

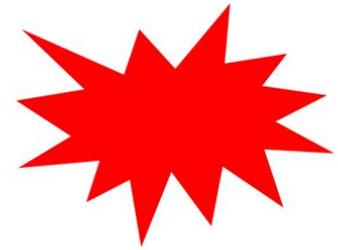
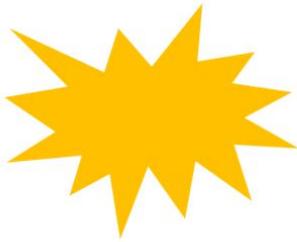
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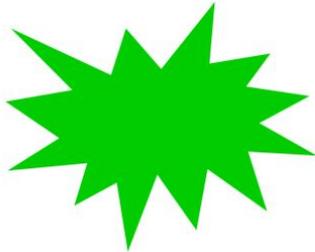
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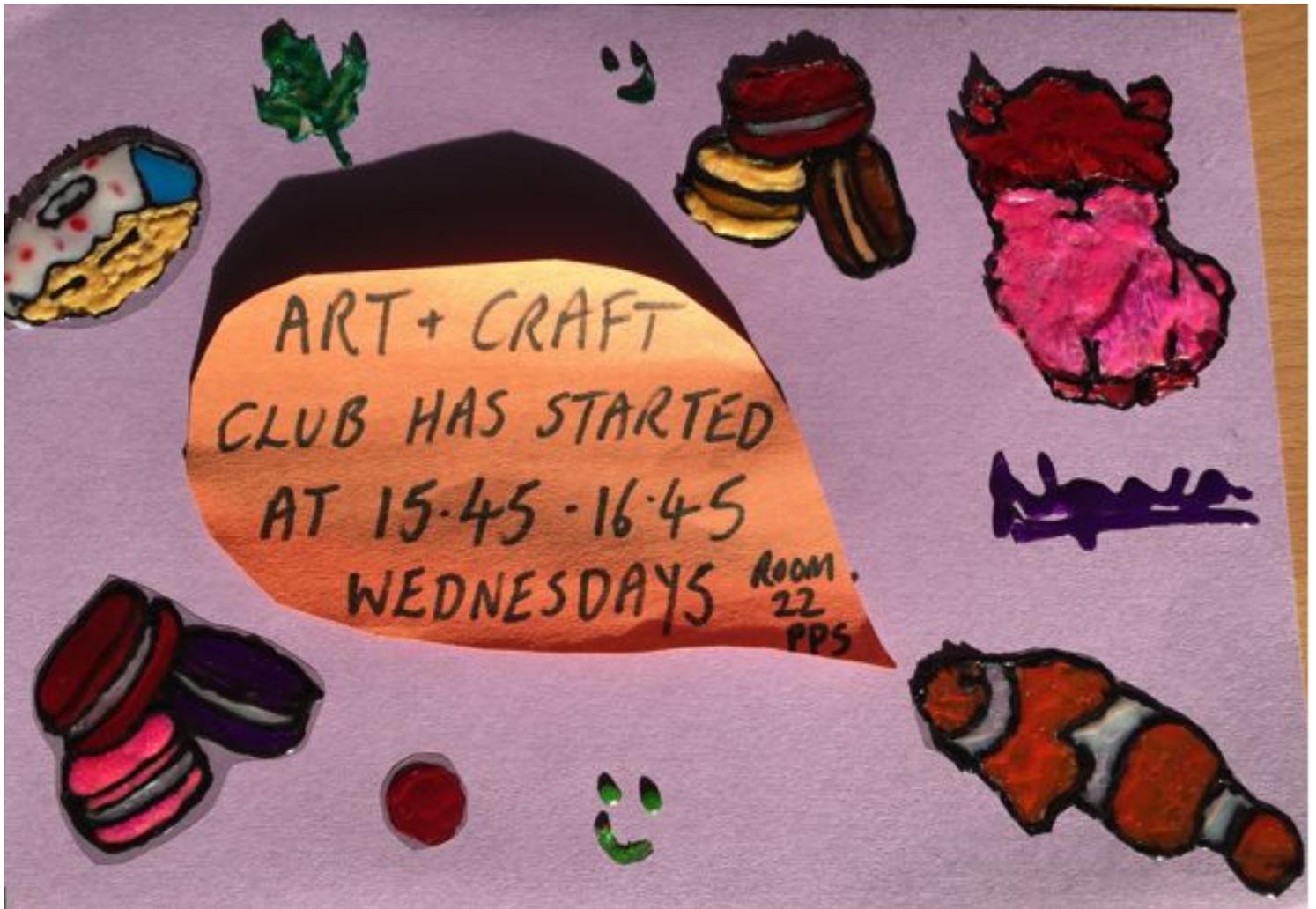
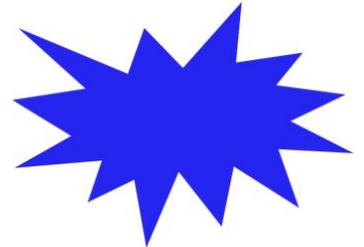
Academic and Sports fixtures



