

Weekly Buzz



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Portland
Place
School

***Whole School Assembly Thursday 11 October 11.30-12.30
The Salvation Army's Regent Hall***

Dear Parents and Carers,

Portland Place School is delighted to invite you to our Whole School Assembly (years 6 to 13), on Thursday 11 October 11.30am-12.30pm, at the Salvation Army's Regent Hall.

Be inspired by our students' musical and drama performances, poetry recitals and prize receiving for academic and extra-curricular recognition of achievements.

The Regent Hall address: [275 Oxford Street Regent Hall W1C 2DJ](#). Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time.

Do join us to celebrate the first of many student achievements for this academic year.

Best wishes

Laura Young

PA to Headmaster



**You've been invited
to view a screening of the
year 11 music videos**

**Wednesday 10th October at 4PM
at PPS Hall, 56-58 Portland Place W1B 1NJ**

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Letter from the Headmaster



Our annual explosion of colour, fancy dress and exotic greetings – Languages Day – has happened today. The array of costumes and delicacies is extraordinary. As I type we await lunchtime and the judging of the fancy dress and cake competitions.

I often say to visitors that here at Portland Place we reflect the demographic you would expect of central London. We are a multi-national, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural institution as you would expect here. Yes, firmly rooted in our British core and the English language, but celebrating our diversity of other influences.

Our staff, too, reflect that same diversity. This morning greetings and well-wishes have circulated in Greek, Romanian, Spanish, French, Arabic, German, Australian (!), Italian and others. My favourite from Senor Caballero:

“01000111 01101111 01101111 01100100 00100000 01101101 01101111 01110010 01101110 01101001 01101110 01100111. Just to say “**Good morning**” in machine language (binary). We cannot forget we are surrounded by these little monsters (machines) and this is the only language they understand.”

This reminds us that languages today are used for more than just communicating with each other and understanding how languages work is an important skill to develop. I am pleased to say that our broad range of extra-curricular languages is available again this year. We had great interest and participation last year from students and I look forward to (at least) the same again this year.

Finally, a first plug in this newsletter of our upcoming Whole School Assembly on the 11th October to which you are all warmly invited.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bradbury'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Bradbury
Headmaster

Notice Board

Dyslexia Awareness Week: 1st-7th October 2018

Portland Place School will be celebrating a Dyslexia Awareness Week from 1st to 5th October.
Join us with as many (if not all) activities as you can!

Activities:

- Videos in form time **Monday – Friday**
- No Pen Day **Tuesday**
- Quiz – FireFly front page **Wednesday**
- Go green for dyslexia (wear a green scarf, cap, t-shirt, etc.) **Thursday**
- What is Dyslexia? – get creative! (posters, poems, stories, animations, videos etc.) **Friday (deadline 12th Oct.)**



Webpage of the week

Limiting children's screen time is linked to better cognition.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-45651725>

Notice Board

Pupil Reward Points

As a parent at Portland Place, your child's achievements are recognised through a web-based system called Pupil Reward Points. The system allows our staff to award points to your child during lessons for: a good piece of homework, good behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement and good listening skills etc. To teach children that hard work is rewarded, they can choose to save their points and exchange them for rewards such as: Amazon/Nike/Five Guys vouchers etc.

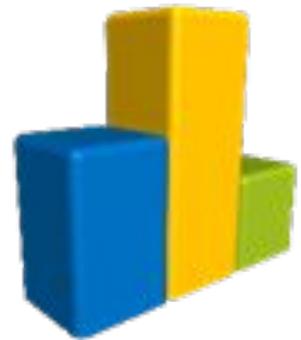
Students will be provided with login details to the Pupil Reward Points system on Monday, which can be accessed in school or through any internet connection. When signed in, your child can check how many points they have, see a list of all their achievements, and access a host of other features to keep them interested in their progress.

Parents will be provided with **login details** to access their child's achievements **on Monday**. To access the system, please go to this website:

<https://www.pupilrewardpoints.co.uk/portlandplace/login.php>

The children are really enjoying the new system and we hope that it can be used as another way for us to inform you about your child's achievements at Portland Place.

If you have any trouble accessing the system, or if you would like any further information, please contact your child's form tutor.



