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<p><b>Good bye from Jo Davey</b></p> <p>As many of you are aware, I have chosen to leave Fortimsere at the end of this academic year. It has been very difficult to leave this school (for the second time!). Fortismere, and before that Creighton, has been a significant part of my life, both as a young person and then in my profession. It is a fantastic school serving a vibrant, creative community with whom I have loved working. Last Sunday's Summer Festival encapsulated many of the aspects of Fortismere that I most enjoy; the mixture of cheesiness and earnest competition around the Dog Show, the talent showcased by the music and art stall, the resilience shown in the face of a heavy downpour... Adding to this, I saw the Y12 Drama exam performances yesterday and the pieces were superb (and very scary!). Throughout our co-headship, Zoe Judge and I have shared a twin passion for inclusive education and protection of the creative and expressive arts. Both of these passions are reflected in the community we serve.</p> <p>The students have been a joy and keep returning, whether as alumni with fascinating tales of their new adventures or indeed as employees! The students have been great company and I was reminded again today of their humour and moral sense in the Great Fortismere Show: the Haiku Le Creuset from one of the students captures this well:</p> <div><p>Le Creuset (the pot company) A pot, pan and cups, Figureholds of the business Unaffordable to most</p></div> <p>Cultural capital with a regard for others - very Fortismere!</p> <p>I will be at Blanche Nevile for a short while and saying hello to some of our students during lunch time in the North Wing, and perhaps some of you when I'm out and about on the Broadway. Thank you for being such an enthusiastic and engaged parent community, it's been a blast!</p> <p>Have a great Summer!</p> <p>Jo Davey</p>	<b>CoHeads' Weekly Roundup</b>	
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<div></div> <p><i>There were so many wonderful entries in the Great Fortismere Show today - here are some brilliant vegetable animals! More photos and news of winners next week</i></p>		

## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

We are writing at the end of another wonderful week at Fortismere. The week actually began on Sunday as the inaugural Fortismere Fair, led by our newly formed 'Friends of Fortismere' took place on the school field. Our organisers did a fantastic job of transforming our space into a village of shops, eateries with spaces to relax, chat and play, with fun fair rides and zorbing. Our visitors were entertained by a host of talented Fortismere musicians and by a small army of pups who arrived en masse to compete in our dog show. This event was a real community effort and it was really exciting to be part of. An event of this scale must have taken a lot of hard work so thanks must go not only to our 'FOF' committee members but to all of those who played a part in the day. Early indications are that it was an excellent fundraiser for the school (more detail on this to follow) but more importantly it was a great day for our community to come together and to enjoy ourselves. Thank you to all who came along to make it so special.

The Drama department was also incredibly busy this week hosting two performances for us all. The first was an enchanting adaptation of 'A Midsummer night's Dream' which was performed by our Year 7 Drama club on Tuesday. We were really impressed by the dramatic talent on display in this joyful production. We are looking forward to seeing how our youngest group of actors evolve. Perhaps they will go on to study A level Drama at Fortismere, where they will be able to take part in the very high quality performances that we witnessed on Thursday. Our Year 12 Drama groups showcased two outstanding productions one of 'Sweeney Todd' and one of 'London Road'. Both performances were breathtaking and comprised of powerful performances in incredibly well choreographed pieces. We loved both of them and are very excited to see their Year 13 work. Such talent! Thanks to all of the students and to the Drama department for entertaining, and enlightening us this week.

Today was the Great Fortismere Show. This is a new creative and cultural competition between Fortismere's Houses which we very much hope will secure a permanent spot on the Fortismere calendar. South Wing Hall was opened for students to submit their entries in a range of categories from jewellery design and poetry writing to baking and lego building to name just a few of a very wide range of creative categories. The quality and range of submissions for these categories were just brilliant and again this was a really lovely example of what can happen when our community comes together. We left culturally enriched as well and full of sugary treats. It really was the best way to end a lovely week. Thanks must go to Ms Jones, Ms Garnett and Mr Ward for coordinating this great show and of course to the hundreds of students who submitted their creations.


Finally, we are delighted to announce that at the end of a long process, in which many of you were involved, the school received the news this week that we have been accredited with the SEND and Inclusion award (SENDIA). This means a lot to us as a school as it recognises the excellent work that goes on at Fortismere to support all of our students in their learning. We must thank Mr Fari and the Linc team in particular for coordinating the accreditation process but this recognition also belongs very much to the whole school community.

After such a busy week we'd like to wish you all a very restful weekend.

