

# Weekly Buzz

20 November  
2017



## PPS Celebrating 21 Years

Details of our first carol service enclosed!

Coverage about Year 13 Trip to Flatford Mill

Academic and Sports fixtures

# Letter from the Headmaster

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Dear Parents,

In this week's letter from the head, I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to the Portland Place School Carol Service, to be held on Tuesday, 12 December from 1-2pm, at the All Souls Church on Langham Place. This is the very first Portland Place Carol Service and is part of our 21st Anniversary celebrations.

After the service, please join us for mulled wine, hot drinks and mince pies back at Portland Place School hall. This event is open to parents, staff and alumni.

The Service has a selection of well-known carols for the congregation to sing as well as special Christmas choral pieces sung by the Portland Place Choir.

We will be emailing out formal invitations shortly.

I look forward to seeing you there,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Bradbury'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

David Bradbury, Headmaster

# Notice Board

## Year 12 & 13 Mock Exams

Ms McNamara, Examinations Officer

See below timetable for the mock exams. I would also like to take the opportunity to wish good luck to Year 12 and 13 on their first round of mock exams this academic year.

### YEAR 12 & 13 MOCK EXAMINATION TIMETABLE NOVEMBER 2017

DATE	START	Y12 AS EXAM	Y13 A2 EXAM
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9am	Biology 1hr 30m Computing 1hr 30mins History 1hr 30m Media 1hr 30m	History 2hr 30m Physics 1hr 30m Physical Education 2hr Sociology 2hr 30m
	1.30pm	Sociology 1hr 30m	Computing 2hr English Language 1hr English Literature (paper 1 Prose) 1hr Media 1hr 30m
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	9am	Physical Education 1hr 30m Physics 1hr 30m Psychology 1hr 30m	Business 2hr Economics 2hr
	1.30pm	Business 1hr 30m Economics 1hr 30m Government & Politics 1hr 30m Music 1hr 30m	Geography 2hr 30m Maths 2hr 30m Music 2hr Psychology 2hr
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	9am	English Language 1hr English Literature 1hr Italian 1hr 30m Maths 2hr 30m	English Literature (paper 2 Drama) 2hr 30m Spanish 2hr
	1.30pm	Chemistry 1hr 30m Geography 2hr Film Studies 1hr 30m	Biology 2hr Film Studies 2hr French 2hr

# Noticeboard & News

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## Spanish Flamenco Reminder

Ms Picado, Head of Spanish

Dear Parents,

Payment for the Spanish Flamenco class, period 1 & 2 in the PPS Hall for year 7 & 8 Spanish Students have to be paid via ParentPay.

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## Christmas Carol Service 12 December 2017

Ms Wright. Office Manager/PA to Headmaster

Portland Place will have a Carol Service at All Souls Church, Langham Place on Tuesday 12 December.

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## Year 7 - Anti-Bullying Week

Ms Johnston, Head of Geography

Miss Johnston's students standing up against bullying in assembly



# News

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## Year 7 Odd Sock Day - Anti-Bullying Week

Ms Boyle, Head of Year 7

A fantastic effort from Year 7 for Odd Sock Day for the Anti-Bullying Week.



# News

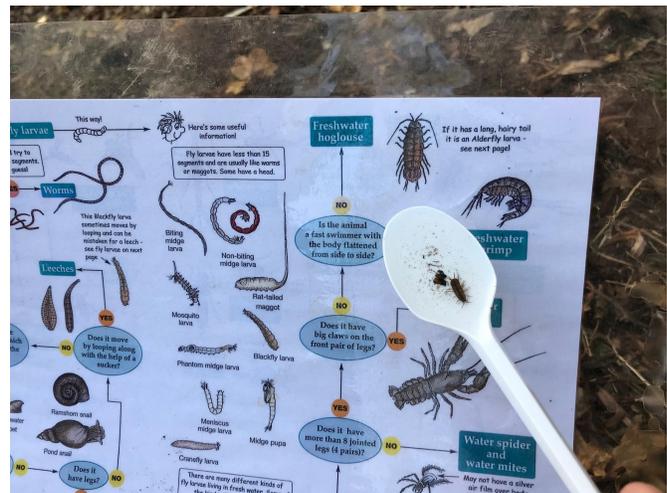
## Year 13 Biology Trip to Flatford Mill, Suffolk

