

23 April 2018

Portland Place School

Weekly Buzz

Updated schedules for clubs!

Dates for your diary

Academic and Sports fixtures

YOGA FLOW

With Louise

Wednesdays 7.45-8.45am – PPS Hall

Open to both staff and students.

Yoga helps students manage stress levels, sets you up for the day and is recognised on the Duke of Edinburgh checklist

Be in your body,
Be in your breath,
Let's flow



Letter from the Headmaster

Welcome back as a change for the better in the weather heralds the start of our summer term. I hope you all had a restful Easter break, or at least got some rest amongst the revision for our senior students. It was heartening to see them attending the extra sessions through the holiday, not only their efforts in those sessions but the obvious preparation and revision they had done ahead of time.

The summer term is always a busy one as the exam season begins for Year 11 and the Sixth Form and we wish them every success. School exams will take place for Years 5 to 10 in the weeks beginning 4th and 11th June.

The results, including a full report, will be sent to you at the end of term. Guidance on revision, and advice on how to prepare for exams, will be given by subject teachers and form tutors.

As well as the serious business of external examinations, there are three events this term celebrating our school for which you may like to 'save the date'. The first is on May 10th when we mark our 21st Anniversary with a Drinks Party in the hall at Portland Place. This will be an informal evening for parents and staff, and we hope some alumni, from 7pm – 9pm. Invitations will be heading out soon. Later in the term we have Celebration Day on Thursday 28th June which will showcase the many and varied achievements of students in the past year.

Finally, hot on the heels of Celebration Day, Friday 29th June is Sports Day. Again, I would like to invite you to come along and cheer your sons and daughters as they compete in the inter-house sports competitions. We hope some of you will dust off your spikes and enter the parents' races as well as lend support to the parents vs. teachers tug-of-war.

In the final week of term Years 5 & 6 are in Cornwall and the Music Tour visits Belgium. In previous years, we have organised residential trips for other year groups but these have become less popular with fewer students signing up. So we have decided to take advantage of the museums, galleries and other cultural and learning spaces that London has to offer and arrange day trips for students in the last week of term. You will be receiving details of each of these events in due course.

Once again a busy term with much to look forward to – I didn't even get to mention the concerts, plays and performances coming up as well. More details elsewhere in this and future newsletters ...

Warmest regards,



Notice Board

Parent Contact

Elayn O'Neill, Deputy Head DSL Safeguarding

Parents must alert us if they are ever away from home or out of London so that we know who the "responsible contact adult is" in case of any emergency. WE hold personal details on our Database for all pupils and if there is an emergency we work through our Contact 1 Contact 2 etc telephone numbers. It is therefore very important that we are informed of any change of contact details. If you have information of a "confidential nature" please share this with the Head of Year or myself. Otherwise for straightforward absence details email admin@portland-place.co.uk or call 020 7307 8700

Lost Property

Elizabeth Peltz

If your child has lost anything that is named, it has been sorted out and put into year groups. Please speak to your Head of Year or get your child to ask if anything of theirs was handed in. Also found but with no names were a Zadig & Voltaire wallet containing an oyster card and a starbucks card. A pair of Behringer headphones. A Kipling pencil case and a Kipling wallet/pouch.

All these items are in the Lost Property Cupboard.

Year 7 Showcase Date Confirmed

The Year 7 Showcase will be taking place on **June 8 at 5pm in RADA Studios.**

The students are already in rehearsals and sound great.

Pupil Reward Points

Please remind your son/daughter to log into Pupil Reward Points and visit the online shop!

Many students have accumulated enough points to buy Starbucks, Sainsbury's and Nandos vouchers!

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MFL Extra Classes

Mr Lalande

All MFL extra classes have started again as usual, apart from Arabic that will only start on Wednesday with beginners (no class for advanced this Monday).

Anyone interested in signing up for this term please email Mr Lalande.

