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<p>Reminder: Headteacher Surgery Thursday 30th April 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Book a slot at the online Headteacher Surgery next week if you would like to speak directly to Ms Zoe Judge about any aspect of school policy or practice. The surgery is not for concerns about individual children as these should be raised with the relevant member of staff or through our complaints process. To book an appointment, complete the form here. Slots are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If this session is full, we'll offer you an appointment at a future Surgery. Meeting links will be sent before your appointment.</p> <p>Reminder: Parent governor vacancies - Call for nominations</p> <p>We are looking for two new parent governors to join the governing board. Full details were sent out by ParentMail. If you want to nominate yourself for one of the positions - the deadline is Wednesday 29th April by 5pm by email to the clerk to governors smurray@fortismere.org.uk</p> <p>Leave Your Feedback at Fortismere</p> <p>As partners in your child's education, we value your perspective. Please use this feedback form to share what's working well at Fortismere and any areas where you feel we could improve. Your honest feedback helps us celebrate our successes and focus our development efforts where they matter most.</p>	<p>Headteacher's Message</p> <p>Departmental News & Notices</p> <p>Safeguarding Information</p> <p>Careers Newsletter</p> <p>Calendar</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1034 1010 1182 1111">30.04</td> <td data-bbox="1182 1010 1509 1111">Headteacher's Online Surgery 2pm-4pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1034 1111 1182 1211">04.05</td> <td data-bbox="1182 1111 1509 1211">Bank holiday - school closed</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1034 1211 1182 1424">06.05</td> <td data-bbox="1182 1211 1509 1424">Early school closure at 2.10pm Y7 Parents Evening 3pm-6pm online</td> </tr> </table> <div data-bbox="1050 1451 1493 2056"> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 1451 1270 1693"> <p>Be Ready to Make a Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce, reuse, recycle • Cut your carbon footprint: walk to school and increase a plant-based diet • Value experiences over collecting stuff </td> <td data-bbox="1270 1451 1493 1693"> <p>Respect the School Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Fortismere tidy • Eliminate food waste • Put waste in the correct bins • Follow the Eco-Code </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 1693 1270 1962"> <p>Be Kind To other people living on the planet with us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to people's opinions – to both the science and those impacted • Listen to nature - consider what is the planet telling us • Buy local and sustainable • Value environmental education </td> <td data-bbox="1270 1693 1493 1962"> <p>Save the Earth's Natural Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity – actively reduce the negative impacts on nature • Energy – reduce waste (turn off when you can) and use renewable energy • Water – Turn off the taps </td> </tr> </table> <p>The Eco-Code The fortismere four</p> </div>	30.04	Headteacher's Online Surgery 2pm-4pm	04.05	Bank holiday - school closed	06.05	Early school closure at 2.10pm Y7 Parents Evening 3pm-6pm online	<p>Be Ready to Make a Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce, reuse, recycle • Cut your carbon footprint: walk to school and increase a plant-based diet • Value experiences over collecting stuff 	<p>Respect the School Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Fortismere tidy • Eliminate food waste • Put waste in the correct bins • Follow the Eco-Code 	<p>Be Kind To other people living on the planet with us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to people's opinions – to both the science and those impacted • Listen to nature - consider what is the planet telling us • Buy local and sustainable • Value environmental education 	<p>Save the Earth's Natural Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity – actively reduce the negative impacts on nature • Energy – reduce waste (turn off when you can) and use renewable energy • Water – Turn off the taps
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Headteacher's Message

This morning brought a truly lovely moment when we received a surprise package from the son of a former Tollington student who attended our school (When it was called Tollington Grammar) in the early 1930s, almost 100 years ago! He has gifted us his father's school blazer as a keepsake of our school's history, and we're absolutely thrilled. We'll be finding a way to display this precious piece of our past for students and visitors to see, and we're particularly excited to think of how it will find a home in our brand new school building once that's completed in a few years' time. It's a wonderful reminder of the generations of students who have walked through our doors and the connections that endure across the decades.



Staying with this historical theme, we've been absolutely delighted by the exceptional quality of entries for this year's Liana Ward History Prize.

Liana's parents, Natalia and Chris, met with me and Ms De Freitas to judge the entries on Monday, and we were all genuinely impressed by the creativity and depth of the work submitted. The range was extraordinary; from a photomontage exploring the 16th and 17th century witch trials, to cakes representing the leaning tower of Pisa, Chernobyl and the Titanic, a stop motion animation about the Black Death, a play set in Elizabethan times, and essays on Che Guevara, Zheng Yi Sao, disability rights, the transatlantic trade in enslaved people, the question of genocide, and the Suffragettes. The judges will

announce the winners next week. Sincere thanks to all the students who took part. Your work was truly outstanding and this has been a really fitting way to pay tribute to Liana who was an avid historian.

