

### School Leadership Messages

#### International Evening – Ms Arrowsmith and Ms Brooks

We are holding an International Evening on 28th April to celebrate our diverse community and to fundraise for CanDo – a charity providing humanitarian support in conflict zones. Now, more than ever, it is important that we celebrate all of our different cultures of origin and that we come together as a community to celebrate all that we have in common. There will be food, drink, guest speakers, and performances from students. You should have received a Parentmail with more details and how to buy a ticket (proceeds to charity). There is also a poster attached to the Newsletter.

#### School photographs - Information from Bentley

If you still wish to order school photographs you will be required to pay for a home delivery. If you have misplaced your ticket with the code, please contact support@bentleyphoto.com

#### Partial School Closure - Monday 25th April

School will be closed to all Year groups except for Years 11 and 13 on the above date as departments complete their examination moderation. Please note this date in your diaries.

#### Covid Update: Public Health Haringey

1. From 1 April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

- a. In adults this is for for five days,
- b. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be three days.

2. As tests will no longer readily be available, children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend

3. Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children’s social care settings. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits.

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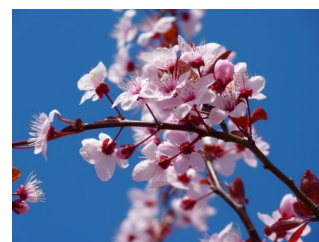
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### Calendar

22/4/22	Stephen Lawrence Day
25/4/22	Moderation Day Partial school closure: Y11 and Y13 <b>ONLY</b> in school
27/4/22	7Y Parents Evening
28/4/22	International Evening
11/5/22	Y10 Parents' Evening



## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

Welcome back to the Summer Term at Fortismere. The weather definitely suited the occasion and we are continuing with our policy of expecting students to spend break and lunch time outdoors. As it can still be chilly despite the sun, please could we ask parents and carers to ensure that students are dressed appropriately.

A growing area of concern for us (and a focus for action this term) has been the increased attractiveness of vaping to some of our young people. Vapes seem to be deliberately designed to look appealing to children and young people and we have been dealing with an increased number of vaping incidents, particularly amongst our younger students. Please could we ask parents and carers to keep an eye on what students may be bringing into school. We will continue to work with the police to ensure that vapes are not being sold to underage students anywhere locally. As you can see from the OWL attachment, the police are keen to work with us as a local community. We are also continuing with random bag searches and confiscations of prohibited items, including smart phones alongside vapes. This week we also uncovered a ring of would-be firecracker users in Y7, there was much contrition all round!

Today is Stephen Lawrence Day when we commemorate his death at the hands of racists. It seems very much in keeping with that terrible event that the Drama Department hosted a Y12 performance yesterday, on the 1936 Battle of Cable Street. This powerful production focused on the story of two girls growing up in London's Jewish east end in the 1930s. In exploring the impact of fascism and racism, the topic feels both timely and relevant.



Next week sees International Evening (Tuesday 26/4), a fundraising event where all the money raised will go to CanDo; a humanitarian charity that supports those in war devastated areas. In addition to speakers, our students will be showcasing their wide range of talents and we are very much looking forward to seeing our students perform.

Fortismere is partially closed this morning to allow departments to moderate students' exam work and to enable focused revision and exam practice for Y11 and a mixture of study and revision sessions for Y13. As we head towards the start of formal exams, Fortismere will be offering more exam support opportunities for both the exam year groups and also for targeted groups, individuals and subject areas.

The cherry blossoms are beginning to fall so this weekend will offer one of the last chances to catch the trees in all their splendour; we would recommend Cranley Gardens for a stroll. We wish all our families a lovely weekend.

## Governing Body Notice

### New Parent Governors

Thank you to the five candidates that stood for election and to all the parents who took the time to vote. We're really pleased to let you know that the two new parent governors joining the governing body are Antonia Shortall and Tessa Hauswedell.

## Modern Languages Department Notices

### Year 11 Speaking Mock Assessment

Year 11s will do another speaking mock next week to help them ease the process and their nerves before the real exam. This will be an excellent opportunity to act upon feedback given by the teacher on the day in preparation for the final exam in May.

The mocks are conducted in the Music block in North Wing by the class teacher. Given the big numbers in some groups, some classes will be split over two days. Students have been given their days and times in class and via Google Classroom. All staff will be informed so students are allowed to leave their lessons to go to their speaking mock. Below are the days for each class:

DAY	CLASS + TEACHER
<b>Tuesday 26 April</b>	11C/MP - Ms Huang 11B/SP - Mr Fari 11D/SP - Mr Lewis 11B/FR - Ms Bruel
<b>Wednesday 27 April</b>	11D/FR - Ms Dabrowska 11B/SP - Mr Fari 11D/MAN - Mr Li 11C/MEP - Ms Huang
<b>Thursday 28 April</b>	11C/SP - Ms Cuenca 11D/SP - Mr Lewis 11D/FR - Ms Dabrowska
<b>Friday 29 April</b>	11C/SP - Ms Cuenca

If a student is absent on the day of their mock they should notify the teacher.

