

Weekly Buzz

27 November 2017



Good luck Hamish !

Details about trip to
Venice, Summer 2018
enclosed!

Coverage about
Year 9 Geography Trip!

Academic and Sports
fixtures

Letter from the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

With less than three weeks of term remaining thoughts begin to turn to the Festive Season, even though it is still only November! It is, of course, a time for reflection as well as celebration and for appreciation of what we have that others maybe don't.

London is undoubtedly a very affluent city but, as in all places, that wealth is not evenly distributed and every day we see those people in our society who have little and struggle day-to-day. The homeless are the most visible and I have certainly seen the increase in their numbers since I moved to the capital in 2010. There is another group of people though, less visible in our daily lives but still significantly disadvantaged.

These are the people who have a roof over their head but live with deep poverty; who sacrifice so much to keep that roof over their head that they and their family can afford little else – even food. Children from these families are frequently undernourished leaving them tired, often ill, and unable to properly engage in school where their progress is consequently affected. Our charitable efforts this term have been focused on helping these families through organisations that collect and distribute items through food banks and similar. Each reception currently has a series of collection boxes where pupils and staff have been leaving their donations – even a little hint of competition between each building as to who collects the most. Our contact at the Euston Food Bank informs us that they are in short supply of basic toiletries, such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc as well as dried and tinned food. Many students have already made a contribution, but if we can all remember to bring in one item between now and 6th December, when we will make the donation, it will make a tremendous difference to the lives of families less fortunate than ourselves.

David Bradbury, Headmaster

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Bradbury', written in a cursive style.

Notice Board

Trip to Venice, Italy for Year 9, 10 & 12

Ms Philipovszky, Teacher of Italian

I am pleased to inform you that the Languages department is offering Year 9 10 & 12 a trip to Venice in Italy in July 2018.

The trip has several aims:

- to give students the opportunity to practise their Italian in a real context during the visit
- to give students the opportunity to visit some of the city's monuments, the surrounding islands and experience Italian cuisine

The trip will run over four days and students not attending will be expected to attend school as normal.

The total cost will be approximately £750 per student and the non-refundable deposit of £80 will be added to your next term's bill. Lunch meals are not included in the trip cost. The itinerary is likely to change slightly but at the moment we have planned:

Day 1: Fly to Venice and settle in hotel.

Day 2: Guided boat tour of Murano, Burano and Torcello islands.

Day 3: Visiting the Doge's Palace and Basilica di San Marco.

Day 4: Free time in Venice and departure for London in the afternoon.

Please be aware that your child must have, prior to the trip, a valid passport expiring no earlier than six months from our return date (4 January 2019) and a valid European Health Insurance Card (you can apply for this online at <https://www.gov.uk/european-health-insurance-card>).

To secure your child's place on this very rewarding exchange, please contact me.

Notice re. Maths

Mr Bradbury, Headmaster

Miss Segerstrom will shortly be taking a break for her parental leave and we wish her well with that. We welcome Anthony Elliott to PPS and our Maths faculty who will be covering Miss Segerstrom's classes during her leave. He has been with us through this week for a full hand over.

Noticeboard

Cricketer Cooper for South Africa!

Guest Piece written by Hamish Cooper, Year 7

On the 7th of February, I am going to South Africa with my cricket club Primrose Hill. I was selected based on my cricket performances of last season. In South Africa, we are playing eight cricket matches over ten days. We will play against South African schools and one match is against a Township team. As well as the cricket matches we have training sessions led by the two coaches who are coming on the trip with us. I am currently training every Monday evening at the Lord's Indoor nets to prepare for this trip.

We do get to do some sightseeing. We have a trip to Robben Island on the ferry, Simon's Town to see the penguins and we get to visit Table Mountain and Cool Runnings. This is a fun park with a big long grass sledding track. We leave south Africa on the 19th of February and arrive home just in time to go to school on this day.



News

Year 9 Physics

Mr Thompson, Head of Science Faculty.

Year 9 have been discovering electromagnetic waves in physics this week.



Dolly Gosling is seeing that microwaves are absorbed by water in her hand.

