

PORTLAND PLACE

news

Spring Term 2010 – Week 9 • Week beginning Monday 8 March 2010

GCSE Classics Trip to Rome

The Year 10 and 11 Classicists spent the past weekend visiting the 'Eternal City', Roma. We departed very early Friday morning and by lunchtime were on the streets of Italy's capital. After orientating ourselves with the interactive Time Elevator, we spent time around the Trevi Fountain area and stopped by Trajan's magnificent column. Saturday, we were collectively stunned by the beauty of Michael Angelo's Sistine Chapel on our visit to the Vatican City. We ventured out of Rome in the afternoon to the ancient port of Ostia Antica, Rome's impressive version of Pompeii. Sunday we toured around the famous sites of Rome's classical period; the Colosseo, Forum, Palatine Hill, Constantine's Arch, Circo Massimo and the huge Baths of Caracella. On our last day, Monday, we squeezed in an ascent to the dome of St Peter's at the Vatican, and look at the Spanish Steps and the oldest preserved building in Rome, the Pantheon. It was a wonderful trip and immensely enjoyed by both students and staff. Next year the Year 10 and 11s will visit Athens. *Aaron Columbus – Head of Faculty*



GCSE Classics Trip to Rome



Spanish Exchange 2010

The Spanish Department has designed for our Year 9 students a partnership with "Colegio Portaceli" in Seville, one of the best independent schools in the south of Spain. The success of our project encourages us to continue working on a similar one every year, and therefore the Spanish group will be in London next week on 10th to the 16th March.

Our year 9s will be travelling to Spain on 16th until 23rd June 2010, and a very extensive programme of activities has been drawn up for our pupils when we are in Seville: visit the Alcazar Palace, visit the Cathedral, go on a cruise on the Guadalquivir river, eat tapas in a typical Andalusian restaurant, dance salsa, go to a theme park "Isla Magica", and perhaps even go to the beach!

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Netball

Yr 9/10

**Portland Place
Queens College**

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PPS Year 9 and 10 won their game convincingly. They dominated the game throughout all of the quarters winning the match 8-2. We had the majority of possession and capitalised on this, it was only the final quarter when Portland place changed positions around slightly because of the 6-0 score line did Queens manage to score. Player of the Match goes to Jessica O'Sullivan who throughout the game remained in control and made some fabulous interceptions. Well done girls!

Player of the match Jessica O'Sullivan

Rugby

Yr 9

**Portland Place 12
Ibstock Place 41**

Portland's year 9 rugby team travelled to Roehampton to take-on Ibstock Place last Friday. The boys started slowly and conceded two tries early-on. IP continued to dominate possession throughout the half, although PPS began to compete more and defend more successfully. In the second half PPS conceded early on, but then responded with a try of their own by year 8 Benny Agboli. Ibstock scored soon after, but Portland managed a second try and conversion from Captain John Sperling. The game ended with a seventh and final try by Ibstock, but Portland was far happier with their second half performance.

Man of the match was John Sperling

Yr 10

**Portland Place 5
Ibstock Place 30**

Last Thursday the Yr 10s travelled to Roehampton to play Ibstock Place. Playing uphill in the first half our boys struggled to adapt to the game quickly and conceded a number of tries. Missed tackles were letting all their hard work up front down. Leading into half time PPS were 25-0 down and used the short break to reflect on what happened in the first half and regroup ready for the next half. Now playing with the downhill advantage Sam Mills scored an early try. This gave our boys the confidence they needed and started to test the Ibstock defence making the game a more competitive affair. A second PPS try by Abdullah Puri was not given as he was judged to have stepped out of play over the try line, but it was great to see what looked like a different PPS team on the field. With minutes to go substitutions were made and Ibstock managed to touch down in the last play of the game giving what was a 5-5 draw in the second half. If PPS had started the first half like they did the second then it would have been a very close and interesting game! Well done boys!

