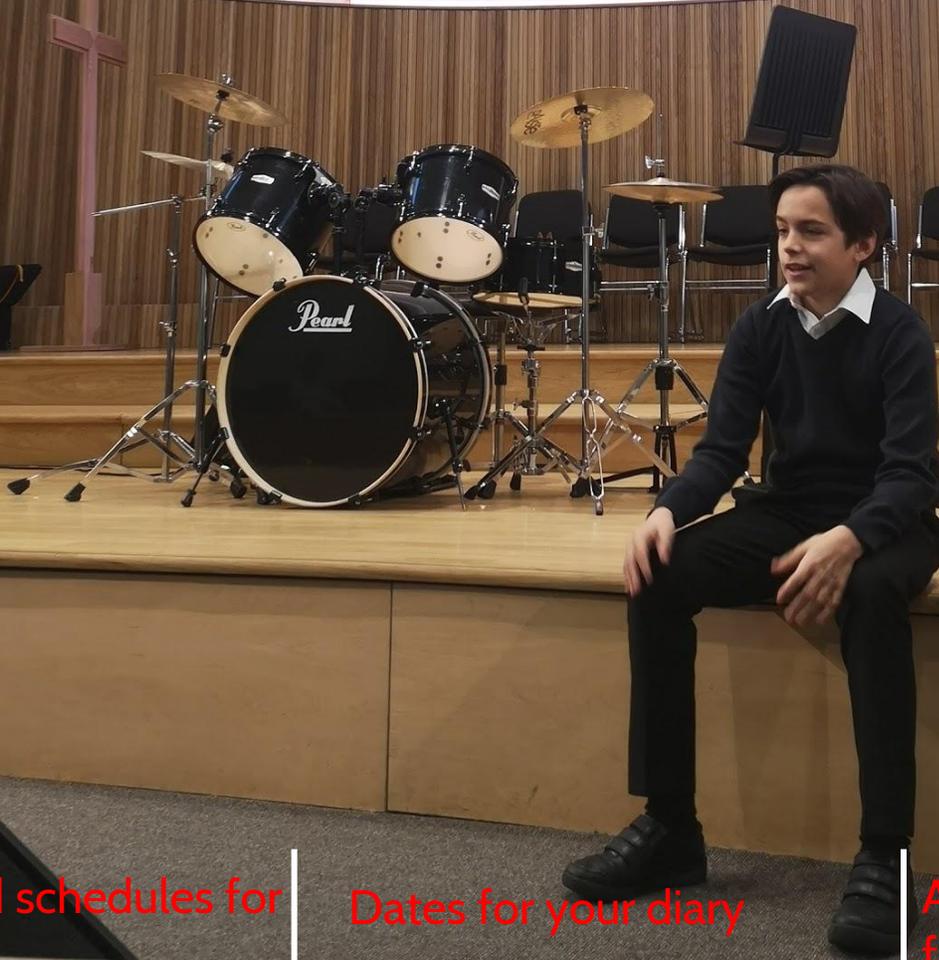


# Weekly Buzz



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## Preparing Year 10 for Post 16 Options

After half term we will start our programme with Year 10 students and parents looking at the choices they will have for study after Year 11. The first events planned are:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Briefing meeting for Year 10 parents and students on what PPS will do and provide over the next year as advice and support.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>/Thu 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Presentation from DLD on BTECs and other alternatives to A-levels.  
[Date tbc]

# News

## The Speakout Challenge at Portland Place School

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the English Department organised The Speakout Challenge. All of Year 10 students participated in a public speaking training day. The students were divided into two workshops and learnt how to be more articulate speakers, control their nerves, construct arguments and perform with confidence.

The workshop was led by trained specialists who maintained high levels of energy and ensured that all of the students got something out of the day. A very significant highlight was Ruben Lorenzi's incredible performance, even though it was his first day at the school! The whole day led to the Year 10s finally delivering carefully written speeches to the rest of the year with the best speakers repeating them in GPS Hall to a wider audience. Congratulations to the winners: Morgan Pugh, Talitha Gordon-Nooy, Nancy Brittain and Dolly Gosling.



# News

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## STRIVE in Drama

This week Jesse Francis Baum submitted his Strive project, a presentation about his passion for Drama. It was a great pleasure for us to see how Jesse is a committed young student in and outside Portland Place. This week Jesse performed his LAMDA monologue *Kid Hero* to the entire school, which demonstrated his enthusiasm for Drama. During his STRIVE project he references his enjoyment of taking part in the extracurricular Buggy rehearsal in which Jesse plays the role of Cagey Joe. It was pleasing to see Jesse taking inspiration from his theatre visits as well as his acting idol Will Farrell. We are very proud of Jesse and look forward to seeing how he continues to grow within Drama. Well done!

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## Visit by William Grill

Last Friday we had the pleasure to welcome prize winner author and illustrator William Grill who came to talk about his books 'Shackleton's journey' and 'The Wolves of Currumpaw' with Year 7 and his career with Year 11.