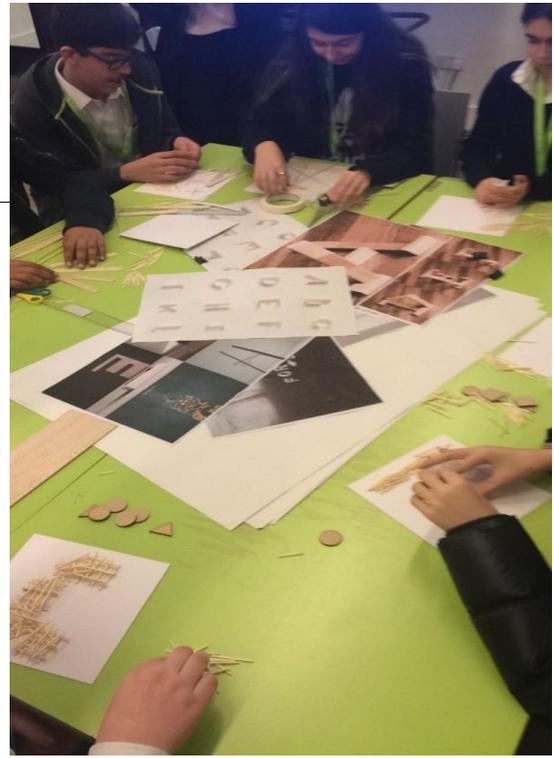
Year 10 Trip to V & A

Ms Birtles, Ms Linton, Teachers of DT and Mr Coster, Art/DT Technician

On Friday 17th November, Year 10 DT students went to The Victoria and Albert Museum for the Creative Quarter event. There was a wide range of workshops to take part in, from typography to theatre set design and we also attended talks from leading industry professionals working with film, vehicle design, and product design. The students really enjoyed the day, and were really excited to develop their making skills in areas they hadn't worked with before, like ceramics, and set design. They also thoroughly enjoyed listening to designers discuss their practice, especially from the director of design at Jaguar.

News

Year 10 Trip to V & A continued...



News

Year 5 World War 2 History

Ms Campbell, KS2 Teacher

Year 5 are studying World War 2 in History and have been finding out what people did to protect themselves during the Blitz. Look at their amazing research work including detailed labelled drawings, fantastic pictures and even a 3D model created by Ali. Well done Miguel, Ali, Thomas and Sasha as well as to Victor, Nour and Daniel who found out some more detailed information about Andersen shelters.



Miguel Peleteiro Paniagua



Sasha Whowell and Thomas Li



Ali Abdel-Khaleq

News

Year 9 Geography Field Trip

Ms Johnston, Head of Geography



Morgan Pugh, Curtis O'Keeffe, Euan McBride, Luca Pilotto



Jay Sampson, Rohan Saberi, Josh McGregor, Morgan Pugh

On Monday, 21 November Year 9 set out for the Green Britain Centre in Swaffham to learn more about Green Energy and how it is being used in the UK today. This built upon the knowledge that they had learnt in our autumn term and was a chance for them to ask specialists in depth questions. When we arrived the group was split into three teams who rotated around different activities:

1. Building and testing their own wind turbine design - a challenge to see which groups design could generate the most energy.
2. Exploring the eco trail and sustainable garden (this also included seeing the fastest solar powered car!)
3. Climbing the 300 steps to the viewing platform on top of a wind turbine and experiencing wind energy from a first-hand perspective.

This is the only wind turbine in the world you are able to climb to the top of! Year 9 were brilliant on the day and members of staff both from PPS and the Green Britain Centre commented on how well they got on and the insightful questions they asked.



News

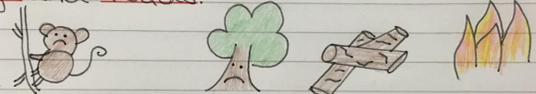
Year 9 Geography

Ms Johnston, Head of Geography

In class today Year 9 were learning about the causes and effects of Deforestation in Malaysia (and Borneo) and each student created a leaflet to summarise.

DANGEROUS DEFORESTATION IN MALAYSIA AND BORNEO!

