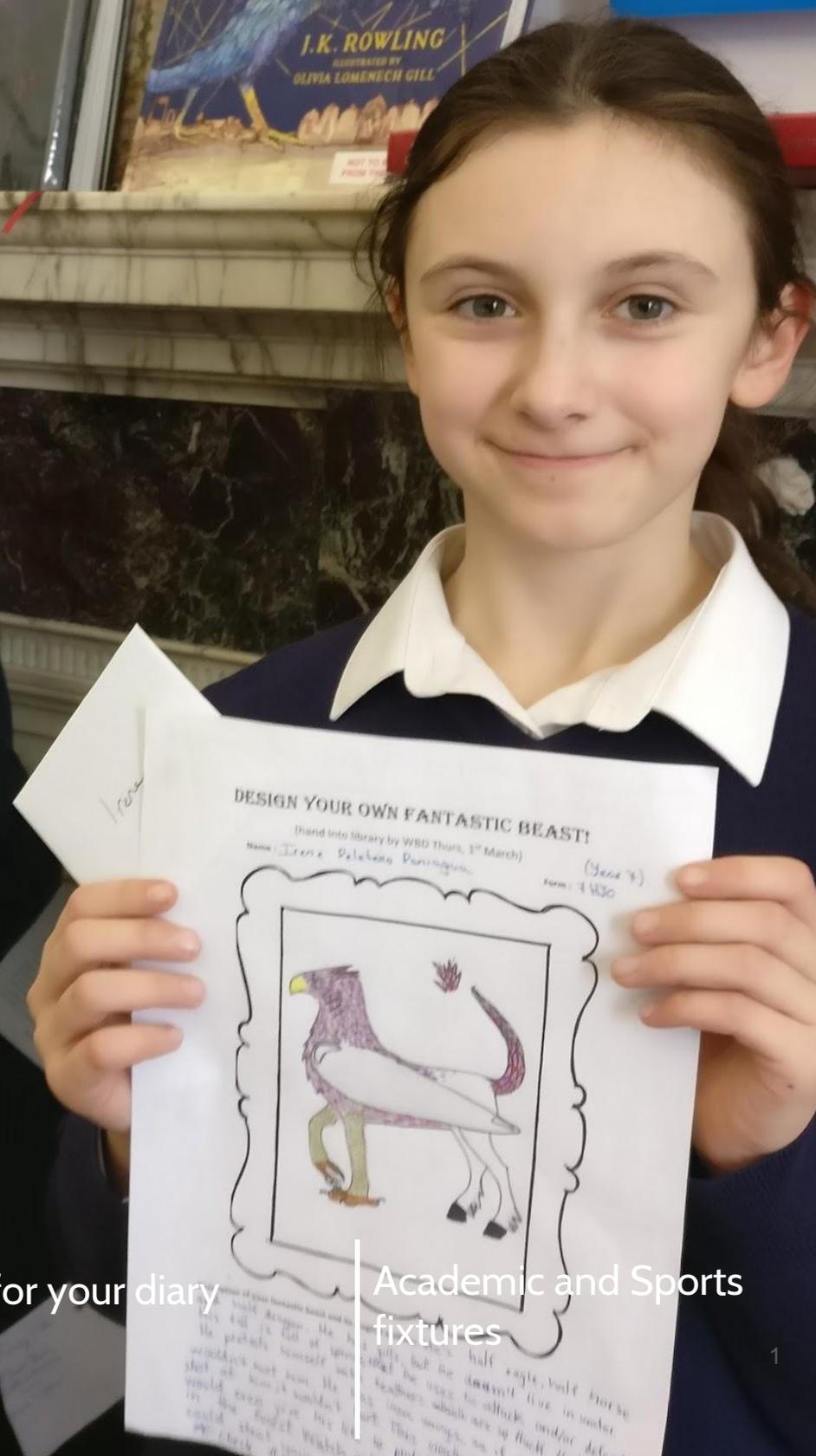


Weekly Buzz



Updated schedules for clubs!

Dates for your diary

Academic and Sports fixtures



AND THE
AWARD
GOES TO...



Portland Place School invites you to
2018 Celebration Day

Thursday, June 28 at 2pm
Regent Hall, The Salvation Army

275 Oxford St, London W1C 2DJ

Parents asked to arrive at 1.45pm.

