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Vaccination UK have informed us that Covid Vaccinations will be available to 12-15 year olds on the Fortismere site on 13th October. Please find attached a letter from Haringey with information for families about the vaccination programme. It contains the link for parents/carers which we included in the Newsletter last week and information for students.	Fortismere Fireworks								
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We are still experiencing a steady stream of positive Covid cases. As we informed families last week, extra safety measures are required when a tutor group has more than 10% of the students (3) receiving a positive PCR. The tutor groups will then be kept apart from the rest of the school through adaptations to the timetable and will be required to mask at all times, with extra emphasis placed on hand and respiratory hygiene. To ensure that the rise in case numbers is kept to a minimum, please follow the advice below.	Music Department Notices								
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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

It's been wonderful to see that week by week the school is re-emerging as the vibrant and active place it was pre-pandemic and that our students are seizing on the opportunities to learn in a variety of ways. One of the many positive aspects of the relaxing of covid restrictions has meant that staff have been able to organise off-site learning for many more students in the form of school trips. This week the Art and Photography department took a group of Year 11 & 13 Students to the JR exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery.

Also, this week Ms Fox took a group of her English students who had completed a project as part of their Key Stage 4 English qualification on a trip to Go Ape. What is remarkable about this visit was that members of the group had planned and organised the visit as part of a unit of work in Year 10 and had presented their plans to the Co-heads as part of an assessed speaking activity. So impressed were all who heard of their plans that Ms Fox decided to book the trip as a reward for their efforts and achievements. We hear that the students pushed themselves to their limits, tried new experiences and enjoyed a great deal of physical exertion on the day. We are looking forward to hearing more about the variety of offsite educational experiences that are being planned for our students as society gradually opens up.

It's also very refreshing to be able to write about the fact that events are beginning to take place in school. We have missed the sounds of live music through the usual annual programme of concerts so it was delightful that we at last had the opportunity to relax and enjoy Fortismere's musical talent last night. The concert designed to 'Welcome' its audience back to live music packed its programme with a range of delights from Joni Mitchell to Faure and the quality of the music was truly outstanding. We are so pleased to note that this is the first event of a packed musical calendar and are already looking forward to the Piano Recital on 2nd November.

Finally, October marks the beginning of Black History Month and this year at Fortismere our curriculum pastoral leaders have given much thought as to how we can ensure that our curriculum celebrates Black achievement while considering the importance of such reflection at this time of year. We have also rebranded our Newsletter format for the month to mark the event. There is more information below but do check in with your sons and daughters on what they have learnt and discussed in their lessons over the next few weeks.

It's suddenly getting darker in the morning and we can feel Autumn drawing in. It may be a weekend for central heating in our houses! Whatever you do this weekend we trust it is both restful and enjoyable.



Black History Month At Fortismere

Today marks the start of Black History Month 2021. We are so excited as a school to be able to celebrate this together, particularly celebrating the heritage of our Black and Black Heritage community. As part of our celebrations, all students will be invited to reflect on the importance and significance of this time of year across their lessons. There is a huge variety of activities planned including assemblies, displays, and sessions delivered by various guests and speakers. The month will culminate in a whole school exhibition where all of the Fortismere community will be invited to come see the fantastic work the students have created and opportunities they have experienced, all while enjoying some delicious food and great music from across the Black diaspora. There will be more information to follow as the month progresses, so keep your eyes peeled!



Year 8 Information Evening: Thursday 21st October

Please be reminded that the event will take place on **Thursday 21st October**. Apologies for the confusion. I look forward to meeting you all.

Miss Williams

Communications Survey

Take Part in our Communications Survey!



This is an exciting time for Fortismere's Communications. As detailed in last week's newsletter we will be posting more updates regarding our new communications strategy.

We have produced a survey on Mailchimp to get an insight into how our school community views our methods of communications and the launch of our new Instagram account.

To take part in our communications survey: [Click Here](#)

If you haven't followed our Instagram account yet, please go check out our account! **Our Instagram Account: fortismereschooln10**

PSHE Department Notices

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

All students in Years 7-11 are taught Relationships & Sex Education in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education).