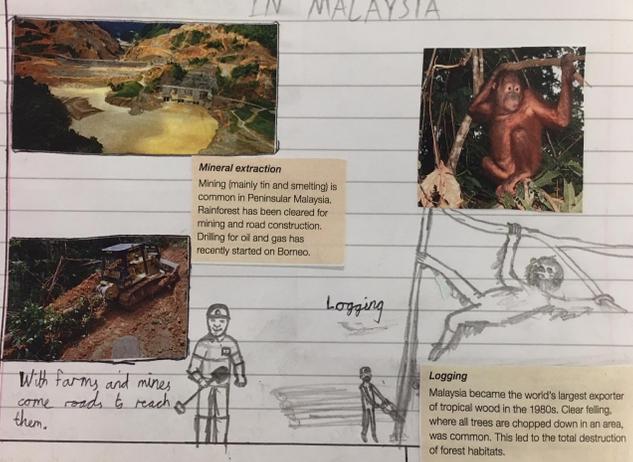
Causes: There are many causes to deforestation such as Logging, Mineral extraction, subsistence farming, population pressure, commercial farming, cattle ranching and roads.



Effects:

- The effects of logging is more CO² is in the air due to cutting down and burning trees.
- The effects of mineral extraction is that rainforests are cleared for mining and road construction.
- The effects for commercial farming is that rain forests are getting cut down to make larger fields which is ruining animals habitats.
- The effects of population pressure is rainforests are getting destroyed for people to live there.

DEFORESTATION IN MALAYSIA



Mineral extraction
Mining (mainly tin and smelting) is common in Peninsular Malaysia. Rainforest has been cleared for mining and road construction. Drilling for oil and gas has recently started on Borneo.

Logging
Malaysia became the world's largest exporter of tropical wood in the 1980s. Clear felling, where all trees are chopped down in an area, was common. This led to the total destruction of forest habitats. Recently, clear felling has largely been replaced by **selective logging** (photo C), where only fully-grown trees are cut down. Trees that have important ecological value are left unharmed.

With farms and mines, roads were built to reach them.

DEFORESTATION PLANET VIOLATION

Roads are constructed to provide access to mining areas, new settlements and energy projects.

In 2011, after five decades of delays, the controversial Bagan Dam in Sarawak started to generate electricity.

The dam supplies energy for industrialised Peninsular Malaysia.



LOGGING
MALAYSIA BECAME THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTER OF TROPICAL WOOD IN THE 1980s.

POPULATION PRESSURE
BETWEEN 1956 & 1980, ABOUT 15,000 HECTARES OF RAINFOREST WAS FELLED FOR THE SETTLERS.

MINERAL EXTRACTION
THE MINING FOR ROCKS AND MINERALS IN THE RAINFOREST CAUSES SOIL EROSION.

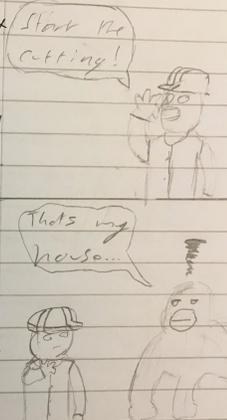


Energy development

Managing around in Borneo!

In just a few decades Borneo has lost a huge number of it's trees for palm oil and timber putting the ecosystem and the orangutans at risk!

Causes of risks	Effects of risks
Logging: 74% of cut trees release CO ² and uncut trees damaged	increases Global warming
Mining: Causes soil erosion.	Huge areas of forest and terrain ruined for mining
Population: Poor people encouraged to move to countryside.	15,000 hectares cleared of forest cleared for settlers.



Start the cutting!

That's my house...

Sports

Netball

Mr McLoughlin, Head of PE

U16 Netball Westminster Netball League Winners

Portland Place 30
St. Augustines 1

This was another great performance from the U16 girls despite the fact that we were missing some key players. It was a dominant performance from Portland Place who had the match under control from the whistle. Player of the match Eliza Stratton and Dot Jones made a great shooting partnership whilst Katy Khoroshkovska, Issy Francis Baum and Asia Frampton blocked almost all the incoming balls at the opponent's end. Mid court players Jasmine Kermoud, Freya Francis Baum and Nora Hill continually moved into space opening up the play and moving the ball quickly down the court. The girls played some advanced and controlled netball against St. Augustine's to secure a win and finish top of the league table. The U16 netball team have had an outstanding season finishing unbeaten in the league. The girls were presented with their medals in their year group assemblies this week and were officially crowned U16 Westminster Netball league champions! Well done girls!

U12 Netball

Portland Place 4
More House 13

Despite the result, the team really stepped up their game and played some great netball. The girls played with grit and determination throughout; competing for the ball, dodging and shooting some fantastic goals. Kayla Cho was fantastic support around the shooting circle, and together with Irene Peleteiro they fed strong accurate passes into the shooters. The shooters, Lucy Mainstone, Grace Gosling and Ruhi Patel worked well in the shooting circle and coped well with extremely strong defenders. In defence, Kayla Cho and Laura Liu worked well in the circle, trying to get the rebounds and marking the opposition's shots. The game was played in great spirits with the team putting in maximum effort.



