

# Weekly Buzz

13 November  
2017



Coverage about  
Onatti Play

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fixtures



All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

We're celebrating what makes us  
**All Different, All Equal for Anti-Bullying**  
Week this year from Monday 13th –  
Friday 17th November 2017.

If you're worried about bullying and/or would like to be involved  
in Anti-Bullying Week this year, please contact

Miss O'Neill / Miss Magniez  
or your form tutor!



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# Letter from the Headmaster

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This morning I was privileged to see our Years 5 and 6 pupils hold their Remembrance Assembly with Miss Coles. A short film explained the origin and significance of the poppy for remembrance. We had readings on the theme from several pupils and a playing of The Last Post. There was also discussion of how this will be marked publically over the weekend with two-minute silences at events and the whole ceremony at The Cenotaph on Sunday. I could also reflect on my experience at the end of the summer holiday when, in the week before school resumed, I visited Ypres in Belgium. This strategic city was the focus of conflict throughout The Great War being the site of five major battles, including Passchendaele. Ypres has the Menin Gate as part of its city walls, built in 1927 as a memorial to British and Commonwealth soldiers who died in that conflict. Britain still had an empire then so soldiers from all over the globe fought and died at Ypres. Each night, at 8pm, there is a short ceremony of remembrance held with The Last Post being sounded by a bugler.

On my visit there was a cadet from the Rifles Regiment. It is a moving event that draws a crowd of several hundred each day with wreaths being laid by and on behalf of people and groups from all around the world who have some association to those memorialised on the gate. The whole area of Belgium around Ypres has over one hundred Commonwealth War Graves, all beautifully tended and kept with funding from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. All of this is provided and supported to this day by the people of Belgium as a collective act of remembrance and thanks for their liberation in 1918. The Great War was not, we know, the war-to-end-all-wars that people hoped. The reasons why it happened at all, and why it was fought as it was, are now a main focus in school History lessons. But what it did start was these acts of remembrance as part of our collective consciousness, those that continue to this day over a century on from that war starting. Through our collective remembrance we recognise the sacrifices of previous generations in establishing the world and society we live in now and we reflect on the horrifying act that war is. Globally war has not stopped as the news on many nights of the year reminds us. But there is also evidence that, since 1945 at least, each decade there are fewer conflicts world-wide, on smaller scales and with fewer people involved. We can only all hope this trend continues.

Our Poppy Appeal collection boxes have a pleasingly heavy rattle to them today and wherever we are I am sure we will all wear our poppies with pride this weekend and find that moment to reflect and to remember.

David Bradbury, Headmaster

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Bradbury".

# Notice Board

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## Absences

Mr Bradbury, Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Following a few recent instances I write to clarify the procedure for requesting and authorising absences for pupils and for instances when pupils are ill during the day.

### **Requesting and Authorising Absences**

Planned absences can only be authorised by the Headmaster and the request should be in writing, with details of the reason for absence, in good time before the dates of the absence. After half term there were instances of emails received on the first day back saying that the family had decided to catch a later flight and [pupil] would be back in school in Tuesday/Wednesday. In such circumstances, unless a strong mitigating reason is given, the absence will be unauthorised.

### **Pupils ill during the day**

Our in loco parentis duty of care means that we cannot send a pupil who is ill home unaccompanied and/or to an empty home. Parents must collect a pupil who is ill and needs to go home during the day, either in person or by a nominated adult notified to us so that we can check ID. We also need to know that there will be suitable care at home when they arrive. We cannot send a pupil who is unwell home unaccompanied via taxi/Uber/public transport, even with parental permission.

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## **Get ready for Anti-bullying Week 13 - 17 Nov 2017**

Ms O'Neill, Deputy Head Teacher

Next week we will be looking at various resources in Form Time, Citizenship and Enrichment time. Here is a sample of some of the links we will be using:

The Anti-bullying Alliance co-ordinates a range of organisations in their annual awareness Week. This year's theme is 'All Different, All Equal'. There are a wide-range of age-focussed resources and many ideas on their website, which can be found here:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/about-anti-bullying-week-2017>

### **Ditch the Label Annual Bullying Survey 2018**

The international anti-bullying organisation, Ditch the Label, has created an annual bullying survey for several years, you can find the 2017 report here:

<https://www.ditchthelabel.org/research-papers/the-annual-bullying-survey-2017/>. The survey is open to 12 - 20 year olds, and over 10,000 young people completed it in 2017. Ditch the Label says that it works best when the survey is a compulsory activity and could be completed as one of your events in this year's anti-bullying week. Some of the younger year groups will be looking at devising a PPS Anti-Bullying slogan – this will link to Twitter feeds and there will be prizes for the Form Group who come up with the best slogan.

