

Weekly Buzz

5 February 2018



Show time! Good luck to the cast of Oliver - break a leg!

Updated schedules for clubs!

Dates for your diary

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



On Monday we were visited by our governors with a specific focus on teaching and learning here. They observed over a dozen lessons right across the school and reflected positively on what they saw happening in our classrooms. They also looked at a wide range of students work and were impressed by the depth and breadth and variety of what our students do on a day-to-day basis.

It was good for me on Tuesday to be able to step in and cover a Physics class with Year 11. The topic was radioactive decay, specifically decay equations and decay chains.

The word “radioactive” carries some negative connotations for many but it is a natural process going on all the time in our environment and plays a significant part in why our world is as it is. It was a pleasure to work with a group of such engaged students and I look forward to their success in the summer.

Yesterday was my first school trip with Portland Place students, to the Natural History Museum with Year 6. They were a joy to be with, excellent ambassadors all for the school. A tour of the museum galleries was followed by a workshop on evolution and how life on Earth has changed markedly over the last four-and-a-half billion years. This is what Year 6 are studying in Science at the moment. They recreated some of the observations that inspired Darwin to his intellectual breakthrough with a simulation of birds feeding with different beak types. Evolution by natural selection can be a tricky idea even for older students but Year 6 are well on the way in understanding it and its importance as scientific milestone. My thanks to Ms Campbell for organising this. I know there are also visits to the British Museum and the Science Museum coming up for Years 5 and 6 and I look forward to those.

And now to look forward to “Oliver!” next week and our students’ great creative talents being on show once again ...

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized, cursive letters that appear to be 'M' and 'J'.

Notice Board

Children's Mental Health Week (5th - 11th February 2018)

It will soon be Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Being Ourselves'. When we have a positive view of ourselves, it can help us to cope with life's challenges and make better connections with others. Organiser, Place2Be, is inviting everyone – children, young people and adults – to come together and celebrate the unique qualities and strengths in themselves and others. Our students will be exploring this in Form Time Assemblies and in Citizenship.

You can find plenty of resources to celebrate mental health week on the Place2Be website here: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools-and-youth-groups/>.

#DITTO Online safety magazine from the e-safety advisor Alan Mackenzie

Alan's latest newsletter is now available from his website. In the January 2018 edition Alan and his contributors discuss cyberbullying, live Streaming, sanctions and rewards and the Yubo app. In #DITTO JUNIOR there are articles from children and young people.

You can download #DITTO magazine here: <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

SAFER INTERNET DAY TUE 6 FEB

It will be Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6 February. As you're well aware, the internet is an essential part of day to day life for children and adults alike, and safeguarding online means both encouraging safe use, and building awareness of potential online risk.

The slogan for this year's Safer Internet Day is 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you'.

Our students will be looking at related resources in Form time, Assemblies and in Citizenship classes. Please look at the link below to get an idea of some of the areas we will be exploring.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>

Please feel free to contact school if you would like any more information
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YEARS 10-11 SPANISH TRIP 2018/19, SALAMANCA

Ruth Picado, Teacher of Spanish

Dear Parents,

Next academic year, the Spanish are considering running a trip to Salamanca, a University City nearby Madrid. This would take place during the October 2018 half term. Provisional dates are from the 14th October until 20th October 2018.

This will be our fourth visit to Salamanca, after three very successful trips in previous years. Our students have Spanish lessons as one of the activities offered by Colegio Delibes in Salamanca. These extra-curricular lessons will be extremely helpful for our pupils' GCSE Spanish course. All material for the lessons is provided by the Spanish school. In addition, our students will enjoy free access to internet and WiFi at Colegio Delibes.

Your child will be hosted by a Spanish family, carefully selected and vetted by Colegio Delibes. Each family will host two students full board.

For further information on Colegio Delibes, the school's website can be accessed via <http://www.colegiodelibes.com/>

Pupils will fly to Madrid from where they will be transferred to Salamanca by private coach; the journey takes approximately 3 hours.

Listed below are some of the activities your child will do:

- o 20 hours of Spanish lessons at Colegio Delibes (divided over five days)
- o Practical lessons: Treasure Hunt.
- o Guided trip to Salamanca.
- o Salsa lessons.
- o Chocolate con churros 'experience'.
- o Cooking lessons and tapas tour.

