

Weekly Buzz



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Portland
Place
School

Whole School Assembly Thursday 14th February 2019

9.15—10.15am 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 14th February 9.15am - 10.30am, at the [Salvation Army's Regent Hall](#).

Do join us to celebrate student achievements so far in this academic year. Students' will perform musical and drama pieces, poetry recitals and receive prizes 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.

Best wishes

*Laura Young
PA to Headmaster*



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Day	Time	Activity	Venue	Staff	Y10	Y9	Y8	Y7	Y6
4	29 th January	Tuesday	4 – 5pm	Singing	PPS Hall	DCH, SHI, CBO, AJU, AMY	Whole Cast (All students from Y6-10)				
	30 th January	Wednesday	8.15 – 9am	Singing	Room 1	CBO	-	Bea, Zeynep, Scarlett	Ruhi	Anastasia, Lana	-
			4 – 5pm	Acting	PPS Hall	DCH, AJU	Talitha, Dot, Felix, Freya	Joey, Isla	Madoc, Max, Lucy	Lloyd	Sonny
	31 st January	Thursday	4 – 5pm	Acting	Drama Studio	DCH, AJU	Dot, Talitha, Felix	Oscar, Dylan	Gordon	-	-
			4 – 5pm	Singing	Room 43	SHI	-	-	-	Rudy	-

Tuesday 29 Jan - PPS Hall - Whole Cast

**Wednesday 30 Jan - Room 1 - Bea, Zeynep and Scarlett (Year 9)
Ruhi (Year 8)
Anastasia and Lana (Year 7)**

**Wednesday 30 Jan - PPS Hall - Talitha, Dot, Felix and Freya (Year 10)
Joey and Isla (Year 9)
Madoc, Max and Lucy (Year 8)
Lloyd (Year 7)
Sonny (Year 6)**

**Thursday 31 Jan - Drama Studio - Dot, Talitha and Felix (Year 10)
Oscar and Dylan (Year 9)
Gordon (Year 8)**

Thursday 31 Jan - Room 43 - Rudy (Year 7)

Notice Board



Tanzania Trip July 2020

Open to current Y9, Y10 and Y12



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Tanzania expedition with Inspire Worldwide and Tanzania Livingstone Trust

Next Academic Year, a team of Portland Place students from our current Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 (so next year's Y10/11/13) will be going on an expedition to Tanzania to work for the charity Livingstone Tanzania Trust.

Our school has close links with the Tanzania Livingstone Trust and Inspire Worldwide having already completed some work there over the last few years and we intend to carry on.

This is a trip of a life time and an unforgettable experience on so many levels for everyone taking part. Please click on the school weblink to see pictures. www.portland-place.co.uk

This is a great opportunity for students to get to know other members of PPS from different year groups and develop their teamwork skills, which they can then add on to their CV for Sixth Form or University applications. For anyone considering completing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Bronze or Gold) there are opportunities to complete the volunteering and skills sections through this trip.

The aim of this expedition is to give students the opportunity to live and work alongside a local community in Tanzania. Team members will be involved with projects including classroom construction and renovation (working alongside skilled local builders), informal education sessions with local children and carrying out community work.

A letter was sent home and an open information evening will be running for anyone interested in the trip on **Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 5pm in PPS Hall**. Please send an email to Mr Lalande, in charge of the trip, if you would like to attend.

An application form will be handed out to students who would like to participate in the trip.

Many thanks and good luck to all applying!
Mr Lalande



Notice Board

Film Club

Following last Thursday's successful Curriculum and Options Evening, Film Club has been opened up to Year 9 students in order for them to experience both Film and Media Studies. Year 9 students will be joined by current Media and Film students who will be able to tell them about their GCSE experiences. The sessions will run every Wednesday from 4pm-5pm in GPS Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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Year 7 Music



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Silver Duke of Edinburgh Training Day

The Fearsome Five



Planning Their Expeditions



News

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Training Day continued...

Where Are They?



