

Weekly Buzz



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Portland
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Year 7 Showcase 2018

*An afternoon to celebrate the creative and
artistic skills of our Year 7 cohort*

Friday 8th June

5.00pm

RADA Studios



YEAR 6 SHOW

ALI BABBA AND THE BONGO BANDITS

RADA STUDIOS

Friday 15th June

4.30pm



Reserve your FREE tickets at
tickets@portland-place.co.uk



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Letter from the Headmaster



Another busy half term comes to a close with a group of Portland Place students visiting the Opal Coast in France, rehearsals in full swing for both the Year 6 show and Year 7 Showcase, and this morning we said goodbye to our Year 13 students with a special assembly organised by Miss Bridge.

For them this really is it for school. A month of exams through June, some nerves no doubt in August, but then success and off to their adult lives – be that university, college, an internship, a job. They have been a credit to Portland Place throughout. Though I have not known them for long I have seen them grow into confident young women and men. I wish them good luck! And all the very best for their futures.

Early in the next half term I will write to parents outlining the planned developments at Portland Place over the summer and going into our next academic year. We have a parent survey out at the moment and I would very much appreciate your feedback on what we, the school, are doing – both what we do well and where we can improve.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a happy and relaxing holiday.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. J. ...' with a flourish at the end.

Notice Board

Careers Information - For Parents/Carers of Yrs 10-13

ULAS are running a Special Open Day Conference on the **27 June 2018** at **St Peters Notting Hill Kensington park Rd London SW11 2PN**

This event is aimed at all Yr 11, 12 and 13 students

This is a free event - our school ULAS code is **portlandplace_2018**

This year the pupils will have the chance to explore "live Employment and Training vacancies" at the event.

Pupils have been taken through the Introductory "Launch Presentation" in Form Time. (many have signed up already) .

The yr 10 students are being introduced to the ULAS site this Friday during Enrichment time.

Here is the website link www.ULAS.co.uk

Student Registration includes the opportunity to ;

- **Build a CV**
- **Explore work experience placements, part time and full time jobs, college and University Information**
- **Develop / Draft personal statements (UCAS)**
- **Tips / Skills for Interviews**
- **Apprenticeship v University**

Once the students register on the site they can add to their own personal profiles during the school years and continue onto work placements and future destinations. This is a site that young people will dip into well into post university stages.

Please feel free to check out their website.

Who are ULAS?

ULAS are a web based careers platform with 7 key features for students:

Your Feed: a live update on opportunities, resources, activities and events being logged by the ULAS community. A great place to share your achievements and get inspired by others!

Explore area: follow industries & universities to stay up to date with the live opportunities and apply for them.

Super Curriculums: these boost your CV and statements.

Achievements area: this is where you record your extra-curricular activities such as work experience, interesting events, volunteering...

Soft Skills: an area where you can record examples of when you have shown great employability skills.

Personal statement builder: breaks your statement down and makes it easier for your tutor to support you.

CV builder: record your achievements and build a great CV!

Notice Board



▶ Sign Up to Meet and Network with Global Brands

 **Wednesday 27th June 2018**
14:30 – 17:00 PM

 St Peter's Notting Hill,
Kensington Park Road,
London SW11 2PN

▶ Students Registration includes **exclusive workshops** :

- Writing an outstanding personal statement
- How to impress in interviews (tips and skills)
- Apprenticeship vs. University?
- Culinary (cooking) master class

Sign up now for FREE! ◀

<https://ulasapplynow.eventbrite.co.uk>

▶ To register for workshops please email: info@ulas.co.uk

Make sure you include your name, school and the workshop you want to attend.

Notice Board

Immunisations - Parents/Carers of Years 7-13

Elayn Oneill, Deputy Head DSL Safeguarding

Some parents/ carers have recently made enquiries about immunisations.

I have attached a flier from the NHS and the link which tells you exactly what immunisations are offered by the NHS.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>

We have only been involved with the Girls HPV immunisations in Portland Place School. (yr 8/9 - 13-14 yrs of age)

Some secondary schools offer a full post 14 yrs immunisation programme, but this is done only if they can.

In PPS we do not have the staffing to manage this as we do not have a School Nurse or Welfare Officer, we also do not have the space.

When we offer the HPV immunisations it takes up the use of the PPS Hall for the whole morning, this means that some of our classes have to double up.

Immunisations are administered by the NHS, usually by the family GP or local clinics.

Parents decide whether or not they wish their children to be immunised.

My understanding from the NHS nurse who links with PPS, is that our students are all up to speed with their childhood immunisations and that the **POST 14 Yrs immunisations** are managed through their family GP's.