Man of the match was Will Sanders - full back

Cross Country

ISA National Cross Country Championships

On Friday 25th March 10 athletes from PPS travelled up to Rugby to compete in the ISA National Championships. All these athletes were selected to represent London North on the strength of their performances at the regional championships. 7 regions across England, consisting of East Anglia, London North, London South, London West, Midlands, North and the South West

were represented by 10 athletes in each age group race bringing fields of 70 runners together competing for the coveted title of ISA national champion. The first race to go was the Yr7/8 girls where Rose Giffin competed, Rosie had an excellent run considering this was her first time on the track and at the event and came 57th. The Yr 9/10 girl's race followed and our strongest chance of a high finish rested with London North champion Carolina Bazzarelli Dos Santos and also Sara Merckenschlager, Emeline Jones, Clara Jones and Ya'ana Tarka. Carolina came in a creditable 27th place, who could have improved on this if she had had a better starting positioning. Clara Jones ran an exceptional race.

Kyle Manning competed next in the Yr 9/10 boys' race. Kyle worked well over the winding course and finished in 50th position. Representing Portland Place in Yr11, 12 and 13 was London North champion Amy Thornton finished in an exceptional 16th place having excellent improvement on her last year place of 31st.

The last race of the day was the Yr 11, 12 and 13 boys' race where both Flynn Sager and Anthony Monteza, both boys run a very good race and finished strong in a respectable positions. Flynn finished 52nd and Anthony finished 57th.

Well done to all PPS pupils involved, you all ran exceptionally well and were a credit to the school!

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 10



Sainsbury's vouchers are being collected by Portland Place. We have in the past managed to gain some valuable sports equipment including table tennis table for the sports department. Please bring your vouchers in and deposit them in the boxes which are located in PPS reception. Thank you.

Poetry Slam competition- 2nd March

Year 6 winner:
Jo Jo Thornton

Year 7 winners:
1st Alex Stedman
2nd Preston Nyman
3rd Aaron Eyoma

Year 8 winners
1st Ayo Moiett
2nd Karim Bacon
3rd Beatrice da Gama and Eleanor Roberts

Homework

Homework is a
Rubbish truck, filled
With rubbish to the rim
With apple cores.

Homework is a waste of
Paper, and kills all trees.
Homework is a love to teachers,
and a hate to children.

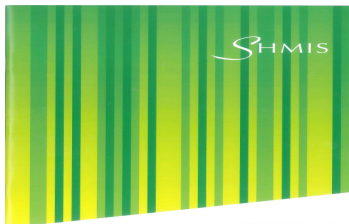
Homework is a teachers friend,
and a
Bully to kids. Homework has
Power
of nothing but a power of
Evilness to people who give it to
you.

Homework is a waste of time
When you could be at the zoo.
Make kids happy,
Ban homework.

Jo Jo Thornton



Millennium Bridge and St Paul's Cathedral by Insaf Sulaiman, A-Level Photography.



SHMIS Poetry competition

Three of our talented poets have had their poems published in the SHMIS (Society of Heads of Independent Schools) Anthology. Congratulations to Edmund Bannerman-Sowah, Phoebe Rowe and Gus Redhouse White.

Backstabbed

I stabbed you,
You stabbed me back.
I broke your heart,
You broke mine back.

You stabbed me back.
I broke my friends.
You broke mine back.
For it's you I love.

I broke my friends.
Because of you,
For you I love.
You cut me deep.

Because of you,
I was so happy
You cut me deep.
And now I hurt.

I stabbed you.
I'm sure it hurt.
It hurt when you stabbed me.
I'm sorry for that.

I'm sure it hurt
When I stabbed you.
I'm sorry for that
But you made me hurt.

When I stabbed you.
I didn't mean it.
But you made me hurt.
I'm sorry for that.

Don't make me cry again.

Phoebe Rowe

Year 8 Ceramic workshop.

On Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th March, the year 8 art groups took part in the ceramic workshop with Jo Ayre; a practicing ceramic artist, passionate about clay and its potential for creative engagement. Pupils explored this media, experimenting with textures, patterns and glazes to achieve a finished ceramic tile. These will now be fired and ready for collection by Easter. Oodles of fun were had!



Important dates for the Summer Term:

School Exams for Years 7-10 will take place from Thursday 10th June to Wednesday 16th June. Year 11 Study Leave will begin on Friday 21st May 2010 at 3.45pm.

