

Weekly Buzz

Updated schedules for clubs!

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Academic and Sports fixtures



How to Reinforce Study Skills and Exam Revision at Home

A session for parents summarising the tools and techniques taught to students earlier in the day so that parents can actively support their sons/daughters.

Friday 30th November 5-6pm - GPS Hall



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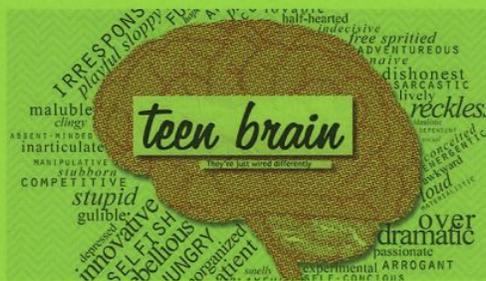
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Y10 & 11 Parent Workshop:

Helping your child through GCSEs

Adolescence can be a challenging time for young people and parents alike. Throughout our lives we grow and change, but during adolescence the rate of change is particularly evident. The PPS Team, in collaboration with the school counsellor, are offering Y10/11 parents a workshop focusing on adolescence and what you can do to guide your child.

When and Where: 8th November, 5-6 pm, PPS, PPS Hall



Notice Board

Macbeth!

It is almost time!

On Tuesday 6th November, we will be performing a 30 minute version of Macbeth at The Shaw Theatre. This is part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival where 13 of our talented students take to the stage.

The performances start at 7pm. We will be performing alongside 3 other schools, the running order will be revealed to us on the day.

If you have purchased your ticket through the school, you must collect it from the school reception before Tuesday. You will not be allowed to enter the theatre without your ticket.

If you have not purchased a ticket, you can still come along, please visit the Ticketmaster website for ticket information.

Hope to see you there!



Webpage of the week

Write it down for better mental health!

<https://www.paperchase.com/the-journal/write-it-down-for-better-mental-health/>

News

Geneva Trip

Guest piece by *Kieran McKintosh, Year 8*

If you had regularly been keeping up to date with news at Portland Place, you would know that some students, together with Mr Lalande, Ms Birtles, Mr Burton and Mr Flack would be spending Friday 12th to Tuesday 16th October in Geneva; the multicultural capital of the world.

Aim of the trip (in Mr Lalande's mind): visit Geneva, speak French all round and have a good time.

Result (in practice): Visited Geneva, spoke French, "roasted" friends in English (for fun!) and had a good time.

Here is a full diary of our time there:

Day 1: We all met at Gatwick airport and made it to Geneva despite being delayed by tubes and planes. We checked in our hotel and discovered our rooms for we would be staying in for 5 days. They were so nice! We then went out to eat "du roti de porc et des frites" at "Chez ma cousine", a famous restaurant there.

Day 2: After eating a hearty "petit-dejeuner", we travelled on the tramway to the Red Cross museum and heard stories from war prisoners around the world. We then walked all the way to the bottom of the famous "Jet d'Eau" or water fountain and got absolutely soaked... That was fun! We also went to the top of the cathedral towers; the highest point in Geneva.

Day 3: Cycling! We cycled around town, stopping at historical landmarks and listened to our tour guide. We then went to the botanical gardens in the afternoon and ate "du poulet" in the evening.

Day 4: Best day: We had a 3 hour cruise and even travelled to France! We then went to the United Nations and had a one hour tour through the conference rooms where all leaders of the world take important decisions. We had a fun night as the games room opened on that night at the hotel.

Day 5: Our last day, we made it to the Patek Philippe Museum, where we could see a huge amount of very expensive clocks and gadgets made by the brand. We then travelled back to London in the evening after eating a sandwich "jambon-beurre" and scowling at Mr Lalande for trying to trick us at the airport. I met with my dad and showed him my Geneva gifts as he declared "Enjoy the rest of the half term!"

The trip overall was a very fun experience and even though I didn't speak French 100% of the time, I



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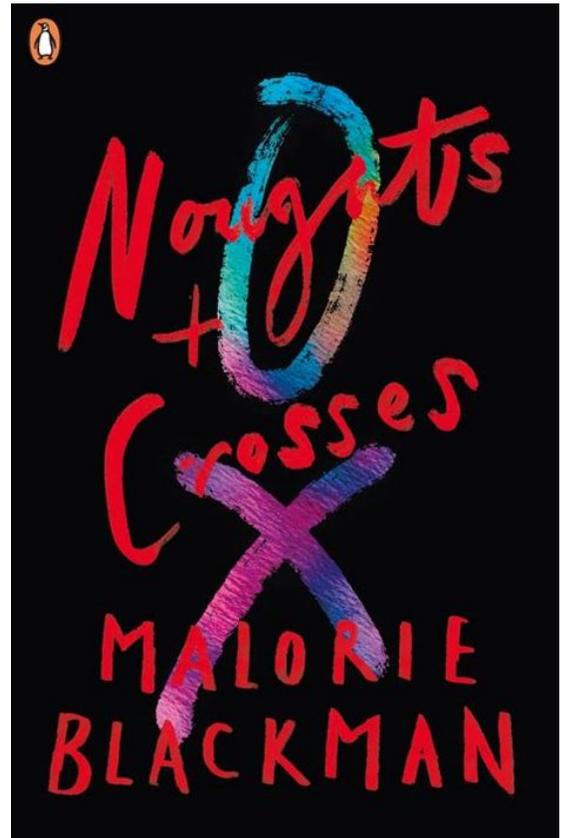
KS3 Book Club