Inter-House Talent Competition



Thursday 13th December
PPS Hall



Letter from the Headmaster



We rounded off our first half-term yesterday with a wonderful Whole School Assembly in Regent's Hall. It was a real showcase of just how busy Portland Place students are, the opportunities they have and the challenges they rise to. Reading and performing in front of an audience of three-hundred plus people is quite daunting and many of students did just that with great aplomb – musical solos, poetry readings and an excerpt from *Macbeth* being prepared for the Shakespeare Schools Festival. We heard from Mr Rider of real sporting success already this year, a demonstration of Rubik's Cubes (which are no longer just cubes it seems), presented Duke of Edinburgh Bronze awards and heard a keynote from Ms Nicholas on the International Day of the Girl Child and the important role of women in science. My thanks to all involved in making this such a success, and to all the parents who were able to attend.

And noting opportunities for PPS students, today Mr Lalande and his team have taken a group to Geneva and on Sunday Mr Chivers leads an excursion to New York. I look forward to their tweeting over the next week.

All that remains is for me to wish you a peaceful and restful half-term.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bradbury'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

David Bradbury
Headmaster

Notice Board

DLD Open Evening for Portland Place Students

On the 1st November DLD College will be hosting an Open Evening specifically for Portland Place students and parents to better experience what life will be like there. If you would like to attend



Webpage of the week

How much sleep do we really need?

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2018/oct/08/sleep-how-much-do-we-really-need>

<https://www.hgi.org.uk/resources/delve-our-extensive-library/dreaming/importance-sleep-why-we-need-it>

News

Drama Trip

Guest piece by *Melissa Pratt, Year 12*

As part of the GCSE and A Level Drama curriculums, students study a play for their live theatre review question in the written exam.

On Thursday, Drama students from Years 10 -12 watched *The Jungle* at the Playhouse Theatre. It is a play about refugees in a refugee camp in Calais, battling the harsh punishments enforced upon them and trying to gain safety by travelling to the UK. This performance reveals the real life struggles of the lifestyle of a refugee and the challenges in the relationship between the police and them.



Arrival of Books for Year 7 and 8

Mrs Carvalho has put a page together on Firefly ([Open Firefly](#), [Resources](#), [Go to Library and Click Book Buzz](#) in the menu), to showcase the available books. A sample chapter of each book is available and there is also an interview with the author. Please encourage your child to have a look at the selection over the holidays and to get an idea of which title they might like to select.



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KS3 Book Club

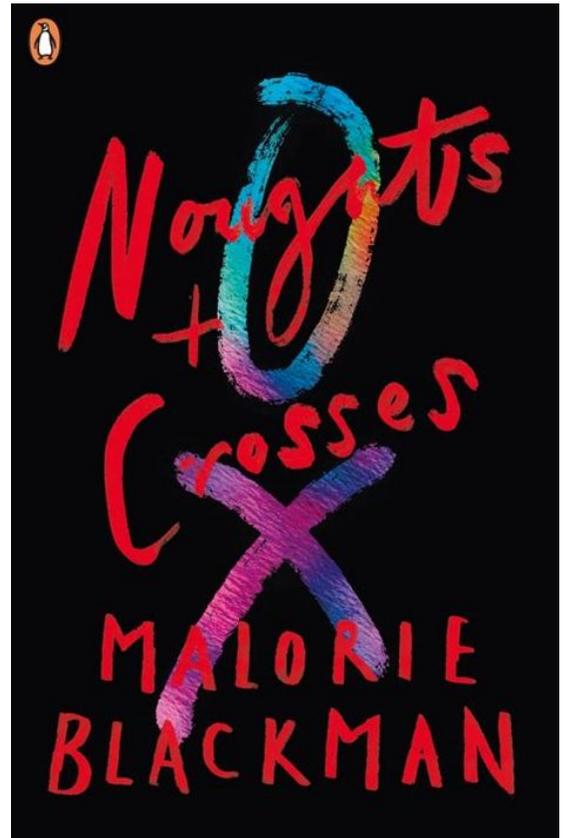
The KS3 book club has been reading *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman. It has gone down very well so far! Watch this space for a full review after half term.

