camps

With lots of fun and games to enjoy from Sports, Art, Drama, Coding to Chess and multi sports, our holiday camps are ideal if you find it hard to juggle work and keep children entertained. 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 storytelling 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>

## **Safeguarding at Fortismere**

### **Safeguarding Update & Information**

Haringey have recently published a guide for families and young people on assessments that may take place if your child is referred to MASH (the multi-agency safeguarding hub). This can sound daunting but this guide helps explain the very simple processes involved and the types of information gathered and by whom. The guide also has a link to all of the Early Help support that is available in Haringey. You can download the guide from [here](#). As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact [safetalk@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:safetalk@fortismere.org.uk)

#### **Safeguarding in school**

If you require safeguarding information or support about specific issues you may wish to visit our Safeguarding page on the school [website](#). We add new links and information often so it is worth checking this regularly.

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Kirsten Sullivan) about any safeguarding concerns please email [safetalk@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:safetalk@fortismere.org.uk) alternatively you can speak to your child's tutor or Head of Year:

Year 7 [jarrowsmith@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:jarrowsmith@fortismere.org.uk)

Year 8 [kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk)

Year 9 [kjackson@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:kjackson@fortismere.org.uk)

Year 10 [dward@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:dward@fortismere.org.uk)

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Ms Sullivan

Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead