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	<div data-bbox="1082 1330 1501 1751" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="1082 1794 1501 1957">Fortismere strawberries are coming along nicely in the Vik Sharma Memorial Garden - here's hoping for some half term sunshine to ripen them up!</p>	

Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

We are ending the week as we began - in a blaze of sunshine. In between we've had wet children and a wet Prime Minister! Our students have been excited to hear about the upcoming election, particularly in the 6th Form. A level Politics are busy working out the possible results and Y13 are pleased that most will be over 18 and therefore eligible to vote. Elections are always an opportunity for some 'live' Citizenship education. Some A level students have already had the opportunity to meet our sitting MP, Catherine West, this term but we will be aiming to invite all of the candidates for our newly-redrawn constituency after half term. It will be a change seeing Hornsey and Wood Green replaced by Hornsey and Friern Barnet. We will also see the Enfield constituency of Southgate and Wood Green cross borough boundaries. The election enables students to understand politics and representation in their local area and to further that, we will be exploring how to organise a mock election.

Away from the world of politics, our French Exchange students returned to Fortismere from Annecy yesterday. As explained in last week's Newsletter, this is an amazing opportunity for developing cross-cultural relationships and understanding. The students returned tired but buzzing and we look forward to hearing about their adventures in more detail after half term.

Although we have seen both the DoE trip and the French Exchange in the last week, this is generally a quiet time of year for the school. We are very focused on supporting our exam classes, who continue to rise to the challenge impressively. We have seen a number of Y11 students continue to attend school in order to access revision lessons and the Library. It is lovely to see students making the most of the help on offer and they have been very positive about what's available.

The exams continue for another 3 weeks after half term, after which both Y13 and Y11 have their opportunity to celebrate via their proms. This will be a well-earned celebration and we are looking forward to sharing the end of their exams with them.

We're sure you will have noted the half day closure on the first day back, although those sitting exams will be onsite. We are all looking forward to the half term holiday and we wish all our families a very happy break. We can't believe this academic year is nearly finished!

House News

Keats House Charity Fun Run - Weds 19th June 2024

The Keats House chosen charity this year is [Centrepoint](#), the UK's leading youth homelessness charity. Centrepoint has set a bold campaign to end youth homelessness by 2037. At Christmas, Keats House raised over £250 for Centrepoint with a film night in South Wing Hall, but we don't want to stop there.

We're excited to announce our **School Fun Run on Weds 19th June**, where students will have the opportunity to challenge themselves and stretch their legs while raising funds for this important cause. We believe that every step taken during the fun run helps bring us closer to creating a brighter future for homeless youth. Your donations will make a meaningful impact so please join us and help make a positive change in the lives of young people. This event is open to all students and the amount you choose to donate is not linked to the amount of laps a student completes. Please make a single donation of a sum you are able to afford and leave a comment with your donation so we know which student you are sponsoring.

There will be ice lollies and refreshments for all students who enter. Please head to our [JustGiving page to donate by clicking here](#). Thank you for taking the time to consider our fundraising event.

Mr Ward

Turing House Biscuit Sale - Weds 5th June 2024

The Turing House Charity Ambassadors are organising a tasty fundraising event after half-term! Please come and buy some sweet treats at our **Biscuit & Cookie Sale on Weds 5th June** under the South Wing Canopy. Everything will be under 50p and every biscuit you buy will help us to raise more money for our chosen charity - Cancer Research UK. Thank you for your support.

Ms Brough

Careers & Work Related Learning Notices

Creative Industry Careers - Virtual Opening Evenings for Parents & Carers

This virtual opening evening, taking place on Tues 25th June at 6.30pm, will introduce you to the different types of jobs and career pathways that are available in the creative industries - a huge sector with over 2 million jobs. Professionals from a range of industries such as visual effects, film, craft, music and more will introduce you to some of the exciting career pathways available and showcase opportunities for young people. The event last for an hour - [more details and booking information can be found here](#)

Mr Renner

Sixth Form Notice

Year 13 Prom Party - Thursday 27th June

Year 13 are busy with exams so a group of parents are helping them to organise their Prom Party.

Date: Thursday 27th June 2024. Time: 18:00 - 00:00

Venue: Pizza East (Basement Club) 56 Shoreditch High Street London E1 6JJ

Cost: £30.00 (includes arrival photography, food and drink tokens, DJ and venue hire)

In order to secure the venue and cover the costs they need to know the exact numbers by **Monday 27th May 12pm - this is the deadline for registration**. A registration link has been sent via parentmail and Google Classroom. After the registration deadline a link will be sent to purchase a ticket

Design & Technology Department

Thank You for Your Donations

Thanks to your generous donations, we have recently been able to acquire another state-of-the-art laser cutter for the Design & Technology and Art departments. This modern and powerful device is already making a significant impact to our students' learning experiences, particularly for those working on their GCSE and A Level projects. The new laser cutter has allowed students to transform their creative ideas into precise, high-quality designs. The ability to work advanced technology not only enhances their practical skills but also improves their understanding of modern manufacturing processes. By providing them with access to industry-standard tools, we are preparing them for success in their academic pursuits and future careers. We are confident that the laser cutter will continue to be an invaluable resource. It will play a crucial role in various projects across different subjects, enabling students to explore interdisciplinary applications and develop a deeper understanding of how technology integrates with art, science, and engineering. This will not only benefit those in the technology department but will also enhance the overall educational experience

for all Fortismere students who are keen to utilise CAD/CAM. Your contributions have made this possible, and we are deeply grateful for your support. We are excited to see the amazing projects our students will create with the help of our new laser cutter. We would also like to extend our thanks to Ms M Demetriou for arranging and advertising the fundraising campaign on our behalf.