If you would like to find out more about what is covered, when, and how we teach these topics, please see the PSHE section of the Fortismere website under either the Curriculum or Pastoral sections, or contact: saldridge@fortismere.org.uk



Modern Languages Department Notices

MEP: Year 7 Only

Students have now been selected and parents have been informed by Ms Huang. Students who didn't manage to get in will still have the chance to learn Mandarin together with another language or (if possible) on its own.

More information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

If you have any queries regarding the MEP, please contact Ms Huang: hhuang@fortismere.org.uk



Year 11 French and Spanish Revision Guides



Study guides will be available for purchase soon in both French and Spanish. These are at a cheaper rate than if bought individually.

- The cost is £5.00 (£4.50 + £0.50 charge from ParentMail).
- More information will be sent through ParentMail soon.

European Day of Languages: Quiz & Treasure Hunt Results



We are proud to announce the winners of the quiz and the treasure hunt organised last week.

The department wants to thank all students who took part in it. We were impressed by their dedication and excitement. There were 50 groups taking part in the treasure hunt so well done to everyone!

The winners of the quiz are **11JN** with 95 out of 110 points and they received a box of chocolates to share during tutor time.

The winners of the treasure hunt are all from **8FO**: Stella Clark, Olivia Blackie, Eva Morten-Spencer and Lottie Gabriel. They achieved an impressive 30 out of 36 points!!

They all received a £5 Amazon voucher and a 'Zipi y Zape' DVD. Well done!

Music Department Notices

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons: IN SCHOOL



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Instrumental and vocal lessons are filling up fast.

If you are interested in your child taking part in these classes **please contact Mel Izzet:** mizzet@fortismere.org.uk.

Timetables are sent out via email to parents and posted outside the music office.

Welcome Back Concert: A huge congratulations!

Our first school concert of the year took place in the Music Concert Hall on Thursday 30th September at 7:00pm.

There were some outstanding performances from students from across the school. Thank you to all the students that took part in this event and to the parents and staff that came along to support.

Pure Piano Concert: Tuesday 2nd November South Wing Hall 7:00pm



Our next school concert will be a chance for our pianists to show off their talents. All styles and ability levels are welcome!

If your child is interested in performing in this concert please contact Mr Jefferies: jefferies@fortsmere.org.uk.

Ensembles 2021/22

Music Ensembles are back up and running, due to clashes with other after school activities Junior Choir has been moved to Thursday Lunchtime and Classical Guitar Group has been moved to a Friday Lunchtime. **There will be a new "Popular" guitar group starting after the half term with Billy Marrows.**

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Senior Strings (G5+)	KS3 Music Tech School Orchestra (Gr2+)
Tuesday	Percussion Group (All welcome)	Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra (7-9pm)
Wednesday	Musical Theatre Group Big Band (Gr3+)	Bands (Rooms available for practice) Gospel Choir
Thursday	DJ Club Junior Choir (Yr 7-9)	KS4 Music Tech Senior Choir (Yr 10-13)
Friday	Junior Strings (G1-4) Classical Guitar Group	
Saturday	Music Theory Classes (10am - 12pm) Fortismere Community Choir (10am - 1pm)	Afternoon (1 - 4pm) Chamber Groups Rock Bands

Christmas Concert Auditions

It's never too early to start preparing for our biggest concert of the school year and whilst ensembles have already started we are now inviting students to audition for a place as a soloist or band.

Please ask your child to talk to their music teacher if they are interested or contact

Mr Jefferies: ejjefferies@fortismere.org.uk and they will be added to a google classroom.



The deadline for auditions will be Friday 5th November and we will be asking for video submissions students can submit online.

Fortismere Music Centre: Saturday Centre Music Lessons

The Fortismere Music Center is open for business, if you would like to take lessons please get in touch. **Contact the Music Centre manager Joe Winters:** FMInfo@fortismere.org.uk.

Drama Department Notices

Luminosa at Jackson's Lane



Year 12 and 13 were thrilled to watch Luminosa at Jacksons Lane this week. Theatre is such a fundamental part of our curriculum and it is brilliant we can just head out to our local theatre and watch such talent.