Carnegie Book Club

Miss Hubner

The Carnegie book club started up again on Thursday at 1pm in the library, with some eager readers returning from the Easter break to tell us all about what they've read and enjoyed. Check out our shadowing page and blog at <http://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=27550> and feel free to come along next Thursday to borrow a book and chat with the group!



Tanzania Pre-Departure Training Day THIS Saturday!

The Tanzania pre-departure training day is this Saturday (April 21) from 10am - 4.15pm and we have a packed timetable. Students are reminded to bring their passports and visa consent forms if they have not already dropped these to PPS reception.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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Opal Coast Trip 24 - 27th May

Ms Magniez

We still have one space available for the French trip to the north of France with lots of fun activities including the visit of Nausicaa the biggest aquarium of Europe, the visit of a snail farm, crepe making, beach games. Please contact Ms Magniez for more information!

Oliver!

We are now taking orders for Oliver DVDs.
For more information, do get in touch with Mr Chivers.



Year 7 Raise £610 in Murder Mystery Day

Miss Maginiez

On Friday 23 March, our Year 7 students took part in a Murder Mystery charity event and raised £610.50 for Macmillan Cancer support. Congratulations to Cassius who was the best fundraiser of the year group and to all the members of Team Moriarty (Bosco, Victor, Arthur, Ronan and Madoc) who were the first to solve the mystery! Thank you to all the members of the Student Charity Committee who put a lot of effort into the preparation of this fantastic event: Tommy Y9, Raphy Y9, Sultan Y8, Dylan Y9, Lucy Y7, Kayla Y7, Zeynep Y8, Hana Y8, Isla Y8 and Polina in Y8.



£940 Raised by KS2 & Year 7

A HUGE thank you to KS2 & YEAR 7 for raising a whopping £940 for the NSPCC!!!



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Laurie Ashcroft Wins Regional Climbing Championships

Congratulations to Laurie Ashcroft of Year 10 who came first in the London & South East Regional Climbing Championship before the Easter Holidays. Laurie will now be taking part in the National Finals in Edinburgh at the end of this month. Everyone at PPS would like to wish Laurie all the very best for the finals - good luck!



App Design Masterclass

The Computer Science department is organising a **masterclass for KS3 students** with an interest in **App Design**. A masterclass is basically a course run by students (with a particular computing talent) for students (with a particular computing interest). By the end of this masterclass, students attending will be able to create their own app/s.

The course will take place during nine “lunch time” sessions in HH (Photography Room – Basement). Sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays the following dates: 21, and 27 March (continues after Easter break), 18, 24, and 25 April, 1, 2, 8 and 9 May.

The two *Computer Science* students (Year 11) running this masterclass are **Ruben Ticehurst-James** and **Colm Urquhart**, supervised by Mr Caballero.



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Year 7 visit Daunt Bookstore

By Guest piece by Angel Ellis, Year 7

On Tuesday 20th March 2018, Year 7 went to the beautiful Daunt Bookstore, for a (late) World Book Day Celebration. Daunt Bookstore is very, very large with a kids section, a countries section and a non-fiction section. There must be at least thousands of books, from the Dark Side of the Spoon, to How to Speak German, and even Beautiful Poetry by Donald J. Trump (which decreases the beauty). The class travelled, by foot, with the School Librarian, Mrs Carbvalho and a multitude of English teachers, including Miss Hubner, Mr. Capel and Miss Baig. We all chose books to buy for ourselves and for the library and we had a lovely time!



Year 11 Test the Presence of Metal Ions

11sc1 just before Easter were testing the presence of metal ions in compounds via flame tests.

They have learnt two ways to detect metal ions in compounds which are invisible otherwise to the naked eye!



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Support Ms Nicholas before The London Marathon this Sunday!

Biology Teacher Ms Nicholas is running the London Marathon this Sunday 22nd of April!