The KS3 Book Club have just finished reading *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman. Here are their thoughts:

“Although it was a great book and was very intriguing, I felt the end was a bit fast and a little bit dramatic; it didn’t fit with the rest of the story” - *Daisy & Isla*

“I really liked the concept of the book because of what is happening in 2018. It fitted well with current issues. I feel it was written very well but I didn’t like the ending because it didn’t work with the story. I liked Callum’s character but not Sephy’s. The ending was too over dramatic.”. - *Amitis*

Overall we have awarded *Noughts and Crosses* 4 out of 5 stars. Our next book will be *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. Come and join us on Thursdays in the library from 1pm. Bring your lunch!



Performance of El Viejo Saloon

Dear Parents,

Onatti Productions Ltd. is a renowned company that writes and performs plays for students, written 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.freereserve.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.

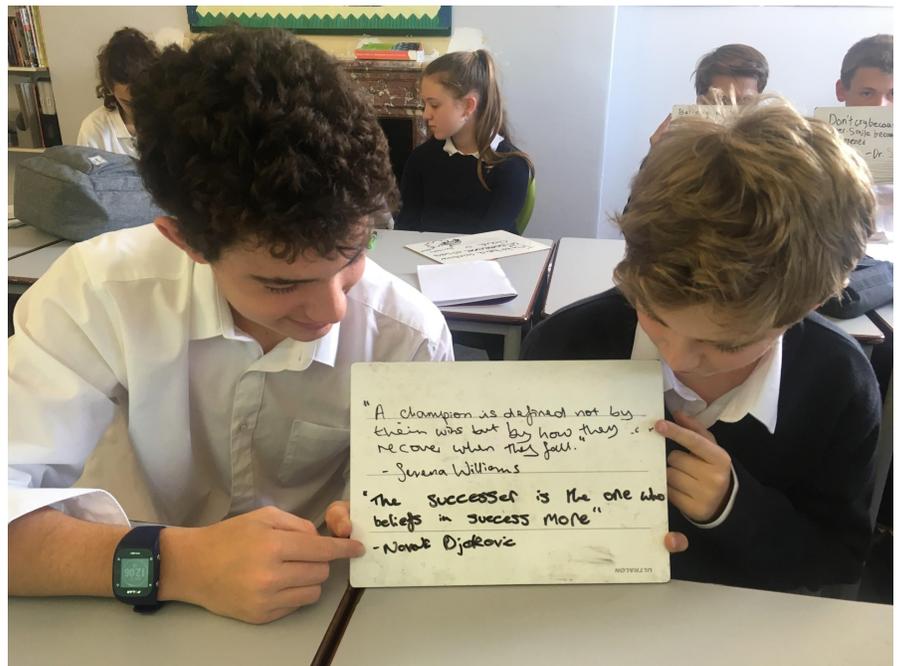
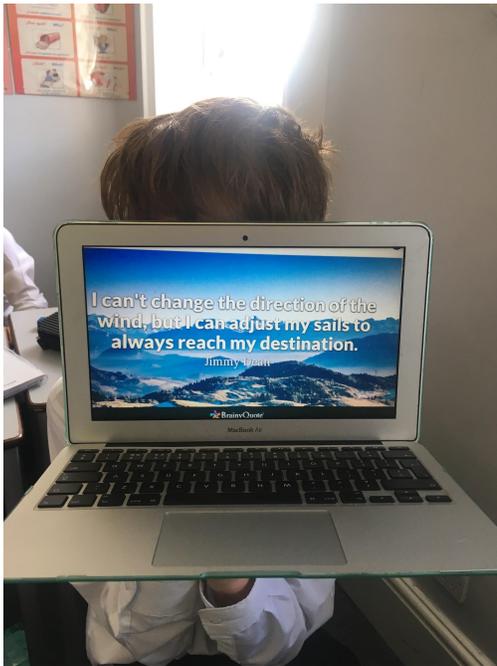
Yours sincerely

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News

Year 9 Students' Favourite Inspirational Quotes

While discussing strategies to cope with stress and anxiety in PHSCE, we talked about the power of inspiration to overcome challenges. The Y9 students have researched inspirational quotes and picked one that they could use to motivate themselves this year.



News

Drama & Music Trip to New York

On Sunday 14th October at 5:30am we met a small group of students at Heathrow Airport. After an enjoyable flight we landed in New York, we dropped off our bags at our hotel then headed straight to **Central Park** for a cycle.

The next day, after a well-earned sleep, we paid our respects as we walked around the **9/11 Memorial Museum**. After a spot of shopping and walk over **Brooklyn Bridge**, we headed to **Broadway** to watch *School of Rock* at the Winter Garden Theatre. It was an incredible show with some extremely talented children; we all left very inspired!

