

# Weekly Buzz



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# REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Day	Activity	Venue	Staff	Y10	Y9	Y8	Y7	Y6
2	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tuesday	Singing	PPS Hall	DCH, SHI, CBO, AJU	Whole Cast (All students from Y6-10)				
	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wednesday	Acting	PPS Hall	DCH, AJU	Felix, Freya	-	Victor, Laura, Irene, Ronan, Kieran	-	-
	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thursday	Acting	Drama Studio	DCH	Antonio, Rio	Isla, Sid	Alex	Lloyd, Kunal, Grace	Isaac
			Singing	Room 43	SHI	-	-	-	Rudy	-

All rehearsals will run 4-5pm unless stated otherwise

**Tuesday 15 Jan - PPS Hall - Whole Cast**

**Wednesday 16 Jan - PPS Hall - Felix and Freya (Year 10)  
Victor, Laura, Irene, Ronan and Kieran (Year 8)**

**Thursday 17 Jan - Drama Studio - Antonio and Rio (Year 10)  
Isla and Sid (Year 9)  
Alex (Year 8)  
Lloyd, Kunal and Grace (Year 7)  
Isaac (Year 6)**

**Thursday 17 Jan - Room 43 - Rudy (Year 7)**

# Notice Board

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## GCSE Curriculum and Options Evening Thursday 24 January 2019, 4pm, GPS Hall

Dear Year 9 Parents and Guardians,

You are cordially invited to the GCSE Curriculum and Options Evening on Thursday 24 January which provides a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to talk to subject teachers about the structure and enrichment opportunities available for next year. We will also be talking about the national 9-1 changes, pathways and course choices for our students, as a group and also individually. It is also a chance to speak to teachers you may never have met before and get an insight into the range of option subjects for GCSE. Our Head of Year and School Leadership Team will be on hand to answer any of your questions on the evening, too.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you there,

Lucy Price  
Director of Studies

## Trip to Azores in July

Mr Lalande has sent a letter home with a medical form and passport details to be filled in. Please hand in to reception by Friday next week - thank you!



# Notice Board

## Growth Mindset

Dear Parents,

At PPS, we encourage our students to be resilient and not give up despite any obstacles they might encounter in their school life. Consequently, it would benefit them greatly if you could support them to build on these important skills at home as well and foster their internal resilience.

Below are a few strategies they encourage you to use as often as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
Ms Florea

**HOW TO RAISE RESILIENT KIDS WHO NEVER GIVE UP**  
BASED ON SCIENCE

- 1 Be a Supportive Role Model**  
  
*Model* resilient behaviors. Be calm and consistent. Admit your own mistakes and talk about how you'll get better next time.
- 2 Let Them Make Mistakes**  
  
Let them see the *consequences* of their actions. They will learn how to bounce back from their mistakes and do better next time.
- 3 Praise The Right Way**  
  
Give "process praise" by focusing on *strategies, progress, or effort*: "I can tell you've been working really hard." or "You really understand decimals."
- 4 Teach to Manage Emotions**  
  
Teach that *all* emotions are okay. Deal with bad behavior to set limits. Brainstorm ways to fix the problem and prevent it in the future.
- 5 Teach to Problem Solve**  
  
Don't rush to solve problems for them or tell them the solution. Brainstorm solutions to address the challenge. Discuss potential consequences of each solution.

# Notice Board

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## Reminder from the Music Department

All ensembles and tuition will have re-commenced from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January – please ensure that you check the timetables for each instrument through FireFly, noticeboards on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of PPS and 1<sup>st</sup> floor of GPS, and also on the Music Department website

<https://portlandplacemusic.com/extra-curricular-music/music-lesson-timetables/> as well as the diary page in The Buzz for the ensembles open to students across the school. Also, as a reminder, parents / students wishing to cancel lessons must provide written confirmation within the notice period of 2 weeks prior to the end of each half term to avoid being charged for the subsequent term.



## Webpage of the Week

This week looks at how depression in girls is linked to higher use of social media.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/jan/04/depression-in-girls-linked-to-higher-use-of-social-media>

# Notice Board

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## LAMDA

As we start the new term, I am pleased to announce we have some availability for our LAMDA lessons on a Monday after school. Pupils of Portland Place School can develop their speech and drama skills, through our LAMDA acting classes.

