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<p><b>Late start Monday 15th April</b></p> <p>Students will start term at 9.40am (P2) to allow for staff training during period 1. Students will be welcome on site from 9.30am.</p> <p>A reminder that term starts on Week 1</p> <p><b>School Photographs</b></p> <p>Fizz Photography will be sending us photocards in the next few school weeks. These will be sent home with your child and will explain how to order photographs. We would also like to say how well behaved all the students were and how well they followed the instructions for the day.</p> <p><b>Top Positive Points</b></p> <p>Well done to the following students who are the top points scorers this week.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="86 1438 1038 1946"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Molly Appleby Y10</td> <td>Hector O'Mahoney Y7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Felix Cunnington-Deibel Y7</td> <td>Carl Peanberg-King Y9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Baxter Davies Y9</td> <td>Jamie Sanders Y7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reece Goldband Y7</td> <td>Rafael Tancred Y9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tamar Goldberg Y9</td> <td>Archie Thompason Y7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Julian Gonzalez-Lanata Y9</td> <td>Iona Vida Y8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ilgaz Guvendik Y8</td> <td>Lia Von Springer Y7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elliot Isaacs Y8</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Molly Appleby Y10	Hector O'Mahoney Y7	Felix Cunnington-Deibel Y7	Carl Peanberg-King Y9	Baxter Davies Y9	Jamie Sanders Y7	Reece Goldband Y7	Rafael Tancred Y9	Tamar Goldberg Y9	Archie Thompason Y7	Julian Gonzalez-Lanata Y9	Iona Vida Y8	Ilgaz Guvendik Y8	Lia Von Springer Y7	Elliot Isaacs Y8		<p><b>CoHeads' Weekly Roundup</b></p> <p><b>Parent Information Event</b></p> <p><b>House News</b></p> <p><b>Extra-Curricular Achievement</b></p> <p><b>Department News &amp; Notices</b></p> <p><b>Easter Holiday Camps</b></p> <p><b>Safeguarding Information</b></p> <p><b>Calendar</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1058 1151 1517 1469"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1058 1151 1177 1339">28.3</td> <td data-bbox="1177 1151 1517 1339">End of term. Classes dismissed from 12.30 (FSM lunches can be collected during break time)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1058 1339 1177 1469">15.4</td> <td data-bbox="1177 1339 1517 1469">Start of term: 9.30am for a 9.40am start</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <div data-bbox="1082 1563 1497 1792">  <p><b>Neurodiversity Celebration Week</b> March 18 - 24, 2024</p> </div> <p data-bbox="1094 1827 1485 1886">Read more about Neurodiversity Celebration Week <a href="#">here</a></p>	28.3	End of term. Classes dismissed from 12.30 (FSM lunches can be collected during break time)	15.4	Start of term: 9.30am for a 9.40am start
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## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

We have had lots of visitors on site this week. We were pleased to meet parents of Year 12 students on Wednesday who attended the subject teachers' feedback evening. Year 12 have made a fine start to their A level studies and our staff enjoyed meeting their families and sharing their excellent progress.

Last night Fortismere's community was treated to another evening of creativity in the form of our Poetry and Music Evening. This event takes place annually and is jointly organised by our Music Department and Ms Ward our Librarian. Alongside our choir and orchestra, this year the music was provided by students who had been selected via their houses to perform and there was a competitive element to the evening. The students who performed had already had to compete with around 50 other acts to gain the opportunity to perform at the event. The poetry comprised some wonderfully moving new compositions from students who truly tested their skills as orators on their audience. We'd like to thank all involved and all who came for supporting this event. Its strength lay in the way it brought together talent from across our houses and therefore across the school allowing students who don't usually work together to share their creativity. This event was organised to celebrate World Poetry Day.



This week was also Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Mindful of this our Linc team organised a range of activities for students to join thousands of people across the country in celebrating different minds which included a project to research and present to each other on a range of neurodiverse celebrities who have made an impact amongst many opportunities for discussion, reflection and learning. Next week our staff continue their programme of autism training which has been delivered over the last two years which is nicely timed to coincide with this week's celebrations.

Year 11 have been busy preparing for their forthcoming GCSE exams. This week they met with members of the sixth form team and senior teachers to discuss their plans for next year. As we had expected and hoped the majority of our students are planning to continue onto post-16 courses at Fortismere but all were excited to share their academic aspirations with us. It was good to see that our students had thought carefully about the range of options open to them after completing their GCSEs and that there were many considering vocational alternatives to study as well as courses at institutions other than A level routes. In a week where we are celebrating different minds we are reminded that different pathways are there for a reason; the journey through the national curriculum via GCSEs and A levels is certainly not the right route for everyone in terms of interest and flexibility so it was great to see the exciting alternative options that some of our young people are considering.

Wishing all of our families a restful weekend!

## Parent Information Session

### Understanding Anxiety - Tuesday 26th March at 4.00pm in NW Hall

LINC are inviting parents and carers to a session on the topic of 'Anxiety'. The session has been prepared and tailored for Fortismere. It will be delivered by our link Education Psychologists, Karen Hodes and Maxine Aboagye. The aim of the session is to provide our families with a greater understanding of the influences and impact of anxiety and its related difficulties on young people. There will also be ideas for

support and strategies that parents and carers may find useful. The session will look particularly at anxiety related to school attendance, exam and work stress and social relationships.

