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<p><b>Crocs, Sliders and drinks on site</b></p> <p>Parents and carers are reminded that students are not permitted to wear crocs or sliders on site. Students who choose to do so will receive a negative point for dress code. Neither choice of footwear is suitable for the Fortismere site and we welcome parents and carers support in this.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to bring water to school in a sustainable water bottle. No other drink is permitted to be brought to school. In particular, we will confiscate and dispose of energy drinks. These drinks contain a significant amount of caffeine and “increased caffeine consumption in children and adolescents results in increased blood pressure, sleep disturbances, headaches and stomach aches.” (The Association of UK Dietitians).</p> <p><b>Year 11/13 Lunch accounts</b></p> <p>As we approach exam season please ensure that your child’s catering account is clear from any amounts owing prior to students starting study leave. Students will still be able to use the canteen during the exam period as long as their account is in credit. Students eligible for free school meals will be able to use the canteen as usual. For any clarification please email <a href="mailto:office@fortismere.org.uk">office@fortismere.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Top positive points this week</b></p> <p>Edlyn Addo Y7, Martha Appleby Y8, Lani Bass Y7, Huxley Behagg-Elphick Y8, Ben Brown Y8, Spike Culpin Y9, Artie curry Y7, Caleb Emms-Bonder Y8, Peter golovin Y8, Joseph Hannon Y9, Elijah Jacob-Lot Y9, Ji Kelly Y8, Raiya Kirnon-Henry Y9, Tadzio Koslacz Y7, Stefan Makarotsev Y7, Taijun Morris Y8, Noya Naftali Y7, Adam Olleson Y7, Hector O'Mahony Y7, Rafael Parretti Y7, Bar Shmidt Y7, Osman Soy Y8, Aril Strathern Y9, Nicole Topala Y7, Mia Wang Y7, Curtis West Y7</p>	<p><b>CoHeads’ Weekly Roundup</b></p> <p><b>Department News &amp; Notices</b></p> <p><b>Holidays Camps</b></p> <p><b>Community Notice</b></p> <p><b>Safeguarding Information</b></p> <p><b>Calendar</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>06.05</b></td> <td>Spring Bank Holiday school closed</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>09.05</b></td> <td>Y11 Students (except GCSE Sociology) allowed to leave site after their Biology exam</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>10.05</b></td> <td>Y11 Exam Leave begins</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>15.05</b></td> <td>8Y Parents’ Evening</td> </tr> </table> <div data-bbox="1090 1496 1477 1816" style="text-align: center;"> <p>Deaf Awareness Week 2024 UK Council on Deafness MAY 6-12 LOVE &amp; TRUST</p> </div>	<b>06.05</b>	Spring Bank Holiday school closed	<b>09.05</b>	Y11 Students (except GCSE Sociology) allowed to leave site after their Biology exam	<b>10.05</b>	Y11 Exam Leave begins	<b>15.05</b>	8Y Parents’ Evening
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## Co-Headteachers

### Weekly Roundup

It's been a very eventful week at Fortismere. We were delighted to welcome local filmmaker, Amani Simpson, who visited our Year 10 students on Tuesday to run a series of workshops with the Year group. He gave a truly inspiring presentation about overcoming adversity and making positive choices which seems to have left a real impact on our students. We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with individuals like Amani. Amani has also developed a social enterprise, AVIARD Inspires CIC and also works with a number of other impactful initiatives such as Apprentice Nation and The Commission On Young Lives. He shared important messages about having resilience but also not being a bystander and tolerating unkindness to others. As we continue to prioritise the well-being and success of our students, we are excited to announce the upcoming relaunch of our updated anti-bullying policy. A group of dedicated student ambassadors is currently working on creating a student-friendly version of the policy, ensuring that it speaks to our entire school community. We look forward to sharing more details about this initiative in the coming weeks.