### Year 11 Revision Sessions

Revision sessions continue this term. We are still targeting certain students and their parents have been informed via ParentMail to let them know that we expect these targeted students to attend. Please be aware that if targeted students do not attend the sessions it will result in a negative point being recorded in CloudSchool.

Below are the days and rooms where we run our Revision sessions.

French - Tuesdays **Week 1** - After School in N16// Thursdays **Week 2** - Lunch time in N16

Mandarin - Wednesdays Week 1 and Week 2 - After school in N20

Spanish - Tuesdays **Week 1** - After School in N18// Fridays **Week 2** - Lunch time in LINC

### Year 13 Speaking Mocks

Year 11s will do another speaking mock next week to help them ease the process and their nerves before the real exam. This will be an excellent opportunity to act upon feedback given by the teacher on the day in preparation for the final exam in May.

The mocks are conducted in the Music block in North Wing by class teachers. Students have been given their times during next week and all staff will be informed so students are allowed to leave their lessons to go to their speaking mock. Below are the days for each class:

**13B/French** - Thursday 28th April (Ms Bruel) and Friday 29th April (Ms Bruel)

**13D/Spanish** - Friday 29th April (Ms Partridge) and Tuesday 3rd May (Ms Cuenca)

## A Level Spanish Lessons

### Year 12 'Cooking' Lesson

Before the Easter break, as part of the topic '*Tradiciones y costumbres*', Year 12 Spanish students were set homework that involved finding a Spanish recipe, cooking it, bringing it to class and explaining to the rest of the class (in Spanish obviously!) how they had cooked it. The teachers were very impressed with the level of effort displayed by all the students and with their culinary skills too! There was a variety of dishes from *lentejas* to *alfajores*. All the dishes were shared in class and everyone enjoyed a very Spanish lunch. The level of motivation from these students has been outstanding all year round so well done to them!

Below are a few pictures of the lesson (*Recipe explanation, Alfajores, Leche frita, Flan, Tortilla de patatas, Enjoying the food and Lentejas*).



### Year 13 Crónica lesson

On the last day of term, Year 13 Spanish students did a revision session on *Crónica de una muerte anunciada* by acting out some of the most iconic scenes in the book. Students were able to identify why those scenes were important and relate them to the different themes and characters in preparation for their final exam. They then proceeded to play 'Guess Who' to revise all the characters. The commitment of students that day was such that they did not want to leave the lesson, even when they had been dismissed, until they had finished the game. Well done to all of them!

Below are some pictures of the lesson.



## What's going on in Languages

### Rosalía in Concert at The O2

Rosalía is a Spanish singer who has gained huge popularity around the world with her innovative flamenco music mixed with pop and urban music. She has achieved several number ones around the world, including the UK, and she became the first Spanish-singing act in history to be nominated for Best New Artist at the Grammys. Tickets go on sale on Friday 22nd April via Ticketmaster. More information can be found by [following this link](#)

### Le Grand Bleu - Sun 24 April to Weds 27 April

There is a great opportunity at the Institut Français to see an excellent example of the cinematic work of Luc Besson. It is well worth a watch to appreciate the visual style of his films and to see the stand out feature film of the 1988 Festival de Cannes. We recommend this underwater adventure to KS4 and KS5 students! More information can be found by following

<https://www.institut-francais.org.uk/cine-lumiere/whats-on/classics/le-grand-bleu/>

## Library

### Author Visit

On the last day of Spring term, we were delighted to treat the whole of Year 8 to a return visit from Queen of Teen Thrillers, Sophie McKenzie. It was particularly exciting because her visit coincided with the publication date of her latest novel, "Truth or Dare" – 70 students took advantage of that and nabbed themselves a personalised signed copy! Our interview panel - see picture - asked Sophie some excellent questions, including "What's your ultimate writing snack?" (cupcakes) and "What do you have to do to get into your writing zone?" Sophie loves visiting Fortismere, and we hope to get her back again when she's finished her next blockbuster.



### Recommended Reads of the Week

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April is Earth Day. There are so many brilliant, powerful and hopeful books in our library to inspire you to care for our planet.



## Drama Department Notices

### Cable Street - Year 12 Production Thursday 22 April

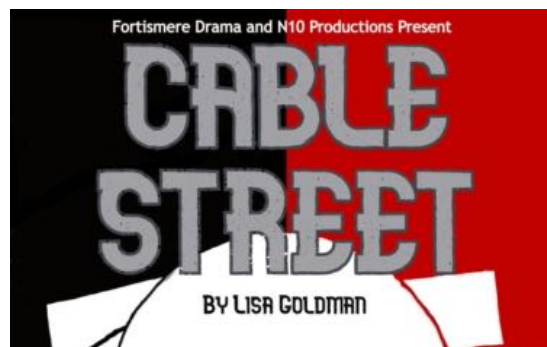
It was once again wonderful to invite audiences into the North Wing Hall to watch live theatre. This is something we have really missed over the past few years. Last night parents were delighted to watch the first preview of the Year 12 production Cable Street and we are thankful for their support for this community piece.

