

# Weekly Buzz



Updated schedules for clubs!

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Academic and Sports fixtures



**PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL**

**Music Department**

**presents**

**Summer Concert 2018**

**Tuesday 26th June**

**6.30pm**

**RADA Studios**

# 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.*



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.*

# Notice Board

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## ULAS Summer Conference - 27th June 2018

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

The Summer ULAS Event (FOR YR 11-13 pupils) is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
(14:30 –17:00 pm) St Peter's Notting Hill, Kensington Park Road, London SW11 2PN

Students will meet top universities & employers who are looking network with potential candidates. There will be information on Parttime and Fulltime jobs (holiday jobs and apprenticeships). It's also a good chance to speak to the **University Admissions Teams** as they also have their individual stalls.

They offer help with UCAS statements - tips for interviews etc.

Already exhibiting... **Google, Jaguar, Land Rover, City, University London, Kent University** and many others.

15 different industries, from Accountancy, Catering through Engineering on to Tech and Telecoms. Pupils can register for workshops online for the event (see the Form Teachers).

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# Notice Board



 **Apply Now Conference**  
#Summer 2018

Free for all year 11, 12 and 13 students



## ▶ Sign Up to Meet and Network with Global Brands



**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@ulas.co.uk)

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

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## PPS Ski Tour 2019 - Sign-ups Open!

*Saturday 16th February - Saturday 23rd February 2019*

Dear Parents, Mr Tasić would like to announce that the Ski Tour to Folgarida, Italy next February half-term is still open for new sign-ups. Places are limited and we have a huge amount of interest already – so get your permission slips signed!

If you are interested, grab a sign-up sheet from Reception or from your form tutor. Ski you there!

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## Code Camp Now Running Second Week!

Dear Parents,

Due to popular demand Code Camp will now be running a second week at the end of the summer holidays: Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th August.

We're very excited to be able to offer your child the opportunity to be one of the first in the UK to join us on this important journey! Code Camp is now a global movement having taught over 35,000 children to code in the past 5 years. The children will spend 3 days learning how to code, improving their computational thinking and creating their very own app.

Early bird and sibling discount now on offer for all students within the Alpha Plus Group. Please book at [www.codecamp.co.uk/portlandplace](http://www.codecamp.co.uk/portlandplace) or contact amy@codecamp.co.uk for more information.



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## Unleash your child's imagination at Code Camp!

Be the first in the UK to join a global movement of 35,000 talented kids these school holidays!



### Camps we offer at Code Camp

#### Spark

Ages 7-12 for Beginners **On Sale Now in the UK**

Have fun, be creative and learn the skills of the future at the UK's most exciting holiday camp! Spark is our most popular camp that more than 12,000 kids worldwide have loved. Every child aged 7 and above should start their Code Camp journey here for unrivalled fun, engagement and digital creativity.

#### Ignite

Ages 7-12 **Arriving Autumn 2018**

Ignite is for those who have conquered Code Camp Spark or who already have a lot of coding experience. Build your own top-down adventure game with heaps of mini-games and fun features!

#### Blast 3D

Ages 8-13 **Arriving Autumn 2018**

Your child will immerse themselves in a 3D world of their creation! Our most advanced camp is designed for those who have completed Spark & Ignite and are ready to take on the world of JavaScript.



14-16 Aug, 28-30 Aug



Portland Place School,  
London



£279 for 3 days  
Computers Provided

Early bird & sibling discounts now available - contact [amy@codecamp.co.uk](mailto:amy@codecamp.co.uk) for more info.

[www.codecamp.co.uk/portlandplace](http://www.codecamp.co.uk/portlandplace)

Alternate dates and locations available (no camps on public holidays)

# News

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## The Year 7 Showcase

*Miss Boyle*

Congratulations to all of the Year 7s who participated in the Year 7 Showcase at RADA Studios. There were fantastic performances from the Year 7 Choir and Symphonfrietta, as well as lovely vocal and instrumental solos. It was also pleasing to see the creativity of the year group through a trestle mask routine, a set-text extract and a small selection of the Y7 monologues.



# News

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## The Year 6 Show

*Mr Chivers & Miss Boyle*

Last Friday, we had an appreciative audience turn out to see *Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits* at RADA Studios. It was pleasing to see so many parents, siblings, staff members and other year groups supporting our Year 6 students.

We are extremely proud of the students for staging such a funny and entertaining production, it was evidence of all their hard work. We would also like to use this opportunity to thank all our colleagues for all their hard work during the rehearsal process.

This performance is the perfect platform for us to build on when we start back in September. We very much look forward to seeing these talented and enthusiastic students develop as performers as they progress through the school.



# News

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## International Football Shirt Day

*Miss Boyle*

Well done to all of our students who took part in International Football Shirt Day. Each student donated £2, with all proceeds being donated to UNICEF. Below are some of the Year 7's and Mr Lalande at a Year 7 assembly!



# News

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## The Carnegie Book Club

*Miss Hubner*

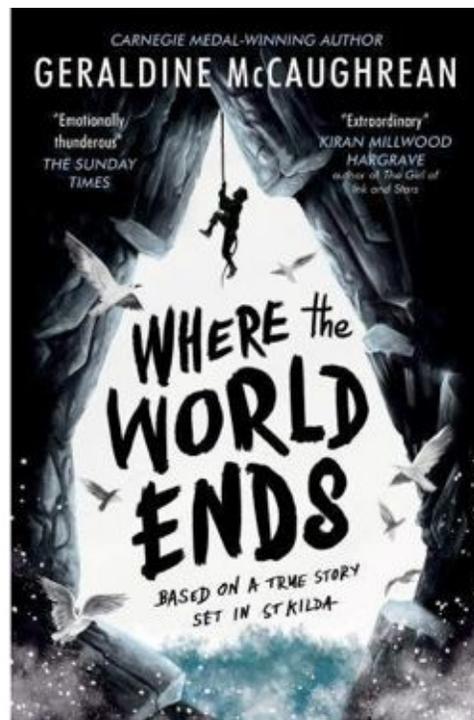
And the winner of the 2018 Carnegie award is...

