

### School Leadership Messages

#### Covid Lateral Flow Tests

A reminder to parents and students that everyone in our community should be taking lateral flow tests twice weekly while COVID rates in the community continue to be high.

In the event of a positive result please follow guidance on our Covid pages [here](#).

#### Very close contacts

Students (from reception age or above) who live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, should in addition to arranging a PCR test also take an LFD test every day for 7 days while they continue to attend school: testing should start from when the first person in the home tests positive as household transmission is very likely to happen. If at any time the student becomes symptomatic, they must stay at home and arrange for a PCR test immediately (regardless of having already had a negative PCR test result).

#### Flu Vaccinations - 15th and 16th November

Please click on the flu vaccinations tab on the side bar for the timings for the Flu Vaccinations next week

#### Clarification on Year 8 parents evening dates

We apologise for any confusion about dates for the Year 8 subject teacher evening.

Please see the calendar on this page for clarification. The two dates are 1st December (8X) and 15th December (8Y).

Parents will be contacted in due course in order to set appointments on School Cloud our online appointments system.

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### Calendar

15/11/21	Anti-Bullying Week
20/11/21	World Children's Day
29/11/21 30/11/21	Drama Production
01/12/21	Year 8 X Parents' Evening
15/12/21	Year 8 Y Parents' Evening



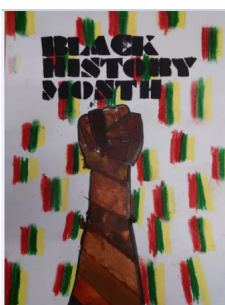
## Black History Month Student Takeover

Aki, Sixth Form Student Newsletter Editor and Writer

Hi I'm Aki and I'm in charge of taking control of this week's Newsletter! This week, Fortismere held its first ever Black History Month event, where there was a mix of live music from amazing students, informative videos from Akala and an array of presentations from myself, teachers and non-profit organisations who specialise in helping Black students to achieve their goals. It was a special night which highlighted the changes taking place in Fortismere and how the school is becoming more aware of its diverse student community. Being one of the founding members of the POC (People of Colour) Society, I had the pleasure of giving a short speech to the audience about the formation of the POC Society and how important having a POC society is for children of colour in Fortismere School. The POC society aims to create a safe space for the POC student community at Fortismere. We believe in the importance of solidarity between People of colour, and making children of colour feel confident in the beauty of their cultures and acknowledge how their differences are a big part in making them, them. It was a lot of fun helping to organise the event with many sellers offering african style dresses and clothing, hair and beauty as well as a delicious Caribbean food truck serving authentic dishes! It was indeed a night to remember and hopefully, one of many future events to take place in regards to Black history appreciation in Fortismere !



## Black History Month Year 7 Poster Competition



The PSHE department ran a Year 7 poster competition to mark Black History Month. We had over 100 entries and all of them were put on display at last night's Celebrating Black Heritage Exhibition. It was very hard to pick a winner - we narrowed it down to a shortlist of 10 and then chose our overall favourite.

The winner is Amber Oliver (7AP) with this powerful pastel image. Well done Amber! The 9 runners up were Cecilia Batchelor (7GK), Ali Cemgil (7AP), Lyra Edwards (7AP), Lily Ganguly-Khan (7RC), Neri Gordon (7TG), Rebecca Grunhut (7ET), Sylvie Hammersley-Fox (7GK), Amber Trussell (7VK) and Anthony Trzcinski (7AP).

All 10 winning posters will be put on permanent display in South Wing Foyer. Thank you to everyone who entered and congratulations to all our winners!

# Black History Exhibition

## Highlights from Fortismere's Black History Exhibition and Celebration Event

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November Fortismere hosted its first 'Black History Month Exhibition and Celebration' event in which we had on display some of the fantastic work that our students had produced this October. The work was hugely varied and demonstrated a truly encouraging and interesting level of engagement and enjoyment across the school. We had a number of speakers and presentations sharing the fantastic work Fortismere has been doing to raise the profile of equality, diversity and inclusion within the school community as well as the value and ethos of Black History Month in Modern Britain. We were lucky also to have had some beautiful and impressive performances from some of our Black and Black Heritage students, both past and present. There were also a number of stalls offering African and African-Caribbean food, drink, clothes and jewellery. It was a really lovely opportunity to see the fantastic work that has taken place at Fortismere to develop and prepare our students as good citizens with a real understanding of the diversity that makes up our society. All those that attended were keen for the event to take place again next year so watch this space!