Sports

Football

Mr McLoughlin, Head of PE

U13

Portland Place	0
Radnor House	2

On Monday 13th November PPS U13s took Radnor House School in a tense and closely fought contest. In the early stages of the 1st half Radnor had the majority of possession but PPS defended well, with Dylan Cohen making a number of last ditch tackles. As the half progressed, PPS improved and started to put together some eye catching passing moves. Both teams played some good football towards the end of the first half, without creating any clear cut chances. The score remained 0-0 at half time. The second half started similar to the first, with Radnor having the majority of the possession. They capitalised on this and took the lead with a tap in from 2 yards out. The boys fought hard to get back into the match and did create a few good chances towards the end of the half, but unfortunately the woodwork and the Radnor keeper kept them out. In the final minute Radnor finished the game with a second tap in to take a 2-0 win. There was a real sense of frustration amongst the boys after the game. They had played some excellent football, some of the best they have played this year, but a lapse in concentration and some poor marking cost them the early goal. There were some impressive individual performances. Idir Kermoud, was a constant threat with his tricky runs and excellent through balls. Dylan Cohen was strong at centre back and made a number of important challenges and interceptions. However, man of the match went to Dylan Young who put in an impressive all action performance with his persistent battling, driving runs and quick passing.

U12

Portland Place	6
Radnor House	2

PPS U12s played a solid team from Radnor House last Tuesday afternoon. It was the boys first real taste of 9 v 9 as a team and they started positively with some accurate passing and moving around the pitch. Portland created some good chances early on in the match and it wasn't long before PPS scored the first goal with Nolan Song Bilong hammering the ball into the right hand side of the goal. Radnor soon levelled the score after a momentary lapse in defence gifted them an easy opportunity at goal. Against the run of play Radnor proceed to score another taking the lead 2-1 to the surprise of the PPS boys. A quick change in formation was needed and Hamish Cooper dropped back into centre defence which gave Portland a solid back line stabilised the game and just before half time Bosco Buonaguidi scored levelling the score 2-2 going into halftime. Portland started the second half meaning business and dominated the game. There were some good through balls being played up the field and some excellent defending when needed. Nicolas Bartha had a great game in the back line tirelessly making some fantastic tackles.

Sports

Football continued....

Nolan was key in the centre and scored another solid goal giving Portland the lead and Nolan his brace. Momentum started to kick in and Radnor appeared to struggle against a very stylish PPS team. Team captain, Elliot MacLeod made some effective runs and was unlucky not to net a goal, whilst Tom Hallam came on and played a part in setting up numerous opportunities for his team mates. Bosco, who was causing all sorts of problems for Radnor on the left wing, scored the next goal and then followed this up with another two goals extending the score to 6-2. The U12s played very well and should be proud of their performance. Special mention goes to Nicholas for his excellent work rate in defence and Leo Sargent for his great goal keeping. Man of the Match was awarded to the 4 goal superstar Bosco Buonaguidi.



U11

Portland Place A	1
Sussex House A	0

It was a really great afternoon at Regents Park. The Under 11s were looking to remain undefeated this year with a 7v7 match against Sussex House. PPS certainly started the better of the two sides; dominating possession and creating several chances. Benny Miller went closest after Roberto Hinton crossed the ball to the back post. Benny calmly controlled the ball, dropped a shoulder to round the last defender and was only prevented from scoring by a fantastic save from the Sussex House goalkeeper. The boys did get a reward for their dominance and some fine attacking play from Lloyd Day found Kunal Patel with space in the box; he fired the ball into the roof of the net. It was a well-deserved lead. However, Sussex house looked dangerous on the counter attack throughout the game. Roberto Hinton was a rock in defence and Christopher Dhali made a few fine saves to ensure that PPS closed the game out for a fine win. The undefeated run continues, well done boys!