This is the third session offered to parents and carers this year; previous sessions have had good attendance and received overwhelmingly positive feedback. The event is taking place on **Tuesday 26th March at 4pm**. It will include an hour presentation followed by a 30-minute Q&A. If you would like to attend the session please email [LINCAdmin@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:LINCAdmin@fortismere.org.uk)

Mr Fari

## House News

### Selvon Easter Egg Hunt - Sign up Next Week

The Selvon Charity Ambassadors are organising an Easter Egg Hunt to raise money for Cancer Research UK. This will take place after Easter, on Wednesday 17th April during tutor time in South Wing Hall. Entry will cost £2, and it promises to be a fun chocolate-filled tutor time! There will be a chocolate egg hunt, as well as prizes for the winners of Easter trivia questions. The Ambassadors will be coming round to tutor time next week, so if your child would like to sign up, please encourage them to bring in £2 next week!



### Turing Bake Sale - Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March Lunchtime SW

The Turing Charity Ambassadors are running a Bake Sale next week to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Please remind your children to bring some cash into school on 26th & 27th March (Lunchtime in SW Canopy area) so they can buy some yummy baked treats and help us to raise some money for a good cause. Thank you.



## Extra Curricular Activities & Achievements

### British Physics Olympiad - Year 11 Results

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who took part in the *British Physics Olympiad Intermediate Physics Challenge*. This competition contains some seriously challenging problems and our students showed great

ability to think outside the box. All three of our students who entered gained a Bronze award – with the highest achievement from Lara Cohen. Well done also to Ruben Davies and Anton Brinkmann. We will have the results for the Year 12 challenge soon so watch this space.

Mr. Neil Commons

Head of Physics

### HLSI Debating Success - Toby Yorston

Well done to Year 12 student Toby Yorston who put forward a very good argument in a debate at The Highgate Literary and Scientific Institute on Thursday evening. He argued for the motion that 'Physician-assisted dying is necessary and overdue'. Toby was second to journalist Matthew Norman and was opposing Amy Proffit, a palliative care physician and a year 12 student from Highgate.



Toby and Matthew won in the vote before and after the debate. You can read more about the HLSI debates [here](#)

### Royal Academy of Music Percussion Club - Georgiana Almeida

Year 9 student Georgiana Almeida has been playing piano since she was 5 years old and is currently preparing for her Grade 5 Theory. In Year 8 she joined the Haringey Young Musicians Percussion Group and based on her ability to read notes was put into the Senior Percussion Group. Continuing to impress, Georgiana was then nominated by Haringey Young Musicians to join the Royal Academy of Music Tuned Percussion Club and has just played in a concert with them. Georgiana loves music and is looking forward to learning more than one instrument. Well done Georgiana!



## LINC Notices

### Neurodiversity Celebration Week

The aim of the week is to raise the profile and understanding of neurodiversity within the community and to change how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported. At school we want to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent and to ensure that an inclusive culture celebrates difference and empowers individuals every day.

Students in the LINC Lunch Club have been discussing neurodiversity this week and researched and presented information about neurodiverse celebrities like Steven Spielberg who has autism spectrum condition. Students also drew and decorated hands to celebrate on each finger a different skill such as creativity and problem solving. They also thought about how their brains make their feelings.



### Meet the LINC Team....

This week, we're hearing from one of our LINC Teaching Assistants, Nuray Kayalar....



**Why did you want to work in the LINC department?** I would really love to be a teacher. I wanted to get more experience of working with children with SEND and I really love the energy of the children I work with in LINC. It compliments my energy and I enjoy supporting the students; by helping others overcome barriers to learning I am developing my own skills and that gives me a real sense of achievement.

**What's the best thing about your job?** When I see how excited and happy the students are when they achieve something. It's a wonderful feeling when they let me know that they trust me and feel safe talking to me. Seeing a student gain confidence is an amazing thing.

**What would you like to share this week?** By focusing on children's strengths and promoting activities they enjoy we can create environments where differences are celebrated and students are valued beyond their academic achievements. I recently read an interesting article by Claire Durrant, a mother of two sons with dyslexic difficulties, she conducted research to understand the emotional impact of severe dyslexia on children. Her study revealed that children with dyslexia often experience feelings of shame and low self-worth, they may internalise a belief that they are 'stupid' or responsible for their difficulties, leading to emotional distress. She highlighted that using a holistic approach, involving parents and schools, to empower children with dyslexia and mitigate the emotional challenges they face will support their development, resilience and confidence. One way of supporting students is by encouraging and supporting them to learn a new skill. For example did you know that although some individuals with dyslexia may find taking part in musical activities challenging. Learning an instrument can actively help boost self-esteem and help develop areas such as sequencing, organisation, motor-coordination, memory and concentration. Cher, one of the world's most acclaimed entertainers, has struggled with both dyslexia and dyscalculia. In her autobiography, she wrote "*words feel like another language, numbers also felt foreign*" For more information, support and ideas visit [British Dyslexia Association](#) and [Made by Dyslexia](#)

## Library Notices

### Top Tips to Keep your Children Reading



**Top Tip No: 21** Start a weekly family book club, perhaps at dinner time. Have fun discussing the books you're all reading!