You can help Ms Nicholas raise funds for the terrific community charity *Chickenshed Theatre* in two simple ways:



1. Donate directly to her fundraising page:
https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Run_Tanya_Run

2. Text 'TNIC81'
followed by an amount in £
to 70070

Thank you for your support! 😊

Chickenshed Theatre are a wonderful organisation who pride themselves on championing 'difference through inclusion, to enrich lives and transform our world.' They enable young people from a very diverse range of backgrounds, including the marginalised or vulnerable, to engage in theatre and performing arts when they would otherwise not have access to these experiences or in some cases, mainstream education. They give everyone involved a sense of the 'can do', 'can achieve' approach which we all know is so critical to building self-esteem, particularly in young people (<https://www.chickenshed.org.uk/>).

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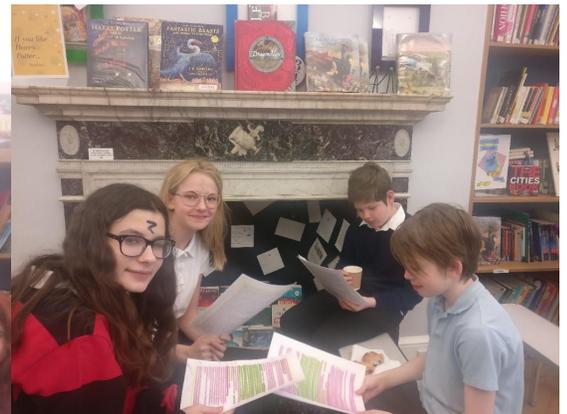
Harry Potter Dress Up Day, 27 March

By Mrs Carvalho

Our students are huge fans of the Harry Potter books and we thought: What better way to celebrate the magic of reading than with an official Harry Potter Day dress up event? Students were invited to dress up or accessorize as their favourite character from the series. Students were asked to bring in a £1 donation and we raised £36 for The Ministry of Stories, London literacy charity. Special mentions go to Madoc Jones, who created his own spell book and broom for the event, and to Gordon Turnor, Lucy Mainstone and Kayla Cho who all won a small prize for their creative efforts.

A Harry Potter themed reading breakfast took place in the library in the morning. A special thank you to Talitha Nooy and Dolly Gosling, both Year 9, who volunteered to read The Sorting Hat chapter of Harry Potter with Benny, Year 6 and Jake, Year 7

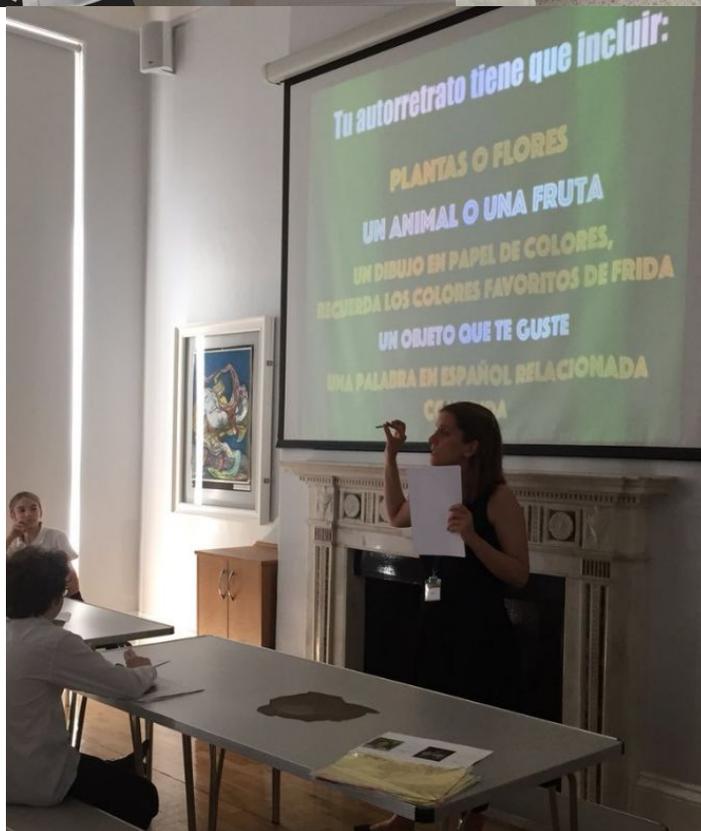
I would also like to congratulate Laura Liu and Irene Peleteiro Paniagua who were joint winners of our Fantastic Beast competition! Well done girls, your artwork is outstanding!