A Hard Day's Work Complete



News

Year 6 Pizza Express Trip

A STEP BY STEP GUIDE OF HOW TO MAKE AN EXCELLENT MARGHERITA PIZZA

Step 1: Put on chef's hats and aprons.



Step 2: Get a pizza base.



Step 3: Make sure that the pizza dough goes right to the edges of the pan.



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Year 6 Pizza Express Trip continued... A STEP BY STEP GUIDE OF HOW TO MAKE AN EXCELLENT MARGHERITA PIZZA

Step 4: Time for the toppings.



Step 5: Spoon a dollop of tomato sauce* onto the bases (*= secret recipe!)



Step 6: Spread the tomato sauce evenly over the pizza base.



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Year 6 Pizza Express Trip continued... A STEP BY STEP GUIDE OF HOW TO MAKE AN EXCELLENT MARGHERITA PIZZA

Step 7: Sprinkle on the cheese.



Step 8: You're now ready to cook your pizza for 5-6 minutes in a VERY hot oven (350 degrees!). Take it out of the oven once the cheese starts bubbling and browning.



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Year 6 Pizza Express Trip continued... A STEP BY STEP GUIDE OF HOW TO MAKE AN EXCELLENT MARGHERITA PIZZA

Step 9: If you are taking your delicious piping hot pizza away you need to put it in a box.



Step 10: Enjoy!



News

Year 7 trip to La Fromagerie



Our Year 7 students sampled French cheese and ordered everything in French. They also learnt about French regions and how cheese is made in France.

Year 8 Art Work for Chinese New Year

Y8 art work is calligraphy in Mandarin, made in Chinese class by Kieran and Irene.



News

Trip to the Royal Opera House

On Monday night we headed to the Royal Opera House in London to enjoy one of the most beautiful operas in the world, "La Traviata" by Giuseppe Verdi. The students who were extremely lucky to have this experience were Luca Pilotto, Joe Ahrens, Simon Browning, Fred Marber, Vitan Kostomaj, Augustus Gibson, Carla Mora and Charles Ambler. The performance and the costumes were absolutely exceptional. Thank you to Sig. Lapolla for organising this fantastic cultural trip.



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Library News

Most popular books in the Library this week



London Library

School membership is now active. Students will have access to a large number of databases which will help in homework and study. Details are on Firefly, see resources, Library and choose Research from the drop down menu.



Book Buzz Reviews

Year 7 and 8 students are currently making their way through the Book Buzz books in the library. As part of our Year 7 and 8 reading challenge students have been reviewing their choices. This week's featured review is by Jesse Francis-Baum in Year 7. He will really convince you to read 'Fortunately the Milk', a collaboration between the brilliant minds of writer Neil Gaiman and illustrator Chris Riddell.

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Library News continued...

Fortunately The Milk

By Neil Gaiman

Hi! My name is Jesse Francis-Baum I'm in Y7, I'm in Miss. Hubners class and I'm Writing a review on Fortunatley The Milk.

For me this book is ridiculously silly! The whole story is about a dad of these to children is going to get the milk but then he suddenly is in adventure! I think its weird because he is just trying to get milk and then all these idiotic things happen which make the book the book. There are so many funny things in this book, especially if you read the blurb because it says "There are absolutely none of the following things inside: Gobbly Green Aliens! Intergalatic Police! Pirates! And most definitely NOT a time-travelling hot air balloon piloted by the brilliant Professor Steg..." . I could not stop laughing at a book! It's won Childerns book of the year! If i could give this a score out of 10 it wouldn't let be a 9/10. The reason its a 9/10 is because I thought it could use some colour.