There are some travel vaccines which might be needed (ie Tetanus), however, this would be flagged if it is relevant for particular school trips.

I hope you find the flier and the link helpful as it gives you an idea of the timings between immunisations.

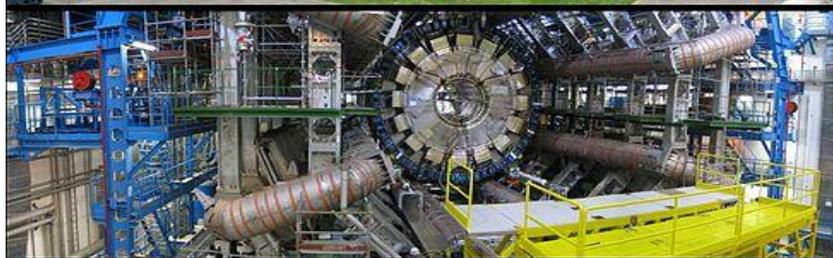
I thought this might help explain our rationale.

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Years 6-13 Trip to Geneva, Switzerland

Friday 12th October - Tuesday 16th October 2018

We have 2 to 4 places left on the trip to Geneva in October 2018. All students invited, please email Mr Lalande should you want to sign up for it! thomas.lalande@portland-place.co.uk



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Our book club is making their way through the eight shortlisted books for the 2018 CILIP Carnegie Medal! Come and join Ms Hubner and Mrs O'Shea in the library on **Wednesday lunch times** from 1pm to read and borrow the final shortlist of eight wonderful books, discuss them and take part in shadowing activities! Check out our shadowing page at

<http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages> - search Portland Place Book Club

Spanish Homestay Trip to Salamanca

Unfortunately, this years Spanish Homestay Trip to Salamanca has been cancelled due to not enough students being enrolled. We still hope to run this thoroughly enjoyable trip for 2019.

News

Physical Theatre Workshop

Mr Chivers, Drama Department

On Tuesday we had Frantic Assembly in our Drama Studio leading a physical theatre workshop for our Year 10 students. This was the perfect preparation for our students ahead of their devising exam next month. We also extended the invite to our Year 9 students who will be studying Drama GCSE next year.

The morning started with a brutal warm-up with many students now having a negative reaction to the word 'plank!' Students then worked in pairs learning lifts and contact techniques. The workshop concluded with the pairs creating thoughtful and inspiring routines. I hope this will give the students confidence moving forward and inform their future creations!

It was an enjoyable session and I thank Richard from Frantic Assembly for all his hard work.



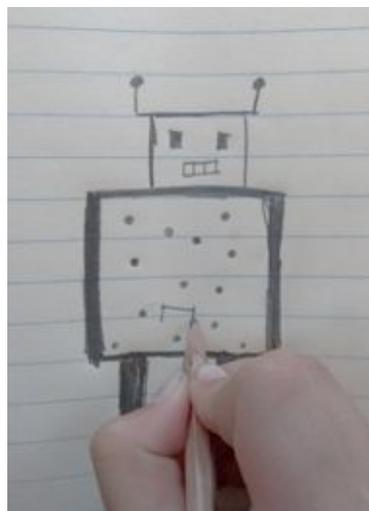
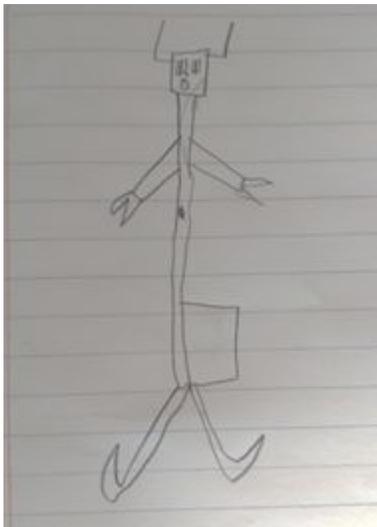
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Bob The Spelling Robot

Mrs Zalesny and Miss Halcakova, Learning Lab

Year 6 Learning Lab students built a robot that will help us all with spellings. Originally called Bob, he will be equipped with printing (!) and speaking tools.