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Spanish Art Workshop

Year 8 Spanish classes were joined by two year 10 Spanish students (Ailar and Mahmoud) and had the privilege to be taught by the Spanish artist Gloria Ceballos and her Canela Fina team about the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. They could also create their own self-portraits! It was a great experience and we can't wait to have a new workshop very soon!!



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Knife and Packer, Author/Illustrator Event

On Tuesday 27 March we hosted brilliant author/illustrator team Knife and Packer, who spoke to Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 about their illustrated books, in PPS Hall.

They write their books by creating characters and drawing comics collaboratively. They also led a live drawing session, students drew along, see work below, and learned how to create their own comics.

[The Badly Drawn Beth](#) series by Knife and Packer is available to borrow in the library now. Art work by Knife and Packer is also on display here.



Sports results



Sports

Football

U12 & U14 Trip to St George's Park

On Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 March, PPS took two football squads on a trip to St Georges Park, the England national team's football training facility. After a bright and early start the group embarked on a three hour coach trip up to Staffordshire. Upon arrival the boys changed quickly and made their way to the 'David Beckham Pitch' for their training session. They were put through their paces by two FA Elite coaches in a challenging, high paced and enjoyable session. It was great to see the boys really showing a keen interest in the coach's guidance and feedback on the latest English football philosophy. On completion of the training session the boys were taken on a tour of the facilities. It was highlighted that every single England football team trains at St George's Park and a number of top level professional clubs train at the facility throughout the year. The boys were shown a variety of pitches that are modelled to the exact specifications of the Wembley football pitch and it was explained that some pitches can be adapted to match other pitches around the world. The boys were also shown other facilities including the changing rooms, gym and rehab centre. With the tour finished, the boys checked into their rooms at the onsite Hilton Hotel and had a quick lunch before getting ready to be transported to Wolverhampton Wanderers 'Molineux' Stadium to watch England U21s take on Romania U21s. There was an excellent atmosphere at the match, with 15000 people in attendance, all feeding off the fast paced football on display. It was an entertaining match with England taking a deserved 2-1 victory! After the game the boys made their way back to St Georges Park for dinner before getting some much needed rest in preparation for their game against a local club the next day!

On Sunday morning the boys had made their way down to the restaurant to take in a nutritious breakfast to provide the required energy for their big game....and sat amongst the boys was arguably the best goalkeeper of all time, **Peter Schmeichel**... however, I think the teachers were more excited about this than the pupils! After breakfast, the boys went up to tidy their rooms to discover that the some of the England U21 and U18 players were walking down the corridor! Moments later, you could hear excited giggles down the end of corridor and some of the boys managed to meet former England captain **Steven Gerrard**! After all of the excitement PPS checked out and left St Georges Park to make their way to some local pitches for their fixtures against two local clubs. PPS U12's took on local club Outwoods Eagles in a highly entertaining goal fest! Unfortunately PPS were the losing side but the boys showed a lot of character and played some excellent attacking football. Unfortunately a 10 minute period of madness in the first half made it extremely difficult for the boys to get back in to the game. However, the boys were superb in the second half. In the other fixture, PPS U14s took on AFC Chellaston. The first half was very tight but PPS took a 1-0 lead into half time. The boys raised their game in the second half and started to move the ball with more purpose and pace. It wasn't long before PPS started to find the back of the net and recorded a comfortable 6-0 victory. Maybe a slightly harsh score line on AFC Chellaston.

Sports

Overall, it was a brilliant weekend. It was a pleasure to see the boys show so much enthusiasm and interest towards their football and the FA elite coaches spoke very highly of them. The boys conducted themselves really well and were very polite to the professional footballers that they met. I hope the boys enjoyed the trip and had a memorable experience. Well done boys!