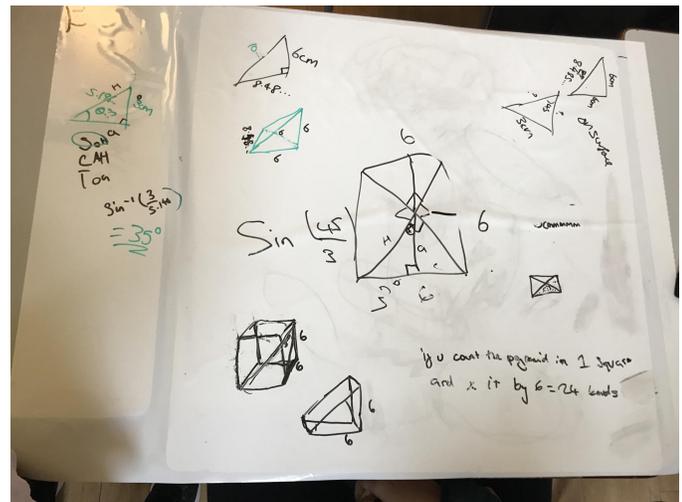
Thank you for reading!



News

SMILE activity: Six Pyramids

Students were asked what would happen to a shape if a 6cm x 6cm x 6cm cube was split into 6 congruent square based pyramids and then 'turned inside out' such that the pyramidal faces were now on the outside of the shape forming a 3D shape with 24 faces and 6 'stilted' faces! The original activity was to calculate volume and surface area of this new solid but some students went further to calculate angles in 3D between the slant height and the base of the pyramid. One student (Beatrice) was almost successful in creating a paper model of this solid :) All in all, a good activity to generate really interesting mathematical discussions!



News

Poetry in Year 7

CALLING THE REGISTER in Mr Capel's Year 7 English Class

Settle down please!

I said "Stop now, Mercury!"

Baer, stop laughing. We are not playing games here.

Columbus, leave the globe alone!

Donald, I have told you before to stop playing with the Lego.

Edison, get your fingers out the plug socket!

Thatcher, stop hitting Galtieri with your handbag this instant.

Franklin, your behaviour is shocking. Go and sit in the corner with Ali.

Could you please get your finger off the rocket model, Kim?

Elon, I can smell you from here!

Armstrong, keep your feet on the ground.

Jobs, thank you for my worm infested gift.

Maradona, put your hand down!

King, this is not the time to dream.

Mozart, stop eating Quavers!

Rowling, fetch the broom. You are cleaning up after lunch.

And stop playing with the scissors, McQueen

Ronnie and Reggie, a reminder that you are in detention later

May? May? Anyone seen her? Ah, she's gone.

Neymar get off the floor

And Spielberg, don't forget to phone home.

Can we all focus now please – yes, even you Galileo.

News

Poetry in Year 7

AFTER CHRISTMAS

The decorations have all come down
I look out and see the Christmas tree brown
and sad in the Garden

School starts tomorrow
Nothing to look forward to
Christmas is just a faded memory

Then behind the lonely, neglected Christmas tree
Something tiny but bright is coming out of the soil

It's the tip of a daffodil
peeking out of the frozen earth

It makes me think of spring,
warmth and hope.

By Sid De Rozario

Sports results



Sports

Football

Senior School House Football

With the house league table only separated by a few points at the end of the calendar year, the first event of 2019 was vital to the overall standings. With Devonshire leading the way, could they take victory in the senior school house football? Or, with the other houses; take the opportunity to close the gap?

In the first round of matches there were comfortable victories for Langham against Cavendish and Wigmore against Devonshire, with **Lex Gosling** taking playing of the round with a brace of goals. After a shaky start for the leaders in the first game Devonshire needed a victory in round two to ensure no more ground was lost. They were up against Langham who also lost in their first round of match. It was an end to end game with a hat full of goals. **Freddie Pertwee, Lachlan Macdonald** and **Max Needleman** sharing six goals between them in an epic three all draw. The other second round match between Cavendish and Wigmore was equally competitive and finished in a two all draw and really opened up the tournament going into the final group matches.

With all teams able to make the final going into the closing matches it was all to play for. Cavendish didn't hang around and smashed their way into the final with a 5-0 victory over Devonshire thanks to **Alex Grimaldi-Coste** and **Max Needleman**. The other match between Langham and Wigmore was a much closer contest and full of action. The goalkeepers played their part in this game with a string of fine saves, despite all the action and all the chances the game finished a goalless draw.