Pupils will be walked back to school and dismissed from there

School uniform

RSVP

This annual prize giving event will be followed by a Champagne reception in the hall at number 56 Portland Place where our Creative Arts department will be showcasing the work of our highly talented GCSE and Sixth Form students.

Portland Place School invites parents to attend the 2017-18 Celebration Day.

Please join us to celebrate the success of our students at the 2017-18 Celebration Day.

Invitations have been sent by pupil post. Please RSVP your attendance.

Portland Place looks forward to welcoming you.

Annual Portland Place Creative Arts

Summer Exhibition 2018

*'Celebrating the success of our GCSE & A Level
Textiles, Product Design, 3D Design, Fine Art, Film,
Photography, Graphics, Music & Drama students'*

Private Viewing Event

Thursday 28th June

3:45pm - 5:30pm

Alternate viewing dates

29th June, 2nd & 3rd July 2018

Portland Place School Hall

Portland Place School

56-58 Portland Place

London

W1B 1NJ



Portland Place School



We cordially invite you to join us in Portland Place School Hall on 28th June from 4:00pm to delight in the creative talents we have at Portland Place School.

Drinks and nibbles will of course be available.

Please pick up your ticket from the receptions in each building.

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Keeping Children Safe

Ms O'Neill, Deputy Head & DSL (Safeguarding)

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE- NEW RESOURCES BEING USED DURING FORM TIME, CITIZENSHIP, ASSEMBLIES AND ENRICHMENT

Parents often ask me for examples of the type of resources we use in school to raise awareness of personal safety. As you can imagine resources go out of date so quickly. Here are some new links and interventions:

- **Fixers - Supporting pupils suffering from "Anxiety"**
- **Youth Gambling**
- **Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation**

Fixers

Teachers know that pupils tend to "listen up" if they are given a presentation or watch a short video depicting a young person near to their age. They very quickly identify with them, and a connection is made almost immediately.

"Fixers" are young people who are motivated by personal experience and who have a desire to act on any issues that are important to them.

"Fixers" work with creative teams to tell their stories. They have a voice that they want to be heard, whether that's on eating disorders, drugs, offending, cyberbullying or any other issue that is concerning them.

We use some of these videos and resources in school – they are great lesson starters and highlight all kinds of issues. Given that it's exam season, here are the links related to anxiety: However, it is worthwhile checking out their website for other topics.

Anxiety <http://www.fixers.org.uk/feel-happy-fix/fixing-anxiety/the-young-people.php>

Anxiety Report (pdf) http://www.fixers.org.uk/UserFiles/Files/p_v3pt3l.pdf

Website: <http://www.fixers.org.uk/home.php>

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Youth Gambling

Please note- I have NOT had pupils' referred to me for "gambling issues"! However, it is a known fact that there is a strong correlation with "gaming use" and gambling. This relates to the risk and excitement element in gaming.

The authors of the Ipsos MORI survey of 11-15 year olds suggest that British children of this age may be gambling more than their counterparts in Europe.

The evidence around why young people choose to gamble in Britain is developing. The majority see gambling as dangerous (58 per cent). However, entertainment, winning money, the sensation of winning, the thrill of the game and escaping stress and problems are cited as reasons children and young people participate.

Young people are at the forefront of concerns around new forms of gambling or 'quasi-gambling', including activities **where gaming and gambling blur**. Opportunity for young people to gamble with virtual currencies has increased.

The Gambling Commission voiced fears that children were gambling in a "consequence-free environment", including through so-called "skins" betting on video games. A 'skin' is a costume or design players can apply to their character or equipment to make it look more aesthetically pleasing. The report found that 11% of children took part in skins betting, whereby online gamers can bet using in-game items, such as weapons or outfits, which can have real monetary value if traded. (i.e using paypal or bit coin)

For more information, see below:

Guardian Report 25,000 children in Britain are problem gamblers:

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/dec/12/children-britain-problem-gamblers-report>

More about skin gambling: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/what-skin-gambling>

Gambling: A Teaching Resource:

<https://www.demos.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Gambling-Education-Teaching-Resource-Booklet-1.pdf>

Gambling and young people: a parent's guide (parent.info):

<http://parentinfo.org/article/gambling-questions-to-ask>

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Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation

The National Child Sexual Exploitation Action Plan has focused on four approaches to help target offenders and protect children and young people through new ways of working.

The National Police Chiefs' Council, Victim Support and Children's Society has created a number of resources that may be useful for professionals when working with children and young people, their families and communities.