Notice Board

Dates for your Diaries

Whole School Assembly

Our first event of the year where we gather the whole school together will take place on **Thursday 11th October**, 11:30am, in Regents Hall on Oxford Street (the same location as our Celebration Day last summer). All parents are invited to attend the assembly and I look forward to seeing you there.

Coffee Morning

An informal gathering for parents held in PP Hall on **Friday 2nd November**, 9:00am. All welcome.

Carol Service

Once again we are holding a Carol Service for the PPS community at All Souls, Langham Place. This will be on **Monday 10th December** at 1:00pm and be followed by “mulled wine and mince pies” back at PP Hall. This is also an open invitation to all parents.

School Ski Trip – Folgarida 2019 - LAST CALL!

Mr Tasić would like to make everyone aware that we are down to the last few places for skiing next year! If you're interested in learning to ski, brushing up your skills or bombing it down some red runs with the ever-elegant Mr Lalande, please do get your letters in to us as soon as possible!

The trip will take place between the 16th and the 23rd of February 2019. Permission slips are available from tutors and staff; however, parents with questions or wishing to register their interest can also email Mr Tasić directly at toni.tasic@portland-place.co.uk. The last remaining slots are on hold with the travel agency until next week!

News

This Week in the Library

Book Club (every Thursday, 1pm, library) have started on *Noughts and Crosses*, ask Ms Hubner and Mrs Carvalho for details.



Spotted in the library: Sonny and Sacha reading *The Phoneix* comic
Read more about this week in the library and have a look at my Banned Books Week book lists on our blog here :
<http://ppsreading.blogspot.com/2018/09/library-news-banned-books-more.html>

News

Year 7 Firefly Training with Mrs Carvalho



Year 6 Music Theory

Fantastic music theory test results in Year 6. Well done Ali, Isaac, Sonny, Daniel, Emily and Jenny for achieving top scores!



News

Lady Macbeth with Year 11 English

The English Department

Lady Macbeth is sick with guilt and sleepwalking through the night, confessing to all sorts of evil deeds. Miss Hubner's Year 11 class wrote letters from her doctor to Macbeth delivering the bad news...

My lord; gracious, divine, honourable Macbeth,

I hope all is well with you. It was an honour to be called to your humble service and survey your noble wife. Your kingdom is most superior and successful. I am sorry I couldn't inform you personally but I have fled the country. Here below is your wife's health report.

Lady Macbeth can't be helped with any medication that can cure what I believe is a curse. I am afraid to inform you that I think she has been cursed and her body has become the devil.

I suggest you organise a meeting with a priest and, until you do, I would sleep with one eye open.

Yours sincerely,

Lex Gosling

My Lord,

The Queen has fallen ill these past few nights. She seems to have a possession of some kind and often sleep walks through the castle. I recommend you return from your post effective immediately. If not I fear she may require a more extreme measure of exorcism. The Queen has also spoken of unspeakable things such as the murder of the noble King Duncan and Banquo. I must question her part to play in these betrayals of God. I suggest we hold a trial when you return.

Yours sincerely,

Teddy D'Ancona



News

Growth Mindset

Ms Florea

Last Friday, 21st September, Miss Florea delivered a Growth Mindset assembly to Year 6 and 7. Through interactive activities, the students were encouraged to reflect on the difference between Fixed Mindset and Growth Mindset to enable themselves to thrive in their learning. Also, they explored the magical word YET and allowed themselves to be taken a learning journey. Starting from this week, they will carry out Growth Mindset activities in form time and apply these principles in their lessons across the curriculum.



Also, on Thursday 27th September, Ali Abdel-Khaleq in Year 6 delivered a very successful presentation on Growth Mindset in the staff briefing in front of all the teachers at PPS. He inspired everyone to persevere and believe that anything can be achieved with the right attitude and effort. What he has done is incredibly brave as it is not easy to stand and deliver in front of an audience of adults when you are only 10 years old- it is the first time this has happened at PPS. Also, a big thank you goes to Mr Thompson who played the role of a tortoise and came up with ideas for overcoming challenges. Well done Ali and Mr Thompson!