Devonshire had a difficult afternoon and finished in 4th place after a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Langham in the third/fourth place playoff. The final between Cavendish and Wigmore was a great contest with missed penalties, great saves, woodwork hit and goalmouth scrambles. It was end to end and Wigmore took the lead through **George Peltz** after he managed to get the ball in the net from a scrappy corner. **Alex Grimaldi-Coste** equalised for Cavendish shortly before half time. The victory went to Wigmore when **Gabriel Dos Santos** scored with a superb strike from distance. A great afternoon boys, well done!

Sports

Rugby

PPS v Kew House U13's

Score: Kew House 50 vs 10 PPS

On a chilly and bright Monday afternoon, PPS u13s made their way to Chiswick to take on Kew House in their first rugby match of the season. The initial stages of the first half were closely fought as both teams showed great aggression when carrying the ball in to contact. **Nicholas Bartha** made an excellent driving run 3 minutes in, breaking a number of tackles before he was brought down just 2m from the try line. Unfortunately the ball was knocked on moments later. The boys looked aggressive when carrying the ball but were guilty of forcing offloads that were not on and losing possession as a result. PPS were making too many mistakes and midway through the half, Kew House started to get the ball to their dangerous runners and scored some good tries out wide. **Teddy Faulkner** responded with a barnstorming carry over the line from 10m and PPS were unlucky not to score a second 5 minutes later when after a period of sustained pressure the ball was knocked on at the crucial moment.

In the second half Kew House started to increase the pressure and unfortunately key PPS ball carrier **Nicholas Bartha** had to exit the field with a head injury. The boys worked hard in defence but tackling technique was lacking at times as Kew House broke through far too easily. **Lloyd Day** and **Gordon Turnor** both made some excellent carries and also put in some superb tackles, particularly when Gordon displayed perfect technique when tackling Kew's biggest ball carrier. He lined his man up, went low around his opponents legs and drove him sprawling backwards to the ground (the Kew House PE teachers also applauded the excellent tackle). Towards the end of the second half the boys started to show a bit more grit and determination and Gordon scored a good try from 20m out beating a few Kew defenders on his way to the line. It was a tough opening game for the boys but I think they would all agree they didn't play as well as they could have on the day. Lessons were learned from this defeat, particularly the importance of supporting the ball carrier in attack and tackling low in defence. Well done to **Sam Meyer**, who used his agility to great effect in attack – he also did a fantastic job in organising his team mates and passed the ball really well. **Teddy Faulkner**, **Lloyd Day** and **Josh Tucker** all worked their socks off throughout and looked strong in both attack and defence. **Nicholas Bartha** was having a great game before his injury but man of the match goes to **Gordon Turnor** who put in a number of great hits in defence and also scored an excellent try. Unlucky boys.



Sports

Rugby

U12 Rugby vs Kew House

Score: Kew 20 vs 15 PPS

On Tuesday afternoon, PPS u12's headed to Regents Park to take on Kew House School in a hugely entertaining game of rugby. It was a number of the boys' first ever game of rugby but you never would have been able to tell that after the first 5 minutes. The boys really got stuck into the game from kick off. In the early stages both teams carried hard into the opponent's defensive lines and the competition and the breakdown was fierce. Kew House struck first when the ball fell to their fastest player in broken play and he ran nearly the full length of the pitch to score in the corner. At this point the boys did not let their heads drop, they showed great fire and determination to get back into the game. The boys went on to really test the Kew House defence, carrying with aggression in the forwards and pace and agility in the backs. **Lloyd Day** made an excellent break midway through the first half but just ran out of energy about 10m from the line where he was brilliantly tackled by a Kew House defender. The boys kept plugging away working the phases and after a superb carry by **Isaac Meyer** managed to finish when **Chris Dhali** crossed the line. The rest of the half remained extremely competitive. The forwards were tackling well and fighting at every breakdown the backs were constantly testing each other's defence with pacey runs. Kew house managed to score a second try before half time, but so did PPS when **Lloyd Day** showed great pace to break from the half way line and run in a superb solo try.