Ms Overs, the Head of Drama, along with several cast members have family connections to the battle of Cable Street, so this story felt even more poignant to tell. Cable Street was written by Lisa Goldman as part of the National Theatre Connections programme, something the Drama department has taken part in this year. The A-level drama students were able to use the rights for this fascinating play as part of their exam work.

Cable Street tells the story of two girls growing up in London's Jewish east end in the 1930s. Leah and Kitty are blood sisters, best friends and more... but they get caught up in the political turmoil caused by Oswald Mosley's fascist Blackshirts.

Year 12 were lucky enough to be able to zoom the playwright and are also hoping she will see the show next week. She recently wrote to us saying "politics can also tear people apart, particularly the politics of hate. Leah's central dilemma personally and politically is that in loving you, I have to stop loving myself. So I grew up with this family history, but many people have never heard of the Battle of Cable Street - the greatest ever victory over British fascism. That is one of the things that makes this play important - to remember those events and relate them to the events of now. Another thing - I think I'm right in saying - is that this is the first female written/female centred play and the first queer love story about the Battle of Cable Street. So this play is very close to my heart - more than any play I've written before. I thank you for taking it into your hearts and for all your hard work in bringing it to life. I hope you've learnt loads about yourself and about the world and that you've had laughs as well as tears along the way. I'm really proud of you for taking on such an ambitious, emotional piece of work."

Congratulations to all who were involved in the show. Cable Street is being performed at Arts Depot theatre in Finchley next Tuesday 26th April. The show is now sold out.



## Sport & PE Notices

### PB for Larissa

Year 10's Larissa Wilson opened up the Athletic season with a scintillating 61.15 second run that jumped her to 10<sup>th</sup> best time in the country. Putting her excellent speed endurance to good use she sped around the track - it certainly looks like her winter training has really paid off. Well done Larissa.



## Super Spurs Signing

I heard some wonderful news during the Easter holidays and I'm delighted to let you know that Year 11's Evie Underhill has been offered a contract with Spurs U18 Ladies Football Team next season. This is a fantastic achievement by Evie and we are all very proud of her. She was immediately in action for her new team representing them in a tournament this week. We wish Evie all the very best.



## Extra-Curricular Opportunities Summer Term

Please have a look at our new extra-curricular offering for the summer term attached to the Newsletter. Summer term means the start of Athletics, Tennis, Cricket and Rounders clubs!



## Results & Fixtures

**Results This Week - No Matches This Week**

### Fixtures Next Week

Monday: Swimming Y7/8/9/10 Boys/Girls Borough Champs – at Dukes Aldridge

Tuesday: Football Y10 'A' v Greig City 3.45 KO

Wednesday: Football Y8 'A' v Gladesmore

## Follow Fortismere

Did you know that the Fortismere Sport & PE Department has an active Twitter account? Our Twitter is where you will find the latest updates on fixtures, matches, information and all things sport so please make sure you give us a follow. Find us on Twitter – Fortismere Sport & PE @FortismerePE

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Garden Club Key Stage 3

**Garden Club for Year 7-9 students** will be starting next week on Tuesday 26 April 2022 at 3.30pm to 4.30pm in N25.

Please come along and get involved in the following activities:

- Change your environment.
- Seasonal foods from around the world.
- Know how to grow plants from seeds and cuttings successfully anywhere inside or outside on a balcony, a garden plot, in an assortment of containers.
- Design a garden space and **so much more**

If you have any questions please contact me.

Ms C Lewis



## Fundraising & Development Notices

### Spring Fundraising Event - Help Us Reach Our Target

Our Quiz Night taking place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 pm** is our main spring fundraising event and we really need your help to reach our target of £7000.

By taking part in the Quiz Night not only will you have a fun night out but you will also be supporting the school to generate much needed additional income to help us meet shortfalls in funding and increasing costs. Get your tickets early for this not to be missed event hosted by award winning comedian Pauline Eyre. Don't worry if you haven't got a full team of people as we'll make teams by combining smaller groups and don't worry if you aren't very good at quizzes as there will be lots of comedy even if you don't know any answers! Tickets are £10 per person (teams of 8-10 people). Smaller groups will be combined to make up a full team. There will be a bar but please bring food to share with you. Tickets available from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fortismere-quiz-night-7th-may-tickets-294461180317>



Even if you can't attend the quiz if you think you can support this event in another way please contact me.  
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