Mr Kemp, Head of Biology and Ms Nicholas, Teacher of Science



Year 13 biology students spent 3 days at Flatford Mill Field Studies Centre in Suffolk undertaking fieldwork as part of their A Level biology course. On the first day, students received an introduction to ecology from their course tutor, Simon, and had the key terminology explained to them. A brief exercise in quadrat sampling in the afternoon gave students the opportunity to put their new skills into practice. On the second day of the visit the group collected data in a woodland habitat. The purpose of this activity was to investigate the difference in abundance of plants in different locations.

The students used random sampling as well as hygrometers (an instrument which measures water vapour in the air), light meters and temperature probes as part of their data collection. Their data was collected in the field on IPADS for later analysis in the classroom where a number of statistical tests were carried out. At the time of collection, data was live-fed into a national survey of biotic and abiotic factors in woodland habitats – impressive! On the last day, students carried out their own investigations into different factors affecting biodiversity. The students were incredibly well focused during the trip and certainly didn't let the wintry temperatures put them off.



6 Evening work back in the classroom

A key was used to identify unknown organisms

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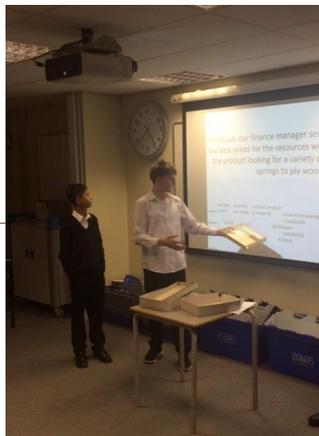


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## Design Ventura presentation

Ms Linton and Ms Birtles, Teacher of DT



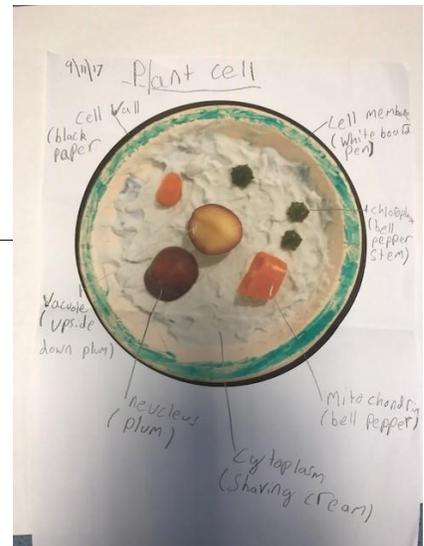
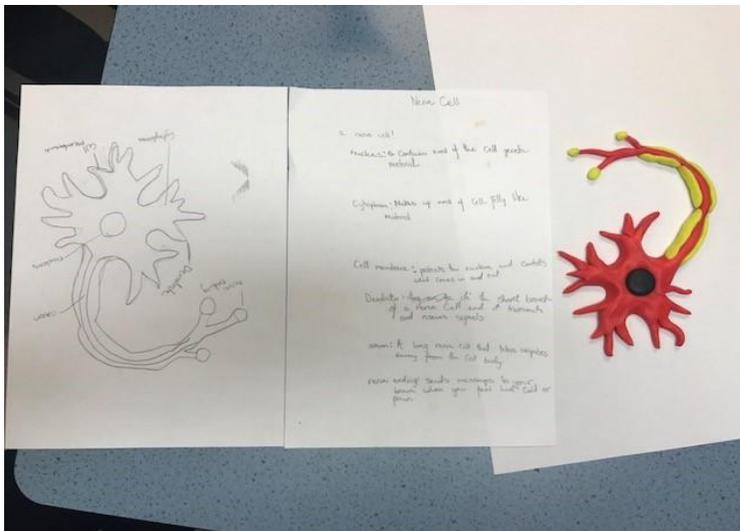
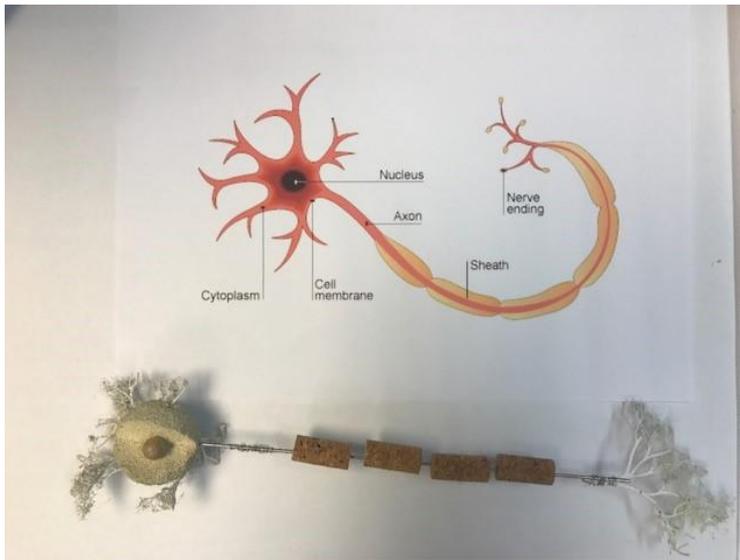
Year 10 DT students have been working hard to develop a product suitable to enter the Design Ventura competition. Design Ventura is a national competition for which students need to design and prototype a product suitable to be sold in the Design Museum. Our students have been working in teams with their classmates to develop an item which 'improves everyday life', but only one team could be entered to represent the school. On Tuesday, three teams from PPS pitched their ideas to a panel of judges, and after some tough deliberation, Miss Birtles' team was selected to go through to represent the school. Ten finalists from schools across the world will be selected on November 24, and they will go to the Design Museum in December to pitch against the other finalists. The winning team will see their product made and sold in the Design Museum shop – Good luck to the team!