Man of the Match - Lloyd Day

Sports

Football

Mr Kubik, Head of Year 11

U13s Football

PPS 2 – 5 Kew House

On Monday, 20 November, PPS U13s took on Kew House in an action packed match at Regents Park. Early in the match there was a high intensity to the game, with the majority of the action in the middle of the pitch. Conditions were challenging for both teams as the pitch cut up quite early on. It was a closely fought contest, Kew House had more possession but PPS looked very dangerous on the break. Despite a promising start for PPS the boys conceded midway through the first half. It was a very frustrating goal, as Kew house took a corner, three PPS players tried to clear the ball and then the fourth managed to strike the ball into his own goal off the crossbar! The boys heads did not drop, they continued to fight back and could have equalised with two guilt edged opportunities wasted. As is often the case with football, Kew House then went and scored with their first opportunity. 2-0 at halftime. Despite being 2-0 down the boys knew they had been unlucky, were still in this game and had everything to play for. PPS started well, zipping passes around the pitch and threatening the Kew House with some excellent mazy runs from Boscoe Buonaguidi and Elliot MacLeod. Dylan Cohen was very strong at centre back and thwarted a number of Kew House attacks and Dylan Young worked hard in his box to box midfield role. It wasn't long before PPS scored through Elliot Macleod, who powered an outstanding effort right into the top corner leaving the keeper no chance. The boys sensed the comeback was on but were dealt a killer blow moments later when Kew House added their 3rd after PPS failed to clear in goal mouth scramble. On this occasion, the boys heads did drop. PPS started to try and force things and were making frequent errors as they tried to get back into the game. PPS nearly got the goal they deserved, but Boscoe Buonaguidi's effort hit a post and not the back of the net. With 10 minutes remaining, Elliot McLeod added scored a second with a lovely whipped effort into the far corner from a tight angle. However, unfortunately Kew restored their two goal lead within a couple of minutes and went on to add a fifth just before full time.

The result was not really a fair reflection of the boys performance. This was the best the boys have played in a 11 aside match, 3 of the goals conceded were due to avoidable errors and the boys could have scored 4 or 5. There were some excellent performances across the pitch. Adam Khan played well at right back. Dylan Cohen was very strong and composed and Boscoe Buonaguidi was a constant threat down the left wing. Man of the match went to Elliot Macleod who put in outstanding performance. He was a constant threat with the ball, ran his socks off and scored 2 excellent goals.

Sports

Cross Country

Mr McLoughlin, Head of PE

London Youth Games Cross Country Championships

On a drizzly, cold Saturday morning, Tom Hallam and Benny Miller represented the City of Westminster in the London Youth Games U11s Cross Country race. From 33 London Boroughs, 24 fielded teams of their best runners to compete in the 1.5 km run. All 152 boys, best in their boroughs, jostled for position at the bottom of Parliament Hill in what looked like the front line of a medieval battle rather than a competitive jog across Hampstead Heath. Benny and Tom had inspected the course prior to the start and noticed the long grass and abundant rabbit holes making the first 100 metres more than an uphill challenge. Neither boy got a particularly good start with teams aggressively staking claim to the best starting positions, however both did well to recover with strong runs through the field. Tom powered home to 55th position in a time of 6 minutes 3 seconds and Benny battled into the top 100 placing 98th with a time of 6 minutes 22 seconds. The winning time was an incredibly fast 5 minutes and 25 seconds! Both boys learned a lot and helped Westminster U11s Boys place higher than any of the other Westminster age groups on the day (13th position in the team standings). Well done to both of them! Report by Mr Sam Arthur (Benny's dad).

Eli Anderson was PPS sole representative in the U15 category after Sam Ingram and Alex MacDonald had to withdraw due to injury and illness. Eli managed a good start and positioned himself well in the first lap. Unfortunately during the second lap he rolled his ankle on the uneven ground causing him drop to the back of the field very quickly. Despite this he bravely finished the race playing his part in securing Westminster some team points. As with the Yr 6 boys it was a great learning experience and the look forward is to more races after the Christmas break.



Benny Miller and Tom Hallam

Calendar and Contact

Monday 27 November

8.00am	GSCE Chemistry, H3
12.45-1.30pm	Ukulele & Guitar Ensemble, Mr Hill, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Woodwind Ensemble, R1
2.00pm	U14s Boys Football v North Bridge House
2.00pm	U13s Boys Football v Thames Christian College (a)
4.00-5.00pm	Yoga Class (Year10-13), Ms Wellby, Dramastudio
4.00-5.00pm	Arabic Advanced, Mr Mohamed, R36

