

PORTLAND PLACE

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Autumn Term 2010 – Week 1 • Week beginning Monday 6th September

Singin' in the Rain auditions:

Tuesday 7th September Years 7, 8, 9

Wednesday 8th September Years 10, 11, 12, 13.

Please come along and audition for main speaking parts, small parts, non-speaking parts, chorus members etc. You will not be made to act by yourself if you do not want to, but please please come along and try out for what is undoubtedly the highlight of the school year! *Singin' in the Rain* is full of fun, dancing, duelling, singing, silent movies and much more. Please see Miss McMeekin or Miss Brown asap if you have any questions. See you there!

Year 10 Art Trip-'Surreal House'

As a part of the GCSE '*Surrealism*' Fine Art coursework, the Year 10 art students will be viewing the exhibition 'Surreal House' at the Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2Y 8DS, on Wednesday 8th September 2010. The students will have the opportunity to step inside a labyrinth of chambers and experience *The Surreal House* - its haunted rooms, delirious forms, blasted architecture and cinematic dreamscapes - featuring a host of artists, architects and film makers including **Salvador Dali, Marcel Duchamp, Alberto Giacometti, René Magritte, Man Ray, Joseph Cornell** and **Maya Deren** through to more contemporary figures, among them; **Rebecca Horn, Edward Kienholz** and **Rem Koolhaas**.

We will leave Portland Place School from Harford House art studio, at 11.30am and will aim to return to school by 3.45pm. We will have lunch at the venue, so a packed lunch is required. Students will draw from the exhibits; sketchbooks and drawing equipment are essential! If you require any further information please feel free to contact me at any time.

Music lessons

Individual music tuition is starting this week so students need to check their timetables. Also, anyone wanting lessons needs to get their request form in to Miss Brown ASAP.

Duke of Edinburgh Assessment

During the summer holiday, Adam Riley, Alasdair Derrick, Guy Longbottom, Gus Redhouse-White, William Connock and Ryan Stephenson undertook their Duke of Edinburgh bronze assessment in the North Downs. They walked about 12k a day and went through a mixture of woodland and farmland. . They camped overnight at the Horsley Camping and Caravanning Club Site They all did incredibly well and should be congratulated on completing their expedition. Well done!



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards Trip

Year 11 Battlefields September 2010

The Year 11s depart for the annual visit to the First World War battlefields on Monday 13 September. The week will be spent exploring the Ypres and Somme battlefields in Belgium and France respectively. Pupils are to meet at 4:30am in the library at 56 Portland Place. The group will return to school around 7pm on Friday 17 September. A final trip letter and information pack will be sent to parents on Monday. Contact Ms Hunt if you do not receive it or have any questions. Lisa.Hunt@portland-place.co.uk

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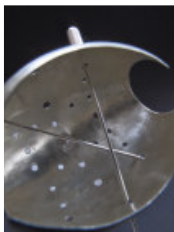
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Trip to Sorrento, Italy

The Geography, Classics and Italian departments together, would like to present an exciting proposal for an educational overseas trip for Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form to travel to Sorrento, Italy at the start of February half term (18th to 22nd February 2011). The trip will not just appeal to those pupils who have an interest in Geography, Italian and Classics, but also those who would like to travel to an exciting and adventurous destination. Days will be full of visits to a number of different destinations including Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii, the Isle of Capri, and Naples. Students will also have time to explore Sorrento, where we will be staying. The nature of the trip will benefit studies of the geographical and classical world greatly and as such is considered an integral part of the curriculum. To find out more please email Caroline Guest on caroline.guest@portland-place.co.uk

Ali Stringell Jewellery collection

Ali Stringell, Head of Art, has just launched her new St. Ringell collection of jewellery. The magic of the theatre has continually formed the thread of her design ideas and as a designer/maker she has turned her interest to working with precious metals. Her work is primarily focused on a collection of rings, known as the 'car2bar' range. If you would like to see more of her work she is exhibiting in Lewes as a part of 'Artwave' this coming weekend (4th & 5th September). Alternatively you can view her work on www.st-ringell.com <<http://www.st-ringell.com/>>.



Open House London, the capital's greatest architectural showcase, will take place on 18 & 19 September 2010.

The initiative is a simple but powerful concept: hundreds of great buildings of all types and periods open up their doors to all, completely for FREE. It is a truly city-wide celebration of the buildings, places and neighbourhoods where we live, work and play, and is your opportunity to get out and get under the skin of London's amazing architecture.



Find out more about issues that are relevant to your local area - from the design of homes to the impact of climate change, and the role of architects and contemporary design in revitalising places. There are over 700 buildings, neighbourhood walks, architects' talks, cycle tours and more all over London to choose from...from major landmarks such as BT Tower, to small private homes and everything in between. Admission is FREE to all buildings. There are 700 from which to choose. Along with a brief description and the name of the architect, each building's entry gives its address, opening days and hours, access to disabled visitors, pre-booking details where relevant, amenities and available transport. There are talks, often given by architects, architectural historians and engineers and also walks over the weekend.

Chinese language and Cultural club

We run a Chinese language and Cultural club every Tuesday after school at Room 25 PPS. All welcome.

Twelfth Night Rehearsals

Twelfth Night rehearsals will take place every Tuesday and Thursday Night from 4-6pm in the Drama Studio. Please check the screens to see which nights you are needed!! **Please note- there will be no rehearsals on Thursday 9th September.**



Oxford Art and Oxford Music Online now available for all Portland Place students.