LAMDA is the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. These sessions are a drama-based extracurricular alternative to the Associated Board Music exams where students work through a series of Grades from Entry Level to Grade 8.

LAMDA examinations are designed to equip candidates, whatever their age or aspirations, with a range of skills that will serve them throughout life. Preparation for an examination unlocks the imagination and develops creative-thinking and communication skills as well as refining technical skills and artistry.

For more information about our LAMDA acting classes at Portland Place School, please email [david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk)

# News

## Library News



- Congratulations to Anastasia in Year 8, winner of our 12 Books of Christmas Quiz!
- Our Book Club students enjoy the film version of The Perks of Being a Wall Flower after finishing the novel this term.
- Librarian Helen Smith curates The Reading Times annually, it's a TV guide that shares the best TV adapted from books over the Christmas period. To access the guide, please go to Firefly, choose resources and it is on the library page.
- Ms Magniez, Alex and Max (Year 8) enjoying the French Euro Tool Box books in our library today.
- For more library news and to see the best books of 2018 as recommended by Portland Place staff and students have a look at our library blog:

<http://ppsreading.blogspot.com/>

# News

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## Trip to Valencia

On Saturday 15 December our PPS Spanish students visited the beautiful city of Valencia for five days. During the trip they experienced visits to the Science Museum, Aquarium, the Valencian market gardens and La Albufera. It was a tremendous trip, one that also included plenty of tapas, flamenco dancing and paella - the traditional dish of Valencia. A big thank you to Miss Picado for organising the trip, the students were fantastic and were real assets to the school.



# News

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## Euston Foodbank Donations

We were incredibly proud to donate 224kg of food to Euston Foodbank on behalf of the PPS community this week and raise £540.20. The students of the Charity Committee unpacked our 10 crates of donations and weighted them after visiting the premises of the food bank. Thank you to Dorothea Hackman who welcomed us and shared her experience as a volunteer. A huge thank you all the students, parents, teachers, admin and premises staff who worked together on this project and well done to our wonderful Charity Committee team: Amitis, Zeynep, Isla, Alex and Kieran!



# News

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## Strive in History

As part of his Strive History project on the Georgians Kieran McKintosh in Year 8 brought his work alive when he cooked up a storm! After doing some research on the Georgians and taking the work of Jane Austen as inspiration Kieran wanted to explore the inequalities of wealth during the Georgian era, and a perfect way to do this was through the different foods each class ate. Taking this further, he brought the culinary past alive and made two Georgian pound cakes, kindly bringing them in for the class to enjoy. Ms Butler's History class thoroughly enjoyed their slices of cake...but could probably safely say they may be a bit weighed down if they had to follow this Georgian diet every day!

An excellent example of how History can be brought alive through exploration and project work!



# News

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## 6th Form Drama

This week the 6<sup>th</sup> form Theatre Studies students have been creating their own movement pieces inspired by Metamorphosis and Frantic Assembly's Chair Duets. This is the first step as they prepare for their devised unit which will be performed on the 1 of May.



# Sports results



# Sports

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## Football

### England Futsal and Wolves' Footballer Max Kilman Visits PPS

Former pupil Max Kilman visited the school on Monday to see some of his former teachers and present the school with one of his England Futsal shirts. Max was a sports scholar here from 2008-2015 and played in the Fulham Academy for much of that time. Since leaving he has been studying for a degree in Sport and Business Management, whilst fulfilling his England Futsal duties and playing for Maidenhead FC. Recently, he has been signed for Wolverhampton who are currently 9<sup>th</sup> in the Premier League! He spoke to a few of our Year 8 pupils, some of whom would love to follow in his footsteps. We wish Max every success at his new club and thank him for taking the time to come to see us and kindly presenting his England jersey.



# Sports

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## Football

### Year 6/7 House Football 2018

It's an event the students have been talking about for months and the Year 6/7 House football certainly did not disappoint. When teams were assigning positions and warming up for the tournament it was clear it was going to be a very close contest. The opening round saw victories for Langham against Cavendish and Wigmore against Devonshire with **Jesse Fryer-Jacobs** leading the scoring in his bid for the golden boot.

Round two was a close affair with Cavendish winning narrowly 1-0 against Devonshire and Langham securing their second victory on the day against Wigmore. **Lloyd Day** with the winning goal for Cavendish with certainly the goal of the tournament when he dribbled past four players before smashing into the top corner.