The A Level Sixth Form students were delighted by a 10-strong troupe featuring trapeze artists and foot jugglers that created a fun and a little bit naughty extravaganza.

Drama Club



Year 7's are invited to join the Drama Club! Please come to the North Wing hall at lunchtimes on Fridays.

Upcoming Drama Trips

The Drama department is so excited to be able to go on trips again. Please see our upcoming itinerary:

- **Wednesday 20th October Year 12 Drama A Level Students** *The Tragedy of Macbeth*
- **Thursday 18th November Year 13 Drama A Level Students** *Love and Other Acts of Violence*
- **Thursday 9th December Year 11 Drama GCSE Students** *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*
- **Thursday 19th January Year 10 Drama GCSE Students** *Curious Ocean at the End of the Lane*

Parents will find details emailed to them about the upcoming trips and the voluntary payments details are located within Shop in Payments on the Parentmail system.



Sport & PE Department Notices

Weekly Roundup

Another bumper week of sport and physical activity at Fortismere. This past week we enjoyed over 40 clubs plus 11 of our teams participated in Boys & Girls Football matches and Cross Country Competitions.

On Tuesday afternoon alone we had just shy of 200 fortismere students at clubs or playing matches from Year 7 through to Year 13. There is still room at our extra-curricular clubs if you haven't made the step yet and we would love to see you.

Remember Extra Curricular clubs at Fortismere are for everyone!



1st XI Gain Important Win

After losing in their first match of the season - a 0-3 defeat to Christ College in the Brigg Cup - it was important we bounced back with a win and good performance as we played the second match of the group stage against Finchley Catholic School.

The 1st Team did not disappoint and gained a well earned 4-2 victory. This means a positive result in our last group match against St Ignatius will see us through to the knockout stage.

However, before that we have the 2nd round match of the ESFA National Cup for which we travel to East London and All Saints Stepney. This match is next Tuesday. Good Luck Boys and well played this week.

U14 and U16 Girls Safely Through!

Our U16 Girls kicked off their quest for National Cup Glory with a comfortable 7-3 win over east London's Sidney Russell School. The opposition put up a brave fight but our girls were never really troubled. The girls now are away to Coloma Convent school in Croydon. Let's hope the girls perform as well against the South London team as they did the East. Well done Girls!

Our U14 Girls were as impressive as their elder peers in their 6-1 demolition of The Marlborough Science College from St Albans. They await notification of their next opponents.



Jessica Runs to Victory!



Jessica Lappin in Year 8 put her recent cross-country training to good effect as she took part in, and WON, the YMCA Fun Run a couple of Sundays ago. Jess is pictured (see left) looking rightly proud with her winner's medal.

Well Done Jessica - awesome performance.

Bradley and Daniel to the Rescue!

When local (Open age Men's) Football team, Old Tollingtonians, were recently left short of players for their Saturday afternoon match, on their home pitch in Highgate Woods, where else would they come seeking quality players but Fortismere of course. Daniel Atfi and Bradley Bennette in Year 13 stepped up to the cause and Richard, manager of Old Tollis was very grateful. He stated:

"The two boys were a credit to themselves and their school. They performed well and I think they enjoyed the introduction to the physicality of mens football. Fortismere Players were welcome any time at their club."

Well done lads and thanks for representing Fortismere so well.

Year 7 Football Off and Running

On Tuesday, our Year 7 Boys Footballers pulled on the school shirt for the first time as our A, B and C teams travelled over to Highgate school for an afternoon of competitive Matches.



Our 'A' team enjoyed a very close game losing out to a last minute piledriver as Highgate edged it 5-4. Our B team Suffered early on before starting to find their feet but could never really pull things back and lost out 6-3. The C team hit the ground running and scored great goals from all over the pitch as they smashed 9 past their opponents

Triz Leads the Junior Boys to Cross-Country Success

A wonderful display of front running by Trizano Wilson in Year 8, backed up by superb performances from Ben Redland and Lucas Christenson, steered Fortismere Junior Boys Cross-Country team into the Regional finals of the English Schools Cup competition.