The cost of the homestay trip to Spain will be approximately £500, which includes everything apart from pocket money. The price is likely to vary slightly depending on numbers and plane tickets.

At the moment we are needing an expression of interest from you regarding this trip. If your son/daughter is interested in being part of this fantastic opportunity, please could you email ruth.picado-dopico@portland-place.co.uk by Friday 2nd of February.

We look forward to hearing from you!

News

25.01.18 - Lower School Chamber Concert

Steve Hill, Director of Music

A first for Portland Place is the new concert specifically to encourage our younger instrumentalists and singers, to develop their confidence in performing in front of an audience and to showcase their talents. Fantastic performances from students across Key Stage 3, in particular a self-composed song performed by Eli Anderson (Year 9).

Well done to everyone who performed and those who came to support. Even bigger and better next year!



Sports results



Sports

ISA North London Cross Country Championships 2018

Scott Rider, Teacher of Physical Education

On Wednesday 24th January the PE department took 27 pupils to the ISA London North Cross Country Championships in Bedford. With adverse weather conditions, it was a tough day for all competitors but this didn't dampen their spirits and we returned with some fantastic results!



Well done to all the competitors but in particular to all pupils who came within the top ten:

- Tom Hallam
- Dylan Cohen
- Nazeem Merard
- Freya Francis-Baum
- Audrey Hammer
- Curtis O'Keeffe
- Eli Anderson
- Alex McDonald

More information will be given regarding National selection after Half term.

Year 5/6 Boys - 122 runners	Year 7/8 Girls - 35 Runners	Year 7/8 Boys - 58 Runners	Year 9 Girls - 16 Runners	Year 9 Boys - 38 Runners
Charlie Hernandez- 38 th	Amy Cooper - 12 th	Gordon Turner - 27 th	Manon De Peyronnet - 8 th	Eli Anderson -6 th
Lawton Ballbach- 64 th	Frida Hill - 15 th	Hamish Cooper-39 th	Audrey Hammer- 6 th	Nico Blakemore -24 th
Tom Hallam- 8 th	Polina Zaluzhskaya - 19 th	Victor Calbucci -45 th	Freya Francis-Baum -2 nd	Bernado Braga -18 th
Benny Miller- 35 th		Elliot Macleod -22 nd		Nicky Droungas -17 th
		Dylan Cohen -3 rd		Alex McDonald -9 th
		Elliot Greenfield -26 th		Theo Moot -19 th
		Milan Luther -31 st		Hassan Nazzal -21 st
		Dylan Young -23 rd		Curtis O'Keeffe -4 th
		Nazeem Merard -9 th		Luca Pilotto -23 rd

Sports *continued*

Westminster Y7 & 8 Sports Hall Athletics Championships

Scott Rider, Teacher of Physical Education

On Tuesday 30 January, thirteen of our Year 7 and 8s took part in the Westminster Borough Championships for Sports Hall athletics. This is a relatively new concept, designed to allow youngsters to compete in modified athletic events in a sports hall setting, rather than an outdoor or indoor track. Events included, sprint and middle distance, shuttle style, using 45 degree angled boards to turn quickly; relay and obstacle races and a host of field events, including shot put, standing triple, long and high jump and an event called "speed bounce" which tests quickness and agility. The boys competed very well and were able to win a few events. Each school could field two competitors per event and total points were awarded to give each school a final position. Out of seven schools, Portland's Year 7's finished a creditable 5th, whilst our Year 8's managed to finish in 2nd place overall, which was an excellent result, facing very large comprehensive schools with much larger student bodies to select from. Well done to all that took part. Here are the teams:

Year 7

Elliot MacLeod
Bosco Buonaguido
Gordon Turner
Hamish Cooper
Jake Cossey
Victor Calbucci
Nicolas Bartha

Year 8

Anton Polyakov
Dylan Cohen
Sultan Sindi
Dyland Young
Elliot Greenfield
Nicholas Kazarina

Final Standings by School

	Year 7	Year 8
1 st	St Georges	St Georges
2 nd	St Augustines	Portland Place
3 rd	King Soloman	Pimlico
4 th	Pimlico	St Augustines
5 th	Portland Place	Paddington Academy
6 th	Westminster Academy	King Soloman
7 th	Paddington Academy	Westminster Academy

Sports *continued*

Year 7 & 8 Boys Sports Hall Athletics Team from the Westminster Champs on Tuesday 30 January.