“We’re not sure what to make of the characters. We quite like Callum, but Persephone is arrogant and uses her power to do anything she wants – it’s rude! Her father is the Prime Minister which she uses to her unfair advantage.” - *Amitis & Isla, Year 9*

“It’s packed full of events. A lot is going on at once and it’s interesting to see how the characters deal with the challenges thrown at them”. - *Daisy, Year 9*

We meet every Thursday in the library at 1pm. Soon we’ll be reading another amazing book, so please come along and participate!

Miss Hubner



Performance of El Viejo Saloon

Dear Parents

Onatti Productions Ltd. is a renowned company that writes and performs plays for students, in the target languages they study, in KS3, KS4 and KS5.

All plays are carefully adapted to the students' level of skills and are very good fun. Onatti Productions' website can be viewed at <http://www.bardlet.freeserve.co.uk/index.html>

The company has been booked to perform *El viejo saloon* in the hall at the Great Portland Place building on Friday, 9th of November at 1.30.

The play will provide excellent educational and motivational value and I am sure the students will thoroughly enjoy the experience. This event is free of charge.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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News

Reading Matters

Please have a look at this report:

<https://global.oup.com/education/content/dictionaries/key-issues/word-gap/?region=uk>

Wherever possible, encourage your child to read. It does not have to be Dickens or Proust!

Here are some ideas:

1. Read the newspapers
2. Hand over an article you find interesting and then discuss what is in it. Reading together is a great way to encourage them.
3. If your child has a particular interest, such as football, encourage them to read the football pages in the newspaper; football blogs on the internet; books about football such as *Fever Pitch* by Nick Hornby or a biography of their favourite footballer
4. Try short stories rather than novels
5. Find magazines, websites or blogs that relate to your child's hobbies

But, the most important thing is to model the behaviour that you want to see in your child. If they see you reading and engaging with what you read, they will follow. Leave interesting books, magazines or newspapers lying around the house and occasionally pick them up, start reading and then hand it over and say: "Have a read? What do you think?"

And: reading on a gadget is better than not reading at all!

Here are some websites where you can find some ideas about books to buy your children:

<https://www.readbrightly.com/best-young-adult-books-fall-2018/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/jul/27/21st-century-classic-books-for-children>

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/best-young-adult-books>

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/books/young-adult-books/best-young-adult-books-read-right-now/>

<https://www.standard.co.uk/shopping/esbest/books-dvds/fiction/best-ya-books-a3833761.html>

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/lifestyle/editors-choice-book-reviews/a568288/9-books-to-get-teenagers-reading/>

Short stories might be better for the reluctant reader:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/s/short-stories-ya/>

Pat Capel

News

Pat Capel interviewed for article in The Metro

One of our English Teachers, Pat Capel, conducted a short interview for The Metro on Wednesday. The article was about the Mental Health Support received by children. To read the article please click the link below.

<https://metro.co.uk/2018/10/10/children-are-facing-catastrophically-long-waits-for-mental-health-support-8021284/>

Shakespeare Schools Festival - Company Workshop Wednesday 3rd October at Cecil Sharp House

This year a small selection of Drama GCSE and A level students are entering the Shakespeare School Festival. Portland Place School will be performing a 30 minute version of *Macbeth*. Last week we took part in a workshop that explored what we could do to improve our interpretation of this famous play.

During the workshop we developed our characters by looking at a scene that needed improvement. One character that we explored through this scene was King Duncan (Freddy Pertwee). We created an older and more powerful man to make Freddy more believable, hopefully helping to establish a loving connection between King Duncan and our audience. This was also an opportunity to explore status through the use of proxemics and levels.

As a cast we became more at ease with our interpretation of Shakespeare's classic tragedy *Macbeth*. We created still images of the opening of the play, key turning points and the all familiar demise of Macbeth. This helped us dictate how we wanted the play to be perceived and what atmosphere it would create for us and the audience. Some of the members in the cast also learnt new ways to project and deliver their lines.

Our performance of *Macbeth* will be shown at The Shaw Theatre on Tuesday 6th November. Tickets can be purchased through TICKETMASTER and searching 'Shakespeare Schools Festival Shaw Theatre'.