# Notice Board

## Year 11 Mock Examinations

Mr Kubik, Head of Year 11

Dear Parent,

I am writing to confirm the details for the Year 11 GCSE mock examinations. These will take place between Monday 11 December and Wednesday 13 December and Wednesday 3 January and Wednesday 10 January.

DATE	START	EXAM	LENGTH
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9am	English Language 1	1hr 45m
	1.30pm	Mathematics Paper 1	1hr 30m
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9am	English Literature 1	1hr 45m
	1.30pm	Business Economics Italian	1hr 30m 2hr 1hr 30m
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9am	English Language 2	1hr 45m
	1.30pm	Computing Geography	1hr 30m 2hr
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>			
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January (INSET DAY)</b>	9am	Art	All day
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9am	Mathematics Paper 2	1hr 30m
	1.30pm	History 1 French 1	1hr 45m 35/45m
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9am	English Literature 2	2hr 15m
	1.30pm	Chemistry Biology	1hr 1hr
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9am	Mathematics Paper 3	1hr 30m
	1.30pm	Media Spanish 1	2h 15m 35/45m
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9am	Music Sport Studies 1	1hr 30m 1hr 45m
	1.30pm	DT French 2 Spanish 2	2hr 2hr 20m 2hr 20m
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9am	Sport Studies 2 History 2	1hr 15m 1hr 30m
	1.30pm	Physics Clash candidate catch up	1hr

# News

## Onatti Play: La Casa Encantada

Ms Picado, Head of Spanish

La casa encantada has been another wonderful play by Onatti Theatre Company, the actor Carlos and Lucia did a fantastic job keeping the audience engaged and loving every second of the performance. All the students behaved very well, showing enthusiasm and a great attitude during the whole time; especial mention to Euan MacBride, in Year 9, who bravely took the stage and performed a wonderful part, using the Target Language quite a lot, we have to say. Needless to say we can't wait for next year's Onatti play!!

Plot: Camila and Antonio are on a hiking trip. Bad weather forces them to take shelter in an old house (*La casa vieja*) in the forest. A policeman arrives and informs them that a dangerous criminal (*extremadamente peligroso*) has escaped from a local prison and advises them not to leave the house. Soon strange things start to happen inside the house but Camila and Antonio are trapped and dare not leave.

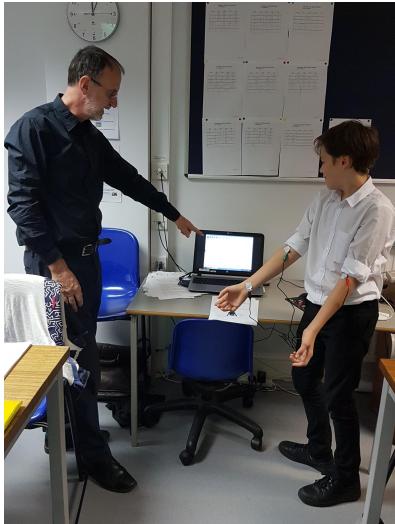


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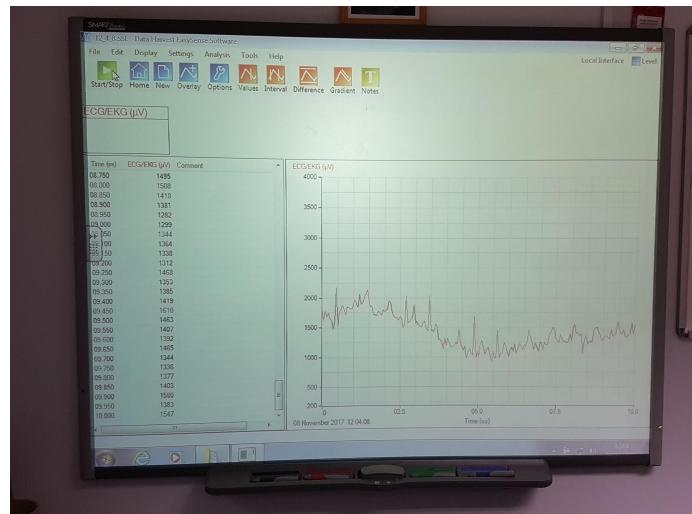
## Year 9 Physics

Mr Thompson, Head of Science Faculty

Year 9 were using a data logger connected to a computer to measure their heart rate.