### North London Book Festival - 21 to 24 March 2024

Last chance for tickets! [Book them here](#) and remember we have discount codes!

**For 50% off book fest events in the Theatre use NLBFCLOFF50**  
**For 20% off book fest events in the other spaces use NLBFCLOFF20**



## Recommended Reads of the Week

We hope that everyone celebrated International Day of Happiness on 20<sup>th</sup> March with a great book! Here are some “happy” (?) books in Fortismere library.



## Sport & PE Notices

### Football Year 10 Boys Reach Haringey Final

The Y10 boys played against Alexandra Park School on Tuesday at New River Sports Centre. It was a very close game, ending in a 2-1 win to Fortismere. Joley scored both goals. Well done to all the boys and good luck in the final next Wednesday.



### Football Year 7 & Year 8 Boys Reach Semi-Final

The Year 7 and Year 8 Boys' teams are through to the semi final of Haringey League. The Year 8 boys beat APS on Friday 5-1 to go through to the semi final against Highgate Wood School. Well done to all involved and good luck top both the Year 7s and Year 8s





## Year 7/8 Girls Football Results

We travelled to Park View School last Friday in our last league match which we needed to win to get through to Finals Day next week. The pitch was small and the opposition were strong and unfortunately we could only manage a 2-2 draw and finished 5th overall.

The girls also played a friendly on Monday v Heartlands which they also drew 2-2. Goals scored by Annie and Hollie Bass.



## Netball Year 7 v East Barnet School

The Y7 Netball team travelled to East Barnet School on Monday to play a friendly game. It was a tough match as there were some Year 8s on the EBS team but the Fortismere girls played really well and had a lot of fun. Well done to all.



## Under 18 Boys Hockey - Champions Tier 4 North London Region

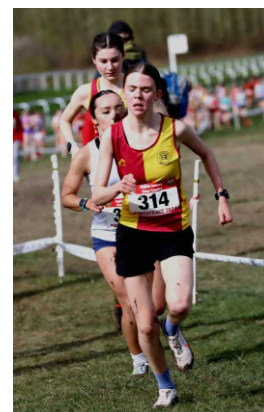
Congratulations to our U18 Boys Hockey team who have beaten John Lyon School 1-0 to become champions of the North London region Tier 4

In the bottom photo is our Year 13 team who started playing Hockey at Fortismere in Year 7 and are still going strong and looking forward to continuing their hockey careers at university. Aaron Patel, Oliver Yoaz, Zack Mistry, Aaron Solanki and Zac Cohen (they are all bigger than Mr Kay now!)



## Cross Country Runners Complete Successful Season

The Cross Country Season finished last weekend after a very busy final schedule for several Fortismere students over the last few weeks. On 3rd March, at the Inter-Counties Championships in Nottingham, which is effectively the British Cross Country Championships, Alex and Amy Kirk represented Middlesex with Amy finishing 39th in the U15 Girls Race. Last weekend, Amy again finished 39th this time in the prestigious English Schools Cross Country Championships at Pontefract and was the first of the Middlesex team to finish despite running with girls a year older. On 10th March, Amy represented Haringey winning the Inter-Borough Challenge and mini-marathon trials in Finsbury Park. Other Fortismere pupils taking part included Alex Kirk, Ivy Gray and Jessica Lappin. Well done to all of them for a great season.



## Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 25 March	Y7 Boys Final v APS @ New River 2 pm KO Y8 Basketball away @ Heartlands School
Wednesday 27 March	Y10 Boys Haringey Final @ New River
Thursday 28 March	1st x1 Middlesex Cup Final @Northholt 1.45 pm KO

## Fundraising Notice

### Donations by Direct Debit

Direct Debit is a really convenient way to set up a regular donation to support the school. By setting up a direct debit, your recurring monthly donation will help ensure the continued success and growth of Fortismere. Support from our families is invaluable and will make a real difference to our students.

**Setting up a direct debit** - use the following link and ensure you select Bacs Direct Debit as your payment method: [Set up a Monthly Direct Debit](#)

You can also arrange a regular monthly payment or make a one-off donation via our school website: [See this page](#)

Thank you in advance for your support - your generosity is greatly appreciated.  
Ms Demetriou

## Fortismere School Holiday Camps

### Easter Holiday Camps - Booking Now!

Fortismere Holiday Camps are running during the two weeks of the Easter holidays. Bookings will be for Week 1 (2nd-5th April) or Week 2 (8th-12th April). Booking information and full details of all the camps are on the school website - See [Fortismere Holiday Camps](#)



## Safeguarding at Fortismere

### Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Sullivan) about any safeguarding matters or concerns please use the My Voice [link](#) or QR code alternatively contact your child's Head of Year



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