We're also celebrating exciting success from our chess team this week. The Fortismere Chess team achieved their best ever performance, securing a place in the penultimate stage of the English Schools Chess U19 for the first time ever. This is the most prestigious team competition for schools since 1957 and was formerly known as The Sunday Times and then The Times Championship. On St George's Day, 24 teams competed and Fortismere came second, first equal on points scored after Winchester, and the only non-selective state school in the round! Repechage F takes place on 30th April and we'll be cheering them on as they compete for a place in the national Final.

Meanwhile, Year 10 and Year 12 have been sitting their examinations this week and have kicked off exam season at Fortismere brilliantly. A level and GCSE Art and Photography exams have also been taking place in North Wing, with students producing some really impressive creative pieces. It's wonderful to see our students approaching their assessments with such focus and determination.

We are happy to see the sun out this week. We hope you enjoy it this weekend!

Student Extra-Curricular

JSoc News

This week JSoc welcomed Matthew Woolf, a visiting speaker from the charity Jnetics. [Jnetics](#) is a UK-based charity dedicated to improving the prevention and diagnosis of Jewish genetic disorders through education, awareness, and accessible screening programmes. It works with schools, universities and the wider

community to help individuals understand inherited conditions that are more common among people with Jewish ancestry. Through its initiatives, Jnetics provides carrier screening and signposts families to trusted medical information and support services. The charity's work empowers young people in particular to make informed decisions about their health and future family planning. Ultimately, Jnetics aims to promote a healthier future for the community by increasing understanding and early detection of these conditions.

Students learned about how certain genetic disorders can be passed from one generation to the next, and how some conditions are more common among individuals with Jewish ancestry (defined as having at least one Jewish grandparent).

It was a fascinating and important session, full of scientific details clearly explained for all to understand - we are keen to ensure that our sixth form students are aware of the free Jnetics screening programme this charity offers.

The screening covers 49 of the most severe recessive genetic disorders that are more prevalent in Ashkenazi or Sephardi/Mizrahi Jewish populations. The Jnetics in Schools programme is available to all Year 12 and Year 13 students across the UK who have at least one Jewish grandparent.

Students can find more information and sign up here: [Jnetics in Schools Booking](#) Please note that this is not BRCA screening. Please pass on this information to others who will be interested in the screening.

Thank you so much to everybody who came! Remember that JSOC is for everyone no matter what faith or age. Email Elodie Saunders saune087.309@fortismere.school or speak to Ms Overs if you want to join.



Art & Photography Notices

KS3 Art Club - New Project with artist/teacher Alex Helfgott

A new project starts next week, led by Alex Helfgott, inspired by her practice of collecting and reworking everyday materials.

You'll be creating your own "archive" - a collection of objects and images that hold meaning, tell stories, or spark ideas - which will be used to make a collage artwork.

What to collect:

Bring a range of interesting materials such as packaging, photos (copies), magazine cut-outs, receipts, tickets, fabric, textured items, and small found objects.

Choose carefully, thinking about colour, texture, and personal meaning.

Art club: Wednesday 3.20pm-4.20pm in N1



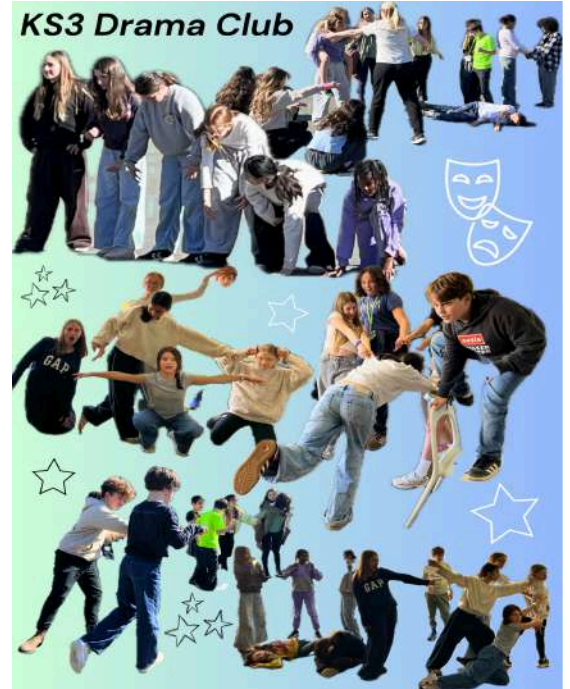
Drama Department Notices

Physicalisation Exploration in KS3 Drama Club

In Drama Club this week, we worked on the fundamental acting skill of physicalisation through a rotation of 3 different exercises: illustrating a live story through collaborative tableau; stamina and statues in a museum of statues; and clowning with exaggerated walks and varying styles of movement.