Vitan Kostomaj is connected via three leads.



The graph displays Vitan's heart beats.



The pupils work out heart rate from the graph



Year 9 were 'freezing' water waves on a ripple tank using a stroboscope then measuring their wavelength, multiplying by the frequency and determining the speed.

# News

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## Year 7 DT

Ms Boyle, Head of Year 7

Year 7 boys with their impressive juggle bags that they made in DT! From left to right: Max Hubert, Hamish Cooper, Angel Ellis, Elliot MacLeod, Cassius Swales and Victor Calbucci.

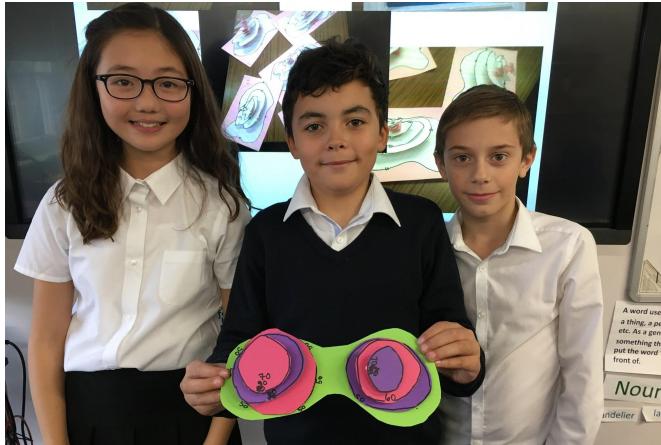


# News

## Year 7 Geography

Hannah Johnston, Head of Geography

This week in Geography Year 7 have been learning about contour lines. After looking at examples of different hills and mountains on OS maps they constructed their own 3D models.



Kayla Cho, Ange Ellis & Max Hubert



Laura Liu & Gordon Turnor



Irene Peleteiro Paniagua & Arthur Hales



Cassius Swales & Ruhi Patel



Nicolas Bartha & Alice Martin

# Sports results



# Sports

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## Cross Country

Mr McLoughlin, Head of PE

### London Mini Marathon

The Westminster Sports Unit are offering free weekly training sessions at 4pm at Paddington Recreation Ground for those individuals who aspire to compete in the London Mini Marathon. Whilst the trial is not until March 3, this is an opportunity to train and prepare with other athletes who may represent the City of Westminster at this great event. The Westminster Sports Unit are working with an excellent L3 UK Athletics coach who provided a similar service last year and which had a fantastic effect on the performance of those athletes who attended regularly. Age groups are as follows:

**Boys and Girls – Under 13** (Must be at least 11 years old on 22 April 2018)

Born between 1 September 2004 and 13 April 2007;

**Boys and Girls – Under 15**

Born between 1 September 2002 and 31 August 2004;

**Boys and Girls – Under 17** (Must be aged under 18 on 22 April 2018)

Born between 23 April 2000 and 31 August 2002.

To register please contact Mr McLoughlin in the P.E. department

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## Netball

Mr McLoughlin, Head of PE

### U16

<b>Portland Place</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>St Marylebone</b>	<b>4</b>
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The U16 netball team displayed some exceptional netball considering it was their first match in the Westminster League. They were understandably nervous but played with great determination and enthusiasm. The team really stepped up their play and despite having a few girls absent played some outstanding netball. They worked well down court and fought for every interception. Oona Wolseley made her debut in the U16 team achieving player of the match. She had an exceptional match as wing attack providing some superb passes into the circle. Lara Newell and Jasmine Kermoud worked extremely hard in centre court competing for every ball. St. Marylebone found it difficult to get the ball into the goal third due to the superb defending of Erin Dytor, Nora Hill, and Asia Frampton. Eliza Stratton shot beautifully throughout the match, working well alongside our other player of the match Freya Francis-Baum. Both shooters must be commended for their movement in the circle and their shooting ability. The game was played in great spirits with the team putting in maximum effort. Well done girls!