All to play for in the final round of the group stages. Cavendish and Wigmore were going head to head to determine who would progress into the final. Langham with one foot already in the final only needing to avoid defeat to secure their place. In the big match it was close for long periods until a late goal for Cavendish sent them through to the final. They would play Langham who comfortably beat Devonshire 2-0 to make it three wins out of three and favourites to take the title.

The final started off in frantic style and it was end to end. Despite being undefeated in the group stages Langham found themselves a goal down when **Lawton Ballback** scored from close range. Langham had five minutes to get themselves back in the game. They were digging deep and creating chances. However, a heroic performance from Cavendish kept them out and they took the victory. The third and fourth place match ended with victory for Wigmore on penalties.

**Golden Boot winner – Jesse Fryer-Jacobs – 4 Goals**

### Results House Football Year 6/7 – 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Cavendish
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Langham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wigmore
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Devonshire



# Sports

## Table Tennis

### Year 10 House Table Tennis Tournament

On the Thursday afternoon before our Christmas break, Year 10 competed in a House Table Tennis competition. The tournament started with a group stage. Everyone had to play against everyone and all results were recorded. Each student had 15 games each with the winner being first to 6.

The players that went through to the next round were:

**Langham** – Curtis, Luca, Justin and Alex

**Devonshire** – Antonio and Hassan

**Wigmore** – Jayden

**Cavendish** – Uri

In the quarter finals, it was tough competition between the top 8 players. Jayden vs Curtis, Uri vs Antonio, Hassan vs Justin and Luca vs Alex. The atmosphere was loud from the supporters and intense from the players. The semi-finals came down to Jayden vs Justin and Uri vs Alex. Strong games from both tables lead to Alex vs Jayden in the final. It was neck and neck, at one game each. Alex came out stronger – being the individual winner and Langham house the winner of the tournament.

### Final places:

1<sup>st</sup> – **Langham**

2<sup>nd</sup> – **Wigmore**

3<sup>rd</sup> – **Cavendish**

4<sup>th</sup> – **Devonshire**



# Sports

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## Table Tennis

### Year 8 House Table Tennis

The Year 8 Table Tennis tournament, saw the best 4 players in each house enter the 16 player knock out tournament in GPS Hall. It was a very evenly fought competition and there were some notable spin serves and lots of topspin throughout. The semi-finals saw the spirit of PPS at its best, with the entire year group supporting the semi-finalists. The 4 semi-finalists were Bosco, Hamish, Nicolas and Leo. In the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> play-off Nicolas took on Leo and proved to be too strong an opponent using a fantastic variety of shots and spins to his advantage. In the final Bosco took on Hamish, with Eye of the Tiger blaring out in the background much to everyone's amusement and delight! Again this was a closely fought contest with a hugely impressive variety shots but Hamish showed his dominance and bagged the points for Langham House. Well done to all who played it was most enjoyable.

Langham 1st  
Wigmore 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Devonshire 3rd  
Cavendish 4<sup>th</sup>



# Sports

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## Netball

### U14 Westminster Netball League

#### PPS 3 St Marylebone 2

On the last Wednesday of last term the U14 netball squad started off their league campaign. The conditions were not exactly favourable due to constant rain throughout the match but the girls managed to adapt their game to suit the conditions. It was a close contest with our neighbours St Marylebone and very evenly matched throughout. In defence Manuela and Beatrice C aided by Polina playing WD managed to prevent St Marylebone from getting into a good shooting position. In the centre court Beatrice T worked hard against a very fierce opponent, and just had the edge to control the centre court. Amy Cooper was, as always impeccable playing as GA, taking every scoring opportunity she linked well with Scarlett and Hana in attack to score 3 goals. Well done to all, a real show of grit and determination in terrible weather conditions.

Players of the Match: Beatrice Curto and Amy Cooper, equally brilliant!

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### Overall House Standings After 1<sup>st</sup> Term's Events

1st	Devonshire	70
2nd	Cavendish	61
3rd	Langham	60
4th	Wigmore	59

# Calendar & Contact

## Monday 14 January

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 15 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	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
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 16 January

8.00-8.45am	Chamber Choir, 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
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
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 17 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 18 January

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:

#### 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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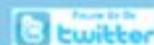
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