Tuesday 28 November

08.00-08.30am	Table Tennis Club, Ms Rider, PPS Hall
1.00-1.30pm	Debating Club, Ms Baig, Library
12.45-2.35pm	Percussion Ensemble (Extended Rehearsal), Mr Jesson, R2
2.35-3.45pm	PPS Orchestra Rehearsal, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	GSCE Italian Club, R23
12.45-1.30pm	French Exam Club, R22
1.00-1.20pm	Netball Shooting Club, girls PE office
1.10-1.30pm	GCSE PE Club, boys changing rooms PPS
2.00pm	U12 Girls Netball v Northbridge House
2.00pm	U11s (a&b) Football v Sussex House (a)
3.30pm	U13 Girls Netball v Queensgate (a)
3.45-4.45pm	KS3/4 Computing Club, R34
3.45-4.30pm	Year 7-9 Maths Club, R10
3.45-4.30pm	Year10-12 Maths Club, G12
3.45-4.45pm	KS2 Sports Club, PPS Hall
3.45-4.30pm	GSCE Revision Chemistry, H3/4
3.45-4.30pm	GSCE Revision Physics, H6/7
3.45-5.00pm	Teach Meet Event, GPS Hall
4.00-6.00pm	Oliver Rehearsals, Drama Studio
4.00-5.00pm	Arts Award Club (all years) Ms Birtles, B3
4.00-5.00pm	Russian Advanced, Ms Zalesny, R36
4.00-5.00pm	Japanese, Ms Komaki, R35
4.00-4.30pm	GSCE French Club, Ms Magniez, R33

Wednesday 29 November

12.45-1.30pm	Music Theory, Ms Bottrill, R42
12.45-2.35pm	Soul Band(Extended Rehearsal), R2
12.45-1.30pm	Spanish Bilingual Club, Ms Picado, Library
2.35-4.45pm	Symphonfree (Extended Rehearsal), Ms Boyle, R1
2.45-4.30pm	Brass Ensemble (Extended Rehearsal), Mr Bentley, R44
2.00pm	A Level Business & Economics Trip, Regent's University
3.45-4.30pm	U13s Boys Football v North Bridge House
3.45-4.30pm	EAL Homework Club, R23, Ms Florea
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Classical Civilisation Club, G41
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Art, Art Studio
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Computing Club, G11
4.00-4.30pm	Italian Club, R10
4.00-5.00pm	Year 11 DT GSCE, Ms Linton, B1
4.00-5.00pm	Year 11 DT GSCE, Mr Macfarlane & Ms Birtles, B1
4.00-6.00pm	Oliver Rehearsals, PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	Mandarin, Ms Chen, R36

Thursday 30 November

11.40-12.45pm	PPS Orchestra Rehearsal, Mr Hill, R1
12.45-2.35pm	Choir (Extended Rehearsal), Mr Hill R1
12.45-1.30pm	GCSE History Club, G23
12.45-1.30pm	Portland Place Choir, Mr Hill, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Club de Francais/Ms Magniez, Library

2.00pm	U15s Boys Football v Northbridge House
2.35-4.45pm	Chamber Choir (Extended Rehearsal), Miss Boyle, R1
3.45-4.30pm	Year 13 Maths Club, G12
3.45-4.30pm	Music Tech Club & GCSE Composition Support, Mr Bentley, R 42
3.45-4.45pm	GCSE Economics Club, G43
3.45-4.45pm	KS2 Homework Club
4.00-5.00pm	Whole School Art Club
4.00-5.00pm	DT Cubs (Year 5 & 6) Mr Macfarlane, B3
4.00-5.00pm	Oliver Rehearsals, Dramastudio
4.00-5.00pm	Arabic for Beginners, Mr Mohamed, R36

Friday 1 December

12.45-2.35pm	PPS Strings (Extended Rehearsal), Ms Boyle R1
12.45-1.30pm	Portland Place Big Band, Mr Hill, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Textiles Club (all years), Ms Birtles, B3
12.45-1.30pm	Russian Beginners, Mr Burton, Library
2.35-3.45pm	JAZZ Band (Extended Rehearsal), Mr Hill R2
4.00-6.15pm	LAMDA Lessons, R11

Upcoming Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on the following dates on The 5th floor of the GPS Building from 4pm.
Parents evening booking system now open.
Monday 4 December Year 7

TERM DATES:

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Term Starts	Tuesday 5 September
Half Term	Mon 16 Oct – Fri 27 Oct
End of Term	Wednesday 13 December

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