

Weekly Buzz

15 January 2018



Oliver Rehearsals out in full swing!

Information about
Upcoming Lower
School Concert!

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Academic and Sports
fixtures

Oliver!

School Musical 2018

6-8 February
7:00pm



Finchley Rd NW3 6ET

Reserve for free

tickets@portland-place.co.uk



Portland Place School

By arrangement with MusicScope & Stage Musicals Ltd of New York.

Letter from the Headmaster



This week we finished the Year 11 mock exams. The mock exams are a great opportunity to get students to revise early, practise revision strategies, improve knowledge and ability to recall information and finally to identify topics that need attention.

Initial decisions about subject options have already taken place for A Levels with our Year 11 students. If you or your child want to discuss the options available please feel free to make an appointment with myself, Ms Findlater, Mr Jones and Ms Price. We are happy to guide you through the next steps, transition to A Levels and answer any queries you may have.

Warmest regards,

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

Notice Board

Oliver!

Mr Chivers, Head of Drama, Ms Boyle, Head of Year 7 and Mr Hill, Director of Music

Dear All,

The Portland Place School musical is fast approaching. This year, alongside a professional orchestra, our talented students will be performing Oliver!

On the 6th, 7th, 8th February, we will be taking over the impressive and stylish theatre at JW3 on Finchley Road.

Many students are wishing to support their friends, when you reserve their ticket, why not add one for yourself? We would love you to see you in the audience!

Tickets are free, but you will need to be on our list to guarantee entry.

Please email tickets@portland-place.co.uk with your name and the number of tickets you require. This show will sell-out fast!

Many thanks,

Drama and Music Departments

Lower School Chamber Concert

Mr Hill, Director of Music

Thursday 25th January, 5:30-6:30pm - PPS Hall

The Music department is introducing a new opportunity for lower school students to showcase their talents and gain more performance experience and confidence in a less formal setting. If any students in Y5-9 would like to perform a short piece on their instrument or singing, please come and see Mr Hill or Miss Boyle, or email as soon as possible.

Parents and friends are very welcome to attend.

Library News

Mr Nilsson, Librarian

Dear Parents,

Since I'm leaving today I would like to thank all parents that I have met during my time at Portland Place School. It has been a pleasure meeting you. Belinda O'Shea will be back from her maternity leave on Monday 22 January.

News

Year 7 Assembly

Ms Boyle, Head of Year 7

A fantastic Year 7 assembly on New Year Resolutions! Well done to Arthur and Leo for creating a very impressive PowerPoint!



Oliver Rehearsals

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A very productive day at rehearsals!



Sports results



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Rugby

Mr McLoughlin, Head of PE

Mouth Guards and Studs

In the best interests of pupils' safety, we strongly recommend that all players wear a mouthguard during any contact rugby session. It has been shown that this significantly reduces the incidence of dental injuries. Good mouldable mouth guards can be bought at most sports shops or from www.schoolblazer.com which supplies the new Portland Place PE kit. Can you ensure that pupils have RFU Approved British Standard Kite Marked studs in their football/rugby boots as opposed to plastic football studs. If your child has rubber mouldable studded boots then that's fine but screw in studs should be RFU approved. These will cost around £5 from any sports shop.

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Mr McLoughlin, Head of PE

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Cross Country

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Cross country teams for the events listed below will be selected based on the performances of pupils during lessons. We have a strong tradition in this sport so please ensure you make note of the dates of the championships if you aspire to compete in any of them.

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Cross Country continued

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Competition</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Weds 24 January 2018	ISA London North Championships	Bedford
Wed 7 February 2018	London Schools Championships	Wormwood Scrubs
TBC	West London Prep Schools Championships	Wormwood Scrubs
Sat 3 March 2018	ISA National Cross Country Championships	Rugby
Tues 6 March 2018	London Schools Yr 7 & Yr8 Cross Country Championships	Avery Hill
Sat 17 March 2018	English Schools Cross Country Championships	Leeds
Sun 22 April 2018	London Mini Marathon	London