Freddy Pertwee and Augustus Gibson, Year 12



Sports results



Sports

Portland Place U17 Boys Win Westminster Team Cross Country Championships

Portland's cross country team had a tremendous day across all ages last Thursday, at Regents Park for the Westminster championships. In the primary age groups Portland's boys finished 12th out of 25 schools. Ali Abdel-Khaleq (52nd), Che Arney (54th), Sonny Shelton (58th) and Miguel Peleteiro (90th) all ran hard in a field of over 150, but were surprised at the high standard achieved by some of the athletes. In the girls' race Emily Zhang finished 83rd and her sister, Jenny Zhang, placed 126th.

In the secondary categories, PPS's U15 girls came 6th out of 14 schools, with some good performances from Amy Cooper, who was 13th out of over 150 runners and Lana Tuite (35th). Rebecca Schaub was 51st, Ruhi Patel 52nd and Sumayyah Mahmoud was 57th. In the boys U15 race, Sam Ingram built up a huge lead to win the race, whilst his team mates finished strongly to take PPS to 2nd overall in the team standings. Fine performances were achieved by: Sam Meyer (10th), Tom Hallam (11th), Gordon Turner (13th), Huxley Nayak (17th), Ryder Nayak (18th), Benny Miller (23rd), Bosco Buonaguidi (37th and Elliot Macleod 38th). This was a combined race of year 7, 8 and 9, so our year 7's, Huxley and Ryder Nayak, Benny Miller and Tom Hallam deserve special mention. Many of them will be selected to represent Westminster at the London Schools championships later this year.

In the boys' U17 race, Portland swept the first 4 places to win the team championship with Curtis O'Keeffe taking an impressive win ahead of his teammates, Colin Ballback (2nd), Lachlan Macdonald (3rd) and Alex McDonald (4th).

All the competitors should be very proud of their efforts in representing the school at this event. We now await the selection of the Westminster team for the London Schools Championships.



Sam Ingram, year 9, winner of the Year 9 race



The Portland Place sweep of 1st to 4th from the Y10/11 race, from left to right: Lachlan Macdonald (3rd), Alex MacDonald (4th), Curtis O'Keeffe (1st) and Colin Ballback (2nd).

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Portland's Y7/8/9 team, with 7 runners in the top 23 places.



Portland's gold medallists: Sam Ingram (Y9) and Curtis O'Keeffe (Y10)

Under 13s Football

Kew House - 4
Portland Place School -21

Portland's U13's ended their unbeaten run away at Chiswick Cricket Club, after making a particularly poor start to what proved, eventually, to be a fairly even match-up. Portland were unlucky not to score twice, early-on, as **Jesse Francis-Baum's** shot went just wide and another effort was cleared from just behind the line and looked to be a goal. There was no bad luck with their defensive efforts, however, as they leaked three goals in quick succession, curtesy of some lax defending and an inability to clear the ball from their own box.

An early penalty in the second half, neatly converted by captain, **Elliot Macleod**, lifted their spirits momentarily, but Kew struck back immediately with a well-worked goal. Portland kept attacking though, and committed men forward in search of a goal. Too often they conceded possession cheaply and were then forced to scramble back in defence. **Sam Meyer's** efforts were rewarded with a late goal as he headed home after pressing the Kew defence hard. The second half was a much better effort defensively from this team, but early mistakes cost them dearly in this match.

Sports

Football

Under 14s Football

Portland Place School - 5
Heathside Prep - 2

On Friday 5th October PPs took on Heathside Prep in an action packed game of football. In the early stages PPS started well, passing the ball with purpose and showing lots of energy. PPS took an early lead through Oscar Bolgar in what was the goal of the game. Oscar received a pass, beat one man then knocked the ball around the rushing centre back before rounding him and powering the ball past the keeper into the bottom corner. An excellent finish that drew applause from the opposition as well as his own team mates! Despite the good start, the boys looked nervous in defence and lacked composure when trying to play out from the back. Heathside equalised in quite amusing circumstances. Heathside took a corner and when a PPS defender tried to clear, he managed to kick the ball against his own player and it trickled over the line. Sometimes you just have to laugh in these situations! However the next goal was not as amusing, as Heathside gained confidence and added a second moments later after some lax marking in midfield. Thankfully this kicked the boys in to life and PPS managed to equalise before half time, with Oscar Bolgar finishing well for his brace after a superb run and cross from Anton Polykov.

