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Newsletter: Friday 12th June 2026

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I hope you have all had a positive week! As we get deeper into the summer term, we are preparing for lots of wonderful opportunities to come together and celebrate. I was delighted to see our Eco students in action this morning leading our Eco Active Days. They are running a brilliant Stamps for Steps initiative, recording peers who walk to school and handing out stamps for prizes. Supported by Transport for London, this champions both our environment and student well-being. A group of students will soon be attending a sustainable travel conference at the Transport Museum, which I'm excited to hear all about! Over the next two weeks, we are hosting Celebration of Learning events for Years 7 and 8. Parents are warmly invited to tutor group presentations where students will confidently speak about their favourite learning experiences this year and take questions. It brings a real sense of community, and we can't wait to welcome you in. Next Wednesday, 17th June, is shaping up to be an incredible day for the arts. First, the Donmar Theatre is running a Y9 workshop on the play 'Hide' (loosely based on Jekyll and Hyde), giving students access to amazing actors and resources. After school, our musicians head to the Alexandra Palace Creativity Pavilion for a Violin Masterclass with the phenomenal Syrian violinist Bilal Alnemr. Rounding off a spectacularly creative Wednesday, is our A-Level Art & Photography Exhibition. If you love art, please come along; the standard is stunning! We are gearing up for Culture Day, part of July's Great Fortismere Show celebrating our school's creative ethos. Tutor groups are already excitedly preparing for various competitions. As part of the celebrations, we will encourage students to wear clothing reflecting their cultural identity. With the World Cup just beginning, this is also a fantastic opportunity for students to get into the spirit by proudly wearing the football shirts of countries they support! Finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Year 6 parents who are now receiving this newsletter! We are so excited to welcome your children into our community. I very much look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks as you begin to discover what life at Fortismere is all about.	Headteacher's Message
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School Events

A level Art & Photography Exhibition - Wednesday 17th June 6pm-8pm

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**A-level Art &
Photography Exhibition**

**Wednesday 17th June
6pm-8pm**

**Creighton Avenue, Muswell Hill
N10 1NS**

Speeches & Prizes - 7.15pm



We would like to invite you to the A-Level Exhibition Evening. The evening will feature an exhibition of student work, along with refreshments, speeches, and prize presentations, providing a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students and the culmination of their A-Level studies.

Do come along as the creativity and quality of the work is truly spectacular and our students love sharing their achievements with the school community

Friends of Fortismere PTA

Save the Date: Fortismere Summer Festival Sunday 5th July 12pm–5pm

Join us (and bring all your friends, family and neighbours) for a fabulous, fun-packed afternoon including:

- 🐕 Dog Show & 🎡 Fairground rides
- 🍷 Licensed Bar & 🍔 Sizzling BBQ
- 🎵 Live music & 🚗 Classic cars
- 🛍️ Loads of stalls, food, drink, and much more!

🎫 Festival Tickets (and Dog Show entries) are available now - [book here](#)

🛍️ Run a Stall! Students have been invited to send ideas for stalls. If you, or someone you know, would like to run a stall on the day, we'd love to hear from you! Email us at friendsoffortismere@fortismere.org.uk

👋 Can You Help? We need volunteers to help run stalls or join the central team. Sign up via your year group WhatsApp or email us at the address above.

🎁 Donations Needed We would be incredibly grateful for the following items:

- Raffle prizes & Bottles or sweets and chocolates (for the tombolas)
- Plants & Cakes (can be brought on the day)
- PE Kit

Drop-off info: Apart from plants and cakes (bring on the day), all donations can be dropped off by students at NW/SW Reception, or by parents at the Tetherdown Gate during school hours.

Thank you so much for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there!
Friends of Fortismere

Pastoral Notices

Summer Term Pastoral Events

In this final half term of the year, we have many pastoral events taking place, and we hope parents and carers will be able to support them, either by encouraging participation, or by attending the events in school.