Every time a lad came fowling on the St Kilda stacs, he went home less of a boy and more of a man. If he went home at all, that is ...

In the summer of 1727, a group of men and boys are put ashore on a remote sea stac to harvest the birds for food. No one returns to collect them. Why? Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they have been abandoned to endure storms, starvation and terror. And how can they survive, housed in stone and imprisoned on every side by the ocean?

A compelling tale by Geraldine McCaughrean, based on true events.

Available to borrow from the library now!



The CILIP Carnegie  
& Kate Greenaway  
Children's Book  
Awards

# News

## Well-Being Podcasts

*Ms Charlotte Magniez, KS3 Citizenship-PSHE Coordinator*

The Year 8 have been busy preparing well-being podcasts in their PSHE lesson this week. After listening to a few examples of podcasts picked by our librarian Mrs Carvalho, the students chose articles from the magazine 'Teen Breathe' on various topics including stress and anger management, making the most of your free time, gratitude and starting in a new school and selected key information. The students then prepared interviews in pairs that they recorded. We will listen to the podcasts next week and will decide who the three winning pairs will be. The best podcasts will soon be shared on Firefly!



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## Year 12 Future Pathways Trip to Goldsmiths University

*Miss Bridge*

All Year 12 students attended a UCAS Exhibition at Goldsmiths University this week. They had the opportunity to speak to over 50 universities and higher education providers, as well as see presentations about apprenticeships and employability skills; all of the students said that it has helped them to consider other options, as well as those they had already thought about and therefore found the trip very useful. We are now looking forward to visiting Sussex University in a couple of weeks for a 'day in the life of a university student' and to attend a personal statement workshop to support their UCAS and apprenticeship applications in the Autumn Term.



# Sports results



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## 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, Friday 29th June 2018, 10:00 - 15.00, Perivale Athletics Track**

Sports Day 2018 will be held on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Charity Cake Sale

The Parents Association will be holding a charity cake sale at sports day this year, so please bring along a cake or two to contribute to the sale. These could be homemade or bought. The parents association will also be providing some refreshments for the pupils, in addition to the tuck shop which is open at the track and the golf course café, just outside.

# Sports

## Athletics

### Alex MacDonald Wins 100m Gold at the ISA National Athletics Finals, Birmingham

On Tuesday, 5 PPS pupils represented North London at the national finals in Birmingham, having previously won their events at the North London Championships in Bedford earlier this term. **Curtis O'Keefe** was our first athlete in action, running in the 1500m and finishing a respectable 6<sup>th</sup> in a time of 5:04s. Year 7 pupil, **Nolan Song** putt the 3k shot a personal best distance of 8.63m to place 3<sup>rd</sup> and win a bronze medal – a tremendous performance. Year 6's **Muhammad Javid** also took part in the shot putt, achieving 5.59m, which was good enough for 5<sup>th</sup>. As an extra event he was also asked to throw the cricket ball, to fill in for a missing competitor and recorded 27.46m to finish 7<sup>th</sup>. This was a great opportunity for Muhammad to compete in a national event and he performed admirably. I'm sure he will be back many times in the coming years. Y10's **Lachlan Macdonald** was very unfortunate in his 800m. Tripped up badly on the first bend, he recovered, but lost his shoe and was forced to stop. This was very frustrating for him, hopefully he will be back next year. Finally, year 9, **Alex MacDonald** contested both short sprints. Drawn in lane 1, he lead the field from gun to tape to record a winning time of 12.25s, into a head wind to take the 100m gold medal. A couple of hours later he produced a time of 24.75s to claim a bronze in the 200m and establish a new school record, beating his own previous best of 24.8s. With a reasonably strong head wind there is cause to believe that Alex could lower this record still further, potentially at Sports Day, if conditions are good. This is the first time a Portland Place athlete has won a sprint event at the nationals. Huge congratulations to Alex and all the other competitors.



*This is Alex with Jo Mersh, former Olympic 800m runner (2004) who awarded Alex's medal and was very complimentary about his running.*



# Calendar and Contact

## Monday 25 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
12.45-2.35pm	Extended Symphonfree Rehearsal, Miss Boyle, R2
12.45-2.00pm	Extended Woodwind Ensemble, Mr Hill, Room 44

## Tuesday 26 June

08.00-08.30am	Table Tennis Club, Y5,6 & 7, PPS Hall
09.00-5.00pm	All Day Summer Concert Rehearsal, RADA
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
6.30-8.00pm	Summer Concert, RADA Studios

## Wednesday 27 June

8.10-9.00am	Music Tour Chamber Choir, Miss Boyle, R1
7.45-8.45am	Yoga, Louise, PPS Hall
9.00-12.45pm	Music Tour Rehearsal, 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
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 28 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
1.30-3.45pm	Year 13 Maths Club, G12
3.45-4.30pm	Celebration Day, Salvation Army
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Economics Club, G43
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
3.45-5.30pm	Celebration Evening, PPS Hall

## Friday 29 June

8.45-3.45pm Sports Day

### TERM DATES:

#### SUMMER TERM 2018

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

### CONTACT DETAILS:

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