# News

## Year 7 Model Cell Homework

Mr Kemp, Head of Biology

Mr Kemp's Year 7 class produced some fantastic model cells in biology this week. Well done Year 7!

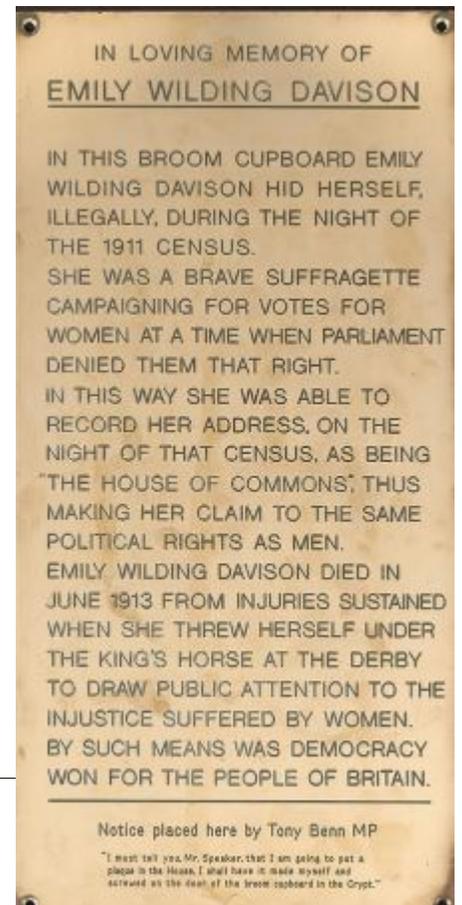


# News

## Year 12 Trip to Parliament

Ms Lewis, Assistant Head of 6th Form

Year 12 Politics and Sociology students have been on a trip to Parliament this week, they had a tour which included sitting in the House of Commons for a Brexit Debate and visiting the Broom Cupboard (normally off limits!) where Suffragette Emily Wilding Davison hid to protest for her right to vote in 1911. Great enthusiasm was shown by all of them and maybe they will be back in the House as MP's in the future!



# News

## Year 7 Podcasts

Ms Boyle, Head of Year 7

The Year 7s are creating their own Podcasts in Music lessons, based on 'The Elements of Music'.