It started with a design. Everyone sketched their own vision for the robot:



Roberto, Grace and Leo were very busy making the robot. This is where they got so far:



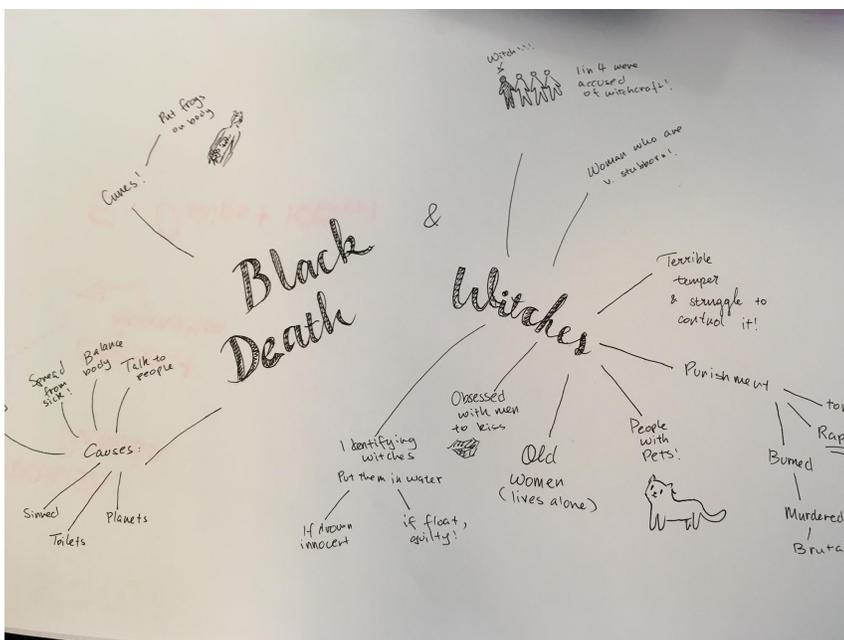
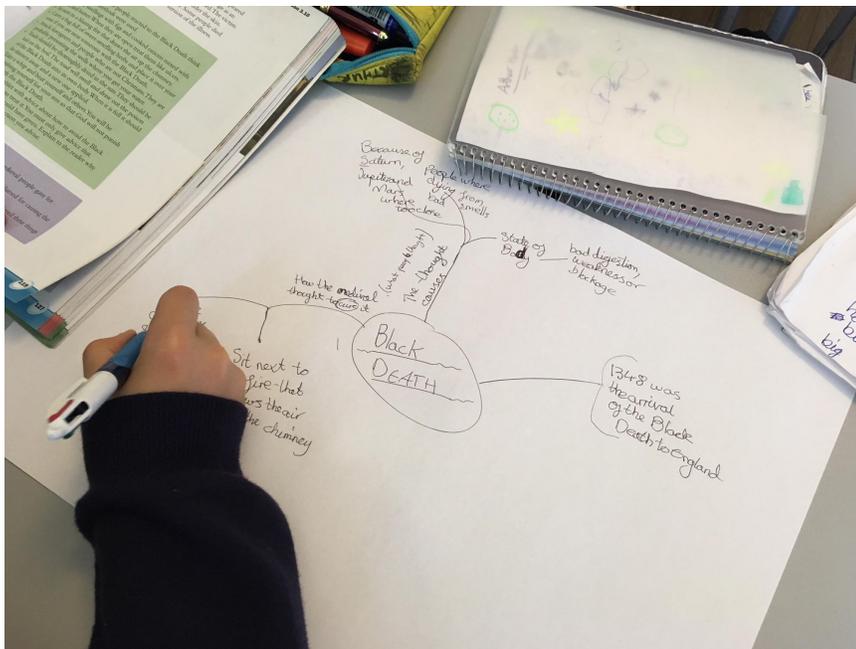
Now, how to teach Bob to spell those tricky words?!

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Year 7 History Revision Techniques

Ms Butler, Head of Humanities

In History year 7 have been busy experimenting with different revision techniques to help prepare them for the end of year exam. The students really got into developing their mind map skills, using key words, branches and images to help consolidate the material. They produced some exemplary material and developed valuable skills, this will stand them in excellent stead for the coming weeks!