The regional final is between the qualifying 12 schools from 4 counties/regions. Although we didn't have our usual high 4th placed Louie Broadway, the 3 boys were supported by Y7's Tal and new boy Peter Dolan, making his debut for the school on his first day!

First day at a new school and he helps his team qualify through to the last 4 schools from 100's. I am writing this on late Thursday evening after returning from the event so full results and pictures will follow next week.

Fixture Results

Fixtures Last Week:

Tuesday 21st September:

- Y7 Boys Football 'A' v Highgate Friendly lost 4-5
- Y7 Boys Football 'B' v Highgate Friendly lost 3-6
- Y7 Boys Football 'C' v Highgate Friendly Won 9-2
- U14 Girls Football v Marlborough St Albans ESFA Cup Won 6-1

Wednesday 22nd September:

- Football U18 1st Team v Finchley Catholic Middx Brigg Cup Pool Stage Won 4-2

Thursday 23rd September:

- U16 Girls Football v Sidney Russell ESFA Cup Won 7-3
- Y7 & Y8 Boys and Girls ESAA Cross Country 1st Round (Runners up and qualify to Regional Final)
- Y9 & Y10 Girls Cross ESAA Cross country 1st Round (9th place)
- Y11/12/13 Boys and Girls ESAA Cross Country Cup 1st Round (awaiting results)

Fixtures Next Week:

Monday 4th October:

- Football Y8 Boys 'A' v APS (H) Middlesex Cup (2:45pm kick off)
- Football Y11 Boys 'A' v APS (H) Middlesex Cup (2:45pm kick off)

Tuesday 5th October:

- Football U18 1st Team v Stepney All Saints (A) ESFA Cup (3:00pm kick off)
- Y7 Boys 'A' v St Clements Dane (A) ESFA Cup (2:45pm kick off and return 4:30pm)

Wednesday 6th October:

- U14 Boys 'A' v UCS (A) ESFA Cup (4:30pm kick off and return 6:30pm)

Art & Photography Notices

KS3 Art Club

The Art Club is up and running again!

This term's project is monochrome painting. This week we created handmade sketchbooks to document colour studies and our practice pieces.

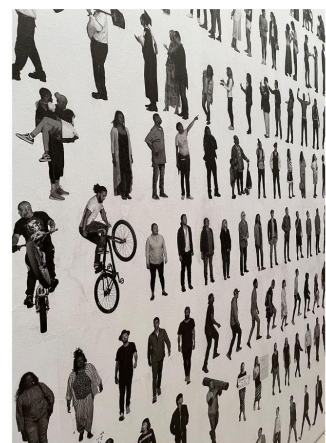


This term we will be looking at a range of materials and techniques.

The KS3 Art Club is every Thursday (3.30-4.30pm) in N6



Yr11 & Yr13 Photography trip



Year 11 and 13 Photography students visited the exhibition, *JR: Chronicles*, at the Saatchi Gallery this week.

Students worked well in the gallery and had many insightful responses to JR's thought provoking photographs.

We are looking forward to seeing the work students will create in response to the work they saw.

Thanks to Mr Holden who organised a great trip!



GCSE & A level cohort 2019-2021

Please can any GCSE / A level Art & Photography students who finished the course in 2021, collect their work from the department. Students who are no longer at Fortismere should email their teacher in advance.

Library

Author Visit



On Wednesday 29th October, a group of Year 13 English and Drama students were treated to an inspiring talk from award-winning poet and playwright, Inua Ellams.

They loved his performance of the opening of 'The Half-God of Rainfall' and made the most of the opportunity to question him about his work, asking thoughtful questions about the staging of the play and his many influences from Greek Myths to Hip-Hop.