# Sports results



# Sports

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## Netball

Mr McLoughlin, Head of PE

### **U13 Westminster Netball tournament - 3rd Place**

The Year 8 netball team played in the Westminster Netball Tournament at Paddington Recreation Centre. The girls had an excellent start to the tournament demonstrating some advanced netball winning against Paddington Academy, St. Augustine's and King Solomon. Amy Cooper and Sumaya Al Thani displayed some fantastic shooting and attacking play. Manuela Poquet Serna, Beatrice Curto, Bo Frampton and Jess Metchem Hermer defended superbly. Cristina Carbosiero, Frida Hill and Eve Johnson controlled the ball well in centre court, linking well with the shooters. After some superb victories, the Year 8 team qualified for the semi-final facing Grey Coat. The U13 team knew it was going to be a challenge, however, the girls were determined and excited about the match ahead. After the first half Grey Coat were 3 goals ahead, some tactical changes were made at half time and PPS were determined to close the gap. The girls started off strong, turning over the possession on Grey Coats centre pass to score with outstanding play from Amy Cooper and Jess Metchem, however Grey Coat defence proved too strong for PPS with Grey Coat taking the win. Portland Place faced St. Augustine's in the play-offs for 3rd place. The girls played some of their best netball to date. The girls fought hard and all contributed to a much-deserved victory to secure 3rd place in the tournament.

### **U16 Netball**

**Portland Place 8**

**Pimlico Academy 0**

The girls went into the game determined to come out with a victory. Their confidence paid off and they dominated the game from the onset with fantastic work throughout the court. The passing was quick, accurate and very impressive as Pimlico Academy struggled to gain possession of the ball and create any scoring opportunities. This was due to the outstanding defending by player of the match Asia Frampton, Issy Francis Baum and Eliza Stratton. Player of the match Asia Frampton turned over the ball on numerous occasions in the shooting circle stopping Pimlico Academy scoring any goals. Lara Newell and Katy Khoroshkovska controlled the ball well in centre court, linking well with the shooters. The shooters Nora Hill, Eliza Stratton and Erin Dytor shot some vital and excellent goals. The final score was 8-0 to Portland Place. Well done girls!

# Sports

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## *Netball Continued...*

### **U16 Netball**

**Portland Place**      **10**  
**St. Georges**        **1**

The U16 netball team faced St. Georges in their second match of the evening. The girls played with grit and determination throughout; competing for the ball, dodging and shooting some fantastic goals. The match involved outstanding centre court play by player of the match Lara Newell, Katy Khoroshkovska and Jasmine Kermoud allowing a continuous flow of passes, easily outwitting their opponents. Credit has to go to the exceptional defensive players Asia Frampton, Issy Francis Baum and Erin Dytor putting pressure on the opposition keeping the ball out of the goal third. There was some outstanding shooting from Eliza Stratton and Nora Hill demonstrating excellent movement in the circle to outwit Grey Coats defenders. It was a fantastic victory for the girls remaining unbeaten in the league with one game remaining.



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## **Football**

Mr McLoughlin, Head of PE

### **U11**

**Portland Place**      **3**  
**Radnor House**        **1**

On Friday 10th November PPS U11s made their way to Teddington to take on Radnor House School in a thoroughly entertaining game of football. From kick off the boys were buzzing with energy and enthusiasm as they zipped passes with pace and accuracy.

# Sports

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## ***Football continued...***

PPS took an early lead through Benny Miller, who did very well to tap in from an excellent cross. The boys had the lion's share of possession and restricted Radnor to few opportunities in the early stages. It wasn't long before PPS added a second, as Benny Miller recorded a brace with a tidy near post finish. The boys were playing some impressive football as they continued to press Radnor and force them to make mistakes. The boys looked solid in defence and dangerous in attack throughout the first half. Roberto Hinton added a third just before halftime with a powerful drive into the keeper's far corner. 3-0 to PPS at half time. In the second half the boys continued to play entertaining and fast paced football. To Radnor's credit they raised their game in the second half and started to defend more effectively and aggressively. PPS again had the lion's share of possession, but were not creating as many chances as in the first half. The boys were unlucky not to add a fourth on a few occasions but it was Radnor who scored a consolation goal with the final kick of the game. 3-1 to PPS the final score. The boys should be proud of their performance, they worked hard in both attack and defence and looked a dangerous attacking team throughout. Tom Hallam created a number of chances throughout the game with some excellent, clever through balls. Benny Miller showed good footwork in tight spaces and good composure in front of goal. However, man of the match went to Lloyd Day who dominated the midfield. He was a constant thorn in Radnor's side with his powerful, driving runs and strong defending.