In the second half the game continued in the same vein – lots of aggressive carries, lots of superb tackles and a number of powerful and pacey breaks from both teams. It really was an entertaining game of rugby played by a number of boys who have never played a game before! **Teddy Faulkner** and **Marc Mora** put in hit after hit as they looked to hunt down any Kew House player who had the ball. **Huxley Nayak** and **Leo Newberry** also made a number of great tackles. **Jessy Francis-Baum** made a superb break and was extremely unlucky just to get caught a little short of the try line. **Edwin Hounkanli** scored an amazing try from inside his own half. Overall the boys put in an outstanding performance. The only problem was with such a high level of effort the boys tired in the last 5 minutes and Kew House managed to score a key try in the final 5 minutes to take a 20-15 victory. PPS were very, very unlucky!

Overall the boys put in an excellent performance and should be very proud of their efforts. They worked hard for each other and did not quit in a tough game of rugby. Every player deserves credit for their efforts, to pick one man of the match is a tough call but it has to go to **Lloyd Day** who was a constant thorn in Kew's side with his powerful running and strong defending. Well done boys – I hope you are all looking forward to your next game!

Calendar & Contact

Monday 28 January

08.00-8.40am	GCSE PE, R35
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
12.50-1.30pm	Weight Training Club, Sports Dept
1.00-1.20pm	Years 7-8 Maths Challenge & Enrichment Club, R24
1.00-1.20pm	Years 9-11 Maths Challenge & Enrichment Club, R22
3.45-5.00pm	Arabic for Beginners, R36
4.00-6.15pm	Lamda Lessons in PPS Hall

Tuesday 29 January

8.20-8.50am	Year 12 Pure Extra Help, Ms Segerstrom, G12
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, R24
12.45-1.30pm	Italian GCSE, G12
1.00-1.20pm	Chess Club, R24
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
4.00-5.00pm	Japanese for Beginners, R36
4.00-4.30pm	KS3 Maths Club, R10
4.00-5.00pm	Bugsy Rehearsals, Whole Cast, PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	Design Club for KS3
4.00-5.00pm	Table Tennis Club, GPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	GCSE Design Club

Wednesday 30 January

8.15-9.00am	Bugsy girls singing ensemble, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Boys Choir, Ms Boyle, 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
12.45-1.30pm	EAL Homework Club, R11, Ms Florea
12.45-1.30pm	Russian Club, Library
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
3.45-4.45pm	Computing Walk In Clinic, R34
3.45-5.00pm	KS2 & KS3 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, R33
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Art, Art Studio
4.00-4.30pm	Duke of Edinburgh Meeting, PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	GCSE Design Club, Ms Birtles, B1
4.00-5.00pm	Bugsy Rehearsal, see schedule
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Computing Club, G11

Thursday 31 January

12.45-1.30pm	Portland Place Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Brass ensemble, Mr Bentley, R2
1.00-1.30pm	KS3 Book Club, Library
1.00-1.30pm	Weight Training Club, Sports Dept
1.00-1.30pm	Netball Shooting Club, Sports Dept
4.00-5.00pm	Chamber Choir, Ms Boyle, PPS Hall
3.45-4.30pm	Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
3.45-5.00pm	Mandarin Beginners/Advanced, R35
4.00-5.00pm	Bugsy Rehearsals, see schedule

Friday 1 February

12.45-1.30pm	String Ensemble, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Jazz Band, Mr Hill, R2
1.00-1.30pm	Debating Club, Ms Baig, Library
1.00-1.30pm	Textiles Club
4.00-6.15pm	LAMDA, Lessons, PPS Hall

TERM DATES:

SPRING TERM 2019

Term Starts	Monday 7 January
Half Term	Mon 18 February – Fri 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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