We are glad to have strong attendance for Drama Club and keep encouraging students to attend each week for fun, socialisation, and continued skill building!

KS3 Drama Club is Thursdays after school in NW Hall. If your child is interested in joining, email Miss R Nagaria: magaria@fortismere.org.uk or they can speak to their Drama teacher.



Fortismere Drama Summer Showcase...Coming Soon!

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SUMMER SHOWCASE ...COMING SOON!

IF YOU ARE AN ACTOR, COMEDIAN, MUSICIAN, SINGER,
DANCER, RAPPER, MAGICIAN, GYMNAST...
OR ANY OTHER PERFORMING TALENT NOT LISTED,
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR NOTICES ABOUT OUR
SUMMER SHOWCASE AUDITIONS AND START
THINKING ABOUT YOUR SPECIAL TALENT
YOU'D LIKE TO PERFORM!

MORE DETAILS TO BE REVEALED SOON!



Science Department

Year 10 STEM Students Shine at Annual Science Conference

We're delighted to share some fantastic news from our Year 10 STEM Investigation Projects group!

On Wednesday this week, students who have been working with Mr Nano since January attended the prestigious Annual School Science Conference at the University of Westminster. This year's theme, "Science for Sports," brought together students from 21 schools across London to explore the fascinating ways science supports athletic performance and wellbeing. Throughout the day, our

students took part in an exciting range of workshops and activities, including: Genetics and sports stem cell transplants; Radiopharmacy and quantum biology; Neuroscience and MRI brain imaging; Biomedical science simulations.

Schools also had the opportunity to present their own scientific investigations and compete for the prestigious Don Henderson Award. Special congratulations to Carys Jenner, Lily-Rose Salhany and Xayaana Mitha, who represented Fortismere with their outstanding investigation: *"Science for Sportswear: How Does Sportswear Affect Thermoregulation?"* Their confident and well-researched presentation earned them a Highly Commended Certificate of Achievement and The STEM Crest Award.

We're incredibly proud of all our students who participated in this inspiring event, and particularly thrilled to celebrate Carys, Lily-Rose and Xayaana's exceptional achievement. Well done!



Music Department

Guitar/Drum/Bass Lesson - Tuesdays after school & evenings

Our Saturday tutor is now teaching on Tuesday after school and evenings as well as Saturdays. There are a few Tuesday places still available this term.

Send in the [application form](#) or email fmcinfo@fortismere.org.uk if you are interested. Lessons are £21 for half an hour and there will be seven lessons this term.

Sport & PE Notices

Haringey Tag Rugby Competition

Our Year 7 students showed determination and team spirit at the inaugural Haringey Schools Tag Rugby Competition this week, with the girls' team reaching the final.

Tag rugby made its first appearance on the Haringey Schools Competition calendar this year, presenting an exciting challenge for Fortismere. Without rugby currently in our PE curriculum, we selected students who

had some previous experience or were eager to try something new. Competing against five other schools from the borough, our teams faced strong, experienced opposition.

The boys' competition saw some incredibly close matches, with standout performances in defence, particularly from Matteo, who excelled at retrieving tags. The team used their early group games to master the rules and develop tactical approaches, though they'll be the first to admit that scoring tries requires a bit more practice!

The girls' team demonstrated impressive adaptability, learning quickly from their first couple of group games to identify and capitalise on their strengths. Viyan, Eleza and Merrily all showcased exceptional speed and agility, scoring brilliant individual tries that helped propel the team to the final against St Thomas More. Despite a valiant effort, the girls were narrowly defeated 2-1 in a hard-fought final.

A highlight of the day was seeing the boys enthusiastically cheering on the girls during the final - a wonderful display of school spirit and mutual support. Well done to all students who participated. Your willingness to try something new and represent Fortismere with such determination is commendable.



Lunchtime Running Club

Ms Bailey is recruiting anyone that fancies a run on a Tuesday lunchtime. Bring a packed lunch and meet her at the Sports Hall entrance at the start of lunch on Tuesdays.