Year 7 & Year 8 Celebrations of Learning

Parents in these year groups will have received an email about these events with their specific timings. We've been holding these afternoons for five years now, and really enjoy welcoming parents into school for these presentations, where our Year 7 and 8 students talk about their favourite learning experiences for the year. If you are the parent of a Year 7 or 8 student, we are looking forward to meeting you at the event

Year 8 Celebration of Learning 15th-19th June (Period 5 2pm*)

Room	Mon 15/06	Tue 16/06	Wed 17/06	Thur 18/06	Fri 19/06 *(1.45pm)
Library	8PBA	8VCA	8SMO	8MDO	8GMD
T19	8TNA	8SAL	8HED	8RCH	

Year 7 Celebration of Learning 22nd-26th June (Period 5 2pm*)

Room	Mon 15/06	Tue 16/06	Wed 17/06	Thur 18/06	Fri 19/06 *(1.45pm)
Library	7SPE	7PSI	7MBE	7DRI	7VMO
T19	7MYA	7TAD	7JPR	7NCO	

Once again we are holding **The Great Fortismere Show**, an event to celebrate the creative culture of Fortismere. This was a fabulous celebration of creativity last summer, with wonderful entries to the different categories. We are looking forward to many more entries this year, to make it even bigger and better. We would love you to encourage your child to get involved with as many entries as they'd like to make! We are tying this event into a **Culture Day**, celebrating the culture and creativity of Fortismere. We will be sharing details of this day with students over the next few weeks, and we hope that as many members of our school community as possible will get involved in sharing their cultural experiences and their creative talents.

Look out for more information on the Great Fortismere Show and Culture Day in the Newsletter.

We are also looking forward to **Year group events and celebrations**, including Year 9 and Year 10 Prizegiving on the 8th July and trips to, for example, Stubbers and Thorpe Park on 13th July.

Eco Committee News

Stamps For Steps - Support our TfL Pioneers

The countdown has officially begun! Today (Friday 12th June) marked Day One of our three **Eco Active Days**, and our school community rose to the challenge beautifully. Between 8.00am and 8.10am, teachers and our fantastic **TfL Pioneers** (our student Eco-Committee champions) were stationed at four check-in points on our walk to school zone. Energy was high as students collected the first of three stamps needed to enter the prize draw. It is brilliant to see so many of our students already walking to school, doing their bit to lower emissions and getting a healthy, active start to the morning. Let's keep this momentum going for **Day Two (Monday 15th June)** and **Day Three (Tuesday 16th June)**. We are reminding students about road safety - please reinforce these safety conversations at home. Good luck to everyone aiming for that second stamp on Monday!

Parent Information Session

Supporting Neurodiversity - Tuesday 16th June 4.00pm-5.20pm online

Following the positive feedback from our previous sessions, we are pleased to invite you to our next online **Neurodiversity Information Session** next week. Led by our Haringey Educational Psychologist alongside LINC, this session is specially designed for parents and carers looking for practical strategies to support children with neurodiverse profiles at home, with a focus on our own school community.

What to expect:

- A **50-minute presentation** from the Educational Psychologist exploring how neurodiversity presents at home.
- A **20–30 minute general Q&A session** with the Educational Psychologist and Fortismere SENDCo, Mr Fari (focusing on general themes and strategies).

Want to attend? Complete this short form [here](#) to book your spot and receive the virtual meeting link.

We hope many of you can join us!

Mr Fari

Modern Languages

Postcard from Annecy!

Dear Fortismere

We are currently having a lovely time in Annecy as part of our exchange with St Michel. On our first day, we went on a day trip to Lyon, where we enjoyed a walking tour of the Old Town and visited the Musée Cinéma et Miniature. Who knew that the Batmobile, Darth Vader's mask and Mrs Doubtfire reside in Lyon? On Friday, we will be taking in the sights of Lake Annecy on a boat cruise and visiting the French Resistance memorial at Plateau des Glières in the mountains.

The students are being great representatives of Fortismere in France. Wish you were here!

Mr Lewis & The French Exchange



Year 7 Languagenut Competition

The ML Department is running its first school-wide Languagenut competition for Year 7 students from 12th–19th June.



Languagenut is a national challenge for school students designed to boost language learning through gamified retrieval practice. We would really love all Year 7 students studying French or Spanish to take part in the competition! Students will earn points by completing activities, and there will be prizes and certificates awarded to the top scorers. Please encourage your child to get involved and ask them about Languagenut!

Art & Photography Notices

KS3 Art Club

Art Club is back! This half term we are lino printing and creating portraits to decorate our pop-up portrait booth for the Summer Festival!

KS3 Art club: Thursdays 3.20pm-4.20pm in N2



Sport & PE Notices

Tennis Roundup

It certainly hasn't been ideal weather for tennis this week! The girls' fixture has been postponed twice but luckily the boys' teams managed to get their matches against Latymer School and Merchant Taylor played between the showers.

At Latymer, the Year 10 boys won 10-2 and the Year 8 boys lost 2-10. At Merchant Taylor, both teams were on the losing side but well played all and great team effort.



