

# Weekly Buzz

8 January 2018



**Welcome back to a new term!**

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# Letter from the Headmaster

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome back to school and to the Spring Term. We had a successful 2017 - amongst many of our highlights we launched our new website, gave our logo a new fresh look and feel, and had our very first Christmas Carol Service. Continuing with our mission to launch Portland Place into the next decade, Spring Term will see further developments of our efforts to raise awareness of the school, improve our communication with parents and give more opportunities for staff, students and parents to celebrate our 21st anniversary.

I would also like to thank our Parents Network for all their hard work last term, we especially enjoyed the lovely mince pies and mulled wine which provided a wonderful ending to the term.

The Spring Term is already in full swing with the continuation of the mock examinations this week for Year 11s and the start of the drama rehearsals for our Spring play 'Oliver'.

I look forward to seeing you in the Spring Term

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

David Bradbury, Headmaster

# Notice Board

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## **Tango Workshop**

Ms Picado, Head of Spanish

On the 12/Friday, tango workshop for years 5 and 6, by Canela Fina in pps hall from 1.30 to 3.45. Students will learn about the dance and also the cultural, social and geographical background behind it.

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## **Mr Blondas replacement**

Mr Bradbury, Headmaster

Sadly, Mr Blonda left Portland Place School at Christmas. He taught both here and at a university and was finding the demands of his university role increasing to a point where he could no longer balance the two. From this term his Sociology classes will be taken by Miss Price and Mr Jones, Head of Sixth Form. His Film Studies classes will be taken by Mr Michael Flack, a professional filmmaker and PPS alumnus who has now re-joined us.

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## **LAMDA**

Ms Riley. LAMDA Co-Ordinator

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to exclusively invite the pupils of Portland Place School to develop their speech and drama skills, through our LAMDA Acting Classes.

LAMDA is the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. These sessions are a drama-based extracurricular alternative to the Associated Board Music exams where students work through a series of Grades from Entry Level to Grade 8.

LAMDA examinations are designed to equip candidates, whatever their age or aspirations, with a range of skills that will serve them throughout life. Preparation for an examination unlocks the imagination and develops creative-thinking and communication skills as well as refining technical skills and artistry.

As with the Associated Board Exams, the higher grade LAMDA qualifications carry UCAS points to help with University Applications. If candidates achieve a good mark at Grade 8 it carries the same UCAS points as an A grade at AS level.

We are currently offering places on the following days-

### **Monday 4.45-5.30pm group class lesson**

Places will fill up fast, as this is a first come first serve booking, so do get in touch to reserve your place with us this term. Mr David Chivers will forward all enquiries to the LAMDA team.

# News

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## Year 7 Best Picture Odd Socks Day

Ms Boyle, Head of Year 7

Congratulations to Year 7 for winning 'best picture' for Odd Socks Day! Andy Day from CBBC will be coming into school to do a workshop on anti-bullying Year 7.



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## Trestle Masks

Mr Chivers, Head of Drama

This week Year 7 students developed their performance skills for using Trestle masks. Over the next few lessons, students will explore characters using fixed emotions shown by the mask.



# News

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## Foodbank collection

Ms O'Neill, Deputy Head Teacher

GPS building collected the most foodbank items.

Anna Christodoulou received a certificate and a box of celebrations for driving the foodbank project and reminding the students to bring in as many items as they could.

We really made a difference and we are now looking at having a foodbank collection at the end of every term



# News

## Foodbank contd

Ms O'Neill, Deputy Head Teacher

From everyone at Portland Place School, we would like to thank all our Staff, Students and Parents for all your contributions.



*"We would like to say a massive thank you to parents and students for their amazing generosity in donating to North Paddington Food bank. Students delivered and unpacked all the donations on Wednesday afternoon and they were extremely gratefully received".*

*-Ms N Whittle*

*"It was incredible to see the contributions coming in each day. It allowed the students to pull together and really feel they were making a difference"*

*- Anna Christodoulou*

# Calendar and Contact

## Monday 8 January

8.00am	GSCE Chemistry, H3
12.45-1.30pm	Symphonfree, R2, Ms Boyle, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Woodwind Ensemble, Mr Slack, R1
4.00-5.00pm	Yoga Class (Year10-13), Ms Wellby, Dramastudio
4.00-5.00pm	Arabic Advanced, Mr Mohamed, R36
4.00-7.00pm	Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening, GPS Hall

## Tuesday 9 January

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, 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	U12s Boys Football v Heathside Prep
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	Russian Advanced, Ms Zalesny, R36
4.00-5.00pm	Japanese, Ms Komaki, R35
4.00-4.30pm	GSCE French Club, Ms Magniez, R33

## Wednesday 10 January

12.45-1.30pm	Music Theory, Ms Bottrill, R42
12.45-1.30pm	Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Spanish Bilingual Club, Ms Picado, Library
12.45-1.30pm	Guitar and Ukulele Ensemble, Mr Hill, R1
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
4.00pm	U14 Girls Netball v Westminster League

## Thursday 11 January

9.00am-6.00pm	Oliver Rehearsals
08.00-08.35	Chamber Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-2.35pm	Choir (Extended Rehearsal), Mr Hill R1
12.45-1.30pm	Brass Ensemble, Mr Bentley, R41
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
1.30-3.30pm	Tango Workshop, Ms Picado, PPS Hall
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
4.00-5.00pm	Arabic For Beginners, Mr Mohamed, R36

## Friday 12 January

12.45-2.35pm	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
2.35-3.45pm	JAZZ Band, Mr Hill, R2
4.00-6.15pm	LAMDA Lessons, R11

## 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 8 January	Year12 & 13
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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### GPS BUILDING (Years 10-13)

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**@PPSLibrary** - Reading related news

**@PPSMusicDept** – Music Department

**@MissColes\_PPS** – Head of KS2

**@PPS\_DT** – Design Technology

**@MFLPPS** – Mfl Department

**@year7PPS** – Year 7

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