In the second half the early stages were competitive as both teams looked to take control of the game. It was scrappy for the first 10 minutes but PPS took the lead when Oscar Bolgar curled a wicked shot into the top corner for his hatrick. It wasn't long before PPS added a fourth, after some excellent work from Vasilis Koutrakos and Sid Marber down the right flank, Sid was brought down in the area for a penalty. Up stepped Oscar Bolgar, full of confidence after his hatrick and placed the ball into the bottom corner. 4-2 PPS with 10 minutes to play. In the remaining minutes PPS defended well as Heathside tried to get back into the game. Heathside committed a lot of players forward which meant that they were prone to the counter attack. PPS bided their time and caught them on the break....who was it? That man again....Oscar Bolgar for his 5th goal! Final score 5-2 to PPS.

The boys played some excellent football in patches and really improved as the game went on. Hopefully they will take this form into their upcoming matches. Special mentions must go to Anton Polykov, Sean Miller and Vasilis Koutrakos who all had excellent games, but man of match goes to Oscar Bolgar...5 goals speaks for itself!



Sports

Football

Under 12s Football

Portland Place School - 4
Kew House School - 1

The boys of year 7 continued their unbeaten start to the football season with a convincing win against Kew House at Regents Park on Tuesday afternoon. The boys started the game with a fantastic intensity, were physical and really let Kew House know that they were up for this game. The boys created a few chances through **Benny Miller** and **Jesse Francis-Baum** up front but the Kew goalkeeper made some fine saves. The deadlock was broken when **Lloyd Day** gathered the ball in central midfield and accelerated past a couple of Kew players and pushed towards goal, smashing the ball in the bottom corner to give PPS the lead. The second goal was the goal of the game, it came from a corner that Kew failed to clear. **Kunal Patel** was standing on the edge of the box and an exquisite half volley fired into the roof of the net for a 2-0 lead. A dominating first half was finished off with a **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs** goal from close range. The second half was scrappier and Kew improved significantly. **Lloyd** made the score 4-0 when he saw the Kew goalkeeper of his line, scoring from 25 yards out. Kew scored a late consolation. A fantastic performance!

Netball

Francis Holland School Netball Tournament

It was a cracking sunny day down at Battersea Park on Tuesday for the U15s FHS Netball Tournament. The girls were pumped for the day ahead and ready to win. They came head to head with a very strong team to begin with, Streatham and Clapham High School, losing 24:1. Not the start they were hoping for. They then played the two Francis Holland Schools back to back and unfortunately, again came away with another two losses, 11:4 and 7:0. The girls were working well together, there was lots of strategic talk happening between games and at half times. Despite the disheartening start to the day, the rest of the tournament picked up and the team spirit remained strong. In the fourth game, the girls came away with a close win 7:6 against More House with some excellent shooting from **Dot Jones** and **Freya Francis-Baum**. They then went on to play Queen's Gate where **Ava Jones** made an outstanding performance as Goal Defence (not normally her position), and won another close game 5:4. Finally, they were against Queen's College, the girls were exhausted, but they kept their head in the game and fought hard to win 7:4. Our unstoppable Centre player, **Marielle Staunton**, played this position the entire tournament and pushed herself until the end. Amazing play by all in the team and as a school we came out fourth in the tournament, just shy of a medal. Excellent effort girls, you should be very impressed with how well you played together.

Sports



Calendar & Contact

Monday 8 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 Yu, R24
 3.45-5.00pm Arabic for Beginners, R36
 4.00-6.15pm Lamda Lessons in PPS Hall
 4.00-5.00pm Macbeth Rehearsals, Drama Studio

Tuesday 9 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, Room 24
 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 all Years, Ms Linton

Wednesday 10 October

12.45-1.30pm Boys' Choir R1
 12.45-1.30pm Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
 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 Maths Extra Help, R10
 3.45-5.00pm French GCSE Support, R36
 3.45-5.00pm French Year 10 GCSE Support, R35
 4.00-5.00pm Table Tennis Club, GPS Hall
 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
 4.00-5.00pm Table Tennis Club, GPS Hall
 4.00-4.45pm GCSE Computing Club, G11
 4.00-5.00pm GCSE DT Club, Ms Birtles, B1

Thursday 11 October

11.30-12.30pm Whole School Assembly, Regents Hall
 12.45-1.30pm Portland Place Choir, Mr Hill, R1
 12.45-1.30pm KS3 Book Club, Library
 12.45-1.30pm Brass Ensemble, Mr Bentley, R44
 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 12 October

12.45-1.30pm Jazz Band, Mr Hill, R2
 12.45-1.30pm DT Club for all Years, Ms Linton
 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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