Year 7 Author Visit Reminder



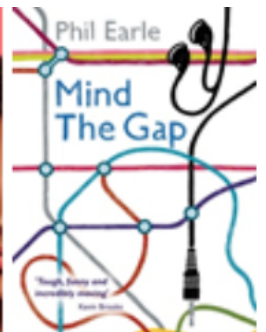
Please remember that the whole of Year 7 will be meeting our Patron of Reading, Sita Brahmachari, on **Monday 4th October** as follows:

Period 2: 7GK, 7LD, 7MB, 7RC, 7VK

Period 3: 7AP, 7ET, 7JD, 7KC, 7TG.

Recommended Reads of the Week

In a week when car transport is tricky and uncertain, here are some alternative methods of getting around.



Fortismere Fireworks

Event Information



We are delighted to announce that we will be holding Fortismere Fireworks on Saturday 4th November 2021 and we are going to have the fireworks synchronised to music!

There are savings to be made if you buy your tickets before the event: £5 each from outside the school library from Monday 20th September or online at:

[Fireworks 4th November 2021 5-8pm Tickets, Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 5:00 PM](#)

The Gates on Twyford Avenue will open at 5pm, with a Fun Fair, a bar with mulled wine, hot drinks and various hot food stalls to start, and then fireworks are scheduled to start from 7.30-8.00pm, subject to everyone being in the field at that time. The event closes at 9pm and tickets are £8 on the gate.

Please note the field can get muddy at this time of year, so suitable footwear (such as wellies) is advised.

Please encourage your child/ren to start buying their tickets from the South Wing Library during their breaks or straight after school. If you, or a family member, displays any symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you don't attend.

This event can potentially help raise a lot of money for the school so please do come along as well. You can have dinner and a few drinks before the start, dance to keep warm and get dizzy on the rides before the Great Fireworks display!!

If you wish to volunteer on the night to help make it a brilliant success please contact: mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk



Fortismere Holiday Activity Camp

October Holiday Camp Book Now! Open to the Community

With lots of fun and games to enjoy from D&T, Chess, Robotics and Coding to Drama and Multi Sports, holiday camps are ideal if you find it hard to juggle work and keep the children entertained. Activities will run between 9:00am-3:00pm each day at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE. The full 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 on subsidised places: mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk

Holiday Club Activities: Limited Spaces

Monday 26th October Ballet, Tap and Musical Theatre: 5 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. *This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.*

Monday 26th October Chess Club: 5 Spaces Available

[Chess Club Tickets](#)

Chess has been growing in popularity (online), boosted also by the popularity of the recent Netflix TV series The Queen's Gambit. This course aims to develop students' chess skills which can also indirectly help analytical and evaluative skills needed also in the classroom.

This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.

Monday 26th October Drama Club: 5 Spaces Available

[Drama Club Tickets](#)

The children will work on improvisation and comedy skills. *This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.*

Monday 26th October Drawing Animation and Comics Club: SOLD OUT

[Drawing Animation and Comics Club Tickets](#)

Overview of the comic and cartoon industry and how they have been used as tools for storytelling and communication over the years. Children will be shown how the human body works and is designed to move. As well as character design for different types of characters and how they fit into the stories you want to tell and overview of comics storytelling, layout and structure.

The children will also look at writing comics and how to produce clear lettering by hand for comics and different colouring techniques both traditional and digital. Using the skills gathered so far, children will work on their own comic stories. By the end of the course each student will produce their own complete 8 - 12 page comic strip. *This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.*

Monday 26th October Little Imaginations: 5 Spaces Available

[Little Imaginations Tickets](#)

Our camps cover all areas of creative arts, as well as active play and science experiments. *This holiday club is open to children aged 3-6 years.*

Monday 26th October Multi Sports: 10 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, rounders, tennis and competitions for the chance to win a fabulous prize. *This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.*

Monday 26th October Robotics: SOLD OUT

[Robotics Tickets](#)

Children will gain an overview of how robotics is used and integrated in computer science, IT and STEAM. The children will look at the robotic creation, design, operation and the use of robotics in everyday life and in the professional working world. *This holiday club is open to children aged 9-15 years.*

Monday 26th October Street Dance: 10 Spaces Available

[Street Dance Tickets](#)

Students will learn routines and steps from this popular dance style. *This holiday club is open to children aged 7-15 years.*