Raiyan, Year 7, said: "I think the author visit was really amazing. Will Grill's drawing is really inspiring and colourful. I like how he chose to go into the wild to draw."

Roberto, Year 7 : "Will Grill is a good illustrator. He drew lots of pictures for us. I give him ten out of ten."

Huxley, Year 7 : "I thought he was great. He told me how he made his books. It was excellent!"

William Grill's books are available in the library if you wish to borrow them!

Ms Magniez



# News

## Year 6 and Year 7 Reward Points

Mr Bradbury visited Y6&7 assembly this morning to hand out the Pupil reward Points Certificates. Congratulations to the following students:

Year 6

1st Miguel Peleteiro Paniagua

2nd Emily Zhang

3rd Jenny Zhang

Year 7

1st Jesse Francis Baum

2nd Jessy Fryer Jacobs

3rd Tom Hallam



# Sports results



# Sports

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## Swimming

### Westminster Swimming Gala Boys Team Are Westminster Champions

Last Thursday we took a group of 26 students to Queen Mother Sports Centre at Vauxhall to compete in the Westminster Swimming Gala. With a packed timetable, the day got underway quickly with a 10 minute warm up followed by individual backstroke races to begin the competition. We had **Grace Bradshaw, Polina Zaluzhskaya, Dasha Lebedeva, Jesse Francis-Baum, Max Hubert and Dylan Young** swimming in their age groups for backstroke. They were all very close races, particularly great was Dasha, gliding through the water and she walked away with a silver medal! Jesse, Max and Dylan also swam well and were awarded a bronze medal.

The next group of races was breaststroke where we had **Sumayyah Mahmoud, Daisy Lewell, Marielle Staunton, Lloyd Day, Victor Calbucci and Oscar Bolgar** swimming. The year 10 girls' race was neck and neck between the swimmers, unfortunately Marielle just missed out on a medal. The boys however all came away with medals, Victor and Oscar with bronze and Lloyd with a silver!

Then it was butterfly. This is always a tough race, even for those who know how to swim butterfly. We had **Lana Tuite, Beatrice Thompson, Marielle Staunton, Rudy Bigoni, Elliot Macleod, Dylan Young and Max Ackermann**. There was some excellent technique across races and five of our swimmers came away with medals: Elliot, Max and Lana with bronze, Rudy with a silver and Dylan with a gold!

Freestyle was the last individual race. The competition was tough, there were some excellent swimmers competing. Our swimmers were **Violet Brodie, Eleonora Guist, Ava Jones, Leo Newbury, Elliot Macleod, Milan Luther and Max Ackermann**. They gave it their all and again 5 of our swimmers got medals. Ava and Milan received bronze awards, Leo and Elliot got silver and Max came in 1<sup>st</sup> place and got a gold medal!

Onto the relays – first up there was the medley relay which requires 4 swimmers to swim a stroke each in the order of Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, and Freestyle. We entered 6 relay teams, who nearly all placed and received medals. The year 9 girls team with Polina, Daisy, Beatrice and Lana (swam butterfly for them), came in with a bronze medal and Year 10 girls team, Dasha, Marielle, Freya and Ava also got a bronze medal. The year 7 and 8 boys' teams both got silver medals, Jesse Freyer-Jacobs, Lawton Ballbach, Rudy Bigoni and Leo Newbury for the year 7s and Max, Victor, Elliot and Jake Cossey for the year 8s. Finally, the year 9 boys came away with an excellent win and gold medal! Well done to Dylan, Oscar, Milan and Elliot (who swam again!).

The last event of the day was the freestyle relay. Nearly all competitors swam in this event. Each team swam their hearts out for the last time that day and came away with even more medals. The year 10 girls got bronze, the year 7 and 8 boys' teams got silver and the year 9 boys got gold!

# Sports

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## Swimming Continued...

Results came in for the day- unfortunately the girls didn't manage to get a place overall as there were lots of competitive girls schools, but the boys finished in first place! A fantastic finish to the day! Lots of happy faces and exhausted bodies, Portland Place did amazingly. Well done to all the competitors your attitude and efforts were representable of your results.



# Sports

## Basketball

With two teams from each house, the tournament format was an eight team knockout with 1<sup>st</sup> round losing teams going into separate semi-finals to decide places 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Some houses elected for a first and second team, whilst others preferred a more even split of players so as to field two equally strong sides. In the first round, both Wigmore and Devonshire teams lost their matches which effectively ended their chances of winning the overall tournament. In their semis Wigmore 1 defeated Devonshire 1, while Devonshire 2 got the better of Wigmore 2. In the 5/6<sup>th</sup> place final Wigmore 2 won 4-0 against Devonshire 2. The 7/8<sup>th</sup> final was even more one-sided with Devonshire 1 beating Wigmore 2, 6-1. In the main semis a very strong looking Langham side beat Cavendish 2, 4-0. In the second semi Cavendish 1 and Langham 2 were tied at full time and became involved in a very exciting and lengthy sudden-death shoot-out to decide who would face Cavendish 1 in the final. Eventually Cavendish won and they went on to win the final 6-2. In the 3/4<sup>th</sup> final Langham won 4-2 against Cavendish 2. This was a very competitive tournament and all the pupils in this mixed contest performed with great determination and skill. Player of the tournament goes to **Lawton Ballbach**, whose all-round play really stood out. He was also top scorer with 16 open play points. **Muhammad Javaid** was second highest scorer with 12 points and **Chris Dhali** and **Sid De Rozario** equal third with 8 each.