# Sports

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## ***Netball Continued...***

### **U16**

<b>Portland Place</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Grey Coat</b>	<b>11</b>

The U16 netball team faced Grey Coat in their second game in the Westminster Netball League. Grey Coat had an exceptionally tall team and we knew that this would be a close and tough game. It was a very fast paced game with plenty of action at either end. It was an intensive match with every quarter finishing on a draw. Before the final quarter a few tactical changes were made to strengthen our attacking end. In the final quarter Portland Place dominated the play with fantastic work throughout the court. The girls played some advanced and controlled netball against Grey coat to secure a win. The match involved outstanding centre court play by player of the match Lara Newell, Freya Francis-Baum and Oona Wolseley allowing a continuous flow of passes, easily outwitting their opponents. Asia Frampton worked exceptionally well in defence alongside, Erin Dyt or putting pressure on the opposition and intercepting some great balls. The shooters Eliza Stratton and Nora Hill worked well in the shooting circle and coped well with extremely strong defenders. I was extremely impressed with Eliza Stratton who has played exceptionally well over the past few games. Congratulations to the U16 netball team, a great start to the league!

### **U15**

<b>Portland Place</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Northbridge House</b>	<b>13</b>

Another fantastic performance from our U15 netball team. The girls played some of their best netball to date. The girls fought hard and all contributed to a much deserved victory. It was remarkable to see them supporting each other so well tactically. Player of the match Erin Dyt or worked exceptionally well in defence alongside, Michela Carbosiero and Carla Mora turning the ball over on numerous occasions. This allowed the consistent and hardworking mid-court players Ava Jones, Belle Skinner and Nora Hill to link the attack and defence with precision. Belle Skinner had an exceptional game in attack, linking well with the shooters, feeding numerous balls into Dot Jones, Freya Francis-Baum and Amanda Gordon. Player of match Freya Francis-Baum had an outstanding match playing GA working incredible well with Dot Jones in the shooting circle to play some phenomenal netball scoring a plethora of goals. The girls played some flawless and exciting netball throughout, well done!

# Sports

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## **Netball Continued...**



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# **Football**

Guest piece written by Tom Hallam, Year 6

## **Under 11s Football**

**Portland Place - 2**

**Charterhouse Square - 2**

On Tuesday PPS U11's played a football match with Charterhouse Square School. Christopher Dahli started in goal with Che Arney, Lawton Ballbach, Victor Cho in defence. In midfield was Roberto Hinton, Tom Hallam and Lloyd Day. Sasha Whowell, Kunal Patel and Benny Miller were strikers. Early in the first half Lloyd had an amazing shot on goal which flew into the net, it was nearing the end of the first half, when Roberto had the ball on the wing, and struck a superb cross into Tom who flicked the ball into the goal. PPS were 2-0 ahead, the whole team then switched off as Charterhouse School scored a penalty to make the score 2-1. We kicked off the second half and immediately Kunal had a good attempt on goal, but it just scraped the post. Then the other side came back with confidence to score another goal to end the game with a 2-2 draw.



# Calendar and Contact

## Monday 13 November

8.00am	Year 13 Biology Field Trip to Flatford Mill (Back on Wednesday 16.00pm)
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 v Radnor House
4.00-5.00pm	Yoga Class (Year 10-13), Ms Wellby, Dramastudio
4.00-5.00pm	Arabic Advanced, Mr Mohamed, R36

## Tuesday 14 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	Symphonfietta, 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
2.30pm	U12s Boys Football v Radnor 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	Year 10-12 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
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 15 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
1.30-4.45pm	Year 12 Trip to Parliament
2.30pm	U18s Boys Football v Radnor 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
4.00pm	GSCE French Club, R33
4.00-5.00pm	Mandarin, Ms Chen, R36
4.15pm	U16 Girls Netball v Westminster League (a)

## Thursday 16 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 Français/French Bilingual Club, Mr Lalande and Ms Magniez, Library
12.45-1.30pm	Brass Ensemble, Mr Bentley, R42
2.30pm	U15s Boys Football v Radnor House
3.45-4.30pm	Year 13 Maths Club, G12
3.45-4.45pm	Music Tech Club, Mr Bentley, R41
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 17 November

9.30am-3.45pm	Year 10 Trip to V&A Museum
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 Radnor 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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