We would like to extend our congratulations to our Year 11 students, who dressed up in some fantastic costumes to attend their leavers' assembly this morning. Ms Boot led a wonderful assembly with heartfelt messages (& poems!) from tutors. This is always a special moment in the school year and we were delighted to be able to mark this moment with them before they return on Tuesday to take part in the final preparations for their GCSEs examinations. This final week of study is extremely important for students as teachers and tutors will be ensuring that they are as prepared as they possibly can be for the forthcoming examinations.

As we approach the bank holiday weekend, we encourage our students and families to take this opportunity to relax and recharge. For our Year 11 students, this extra day may provide valuable time for private study and preparation. We are hoping that we return next week to a site basking in sunshine - it's meant to be summer after all! Finally, Happy Easter to anyone celebrating Orthodox Easter this weekend.

## Year 11

### Year 11 Leavers Assembly



## Fortismere Holiday Camps

### May Half-Term Holiday Camps - Booking Now Open

Booking is now open for the May half-term holiday camps which will run from Tuesday 28 May to Friday 31 May. Our camps are really popular and places fill quickly so if your child would like to do sports, comic club, cooking or some pottery don't delay. Full details and booking information are on the school website - [See Fortismere Holiday Camps](#)

## Whole School Initiatives

### Sustainable Futures at Fortismere

In December 2023, the DfE published its updated **Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy**. The strategy has four main aims:

1. Excellence in Education: Prepare learners for a climate-impacted world through engaging learning.
2. Net Zero: Reduce emissions, drive innovation, and involve learners in the transition to net zero.
3. Resilience to Climate Change: Adapt our infrastructure to withstand climate impacts.
4. A Better Environment: Enhance biodiversity, improve air quality, foster a deeper connection with nature.

This term we have launched our Fortismere Sustainable Futures Working Group which consists of staff from across school, and our Climate Change and Sustainability Form Captains group made up of students from across the different year groups.. Our initial focus will be on the following four areas:

- Biodiversity (including work on the Vik Sharma Memorial Garden and signing up to National Education Nature Park)
- Energy (Signing up to the Schools Net Zero Campaign and promoting the work of our solar panels)
- Reduce, re-use, recycle (with a focus on paper and plastic across the school)
- Climate Education and Awareness (celebrating Earth Day and sharing some of the new ways that people across the world are working to mitigate and adapt to current climate change).

The Form Captains have already been coming up with some excellent ideas to put things in motion to make Fortismere a more sustainable school - watch this space!

Ms Holder

## Art & Photography Department Notice

### GCSE Art and Photography Exhibition

The Art & Photography Department would like to invite you to the GCSE exhibition on **Thursday 16th May 6-8pm in North Wing**

This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students and see the breadth of work they have produced over the last two years.

We look forward to seeing you.

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## Library Notices

### Top Tips to Keep your Children Reading

Apart from asking a librarian, there are other ways to widen your search for books.

Searching on the internet for “books like” is a good place to start. Have a look at Goodreads <https://www.goodreads.com/> - it has lists and lists of books.

A new website is [www.shepherd.com](http://www.shepherd.com) – under “Show more copies” you can filter MG,

Teen and YA, or you can type in eg. “I want to read books about women who overcame

adversity”. (Note: this is an American site, so the bias – and spelling – is American, but you can easily check if we have the books in the school library by looking at our catalogue on the school website). And remember to tell your children: knowledge by osmosis has not yet been perfected, so you’d better read.



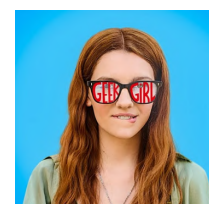
### Author Visit

We were delighted to host a visit from E L Norry in the library on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. As a child, Emma grew up in the care system. She’s passionate about diversity and inclusion and showing children that authors can come from different backgrounds. Emma talked about how her childhood taught her resilience and empathy and was very honest when talking about the reasons for her being in care. Her book, Fablehouse, is based in a care home for “brown babies” - the children of Black American GIs and white mothers. Fablehouse: Heart of Fire - has just been published, and we still have a few signed copies of both for sale at the reduced price of £7 each (cash only). If your child would like, we’re offering a special discount of the two books for only £12. And do take a look at this fascinating online museum <https://mixedmuseum.org.uk/brown-babies/>



### On the Telly

Autism Awareness Month is over, but we highly recommend these book-to-series adaptations. You can now stream the second series of [A Kind of Spark](#) (Elle McNichol) on iPlayer. One we’ve been waiting for [Geek Girl](#) (Holly Smale) starts on Netflix on 30<sup>th</sup> May. Both Holly and Elle are neurodivergent authors.