## **U16**

<b>Portland Place</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Radnor House</b>	<b>2</b>

A really close game at Regent's Park on Wednesday against Radnor for the Under 16s boys. The boys started well and generally dominated possession for the opening ten minutes, this was rewarded when Lukas Ronniger put PPS in the lead when he poked the ball in from a corner. The goal certainly woke Radnor up and they began to get more into the game, they increased their physicality and were getting forward a little more. Unfortunately a slip at the back after a long punt downfield gave Radnor the opportunity to tie the game; which they took shortly before half time. The boys were confident in the half time chat they could take charge of the game and bring home the victory. The game turned scrappy and both teams had wasted chances in the second half. As the game went into the closing five minutes it looked certain to play out as a draw and then the game took a turn. Lukas grabbed his second of the game when he smashed the ball in from distance and straight from the kick off the boys applied pressure. An unfortunate back pass found itself in the back of the net to make the score line 3-1 with just a few minutes left. Surely a victory for PPS. However, from the next restart Radnor were fighting for the ball and an absolute rocket flew past Dio Kallakis in goal. An outstanding strike which brought the score line to 3-2 with a couple of minutes to go. An insane finale to the game and both sides had chances. Radnor would have equalised in the last minute only for a fine save from Dio in goal. From the next attack and the last play of the game the match was secured for PPS when a tired Radnor could not chance down Albie Marber with a ball over the top and finished the game with a goal for PPS. A great contest and a well-deserved 4-2 victory. Well done!

# Calendar and Contact

## Monday 20 November

8.00am-5.00pm	Year 9 Green Britain Centre Trip
8.00am	GSCE Chemistry, H3
12.45-1.30pm	Ukulele & Guitar Ensemble, Mr Hill, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Woodwind Ensemble, R1
1.00pm	KS3 Bookclub, Ms Hubner, Library
2.30pm	U13s Boys Football v Kew House
4.00-5.00pm	Yoga Class (Year10-13), Ms Wellby, Dramastudio
4.00-5.00pm	Arabic Advanced, Mr Mohamed, R36
4.00pm	U15 Girls Netball v More House (a)

## Tuesday 21 November

08.00-08.30am	Table Tennis Club, Ms Rider, PPS Hall
1.00-1.30pm	Debating Club, Ms Baig, Library
12.45-1.30pm	Percussion Ensemble, Mr Jesson, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Symphonietta, Ms Boyle, R43
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	U11s (a&b) Football v Sussex House
2.30pm	U12s Boys Football v Kew House (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 Biology, H1
3.45-4.30pm	GSCE Revision Physics, H2
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Italian Club, R36
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	U12 Girls Netball v More House (a)
4.00-5.00pm	Japanese, Ms Komaki, R35
4.00-4.30pm	GSCE French Club, Ms Magniez, R33

## Wednesday 22 November

12.45-1.30pm	Music Theory, Ms Bottrill, R42
12.45-1.25pm	Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
12.45-1.30pm	El club de Español/Spanish Bilingual Club, Ms Picado, Library
2.00pm	U13 Girls Netball v Northbridge House
2.30pm	U18s Boys Football v Kew House (a)
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
4.00pm	GSCE French Club, R33
4.00-5.00pm	Mandarin, Ms Chen, R36
4.15pm	U16 Girls Netball v Westminster League (a)

## Thursday 23 November

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/French Bilingual Club, Ms Magniez, Library
12.45-1.30pm	Brass Ensemble, Mr Bentley, R42
2.30pm	U15s Boys Football v Kew House
3.45-4.30pm	Year 13 Maths Club, G12
3.45-4.45pm	Music Tech Club, Mr Bentley, R 42
3.45-4.45pm	GCSE Economics Club, G43
3.45-4.45pm	KS2 Homework Club
3.45-4.45pm	Chamber Choir, Miss Boyle, R1
4.00-5.00pm	Whole School Art Club
4.00-5.00pm	GSCE Art, Art Studio
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 24 November

12.45-1.30pm	PPS Strings, 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
2.30pm	U14s Boys Football v Kew House (a)
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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