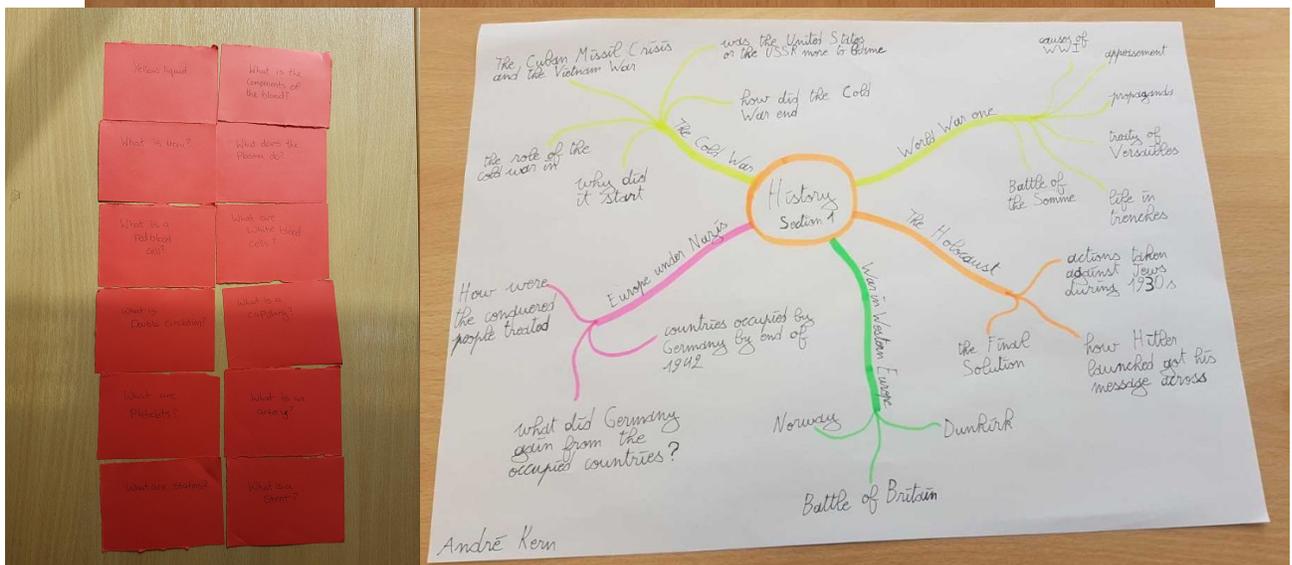
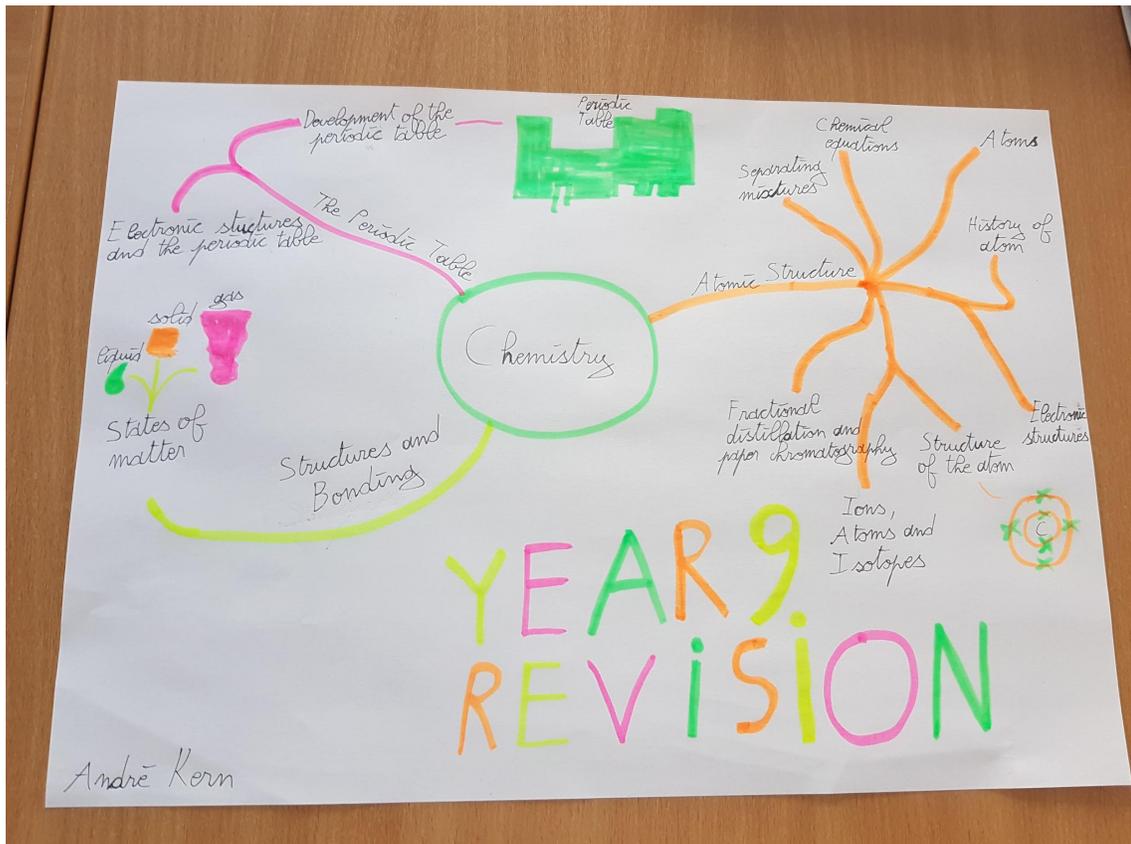


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Year 9 Revision Techniques

Ms Florea

The Year 9s have been working hard on their revision for the approaching exams using different techniques. Andre has produced three beautiful mind maps whilst Justin has created detailed flash cards. Well done to both of you!