Upcoming Fixtures

Mon 27 April	Haringey Schools Swimming Gala - Park Road Pool 9.30am-1 pm
Thur 30 April	Tennis v APS & Highgate School
Tue 5 May & Thur 7 May	Haringey Athletics Championships

Careers & Work Related Learning

Fortismere Weekly Careers Newsletter

We've added the latest edition of the **Fortismere Careers Newsletter** to the end of this Newsletter - see the back pages. Previous editions are available on the website [here](#) with lots of other useful information and resources on careers and work related learning.

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.




CAREERS NEWSLETTER


This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

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OPPORTUNITIES





[Insight into University](#) is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university including degree apprenticeships and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It provides access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, apprentices, employers and current students. There is a cost but bursary available if you meet the criteria.




Are there lots of questions about university going around in your head? Would you like to know what it's like before you take the leap and apply for a STEM university degree? Well now you can - with [EDT's Industrial Cadets Residential Insight into University experiences](#), you get the chance to try out a STEM degree subject at leading universities throughout the UK. Each opportunity has its own eligibility criteria.

There are two new areas to explore on the Springpod website:

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- [Networks](#) - This feature allows you to discover companies aligned to your interests. You can enrol in unique programmes and unlock additional opportunities.
 - [Opportunities](#) - This is where you can discover internships, jobs, apprenticeships with employers.



Logistics is like solving a giant real-life puzzle—one that actually helps the planet. Every day, people in logistics figure out faster routes, reduce pollution, and keep the world's goods moving smoothly. Futures for All are joined by Generation Logistics & ASDA to [unpack how a career in logistics makes a real difference](#). You'll be hearing from Oli Hunt, the role of Senior Director for Central Logistics at ASDA, a role that offers huge variety!



With careers tools, course tasters, apprenticeship vacancies, city guides, and more, the [UCAS Hub](#) shines a light on your future, your way. Start by exploring your options, favouriting subjects, and using our handy tools.

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Fire Safety Engineer](#)

A fire engineer has an important role. They use science and engineering principles to protect people and property from the devastating effects of fires. Fire engineers design fire safety measures, conduct risk assessments and ensure the structural integrity of buildings.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

There are concerns around the availability of STEM skills in the UK workforce. 49% of engineering and technology businesses report difficulties with recruitment because of skills shortages. This makes STEM a great area to focus your development as you'll be in demand!

[Source](#)

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@fortismere.org.uk

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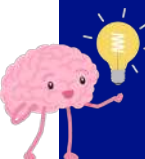
Think the RAF is just about flying? Think bigger. Explore careers. Build real skills. Prove your potential. The [RAF virtual work experience platform](#) allows you to explore RAF careers, develop your skills and prepare for your future.



If you're looking to explore careers in the Armed Forces but are unsure whether the Army, Air Force or Navy is best for you, [this guide on the Government website](#) is a good place to start.



[Unibuddy](#) is a feature on the UCAS website that allows you to speak to current university students. You can filter the list by university or subject to find students with similar interests to you. You can ask them about their journey, application tips or what university life is really like. This is a great way to get honest opinions.



"[Young Enterprise](#) is for everyone, not just the loudest in the room or the top of the class. If you're curious, creative, ambitious (or even a little unsure), there's something here for you. Through [our programmes](#), you'll figure out how to manage money, develop employability skills and maybe even launch a business. More than that, you'll grow your confidence, discover what you're capable of and start shaping your own path."



From construction and operations, to marketing and HR, there's a career in nuclear for you. [This three minute quiz](#) will help you identify your strengths and align them with exciting opportunities within the sector. Simply select the options that best resonate with your professional aspirations and skillset to discover a new professional path.



[The Forage](#) is a catalogue of free, virtual "job simulations" designed to help you explore careers and build practical skills. Each simulation typically takes a few hours and is created in partnership with major employers, giving a "day-in-the-life" preview of different careers. They're free, require no application or prior experience, and are meant to help you gain confidence, explore roles, and prepare for job applications.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"When you join the European Space Agency, you join an international and friendly environment that offers a range of benefits and services provided on site. These may vary from establishment to establishment."

They have a 15 places to join their [Junior Professional Programme](#), designed for Masters graduates.

Find out more about [Careers at ESA here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"The University of Bath offer courses in engineering, humanities, management, science and social science. We're highly ranked in independent league tables for overall performance, student satisfaction and graduate employment."

You can learn more about the [University of Bath here](#).

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