We woke up on day three to an all-American (and slightly Korean) breakfast buffet before touring around the jaw-dropping **Radio City Music Hall** (Mr Hill has missed his calling as a Rockette!). After yet more shopping, which had catastrophic credit card repercussions for Miss O'Donnell, we headed to tour the equally impressive **Carnegie Hall**. That evening after a bite to eat, we headed to heights of the **Rockefeller Center** - the view of New York City at night is one we will all remember.

Our final day, after more shopping at Macy's, we walked **The High Line**. It was a beautiful sunny day and we couldn't have asked for better weather, and finished off our trip with lunch at **Chelsea Market** before heading back to JFK Airport.

Augustus, Ollie, Amanda, Mila, Teddy, Tommy S, Charles, Felix, Antonio, Tommy D, Dylan, Sid, Sultan, Walter, Vasilis, Zeynep, Isla and Lucas were fantastically well behaved throughout and they represented the school excellently! I would happily take them all away again!

A special thank you to Miss Boyle, Mr Hill and Miss O'Donnell for giving up their half term to help out on this trip. This will not be our last Drama & Music trip, watch this space for our next adventure!



News

The King with Donkey Ears

On Thursday 1st November, all of Year 6 went on a trip to Wigmore Hall to watch a KS2 concert, *The King with Donkey Ears*. We learned two songs and sang with the Castalian String Quartet. A man called Sam guided us through the concert telling us a traditional Somali folk tale, accompanied by the string quartet (2 violins, 1 viola and 1 cello) about a King who hid his ears as they looked like Donkey's ears and his friend a barber.

Before the concert, Sam came around and gave the audience a fake haircut with massive scissors and comb. Thanks to Miss Boyle and Mr Hill for taking us and the Music department for paying for us all to go!

Here's what some of us thought of the trip...

"My favourite bit was when the string quartet played a long exciting piece at the end" - Isaac

"I liked the whole concert!" - Emily

"I found it relaxing and I liked the instruments that they used" - Christopher

"I liked the different sounds the instruments made" - Egor

"I really loved the songs 'Our King has Donkey Ears' and 'Timbalayo' and the moral of the story which was the people still loved the King even though he had donkey's ears" - Ché

"I liked that the guy pretended to cut Sasha and Che's hair" - Daniel

Review written by all Year 6 students, compiled by Mr Hill



Sports results



Sports

Gum Shields for Rugby

Rugby lessons have now begun for lower school years 6-9. Please ensure that pupils have gum shields, ready for contact work. Pupils should also have correct rugby studs, with no sharp edges, catches or burring. In addition pupils should wear their reversible rugby shirt, ideally with under layer, rugby shorts and long socks.

Netball

U12 and U14 Netball Friendly vs More House

A chilly start back into the winter half term, the Year 7 and Year 9 girls were pumped and ready to go. A competitive start into both games. Amy Cooper playing Centre for the Year 9s was so agile around the court and Beatrice Curto in Goal Defence managed to intercept numerous passes from the other team. We were down at half time by 2 points, so we made some changes and managed to score more goals in the second half. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to come away with a win, but it was a close game, finishing at 7:5 to More House. Player of the match, voted by More House students, went to Amy Cooper.

The Year 7s also went out with determination, even with only 5 players, they had their head in the game and wanted to win. A close game with quite equal ability across both teams, the girls fought their way holding a lot of possession but unfortunately the score didn't show this. Violet Brodie had some excellent catches and intercepts throughout the game, as well as Lana Tuite who covered so much ground across the court, helping defend as much as playing her position Goal Attack. Great efforts from the girls, being two players down, you played exceptionally well. The final score was 7:1 to More House. Player of the match, went to Lana Tuite.



Sports

Football

Under 11s Football

Portland Place School - 1
Sussex House School - 3

Winter had certainly arrived on Tuesday when the Under 11's headed to a cold, wet and windy Regents Park for a return fixture against Sussex House. The boys started really well and were on top in the game from the start. Isaac Meyer and Christopher Dhali were really influential in getting the ball forward. However, PPS failed to convert their chances, although there were some sterling defensive blocks from Sussex House that could only be praised. The game settled down and Sussex House scored with a fantastic strike from outside the box to take the lead. The boys were generally the better team and they continued to be physical and attack minded. Unfortunately when attacking; PPS lost possession and Sussex House scored on the counter attack to make the score 2-0, there was a frantic close to the first half when Sonny Shelton reduced the deficit and scored a fantastic running goal to make the score 2-1. Within seconds of the kick-off, with PPS still enthusiastic from their goal, they were caught out down the left side of the pitch and there was another great strike into the bottom corner to make the score at half time 3-1. Despite an all-action second half the game was very even and both teams had chances to score goals. Christopher Dhali went closest in the final stages when he smashed the cross bar from distance, a strike which certainly deserved to find the back of the net. However, there were no more goals added and the game finished 3-1. A good step forward, well done boys!

Calendar & Contact

Monday 5 November

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 6 November

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 7 November

8.00-8.45am	Chamber Choir, R1
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 8 November

11.30-12.30pm	Whole School Assembly, Regents Hall
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

Friday 9 November

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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