Oxford Music Online is the gateway offering users the ability to access and cross-search multiple music reference resources in one location. With *Grove Music Online* as its cornerstone, *Oxford Music Online* also contains *The Oxford Companion to Music* (2002), which offers more than 8,000 articles on composers, performers, conductors, instruments and notation, forms and genres, and individual works; and *The Oxford Dictionary of Music*, 2nd edition (revised 2006), which supplements Grove's more extensive articles with content geared toward undergraduates and general users.

Oxford Art Online has been created with the latest in online technology to give users a robust and unique research experience. Precise search and browse capabilities allow users to refine their results by source and subject categories. Users can also choose to view biographies, subject entries, or images when searching or browsing. This functionality gives users access to the more than 23,000 subject entries, 21,000 biographies, 500,000 bibliographic citations, 40,000 image links and 5,500 images contained within *Grove Art Online*, as well as access to more than 5,000 entries and 500 images from the *Oxford Companion to Western Art*, the *Concise Dictionary of Art Terms*, and Oxford's *Encyclopedia of Aesthetics*. Thematic timelines and learning resources also provide users with powerful tools for navigating the content, and context-sensitive help pages are available throughout the site to guide users through the features and functionality.

To access these wonderful resources students need to get their username and password from Miss Berrisford in the Library. Go to the school Virtual Learning Environment website at <http://intranet.portland-place.co.uk> and enter the username and password. This will give you access to our online learning environment and on the left hand side of the screen will be links to Oxford Music and Oxford Art. Click on these to be redirected to the site. We hope these resources will prove a very useful reference tool for our creative students.



Duke of Edinburgh Trip during the Summer break

Sports Clubs

The School sports clubs which are currently running this half term are Netball on Wednesdays, Football on Wednesdays and Basketball on Thursdays. Each club runs from 4pm till 5pm and everyone is welcome regardless of whether you play for the school team or not. Basketball numbers are limited due to bus capacity so please let Mr Bryce know if you wish to attend. If you wish to participate in the other clubs just turn up at the changing rooms at 3.45pm on the chosen day and wait for the PE teacher to lead you to the venue. Football and Netball take place at Regent's Park and Basketball takes place at the Seymour Centre. We aim to get back to school by 5pm and then pupils are dismissed from PPS.

Calling all New Parents!

Join the PSA a friendly and active group that meets every so often to organize fundraising events and discuss everything to do with school. Our next meeting is next week and everyone is invited. Just come along! At 6.30pm on Tuesday 7th September in the new room one on the 56 side of Portland place school!

Week beginning Monday 6th September 2010

Monday 6 September

8:45am Upper Sixth Assembly
 4:00pm Talk to 6th Form parents by Head of Year,
 GPS Hall
 4:00pm-5:00pm Games Club, Library

Tuesday 7 September

3:45pm Singin in the Rain' Auditions- Years 7-9- PPS
 Hall
 4:00pm-5:00pm ECDL Training and Testing Club, G11
 4:00pm-6:00pm Twelfth Night – Rehearsals, Drama Studio
 4:00pm-5:00pm Chinese language and Cultural club, Room 25
 4:00pm-5:0pm Year 11 Maths Club, Room G32
 6:30pm PSA meeting - 58 Portland Place

Wednesday 8 September

8:45am Assembly Year 8
 8:45am Assembly Years 6 & 7, Room 11
 11:40am-12:45pm L6 – transition from GCSE to AS GPS hall
 U6 – UCAS (Paul Jones)
 11:30am-3:45pm Year 10 Art pupils trip to Surrealist Art
 Exhibition- The Barbican Centre
 12:45pm-1:15pm Chess Club, Library
 1:00pm-1:30pm Designers' Club – Years 6 & 7, Room B1
 1:00pm-1:30pm Soul Band
 2:00pm Boys: Football U16 6-a-side tournament
 Ibstock Place
 3:45pm Singin in the Rain' Auditions- Years 10-13-
 PPS Hall
 3:45pm-4:45pm Homework Club, Room 1, PPS
 3:45pm-4:30pm Book Club, Library
 4:00pm-5:00pm Football Club- all years
 4:00pm-5:00pm Netball club- all years
 4:00pm-5:00pm Year 11 Designer's Club- Room B1

This term's dates:

Half Term
 Monday 18 October – Friday 29 October
 End of Term
 Friday 10 December

Thursday 9 September

7:00am-6:30pm Year 10 Drama pupils visit Stratford-upon-Avon
 8:00am-8:40am Current Affairs Discussion Group, Library
 8:00am-3:45pm Year 7 trip to Woburn Abbey Safari Park
 8.45am Assembly Year 9
 8:45am Assembly Year 11
 12:50pm-1:15pm Bitesize Club, Years 7, 8 & 9
 3:45pm-5:00pm Homework Club, Library
 3:45pm-5:00pm Homework Club, Library
 4:00pm-5:00pm ECDL Training and Testing Club, G11
 4:00pm Basketball Club

Friday 10 September

8:00am-8:40am Chess Club, Library
 2:30pm Girls: Netball U15/16 Team A v Ibstock Place-
 Away
 3:45pm-5:00pm Homework Club, Library

Debating Society

Portland Place Debate Society will resume Tuesday 14th September.
 All Years are welcome. Please come to GPS hall every Tuesday
 4pm to 5pm

This term's Parents' Meetings:

All at 4:00pm at 143 great Portland Street
 Years 5 and 6 Monday 20th September
 Year 7 Monday 27th September
 Year 8 Monday 4th October
 Year 9 Monday 22nd November
 Year 10 Monday 15th November
 Year 11 Monday 1st November
 Sixth Form Monday 8th November