One particularly useful document is “**Appropriate language**”: child sexual and/or criminal exploitation. Guidance for professionals (we have found this helpful in school):

<https://www.csepoliceandprevention.org.uk/sites/default/files/Guidance%20App%20Language%20Toolkit.pdf>

Poster: <https://www.csepoliceandprevention.org.uk/sites/default/files/cse-poster-cs-vs-emsou.jpg>

You can find other resources here: <https://www.csepoliceandprevention.org.uk/toolkits>

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Years 6-13 Trip to Valencia, Spain

Saturday 15th December - Wednesday 19th December 2018

The MFL department is considering running a trip to Valencia this December coming. This will take place from 15th to 19th.

It will be a fun packed few days of discovering this amazing area of South-East Spain. A visit to Valencia, the third largest city in Spain, will surround our students with native speakers and immersing them in the culture and daily rhythms of the city they call the 'mini Barcelona'. Valencia has it all: beautiful architecture, sandy beaches, delicious cuisine and a rich history, all waiting to be discovered by your group.

Not only will it be a great trip for all involved, but the extra-curricular learning that the students will get from our activities will help them progress in their lessons, and gain knowledge that they would otherwise not have from lessons alone.

Your child will be flying to Valencia and staying in a hotel, eating out at local restaurants provided and vetted by the travel company.

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

- Saint Joseph Caves – underground river
- Terra Mitica Theme Park
- The Science Museum
- Fallas Museum
- Paella making
- Tapas tasting
- Flamenco lessons



The cost of the trip to Valencia will be approximately **£700 for a minimum take up of 20 students (on a first come first served basis)**. **At this time this is a close approximation.** This will include everything apart from lunch and spending money. The price may change depending on the number of students on the trip.

At the moment we are needing an expression of interest from you for this trip. If your son/daughter is interested in being part of this fantastic opportunity, please could we ask that you email ruth.picado-dopico@portland-place.co.uk by **Friday 15th June**.

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A letter of interest was sent home, please email or speak to Ms. Picado if you want to sign up.
Everyone can sign up - ONLY 11 PLACES LEFT!



SIBLING DISCOUNT NOW ON OFFER AT CODE CAMP!!

Please email amy@codecamp.co.uk for more information

We are very excited to be hosting one of the UK's first coding camps at Portland Place School, London this summer!

Code Camp is now a global movement, having taught over 35,000 Australian children how to code in the past 5 years.

For three fun-filled days during the summer holidays, the children will be problem-solving, creating apps and improving their computational thinking in a fun and engaging way, ready to take on the digital world of the future.

Every child will create their own app to take away with them at the end of the program!

Code Camp have been sponsored by HP, and won numerous awards as they've grown to inspire the next generation of tech superstars.

Portland Place School is one of the first in the UK to adopt this cutting edge technology training.

If you would like your child to be part of this incredible learning experience, please go to

www.codecamp.co.uk/portlandplace or contact hello@codecamp.co.uk.

Early bird discount on offer until end of June

BOOK TODAY AND HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A CODING SUPERSTAR!



News

The Carnegie Book Club

Miss Hubner

This week the Carnegie Book Club have been enjoying the winning stories from the BBC Radio Two 500 Words Competition. The winners were an excellent mixture of thoughtful and comical with some beautiful imagery and very clever ideas. Check them out for yourself in the link below!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1X807bd666plfvBBbR6hDmd/500-words-2018-final-as-it-happened>

We are very excited for the Carnegie Medal winner to be announced on Monday the 18th of June and will be celebrating in the library. Read our thoughts and keep up to date by visiting our shadowing page.

<http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=27550>

As always, all Carnegie books are available to borrow from the school library.

Happy reading!



The CILIP Carnegie
& Kate Greenaway
Children's Book
Awards

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.

Sports Day 2018

Sports Day 2018 will be held on **Friday 29th June** at Perivale athletics track. It was tremendous to see so many parents there last year, so please come along to support our pupils and perhaps enter a few events as well? In order to finalise coach arrangements could we please ask parents to return their travel slips if they haven't already done so. Pupils will be expected to wear their house t-shirts on the day, so if any don't have one, or have grown out of it, please come along to the PE office to purchase a new one.

Calendar and Contact

Monday 18 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 19 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 Year 10-12 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 20 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 21 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
3.45-4.30pm 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 22 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
4.30-6.00pm Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits, Year 6, 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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