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The Paper 2 Rap

By Year 9 TTC

If you can read the text, then you can answer the question.

Question 1 requires the least temporal investment.

Get your four facts shaded and move on to the others

A solid start to the exam will bring good grades home to your mothers!

It goes peh peh peh peh – that’s how you write a summary

If you want to be clear each ‘peh’ is actually a P.E.

No explanation required – just make sure you know the sources

And then you’ll get the grades to do your A-Level courses

I got my 3 PEELs swinging in my paper yeah

I gunna get a 9 – innit – yeah

Guna get twelve easy marks for my boiz

Focus on the language and the writer’s noise.

Question four is where the big bucks are earnt

Don’t forget – four PEELPEELs – or you guna get burnt

Analyse the language and focus on the perspectives

To pick up 16 marks you gotta follow the directive!

Sports results



Sports

Cricket

Cricket Club

We are running cricket club this term mainly on Tuesday's after school. This is taking place at Lord's Indoor Cricket School from 4pm – 5pm. If you wish to attend you must have cricket 'whites' otherwise you will not be permitted into the Cricket School, these are the rules of the MCC. Please register your interest on a weekly basis with Mr Kubik in the PE department to avoid missing out as we have limited spaces.

Cricket

Portland Place School: Still to Bat

Ibstock Place School: 75-2

On Monday 21st May, PPS made their way to Barn Elms to take on Ibstock Place School. Ibstock won the toss and opted to bat for the first innings with the second innings to be played later in the term. In the early overs the boys looked sharp in the field, limiting Ibstock to few runs. **Hamish Cooper** and **Adam Khan** both bowled with consistent accuracy and pace, but to Ibstock's credit they defended the stumps well. Unfortunately, mid-way through the innings errors started to creep in with the boys bowling and fielding. There were over throws in the field, and some of the boys found out exactly why it is important to use a 'long barrier' when fielding a grounded shot. As the innings progressed Ibstock continued to tally up more runs but at a slower pace, whilst PPS started to find their confidence again. **Freddie Goold** was extremely unlucky not to catch a powerful pull shot, showing cat like reactions to get his hands up and in contact with the ball, but unfortunately it slapped his hand and just escaped his grasp – a real stinger that drew an 'oooohhhh' from both teams. **Dylan Young** also came close to making a catch as wicket keeper on a couple of occasions but PPS could just not find that elusive wicket. Eventually **Freddie Goold** took a wicket with an excellent leg spin bowl that clipped the leg stump and moments later an Ibstock batsman was run out during his over. As the innings drew to a close Ibstock ended up on 75 for 2, setting a challenging but definitely achievable target for the next innings, where PPS will bat. Overall, it was a good performance, but the boys are capable of better and need to try and cut out the unforced errors in their next fixture. Well done!

Sports

Athletics

London Schools Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected to represent the City of Westminster in the London School Athletics Championships. This event is taking place on Saturday 9th June at the Millennium Stadium in Battersea Park.

Alex McDonald - 100m & 200m

Curtis O'Keeffe - 1500m

Eli Anderson - Long Jump

Erin Dytor - Discus

Calendar and Contact

Monday 4 June

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 5 June

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 Year10-12 Maths Club, G12
3.45-4.45pm Table Tennis Club, All Years, PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm Cricket Club, Lord's Indoor Cricket School

Wednesday 6 June

8.10-9.00am Music Tour Chamber Choir, Miss Boyle, R1
7.45-8.45am Yoga, Louise, PPS Hall
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
12.45-1.30pm Carnegie Book Club, Miss Hubner, Library
1.00-1.30pm Netball Shooting Club, Girls PE Office
3.45-4.30pm EAL Homework Club, R23, Ms Florea
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 7 June

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
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, B3
4.00-5.00pm Madarin, Miss Kong, R36
4.00-5.00pm Chamber Choir, R1, Miss Boyle

Friday 8 June

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, B3
12.45-1.30pm Russian Beginners, Mr Burton, Library
4.00-6.15pm LAMDA, Lessons, R11
5.00-6.30pm Year 7 Showcase, RADA Studios

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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