## Charity Notice

### Year 8 Fun Run Student Ambassadors



The fun run managed to raise £945.00 for The Nick Webber Trust. This is the last call to donate if you so wish. **To donate to the Nick Webber Trust: [Click Here](#)**

## Flu Student Vaccinations

### Flu Immunisation: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Please see listed the flu vaccinations date/time for each Tutor group to attend the South Wing Hall.**

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

- 09.30 am – 7VK- 7AP
- 10.20 am - 7TG – 7RC - 7ET
- 10.50 am –7LD – 7KC - 7GK
- 11.20 am – 7MB – 7JD - 8SO
- 11.50 am – 8DS- 8SA - 8BO
- 1.20 am – 8SM - 8LC - 8FO
- 1.50 pm – 8RA - 8MV - 8SC
- 2.20 pm – 9PH - 9EJ - 9VB
- 2.50pm – 9TG - 9NV

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

- 09.30am – 9RW – 9CC
- 10.20am – 9KF – 9TA – 9KM
- 10.50am – 10RM – 10JJ – 10MN
- 11.20am – 10TM – 10AH – 10ND
- 11.50am – 10DL -10SC – 10EJ
- 1.20pm – 10TA – 11JC – 11CH
- 1.50pm – 11MY – 11DR – 11JN
- 2.20pm – 11SK – 11NC – 11HW
- 2.50pm – 11AB – 11AK



## Sport & PE Notices

### Weekly Roundup

Another busy week of fixtures in a variety of sports this week - and they produced some disappointing results. Both our U15 and U14 Girls Football teams exited the ESFA cup with defeats by single goals - unlucky girls you have had such an incredible run and there are still the Middlesex Cups to play for.



Our 1st XI also exited the ESFA cup losing 5-6 on Penalties after drawing 2-2 in a game we dominated from start to finish but couldn't find the back of the net when we needed to.

Such a heartbreak for the lads as the better team definitely did not go through but a lesson learned in maximising the possession. Proud of the way they dealt with the disappointment as always. Our Y7 and Y8 Boys Table Tennis Teams both finished as incredible runners up in their first ever tournaments for the school - and their scores added together resulted in us being the highest scoring school on the night - well done Boys. Finally Our Y9/10 Girls Volleyballers were in action and finished runners up in the Haringey borough tournament. A very good week for shield points. Well Done all! Plenty more fixtures next week - please

ensure you read below and know when you are in action. Finally, this week we announced our Sports Stars of the month for October - the award rewards not only talented performances but hard work, teamwork, resilience and good humour. I heartily congratulate all the winners of this award

### October Sports Students of the Month

**Priscilla Grace Ainal:** Priscilla-Grace has made a fantastic start to school sport at Fortismere. She always remembers her full PE kit as well as always being an enthusiastic and supportive teammate in lessons. Priscilla-Grace is also a regular attendee of the extra-curricular netball club, which is great to see. Keep up the good work!



**O'Neil Baah:** O'Neil is a very accomplished sportsman. He has great coordination and agility and has very good spatial awareness, meaning he can read a game situation very well and make very good decisions in team sports like football and basketball. His level of effort and determination are always outstanding and he is a great team player, improving the abilities of others as well as his own. Most recently he has really impressed in the Haringey 5 aside football tournament. Well done O'Neil!



**Ivy Grey:** Ivy has a contagious enthusiasm for all she does and this especially applies to her Sport and PE. She fully commits to every lesson and attends many extra-curricular sessions. She finished as our second scorer in a wonderful performance at both the Haringey Cross Country and the ESAA schools Cross-Country Cup. A wonderful month capped off by this well deserved recognition. Well Done Ivy.



**Trizano Wilson:** Triz has had an amazing few weeks. He won the Haringey Cross Country, got signed by Spurs, won the ESAA Cross Country, competed for Haringey in the mini marathon and has been a main player in their (thus far) unbeaten football season by the Y8 team reaching the 3rd round of The National Cup in the process. Although extremely talented Triz is a real team player and the way he is admired by his peers and fellow team-mates speaks volumes for him as a personality. Always willing to involve and encourage others. A real star and a much deserved reward.



**Anna Shetty:** Anna is an excellent sports woman who always puts in 100% to lessons and extra curricular sport. She is passionate and determined and has a positive influence on all of those around her. Well done Anna!