Sports results



Sports

Lower School House Netball

We enjoyed a splendidly sunny afternoon at Regents Park, girls from years 6-9 took part in the Lower School House netball tournament. It was lovely to see all the girls enjoying each other's company and showing great camaraderie on and off the pitch. Events like this bring the school together and allow the children to compete in a friendly environment, gaining a sense of achievement, win or lose.

The group stages were action packed, and the girls fought hard to win points for their respective Houses. The group stage results are below.

Cavendish 2 Langham 2
Cavendish 2 Devonshire 3
Cavendish 1 Wigmore 2
Devonshire 2 Wigmore 0
Devonshire 0 Langham 3
Langham 2 Wigmore 1

The third/fourth place play off was contested by Cavendish and Wigmore, the mid court play was superb and both teams took their scoring chances to tie the game 1-1, meaning that we had to decide the outcome on goal difference. Cavendish having a +1 took the 3rd place spot.

The final match was to decide the House champions for 2018, this was a more one sided affair with Langham House really stepping up the intensity to score 3 goals and defend ferociously against a strong Devonshire House team.

1st Langham - House player of the tournament - **Amy Cooper**
2nd Devonshire - House player of the tournament - **Beatrice Curto**
3rd Cavendish - House player of the tournament - **Violet Brodie**
4th Wigmore - House player of the tournament - **Laura Ruochen**

Congratulations to Langham House on their win, but perhaps, more importantly congratulations to all the girls who took part, it was a great team effort and we had lots of fun.



Sports

Football

Ibstock Place 4, Portland Place 5

In a thrilling encounter at Roehampton University, Portland's U13's produced one of the best comebacks in recent memory from a PPS team. Despite starting slowly and conceding a goal through some very sloppy play, Portland soon equalised through **Sam Meyer** and took the lead, shortly after, through captain, **Elliot Macleod**. Although they were leading, there was little confidence in PPS's play as Ibstock attacked on the break and posed a constant threat. They were rewarded with an equaliser and after half time, scored two more to take a 4-2 lead. At this point Portland looked beaten but defended hard to avoid the deficit growing even larger. With only ten minutes remaining **Meyer** netted for the second time, giving just a glimmer of hope to the away side. Five minutes later **Lloyd Day** claimed the equaliser and with just a minute remaining, Day ran into the box from inside his half setting up **Bosco Buonoguidi** for the winner. The Portland boys should be congratulated for their determination and refusal to give up in this match. Key players such as **Lloyd Day** and **Elliot Macleod** really raised their game and showed tremendous spirit. Well done to all who played!

Under 11s Football

The under 11s travelled to Battersea Park to play Sussex House in a small sided game. The boys applied themselves very well playing against a strong team who have been playing together for years. The boys started well and showed fantastic spirit and energy in chasing the ball down. Sussex House had a lot of possession and there were fantastic defensive displays from **Christopher Dhali** and **Che Arney**. Christopher also had a fantastic free kick smash against the cross bar. Sussex House were comfortable winners in this game. However, after only a couple of lessons playing together this team showed signs that they can be a strong side and cause teams some problems. Well done boys!

Under 16s Football

Thames Christian College - 3 Portland Place - 2

This was 60 minutes of end to end action and one of the most equally matched games I have seen. Either team could have won this game as they created so many chances. The game was goalless for the first twenty minutes thanks to **Jake Lloyd** making his Under 16s debut in goal, producing a breath-taking point blank save down to his left hand side. I don't need to explain the next part of the game, visit the @ppssport twitter page to view **Alex Macdonald** scoring from almost the half way line to give PPS the lead shortly before half time. It showed great vision and a phenomenal strike. Sadly the boys became sluggish in the second half and Thames found themselves 3-1 up after a good period of play. One of the most pleasing parts of this game was the attitude of the PPS boys. They refused to let this go without a fight and began to create chances again, dominating the Thames 18 yard area with relentless pressure. The goal came when **Colin Ballback** scored with a great header. With 5 minutes remaining the boys continued to pepper the Thames goal and **Alex Macdonald**, with a one on one chance, went so close with the final kick of the game, only to be denied by a simply fantastic save. A draw would have been a fair result in this game but the boys had a great afternoon and played incredibly well.