The Study Leave dates for Lower 6th and Upper 6th will be announced nearer the end of this term when we know the structure of the summer exam timetable.

Year 11 English & English Literature Coursework

Year 11 are in the last couple of weeks of their coursework for English and English Literature. All coursework needs to be coming in, accompanied by old drafts, before the end of term. There are five units of work: Creative & Factual Writing, Shakespeare, pre-1914 Prose and post-1914 Poetry Comparison.

Week beginning Monday 8 March 2010

Monday 8 March

8:45am Wigmore House Assembly, PPS Hall
 1:00pm-1:30pm Samba Band- Rehearsal Room
 2:00pm Rugby U13s 7-a-side Tournament v Ibstock Place
 3:00pm Rugby U12s v Harrodian
 4:00pm Table Tennis Club

Tuesday 9 March

6:45am 6th Form Geography students travel to Pembrokeshire for A Level Coursework
 1:00pm-1:30pm Jazz band - Rehearsal Room
 1:00pm Upper School Student Council Meeting, Room G12
 2:00pm Rugby U12s 7-a-side Tournament v Ibstock Place
 3:00pm-4:30pm 6th Form Ensemble- Rehearsal Room
 3:45pm-5:00pm Art Club- years 6-9, Harford House Mr Jones
 3:45pm-5:00pm Homework Club, Library
 4:00pm-5:00pm Designers Club, Year 11, Room B1
 4:00pm-5:00pm Games Club, Library
 4:00pm-5:00pm Debating Society, GPS Hall
 4:00pm-5:00pm ECDL Training and Testing Club, G11
 4:00pm Running Club

Wednesday 10 March

8:45am Assembly Year 8
 8:45am Assembly Years 6 & 7, Room 11 (Miss Brown)
 8:45am Assembly – 6th Form
 12:45pm-1:15pm Chess Club, Library
 1:00pm Lower School Student Council Meeting, Room 22
 1:00pm-1:30pm Soul Band- Rehearsal Room
 1:00pm-1:30pm Designers Club – Years 6 & 7, Room B1
 3:45pm-4:45pm Homework Club, Room 1, PPS
 3:45pm-4:30pm Carnegie Book Club, Library
 3:45pm-5:00pm Art Club, GCSE & A Level, Harford House, Ms Stringell
 3.45pm-4.30pm Maths Club, Room 1
 4:00pm-4:30pm Mandarin Club (Mr Martijono) Room 11
 4:00pm-5:00pm Writing Club, Library
 4:00pm-5:00pm SATB Choir– PP Hall
 5:30pm Spanish students arrive in UK

Thursday 11 March

8:00am-8:40am Current Affairs Discussion Group, Library
 8:45am Assembly Year 9 PP Hall
 8:45am Assembly Year 11 – Mr Walker
 10:00am January A Level Exam results issued to pupils
 12:50pm-1:15pm Bitesize Club, Years 7, 8 & 9, Room 1
 1:00pm-1:30pm Designers Club - Years 8 & 9, Room B1
 1:00pm-1:30pm SATB Choir, Room 34
 2:00pm Rugby U15s 7-a-side Tournament v Ibstock Place
 3:45pm-5:00pm Homework Club, Library
 4:00pm-5:00pm ECDL Training and Testing Club, G11
 4:00pm-4:30pm Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Rm 22
 4:00pm Netball U13s Girls Team A v Westminster League Match 1- home
 Basketball Club
 4:00pm Netball U14s/15s Girls Team A v Westminster League Match 1- home

Friday 12 March

8:00am-8:40am Chess Club, Library
 8:45am Assembly Years 8 & 9- Mr Walker
 9:30am-3:30pm Yr 11 Science Life lecture
 1:00pm-1:30pm Woodwind Ensemble- Rehearsal Room
 3:45pm-5:00pm Homework Club, Library
 7:00pm 6th Form Geography students return from Pembrokeshire

Remaining Parent Teachers Meetings Spring Term

(All at 143 Great Portland Street)

Year 9

Monday 15 March

Sixth Form

Monday 22 March