**Joseph Davies:** Joseph has totally turned his PE around this year, really expressing enthusiasm and joy in his lessons. He has committed fully to the spirit of our new curriculum and is absolutely



thriving as a sports leader. His kit, attitude and commitment to improve has been second to none. Well Done Joseph - we are so proud of you!

### Local Opportunity Girls Football

There is a new beginners football class opening up for girls aged 12-15 run by Islington Womens Football Club at Whittington Park, Archway. It's £2 a session on Mondays 5-6pm. This is suitable for both experienced current players, girls returning to the game or new players.

Here's the link for the flyer: [Click Here](#)

### Rugby Opportunities

We have received the following from local rugby club Saracens.

We wanted to make contact with Saracens Amateur Rugby Club as we're looking for some more players in our U15s age group (players must be 14 as of 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2021). We have a broad squad of about 40 players and we are looking to increase that squad up to 50-60 players.

We are keen to be able to field two competitive teams and with the shadow of Covid and the usual family commitments etc each team requires a roster of about 25 players, hence the numbers required.

Our A team is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier of the Herts Middlesex leagues and we have a number of players who are of a quality eligible to go to the Academy (DPP) programmes. Our B team has struggled in the past but at its core is a good team spirit and inclusivity.

We are not selective about entry into the club and this has kept us a community club where people can come and play rugby for the enjoyment of it without the pressure of a must win attitude that doesn't suit many players. The key feature of our club is that we train as a single squad so there is plenty of opportunity for players who are on the higher end of the B team talent to move into an A team role and players have their destiny in their own hands.

Over the past 2 seasons we've taken on a number of boys with no experience at all and they have fit in very well and learned the game quickly. Our training times are Sunday mornings and an optional Wednesday evening session – matches will be on Sunday mornings.

In Year 10 and Year 11 for their PE GCSEs a number of players will be filmed for their coursework and our coaches would be happy to write reports for them as we have done for DofE qualifications recently.

Please contact Karim Awenat for more information: [drkazza@gmail.com](mailto:drkazza@gmail.com)

### Fixture Results

#### This Week's Fixtures:

##### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November

- Table-Tennis - Y7 & 8 Borough Champs at APS 3.30-5.30 Both Teams Runners Up
- Football U15 Girls v Kingston (A) ESFA Round 3 Lost 2-3 (AET)

##### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

- Football U14 Girl v Epsom (A) Round 3 **Lost 5-6**

##### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

- Weds Volleyball Y9/10 Girls Champs at St Thomas More **Runners Up**
- Weds Football 1st XI v Orleans Park (A) ESFA Round 3 - **Drew 2-2 (Lost on Pens 5-6)**

##### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

- Football U15 Girls v Lampton (A) Middlesex Champs

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

- Football 9/10 Girls & Boys Tottenham Series at New River- 9.30-12.30
- Football Y10 Boys and Girls Haringey 6-a-side tournament at Powerleague 11-3  
**Boys 4th Girls Champions**

### Next Week's Fixtures:

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

- Football Y7 'A' v Harris Academy (A) 2.30 ESFA 2nd Round
- Table-Tennis Y7/8 Girls Borough Champs at APS 3.30-5.30

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

- Football Y7 A, B & C Teams v Highgate (A) Friendlies 2.30 KO return by 4.15

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November

- Football Y9B v Highgate U15C (A) 2.30 KO

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November

- Cross-Country - LYG Hampstead Heath 8.30 Meet

## Music Department Notices

### Ensembles 2021/22

We are adding more rehearsals to our ensembles as the Christmas concert gets closer. Please make sure that your children attend when they are needed so that the items are properly prepared.

Please note that we cannot walk students to the front of queues so they need to bring a packed lunch into school.

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Senior Strings (G5+) Concert Hall	KS3 Music Tech MU1 School Orchestra (Gr2+) Concert Hall
Tuesday	Percussion Group MU1 Popular Guitar Group MU2 Senior Choir (Yr 10-13) Concert Hall	Chamber Choir Concert Hall Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra (7-9pm)
Wednesday	MusicalTheatre Group MU1 Big Band (Gr3+) Concert Hall	Bands (Various) Gospel Choir Room A
Thursday	DJ Club Top Studio Junior Choir (Yr 7-9) Concert Hall	KS4 Music Tech MU4 Jazz Octet Concert Hall
Friday	Junior Strings (G1-4) MU2 Classical Guitar Group Concert Hall	Jazz Group Concert Hall
Saturday	MusicTheory Classes (10am-12pm) MU1 Fortismere Community Choir (11:30am - 1pm ) Concert Hall	Afternoon (1-4pm) Chamber Groups Rock Bands

### Instrumental and Vocal Lessons - Endangered Species

If your child would like the opportunity to play one of the endangered species instruments on offer this year please get in touch with the Director of Music as soon as possible.