### Results:

1<sup>st</sup> Cavendish

2<sup>nd</sup> Langham

3<sup>rd</sup> Wigmore

4<sup>th</sup> Devonshire



**Lawton Ballbach** shoots in the sudden death shoot-out

# Sports

## Basketball

### Year 9 House Basketball

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> PPS year 9's competed in their annual house basketball competition. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and highly competitive morning with some excellent basketball on display. Please see the tournament results below.

#### Round 1

Cavendish 4 v 0 Langham  
Devonshire 0 v 0 Wigmore

#### Round 2

Cavendish 4 v 2 Wigmore  
Devonshire 10 v 0 Langham

#### Round 3

Cavendish 2 v 2 Devonshire  
Langham 0 v 2 Wigmore

#### MAIN FINAL

Cavendish 1 v 2 Devonshire

**YEAR 9 HOUSE CHAMPIONS – DEVONSHIRE!**



#### Final Results

1st - Devonshire  
2nd - Cavendish  
3rd - Wigmore  
4th - Langham

#### Top Scorers:

1<sup>st</sup> Jan Ceylan – 4 Baskets  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sid Marber – 3 Baskets  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vasilis Koutrakos, Freddy Goold – 2 Baskets

# Sports

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## Athletics

### Westminster Sportshall Athletics Championships

On Wednesday afternoon, Portland Place's Year 7's and 8's took part in the Westminster Sportshall Athletics championships, held at the Moberly Sports Centre. With 12 schools contesting the meeting and over 300 pupils attending, it was an exciting and competitive competition. Winning schools would have the chance to represent their borough at the London Youth Games later this winter in this modified format of indoor athletics.

Victories were hard to come by for the Portland teams but our pupils worked hard, giving their all and were able to produce some very solid results. The highlight of the day was Portland's Year 7's winning the blue ribbon event, the 4 x 2 lap relay. **Lloyd Day** got the boys off to a terrific start with his opening leg and very solid runs from **Jesse Francis-Baum** and **Benny Miller** kept us in contention. Anchor leg runner **Edwin Hounkanli** took the baton with about 5m to make up and was able to clinch the victory on the line. This performance and the efforts of the rest of the team enabled the Portland Year 7 boys to finish a highly creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in that year group. Our year 8 boys managed 7<sup>th</sup> overall with the highlight possibly being **Nicolas Bartha's** 7.50m shot put. The year 7 girls were able to place 6<sup>th</sup> overall with **Lana Tuite's** 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 6 lap race their best showing of the day.

All the pupils who took part should be very pleased with their efforts and the final finishing positions of our teams was extremely respectable considering the standard and size of many of the schools attending.

# Sports

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## Netball

### U12/U13 Netball Friendly vs More House

The Year 7 and 8 girls went out with determination on Monday afternoon, we travelled down to Battersea Park to play More House in a friendly netball game. They had their head in the game and wanted to win. The game started off very close in the first quarter with only 1 goal each. In the second quarter they lost a bit of focus and unfortunately went 4 goals down. After a half time discussion, their minds were back in the game and focused, keeping the third quarter at 1 goal each. More House stepped up their game play and got 2 more goals in the final quarter, finishing with 9 goals to 3. A close game with quite equal ability across both teams, the girls fought their way through the match, holding a lot of possession but unfortunately the score didn't show this. **Sumayyah Mahmoud** had some excellent catches and intercepts throughout the game, as well as **Irene Peleteiro Paniagua** who covered so much ground across the court and defended her player really closely. Great efforts from the girls, unfortunately the second quarter let them down this time, but they played very well overall. The final score was 9:3 to More House. Player of the match, voted by More House, and to which I'm in agreement with, went to **Sumayyah Mahmoud**.



# Calendar & Contact

## Monday 25 February

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 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, R22  |
| 1.00-1.20pm  | Years 9-11 Maths Challenge & Enrichment Club, R24 |
| 3.45-5.00pm  | Arabic for Beginners, R36                         |
| 4.00-6.15pm  | Lamda Lessons in PPS Hall                         |

## Tuesday 26 February

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 8.20-8.50am  | Year 12 Extra Help, Ms Segerstrom, G13 |
| 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, R22                        |
| 3.45-4.45pm  | GCSE Geography Club G24                |
| 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            |
| 3.45-4.30pm  | KS4 Maths Club, G12                    |
| 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 27 February

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 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 28 February

|              |                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 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          |
| 3.45-4.30pm  | GCSE Classical Civilisation, G31   |
| 3.45-5.00pm  | Mandarin Beginners/Advanced, R35   |
| 4.00-5.00pm  | Bugsy Rehearsals, see schedule     |

## Friday 29 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

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

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