## Friends of Fortismere

### Fortismere Summer Festival - Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who made the Fortismere Summer Festival such a success - from the volunteers and staff, to those who donated, came along, spent money, and helped create a brilliant atmosphere. Despite the weather, the day was full of Fortismere spirit – amazing music, fabulous dogs, busy stalls, and a real sense of community (*see the last page of the Newsletter for some photos from the day*).

We're delighted to share that the festival raised a **provisional profit of £15,755**, with a further **£541 in in-kind donations**. The **raffle alone raised £1,915**, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and families. We're still waiting on some final income and may have a few small, unexpected costs to factor in - we'll confirm the final total in the new term. We'll also be holding a Friends of Fortismere meeting in **September** but do get in touch with any feedback or ideas for future events before. Thank you again for all your support. **Friends of Fortismere**  **Get in touch** [friendsoffortismere@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:friendsoffortismere@fortismere.org.uk)

## LINC Department Notice

### SEND and Inclusion Award Successful Accreditation

We are very pleased to share the wonderful news that Fortismere has been awarded the SEND and Inclusion Award (SENDIA) by Optimus Education, following a rigorous verification process completed this week. Many of you will know that we have been working towards this for some time, and after two years of preparation, it's a real achievement to have our inclusive approach formally recognised. The award celebrates our commitment to creating an environment where all students, particularly those who are most vulnerable, can thrive and succeed. The assessor was extremely impressed by the work taking place across the school and by the passion and determination of our staff to support every student. He praised the strength of our inclusive culture and the wide-ranging strategies in place to meet the diverse needs of our young people. That said, we want to be clear: part of what drives us at Fortismere is the understanding that to be the best, we must never stop trying to be better. We are proud of what we've achieved so far, but even prouder of our intentions and continued efforts to improve. We'll be receiving a full report shortly, which will highlight both our successes and areas for further development. This will help shape our plans for the year ahead as we strive to provide the very best for every student.

Mr Fari

## Student Achievement

### The Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards 2025

The Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards 2025 for Haringey Schools & Clubs took place on the evening of Thursday 10th July at Gladesmore Community School. Councillor Michelle Simmons-Safo (Deputy Mayor of Haringey), Bibi Khan MBE (Deputy Lieutenant of Haringey) and Councillor Zena Brabazon (Cabinet Member for Children, Schools & Families) gave some inspirational speeches and handed out the



medals and certificates. The compère for the evening was Philip Allinson from the Foundation and there was some excellent entertainment from Gladesmore students and Collage Arts.

Well done to the Fortismere Achievement Award winners Phoenix Law, Muhammad Shah, Leyla Turan, Luke Nutt, Conor Rennard, Nicole Elezi, Andrei Volkov, Camille Cooper Stephenson, Arthur Goldwater, Sam Mitting and our Leader Award Winner Mrs Ward.

Mr Yakup

## Sixth Form Notice

### Year 12 Oxbridge Trip to Cambridge

On a sunny Thursday this week, 23 of our Year 12 students travelled to the University of Cambridge for its Open Day, to explore the opportunities available to them there. The group visited a range of colleges including Murray Edwards, Fitzwilliam, St John's, and Trinity College, gaining a real sense of the university's unique atmosphere and architecture. Students attended taster lectures and subject-specific talks, covering everything from Art History and Land Economy to Natural Sciences, helping them explore potential degree choices and academic pathways. It was a brilliant opportunity to experience university life first-hand and ask questions about admissions, student life, and courses to current students and fellows.

A huge thank you to Ms Brooks and Mr Hann for supporting the trip with me. It was a great day and our students were fantastic ambassadors for Fortismere.

Mr Lewis

## Geography Notice

### Year 12 Lake District Field Trip July 2025



Well done to our Y12 Geography students for their fantastic work and behaviour during their fieldwork in the Lake District. They all worked really hard and during the week the group investigated past glacial landforms during a hike from Grasmere to Easedale tarn. A day was spent learning how to measure the carbon store and uptake of woodland and the water infiltration rates in different land uses. Thankfully, conditions in the Lake District were much cooler than London. We also toured Keswick (along with some helpful geese) investigating its claim as the "adventure capital of the UK". Our students are well on the way to choosing their own independent Geography investigations which they will begin working on over the summer holidays. We have been impressed to hear about all their enthusiastic research ideas.



## Drama Department Notices

### KS3 Drama Club performs A Midsummer Night's Dream

Fortismere KS3 Drama Club were in fine form for their performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream on Tuesday. The students delivered incredible characterisations of the famous characters and wowed the audience with their acting expertise.

For some of our students it was their first time performing on a stage - but it did not show! They were so professional and we can't wait to see what's in store next year for these talented students.

A huge thank you to all that came to watch and support!



### Year 12 Performance Evening

Well done to the Y12 A Level Drama students for their exam performances yesterday evening.