We still have some free lessons for new starters available on French Horn, Bassoon, Double Bass and Trombone.

Email: [ejfferies@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:ejfferies@fortismere.org.uk) for more details.

### Christmas Concert - Extra rehearsals

We will be asking students to come into school for extra rehearsals on **Sunday 21st November and Sunday 5th December.**

The following groups will rehearse in the Music Concert Hall at these times:

<b>School Orchestra</b>	10.00 - 11:30am	Concert Hall
<b>Big Band</b>	12:00 - 1:00pm	Concert Hall
<b>Junior Choir</b>	2:00 - 3:30pm	MU1
<b>Senior Choir</b>	2:00 - 3:30pm	Concert Hall

### Christmas Concert Auditions

Thank you to those students that submitted an audition for the Christmas Concert 2021. The Music Department will be in touch over the next week to let you know if you have been selected for this concert.

### GCSE Recital Evening - Tuesday 16th November South Wing Hall 7pm



Our Year 11 GCSE music students will be performing for parents and friends on Tuesday 16th November in the South Wing Hall. There will be a myriad of musical styles to listen to so please feel to come along and enjoy the talent on display.

### Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra Concert- Saturday 27th November



The next concert for the FCSO will take place on **Saturday 27th November in St Andrews Church, Muswell Hill at 7:30pm.**

The programme for this event is a real treat for lovers of the *Romantic* repertoire with Khachaturian's *Adagio from Spartacus*, Dvorak's *8th Symphony* and Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. Our soloist for this concert will be Japanese pianist Tadashi Imai who has performed all over the world including Carnegie Hall, Wigmore Hall and The Royal Festival Hall.

The orchestra were lucky enough to have Mr Imai join them for a run through of the Theme of Paganini this week and we can promise you that you will not want to miss

this concert.

### Piano Masterclass with Tadashi Imai - Friday 26th November South Wing Hall 2-4pm



Tadashi Imai has graciously offered to conduct a masterclass for piano students at Fortismere in the week before the concert. We are looking for students of various standards and from across the various key stages at school.

If you are interested in participating you should contact the Director of Music: [ejfferies@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:ejfferies@fortismere.org.uk)

## Fortismere Community Choir Concert - Saturday 4th December



The next concert for the Fortismere Community Choir will be on Saturday 4th December at St Andrews Church in Muswell Hill.

They will be performing Bach's *Magnificat* as well as traditional festive hymns which will include audience participation.

## Fortismere School Christmas Concert - Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December



Our annual Christmas Concert returns this year with two evenings of music making from the pupils of Fortismere. There will be performances from the school ensembles such as Orchestra, Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Big Band, Classical Guitar Group, Popular Guitar Group, Percussion Group, Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir.

We will also have some solo and band items from students across all key stages.

## Tickets for Music Concerts

Tickets for all school and community concerts can be purchased at the Music Department website: [www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk](http://www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk)

## Drama Department Notices

### Drama Workshops with Industry Professionals



Over the last 2 weeks, sixth form students had had the fantastic opportunity to work with professionals from the industry.

Year 12 Drama students worked with a facilitator from The Almeida Theatre looking at set design and what design fundamentals are planned for a professional production. Year 13 students worked with the Donmar Warehouse exploring their new play *Love and Other Acts of Violence*.

Our close partnerships with West End theatres allows students access to theatre and film professionals across all disciplines that enriches their curriculum and gives them a glimpse into a possible future career.

### Theatre Review of the Week

By Anna Babanini and Manon Cantor Year 13



On Wednesday 10th November, we attended a Drama school trip to watch Yael Farber's current take of Shakespeare's tragedy of ***Macbeth at the Almeida Theatre***. Soirse Ronan's striking portrayal of Lady Macbeth was a unique take on the classic role, offering a clearly cunning performance that kept us listening intently to every word. Alongside her, spiralling into lunacy, was James McArdle's interpretation as the tormented tragic-hero, Macbeth.