Sports

Football

Mr McLoughlin, Head of PE

U12

Portland Place	6
Heathside Prep	3

On Tuesday, the U12s hosted Heathside Prep at Regent's Park. It was the first time the both schools had played at any age group and it proved to be a very exciting game. The match took place on the new Hybrid football pitches that haven't recently been installed in the park which allowed for some excellent football to be displayed. Both teams paraded on the half way line and observed a one minute silence before kick off, at the request of Heathside due to the untimely death of a Heathside pupil the day before. Portland started off very well, dominating the middle of the pitch and opening up some early opportunities but couldn't execute a finish. Hamish Cooper had to come off after 5 minutes with a foot injury which meant a reshuffle in the PPS defensive line. Heathside scored the first goal and against the run of play managed to find a second just before half time, giving them a 2 goal lead. Entering the second half, again PPS looked strong and pressurised the opposition but still couldn't get past the Heathside goalkeeper. In a manic 3 minutes, Heathside opened up the PPS defence and scored another 2 goals, thus taking a 4 goal margin. This was frustrating for the PPS boys as the score didn't reflect the competitiveness of the game. PPS finally found their mojo and Bosco Buonaguidi fired a cracking shot past the Heathside keeper, and moments later Lloyd Day found himself one on one with the keeper and coolly added Portland's second goal. Heathside struck back with a fifth goal and then Nolan Song fired Portland's third into the back of the net. In the closing moments Heathside added another finishing 6-3 ahead. Despite the final score I felt that PPS could have won this game, but such is football, it doesn't always go the way you would like. Man of the match was Tom Hallam who came on for Hamish and worked tirelessly in defence, being particularly effective in the centre. There was a good parental turnout for the game and it was great to have the support. Parents are always welcome to come and support the teams and we strongly encourage it. Well done boys!

Calendar and Contact

Monday 15 January

8.00am GSCE Chemistry, H3
 12.45-1.30pm Symphonfree, Ms Boyle, R2
 12.45-1.30pm Woodwind Ensemble, Mr Slack, R1
 1.00-1.30pm U15 Netball v More House (a)
 3.30pm Yoga Class (Year10-13), Ms Wellby,
 Dramastudio
 4.00-5.00pm Arabic Advanced, Mr Mohamed, R36
 4.00-5.00pm Year 8 Parents Evening, GPS Hall
 4.00-7.00pm Year 10,11 & 13 visit Lyric Theatre
 7.30pm Hammersmith

Tuesday 16 January

08.00-08.30am Table Tennis Club, Ms Rider, PPS Hall
 1.00-1.30pm Junior Percussion, R2
 1.00-1.30pm Debating Club, Ms Baig, Library
 12.45-1.30pm Percussion Ensemble, Mr Jesson, 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
 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
 4.00-6.00pm Oliver Rehearsals, PPS Hall
 4.00-5.00pm Arts Award Club (all years) Ms Birtles, B3
 4.00-5.00pm Japanese, Ms Komaki, R36
 4.00-4.30pm GSCE French Club, Ms Magniez, R33

Wednesday 17 January

8.00-8.30am Zumba, PPS Hall
 8.00-8.30am Chamber Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
 12.45-1.30pm Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
 12.45-1.30pm Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
 1.00-1.30pm Spanish Bilingual Club, Ms Picado, Library
 12.45-1.30pm Guitar and Ukulele Ensemble, Mr Hill, R1
 1.00-1.30pm Netball Shooting Club, Girls PE Office
 3.45-4.30pm EAL Homework Club, R23, Ms Florea
 3.45-4.30pm GCSE Classical Civilisation Club, G41
 3.45-5.00pm KS2 Art & Craft Club, R22
 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 Arabic for Beginners, Mr Mohamed, R35
 4.00-5.00pm Russian Advanced, Ms Zalesny, R36
 4.00pm U14 Girls Netball v Westminster League (a)

Thursday 18 January

All Day U11s Boys Football (King Alfred's
 Tournament (a))
 12.45-1.30pm Brass Ensemble, Mr Bentley, R41
 GCSE History Club, G23
 12.45-1.30pm Portland Place Choir, Mr Hill, R1
 12.45-1.30pm Club de Francais/Ms Magniez, Library
 3.45-4.30pm Year 13 Maths Club, G12
 4.00-4.30pm GSCE Composition Support, Mr Bentley,
 R42
 3.45-4.30pm GSCE 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
 4.00-6.00pm Oliver Rehearsals, PPS Hall

Friday 19 January

12.45-1.30pm String Ensemble, 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
 2.40-3.40pm KS2 Visit to New London Architecture
 4.00-6.15pm LAMDA, Lessons, R11

Oliver Rehearsals

Sat 20 January: 10.00-4.00pm, GPS Hall

Sun 21 January: Oliver Bandcall, 10.00-4.00pm, GPS Hall

Spring Term 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 opens two weeks before each event. Please note that certain teachers are only available from 4.30pm due to teaching commitments.

Monday 15 January	Year 8
Monday 22 January	Year 11
Monday 26 February	Year 9
Monday 12 March	Year 5 & 6
Monday 19 March	Year 7
Monday 26 March	Year 8

TERM DATES:

SPRING TERM2018

Term Starts	Thursday 4 January
Half Term	Mon 12 Feb – Fri 16 Feb
End of Term	Wednesday 28 March

CONTACT DETAILS:

PPS MAIN BUILDING (Years 4-9)

58 Portland Place, London W1B 1NJ

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