Haringey Cricket Champions

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys Cricket Team who beat APS and Highgate Wood in the borough finals recently. This means they are now the Haringey Champions! to be crowned champions. Teo was the player of the match but well done to everyone involved.

The Year 9 boys and girls teams also played this week against Saracens School. They put in great performances but unfortunately lost by 4 wickets. Well done all.



Local Coaching with Pivotal Netball Coaching

Pivotal Netball Academy gives children from ages 5 to 16 the opportunity to learn to play at a netball club in a fun, nurturing and inclusive environment. Netball coaching, holiday clubs and parties based in The Compton School N12 and Highlands School N21, cater for all ability and experience levels.

You can book a free trial and pay as you go for weekend sessions. **Full details on the website www.pivotalnetball.com or call 07392018982**



Music Notices

Violin Masterclass - 17th June at Creativity Pavilion Alexandra Palace East Court

Free tickets for students to what will be a fascinating and insightful masterclass given by Bilal Alnemr, the soloist in the orchestra's concert on 20th June. All music students and instrumental students are recommended to attend as it will inspire and amaze! Plus Bilal will talk about and play sections of the concerto he's playing - so anyone going to the concert will have that extra insight and understanding.

One adult accompanying a young person also gets in free and gets a special discount for the FCSSO concert on 20th June. Register for a place via [this form](#) or turn up on the day.

Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra - Saturday 20th June St James Church N10

We are into the last week of rehearsals before our concert on the 20th June - and one of one of Britain's most experienced conductors is going to be joining us! Howard Williams, who has conducted the London Philharmonic, Royal Philharmonic and BBC Symphony as well as countless others in the UK and Europe and beyond - not to mention conducting at the Proms and festivals across the world - is going to be rehearsing with us next week together with our soloist Bilal Alnemr.



Howard is going to conduct Bilal in the Korngold Violin Concerto in the concert as they have a connection going all the way back to 2008 when he first went to Damascus (with Thomas Gregory as cello coach) to work with the National Youth Orchestra of Syria.

As Howard explains, *"On that occasion Bilal was a soloist (aged about 12!) in the Vivaldi concerto for four violins. Over the next four years, until the orchestral courses were no longer viable in the war zone that Syria had become, I watched him grow and develop, showing clear signs of the phenomenal talent that we can now witness. I so look forward to working with him again!"*

This is going to be a very special event - [book tickets here](#) Early bird tickets (£13) are still on sale until tomorrow evening.

After School Concerts by Our Instrumental & Vocal Students

Family, friends and fellow music students are warmly invited to come and celebrate the achievements of our instrumental and vocal students at **three informal after school concerts**. Students who'd like to perform should tell their instrumental teacher or sign up via [this form](#)

No tickets needed to attend, just turn up at 3.30pm at the Music Concert Hall (Creighton Avenue and Tetherdown entrances will be open). Tea/coffee provided and chocolates for all performers!

- **Piano & Voice Concert - Thursday 25th June** (students of Izabella Bako, Sonja Cvetkovic and Raphaelle Topenot)
- **Guitar Concert - Tuesday 30th June** (all students of Jakub Klimiuk)
- **Piano & Flute Concert - Tuesday 7th July** (students of Nick Lacey and John Eady)

Drama Department Notices

Coming Soon...December Show Auditions!



We are very excited to be announcing our December show...soon! We've started dropping hints as to what our show might be. You can see our second hint in the picture.

Follow @fortismeredrama on Instagram and Facebook for more regular updates!

We will be holding auditions on **Wednesday 24th June** and **Thursday 25th June at 3:10pm** in North Wing Hall.

Drama Summer Showcase...Auditions Notice - Mon 15/06 & 22/06 3.10pm NW Hall



Come and audition for our Summer Showcase. We held the first auditions yesterday and have two more auditions to go!

[Fill in this form to sign up.](#) Students must use their school Google account to fill in the form.

Y10 GCSE Devising Exams



Our Year 10 Drama cohort have completed their first GCSE drama exam.

They've worked incredibly hard over the last 6 weeks to create an original piece of theatre inspired by a stimulus.

Every group showed such professionalism, resilience, and creativity, and we are so proud of their achievement.

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.



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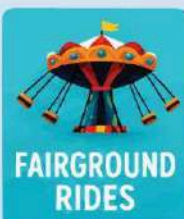
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SUNDAY 5TH JULY

12pm - 5pm



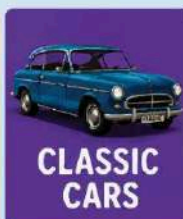
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