The groups took on musicals: a verbatim performance of London Road performed with an end on stage configuration, and the haunting performance of Sweeney Todd performed with an in the round stage configuration.

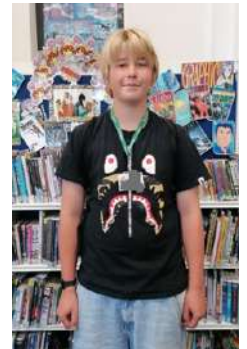
Both performances left different impressions on the audience, and truly showcased the incredible talents of the actors.



## Library Notices

### Competition Winner

The Harriet Branford Writing Competition encourages writing talent in under 18s from all around the country. I'm delighted to say that Year 9 student, Peter Elkington, is one of this year's six winners. You can read Peter's story together with the other successful entries [here](#)



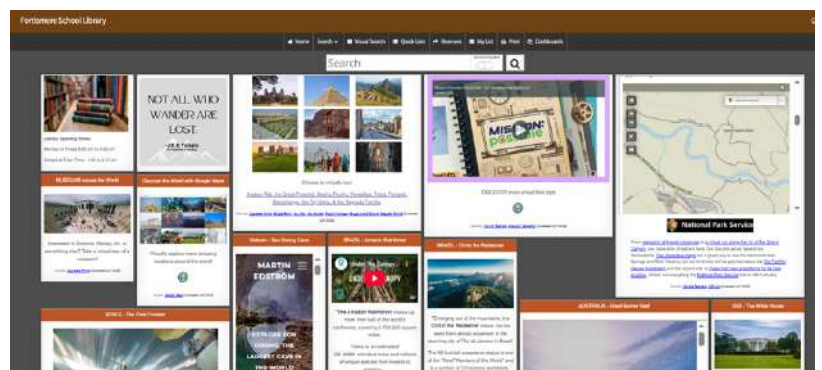
### The National Year of Reading 2026

I was so pleased to see that the government has come round to my way of thinking regarding reading ie. suggesting that parents should lead by example! Do read this press release regarding next year's huge campaign which will hopefully encourage more people to engage with books [Parents urged to read more - read here](#)



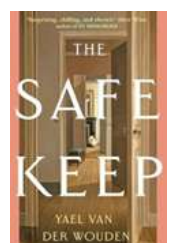
### Accessit

The main dashboard of our library catalogue has been changed to reflect the forthcoming summer holidays (hurrah!) You can virtually tour World Heritage sites, USA National Parks (have a look at the geyser eruptions!) museums across the world, the Amazon rainforest, the Great Barrier Reef, Venice, the White House and even Mars. You don't have to leave the comfort of your own house to get away from it all. Take a look (and why not search for a book whilst you're at it...) [Accessit here](#)



### CoverUp

The final meeting of our parent/staff reading group is next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm outside the library. As well as chatting about *The Safekeep* by Yael van der Wouden, we will be drinking Pimms, eating cheesy balls and watching the sun set.





## Recommended Reads of the Week

More summer reads...



## Sport & PE Notices

### London Youth Games Aquathlon

Very well done to the Fortismere students that represented Haringey in last Sunday's Youth Games Aquathlon - Maya, Evie, Ben, Max and Emily. The event took place at the Olympic Park in the impressive Aquatics Centre. A tough swim in the pool was followed by a run around the stadium in high temperatures - not easy in the heat. Haringey finished a respectable 11th overall in the event.



**Well done to all of the Fortismere students that have represented Haringey in the London Youth Games this year. Haringey finished a brilliant 3rd place out of the 33 London boroughs.**

### Esther represents Wales in the Women's Euros 2025

Esther Morgan, a former Fortismere student played for the Welsh National team in their Euro 2025 match against the Netherlands last Saturday. Esther had a great game and made some crucial tackles in defence. We are very proud of her achievements and are looking forward to watching her play in the rest of the tournament. Wales are playing England on Sunday evening.



## Haringey Boys Cricket Cups

Well done to our Boys Cricket teams this week, who represented Fortismere in the Haringey Schools Cricket Cup. The weather was perfect for the event which took place at North Middlesex Cricket Club.

**The Year 7/8 team finished second in their cup competition on Tuesday and on Wednesday, the Year 9/10 team finished third - a very well done to both our teams.**



## Sports Days - Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th July

We're looking forward to our annual Sports Days taking place next week. A reminder that students should come into school wearing their PE kit and if possible a t-shirt in their House colour. The weather looks hot so remember a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream.

House colours: Selvon - red; Keats - yellow; Turing - green; Franklin - blue; Wollstonecraft - white

## 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](mailto: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.





## Summer Festival 2025