### Big Anniversary

This is an enlightening article about Robert Muchamore and his Cherub series. Mrs Ward remembers attending the launch of The Recruit 20 years ago! Robert has visited Fortismere on several occasions and his books are among the most borrowed from our library. [Read the article here](#)



## Recommended Reads of the Week

In Deaf Awareness Week (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May) take a look at these books in our library.



## Sport & PE Notices

### Coronation Cup

The Coronation Cup, a girls 5-a-side football competition, was introduced last year to celebrate both the Kings' Coronation and the amazing success of the Lionesses in the World Cup. Fortismere has a few alumni doing very well indeed as professional footballers and we certainly have a few current students who will hopefully go on to great things. We took 16 girls to the New River Sports Centre to represent the school in the Cup last Friday - we entered 3 teams but only had one spare player as a sub. The girls had a fantastic time and played brilliantly, showing mutual respect and excellent sporting behaviour; we were really proud of them. The Year 8 team were unbeaten all day and made it through to their final against APS, unfortunately they just ran out of steam after playing multiple matches on a warm day with no subs to bring on. Well done to all the players involved in our teams and a particular mention to Hollie Bass for scoring 17 goals on the day!



### Boys Tennis

Our boys tennis team kicked off their league matches last Thursday against University College School. Our boys played really well but unfortunately didn't come away with a win.. University College School were national champions last year so they were tough opposition to start with. Well done boys.





## Haringey Netball Rally

The Fortismere netball courts were buzzing with activity on Monday afternoon when we played host to the other Haringey Schools competing in this annual netball event. It was a great afternoon of netball and there were some very competitive matches and some great play out on the courts. Well done to all our players. Congratulations to our Year 9 team who were gold medal winners and to our Year 10 team who took the silver, only losing out on top spot by 2 goals to APS.



## Southgate Hockey Girls U14 National Champions

Genevieve Castle captained and scored a hatrick in the National England Tier 2 U14 Girls Hockey Final last Sunday, helping her team to win 4-3. This is a fantastic achievement - well done Genevieve! Both Genevieve and Caroline Van Soest have been nominated for talent academy.



## Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 7th May	U15 Girls Cricket v Latymer Upper Away
Thursday 9th May	Y7/Y8 Boys & Girls Tennis v Highgate Away U13 Cricket v Christ College Away

## Community Notice

### Major Roadworks - Haringey News

For students and families who travel from other parts of the borough please see the information below regarding major roadworks on West Green Road for about 10 weeks from 7 May to July 2024. Traffic and bus diversions will be in place.

Cadent Gas is closing the following roads to carry out major repairs: West Green Rd between Westerfield Rd and High Rd from 7 May to 21 July and Westerfield Rd at the junction with West Green Rd, with access only via Seven Sisters Rd. Traffic travelling between Turnpike Lane and Seven Sisters will be diverted to use Green Lanes and Seven Sisters Road. Bus diversions will be in place, as well as temporary changes to certain parts of the Bruce Grove West Green and St Ann's Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) trials. The three phases of these works should take approximately 19 weeks to complete, finishing on Friday 13 September 2024. More details can be found on the website [Major roadworks project Haringey Council](#).

## School Fundraising

### Donations by Direct Debit

Direct Debit is a convenient way to set up a regular donation to support the school. Support from our families is invaluable and will make a real difference to our students. Use the following link to **set up a direct debit** 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 for your support

Ms Demetriou

## 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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