Sports

Netball

U13 & U14 Netball Trip to Wiltshire

On Friday 23 March, sixteen girls set off to Liddington, Wiltshire for a PGL weekend of netball and adventurous activities. When we arrived we met our PGL leader who looked after us over the weekend. We were shown our accommodation for the weekend and the girls unpacked. After dinner the girls had their first activity, which was a netball challenge. All of the girls embraced the activities and the Year 9 girls finished 2nd in the netball challenge on Friday night. On Saturday the netball tournament started. We had two teams in total, playing in their respective year groups. The girls played all the teams within their pool on the Saturday and Sunday morning, some of the games were tough but they used their experience and their confidence and played incredibly well, with both squads winning 5 out of their 6 games, taking them through to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals both teams fought hard demonstrating some controlled and advanced netball. A special mention goes to **Erin Dytor, Dot Jones, Cristina Carbosiero** and **Beatrice Curto** for their outstanding defending in their respective teams. Unfortunately, in both semi-finals the opposition proved too strong for Portland Place School with the Blenheim High School taking both the wins. Both teams finished in 3rd Place securing a bronze medal. On Sunday afternoon the girls were presented their medals at the award ceremony by Herts Mavericks player **Karyn Bailey** who plays in the Vitality Netball Superleague. The girls were very excited to meet her! Away from the courts the girls enjoyed zip lining, rocking climbing, abseiling and a go on a giant swing; and turned what was a pretty wet and miserable weekend into a fun filled, action packed experience. A special mention goes to **Freya Francis Baum** for her determination throughout the tournament. The head umpire who organised the event commented on **Freya Francis Baum** shooting ability and superb play on court. Well done to all involved and thank you for a wonderful weekend!



Calendar and Contact

Monday 23 April

08.00-08.30am Table Tennis Club Y8 & 9 PPS Hall
12.45-1.30pm Symphonfrietta, Miss Boyle, R2
12.45-1.30pm Woodwind Ensemble, Mr Slack, R1

Tuesday 24 April

08.00-08.30am Table Tennis Club, Y5,6 & 7, PPS Hall
12.45-1.30pm Percussion Ensemble, Mr Jesson, R2
12.45-1.30pm GCSE Italian Club, R23
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 Year 10-12 Maths Club, G12
3.45-4.45pm Table Tennis Club, All Years, PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm Arts Award Club (all years) Ms Birtles, E3
4.00-5.00pm Japanese, Ms Komaki, R36
4.00-4.30pm GCSE French Club, Ms Magniez, R33

Wednesday 25 April

7.45-8.45am Yoga, Louise, PPS Hall
12.45-1.30pm Guitar & Ukulele Ensemble, Mr Hill, R1
12.45-1.30pm Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
12.45-1.30pm Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
12.45-1.30pm French Exam Club, R22
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

Thursday 26 April

12.45-1.30pm PPS Choir & Tour Choir, Mr Hill, R1
12.45-1.30pm Brass Ensemble, Mr Bentley, R42
12.45-1.30pm Club de Francais/Ms Magniez, Library
12.45-1.30pm Carnegie Book Club, Miss Hubner, 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
3.45-4.30pm GCSE Music Composition Support, Mr Bentley & Mr Hill, R42
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, E3
4.00-5.00pm Madarin, Miss Kong, R36
4.00-5.00pm Chamber Choir, R1, Miss Boyle

Friday 27 April

8.00 - 8.30am Table Tennis Club, Y10-13, PPS Hall
12.45-1.30pm String Ensemble, Miss Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm Jazz Band, Mr Hill, R2
12.45-1.30pm Textiles Club (all years), Ms Birtles, E3
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

TERM DATES:

SUMMER TERM 2018

Term Starts Tuesday 17 April
Half Term Mon 28 May – Fri 1 June
End of Term Friday 6 July

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