Calendar and Contact

Monday-5-February-¶

8.00am-¶	GCSE-Chemistry, ·H3, ·-¶
08.00-08.30am-¶	Table-Tennis-Club, ·Y8-&·9, ·PPS-Hall-¶
1.00-1.30pm¶	KS3-Bookclub, ·Ms-Hubner, ·Library-¶
3.30pm¶	Yoga-Class-(Year10-13), ·Ms-Wellby, ·¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	Classical- Civilisation- GCSE- Revision- Club- G31¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Dramastudio¶
4.00-7.00pm¶	Arabic-Advanced, ·Mr-Mohamed, ·R36¶
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Tuesday-6-February-¶

08.00-08.30am¶	Table-Tennis-Club, ·Y5, ·6-&·7, ·PPS-Hall¶
1.00-1.30pm¶	Debating-Club, ·Ms-Baig, ·Library-¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	GCSE-Italian-Club, ·R23¶
12.45-1.30pm¶	French-Exam-Club, ·R22¶
12.50-1.20pm-¶	Weightlifting- Club, · PPS- Boys- changing-rooms-¶
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¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	GCSE-Revision-Chemistry, ·H3/4¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	GCSE-Revision-Physics, ·H6/7¶
3.50-4.30pm¶	GCSE-Revision-Geography, ·G22¶
3.45-4.45pm¶	Table-Tennis-Club, ·All-Years, ·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¶	GCSE-French-Club, ·Ms-Magniez, ·R33 ¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Year-11-DT-GCSE, ·-¶
7.00pm¶	Oliver-Productuion, ·JW3 ¶
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Wednesday-7-February-¶

11.00-3.30pm-¶	London- Schools- Cross- Country- Champs, ·Wormwood-Scrubs-(All-Years)¶
12.45-1.30pm-¶	Music-Theory-Club, ·Ms-Bottrill, ·R42 ¶
1.00-1.30pm¶	Spanish-Bilingual-Club, ·-Ms-Picado, ·Library-¶
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 ¶
3.45-4.45pm¶	GCSE-History-Club, ·G23 ¶
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-GCSE, ·-Ms-Linton, ·B1 ¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Year-11-DT-GCSE, ·-Mr-Macfarlane-¶
¶	&-Ms-Birtles, ·B1-¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Arabic-for-Beginners, ·Mr-Mohamed, ·R35 ¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Russian-Advanced, ·Ms-Zalesny, ·R36 ¶
4.00pm¶	U13- Girls- Netball, · Westminster- League, ·Pimlico ¶
7.00pm¶	Oliver-Productuion, ·JW3 ¶
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Thursday-8-February-¶

12.45-1.30pm¶	Club-de-Francais/Ms-Magniez, ·Library-¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	Year-13-Maths-Club, ·G12 ¶
3.45-4.30pm¶	GCSE-Economics-Club, ·G43 ¶
3.45-4.45pm¶	KS2-Homework-Club¶
3.50-4.30pm¶	KS3-Humanities-Club, ·Room-10¶
3.45-4.45pm¶	GCSE-Revision-Biology, ·H2¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Whole-School-Art-Club¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	DT-Cubs, ·Year-5-&·6, ·Mr-Macfarlane, ·B3 ¶
4.00-5.00pm¶	Madarin, ·Miss-Kong, ·R36 ¶
7.00pm¶	Oliver-Productuion, ·JW3 ¶
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Friday-9-February-¶

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8.00-8.30am¶	Table-Tennis-Club, ·Y10-13, ·PPS-Hall-¶
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 ¶
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Oliver-Rehearsals¶

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Tues-6-February: ·-ALL-Dress-Rehearsal, ·JW3 ¶

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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. ¶

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Monday-26-February, ·-Year-9 ¶

Monday-12-March, ·-Year-5-&·6 ¶

Monday-19-March, ·-Year-7 ¶

Monday-26-March, ·-Year-8 ¶

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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:¶

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PPS-MAIN-BUILDING-(Years-4-9)¶

58-Portland-Place, ·London-W1B-1NJ ¶

HARFORD-HOUSE-(Art/Drama/Science)¶

101-103-Great-Portland-Street-W1W-6QE ¶

GPS-BUILDING-(Years-10-13)¶

143-149-Great-Portland-Street-W1W-6QN ¶

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