Mr D Ward



Library Notices

Top Tips to Keep your Children Reading



Leave books lying around your home that look enticing. If you let your children see you reaching for a book rather than your phone then it's going to make them want to read too. Half term is a great time for lots of reading - enjoy!

Author Letter

Hollie and Annie in Year 8 are huge fans of Simon Mugford and Dan Green who write the Football Superstars books. However, they pointed out to Mrs Ward that the majority are about male footballers which, considering the successes of our Lionesses, seems a trifle unfair. So they wrote a letter! Here they are with the response, together with some of the brand new books that we've bought..



Hi Annie and Hollie

Thanks so much for your AWESOME message.

We are so pleased to hear that you both enjoy reading FOOTBALL SUPERSTARS – it's always brilliant to hear from our readers!

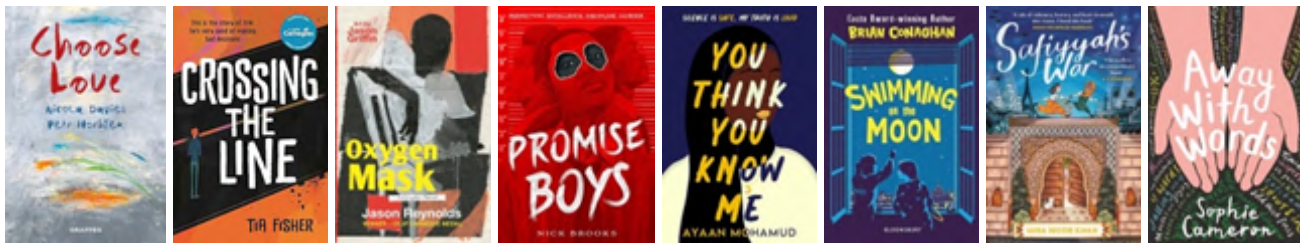
If you haven't seen it already, you will be glad to know that there is already a book about England's LIONESSES and later this year we are publishing one about the Australia and Chelsea striker, SAM KERR, so look out for that one, too.

Thanks again
Simon and Dan

Recommended Reads of the Week

Empathy Day 2024 is coming up on 6th June. We all know that we are not born with empathy; it's a skill we have to learn. And the best and safest way to walk in someone else's shoes is via the pages of a book.

Here are some of the books that we have in the library that are on EmpathyLab's reading list for this year.



Sport & PE Notices

Haringey Athletics Champions

Congratulations to our Year 10 Girls for winning the title of Athletics Champions out of the 12 Haringey Schools who competed last Thursday at New River Stadium. Year 10 Boys were 7th and Year 9 did really well too considering that lots of the year group were out on the Duke of Edinburgh trip - Girls 5th and Boys 4th!



Lots of our athletes achieved the standard to represent Haringey at the Middlesex Schools Athletics Competition - Genevieve Castle, Ivy Gray, Amy Kirk, Jessica Lappin 1500m, Julian Olleson 1500m, Ramsay Quidam High Jump, Elkie Baker discus, Melissa Asare High Jump, Izzy DokU 200m. Please collect a letter from the PE Office - the event is taking place on Saturday 8th June. Well done all!

Senior Girls Athletics - ESSA 1st Round

The Year 10 Girls represented the school at the 1st round of the English Schools Athletics Competition last Friday. The competition was fierce with the likes of LEH, Latymer, St Helens, Grey Court and North London Collegiate School. Elkie Baker won the Discus - throwing 34.51 metres and was 2nd in the 300m, Amy Kirk came 2nd to the national champion in the 1500 metres. There were some other great performances and the girls came 6th overall, brilliant effort by everyone involved. Big thank you to Miss Montegue for coming along to help as we couldn't have gone without her help!



Haringey Representative Handball Teams

Lots of Fortismere students made up the Haringey Schools representative squads for Handball at the weekend. They competed against the London Borough Teams in the London Youth Games Competition. It was tough as they have not had a lot of experience playing and the teams they were up against were experienced club players. They improved as the day went on and gelled as a team. Well done to all for giving up their Sunday, hopefully it was a good learning experience for all involved



Ice Hockey News!

Year 12 student, Sophie Games won the league yesterday with her ice hockey team, The Queen Bees! The Queen Bees are the top women's team nationally. Sophie has made it into the list of top 10 elite level defenders in the WNIHL (women's national ice hockey league). During the May bank holiday, the playoffs will be held in Sheffield where Queen Bees will be defending their title as elite playoff champions. She'll also be competing in the Division 1 playoffs where she'll be captaining her other team, Firebees who are in fourth place. Good luck Sophie!



Upcoming Fixtures

Mon 3 June	U13 Girls Cricket v Belmont Away
Tue 4 June	Year 7 & 8 Tennis v St Benedicts
Sat 8 June	Middlesex Schools Athletics at Stonex Stadium
Tue 11 June	Year 7/8 Rescheduled Haringey Athletics Match. Please come to Athletics Club on Thursday 6th June for selection and practice,

Sports Day - Dates for your diary

- Year 7 and Year 9 Tuesday 16th July
- Year 8 and Year 10 Wednesday 17th July

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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