Calendar & Contact

Monday 1 October

12.45-1.30pm	Woodwind Ensemble, Mr Slack, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Rock Band, Mr Hill R2
12.45-1.30pm	Chess Club, Mr Burton, Library
12.45-1.30pm	Russian Advanced, R43
12.50-1.30pm	Weight Training Club, Sports Dept
1.00-1.20pm	Rubik's Cube Club, Dr Chen, R24
3-45-5.00pm	Arabic for Beginners, R36
4.00-6.15pm	Lamda Lessons in PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	Yoga Class (Year 10-13), Ms Wellby, Drama Studio
4.00-5.00pm	Macbeth Rehearsals, Drama Studio

Tuesday 2 October

8.20-8.50am	Year 12 Pure Extra Help, Ms Segerstrom, G12
1.00-1.30pm	Debating Club, Ms Baig, Library
12.45-1.30pm	Percussion Ensemble, Mr Jesson, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Rock Band, Mr Hill R2
12.45-1.30pm	Student Voice, Ms Magniez, R34
12.45-1.30pm	Spanish, Ms Picado, Library
12.45-1.30pm	Italian GCSE, G12
3-45-4.45pm	Portland Place Orchestra, Mr Hill, R1
3-45-4.45pm	KS3/4 Computing Club, R34
3-45-4.45pm	GCSE Geography Club G24
3-45-4.30pm	GCSE Classical Civilisation G31
3-45-4.30pm	GCSE Business Club G12
3-45-4.30pm	History GCSE revision club, G23
3-45-4.30pm	GCSE Revision Chemistry, H3/4
3-45-4.30pm	GCSE Revision Physics, H6/7
3-45-5.00pm	Science Lab, Ms Nicholas, H1/2
3-45-5.00pm	Japanese for Beginners, R36
3-45-5.00pm	Mandarin Beginners/Advanced, R35
4.00-4.30pm	KS3 Maths Club, R10
4.00-5.00pm	Macbeth Rehearsals, Drama Studio
4.00-5.00pm	DT Club for Y11 Ms Linton

Wednesday 3 October

12.45-1.30pm	Boys' Choir R1
12.45-1.30pm	Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
12.45-1.30pm	Soul Band, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R43
3-45-4.30pm	EAL Homework Club, R11, Ms Florea
3-45-4.30pm	GCSE Classical Civilisation Club, G41
3-45-4.45pm	GCSE History Club G23
3-45-4.45pm	Economics Club, Ms Byrne, G21
3-45-5.00pm	KS2 Art & Craft Club, R22
3-45-4.15pm	Year 12 & 13 Statistics/Mechanics Extra Help, R36
3-45-4.15pm	Year 13 Pure Extra Help, R10
3-45-5.00pm	French GCSE Support, R36
3-45-5.00pm	French Year 10 GCSE Support, R35
3-50-5.00pm	Netball Club, Sports Dept
3-50-5.00pm	Football Club, Sports Dept
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Art, Art Studio
4.00-5.00pm	Film Club Y9-13 Mr Flack, GPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	Macbeth Rehearsals, Drama Studio
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Computing Club, G11
4.00-5.00pm	Year 11 DT GCSE, Ms Birtles, B1

Thursday 4 October

12.45-1.30pm	Portland Place Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	KS3 Book Club, Library
12.50-1.30pm	Weight Training Club, Sports Dept
1.00-1.30pm	Netball Shooting Club, Sports Dept
3-45-4.30pm	Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
3-50-4.30pm	KS3 Humanities Club Room 10
3-45-4.45pm	KS2 Homework Club
4.00-5.00pm	Whole School Art Club
4.00-5.00pm	Chamber Choir, Ms Boyle, PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	Macbeth Rehearsals, Drama Studio

Friday 5 October

12.45-1.30pm	Jazz Band, Mr Hill, R2
4.00-6.15pm	LAMDA, Lessons, PPS Hall

TERM DATES:

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Term Starts	Wednesday 5 September
Half Term	Mon 15 October – Fri 26 October
End of Term	Friday 14 December

SPRING TERM 2019

Term Starts	Monday 7 January
Half Term	Mon 18 February – Friday 22 February
End of Term	Friday 5 April

SUMMER TERM 2019

Term Starts	Wednesday 24 April
Half Term	Mon 27 May – Fri 31 May
End of Term	Friday 5 July

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