Although his madness was at times slightly chaotic, he overall rendered a clear and nuanced

performance. Farber plunges her actors into this bleak, moody setting, and the clever use of a reflective panel to add depth and dimension to the show, symbolically highlights the wide range of chemistry on display here, both in terms of their relationship and also of war.



One of the most poignant symbols on stage was the water tap - it's most significant uses being in the bloody battle between Macbeth and Mcduff on a nearly flooded stage, then, of course, the use of water in the tragically haunting scene of Lady Macbeth's death.

Overall, the regular use of the tap, allowing for the characters to wash themselves with, reflects much of the violence and guilt that still plagues the 21st century, and therefore ends the show with this powerful political message at the forefront of our minds.

## Limited Tickets for Jekyll and Hyde



Tickets are selling out fast for the Drama Department's immersive performance of 'Jekyll and Hyde'.

Book tickets via parentmail to ensure you have the opportunity to participate in this exciting theatrical event!

## Library

### Reading for Pleasure Workshop

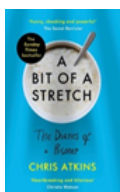
It was lovely to welcome parents into the library on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November for our first Reading for Pleasure workshop when we talked about the importance of reading and shared some ideas on how to encourage students to read – or read more!



Thank you to everyone who attended; we hope to run another one soon.

**Here's our Tip of the Day: Turn the subtitles on (your children won't realise they are improving their reading skills...!)**

## CoverUp



The next meeting of our parent/staff reading group is this coming Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November when we'll be talking about Chris Atkins' memoir "A Bit of a Stretch: Diaries of a Prisoner".

We are expecting some vigorous discussion, so we'll be fuelling the meeting with refreshments as usual. 7pm in the library.



## Booktrust Christmas Appeal



Please consider making a donation to send a surprise festive book parcel to a child who may not have much to look forward to.

To make a donation that will help a vulnerable child: [Click Here](#)

## Recommended Reads of the Week

It was really moving on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November when all the 6<sup>th</sup> form students in a packed library paused for two minutes at 11am to remember those who died in the line of duty. We thank them for their respect. So for Remembrance Day – these are all brilliant books, full of empathy and excellent for learning about history without realising it.



## Christmas Craft Fair

### Christmas Craft Fair

Our Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 11:00am-4:00pm. This Silent Auction is set up to help raise funds for Fortismere.

We will have an online shop where you will be able to bid on our fabulous silent auction.

Could you donate some of your time, skills or another type of prize to raise money for the school? Christmas Hampers, put together by us, raised a lot of money last year.

Please can you help us this year?

**We need food:** mince pies, preserved fruits, jams and marmalade, biscuits, Christmas Puddings, teas and coffee, wine, chocolates and treats (but no meat or cheese products).

**Non edibles:** Christmas Crackers, beauty items and bath products



## Fortismere Holiday Activity Camp

### Christmas Holiday Camp Book Now! Open to the Community

We are pleased to announce we are running a four day Christmas Camp.

If you have been struggling to find a spare moment to buy and wrap Christmas presents without the kids looking, this is the perfect opportunity. Give your child the opportunity to have a fun filled day, whilst you spend a day or two relaxing before the Christmas madness.

**These activities will run between 9:00am- 3:00pm each day at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE.** The 4 day week will cost £80\*, an 8:00 am drop off option will be offered, where the children will be provided with a light breakfast of toast, cereal & juice.

**Please contact Maria Demetriou for information: [mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk)**

### Holiday Club Activities: Limited Spaces

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Art Club: Spaces Available**

[Art Club Tickets](#)

This Christmas, Art Pole will be bringing art exploration to Fortismere. Our students will make life sketches, collages and cut-outs from old magazines and plain paper and will also build towers and spaceships out of cardboard and glue then turn these structures into graphics or technical drawings. These activities will open the eyes of young people to the world of 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.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Ballet, Tap and Musical Theatre: Spaces Available**

[Ballet, Tap and Musical Theatre Tickets](#)

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.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Drama Club: Spaces Available**

[Drama Club Tickets](#)

This week, the children will work on improvisation and comedy skills.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Little Imaginations: Spaces Available**

[Little Imaginations Tickets](#)

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 fun!

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Multi Sports: Spaces Available**

[Multi Sports Tickets](#)

This will give the children the opportunity to have fun and interact with others through a range of sports such as football, rounder's, tennis and competitions.