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28th June - 2nd July, 2020

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BARCELONA

COST

£875



CONCERTS

2 to be confirmed

Hotel with pool and by the beach

TRIPS

Port Aventura Theme Park

Barcelona City Centre

including:

- Sagrada Familia
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**ONLY FOR
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ATTENDERS TO
PPS CHOIR &
CHAMBER
CHOIR**

Open to all year groups to join.

Choir rehearsals every
Thursday, 12:45-13:30,
Room 1

See Mr Hill or Miss Boyle
for a letter

Notice Board

Whole School Assembly Thursday 4th April 9.30—10.30am 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 4th April 9.30am - 10.30am, at the Salvation Army's Regent Hall.

Do join us to celebrate student achievements so far in this academic year including Sports, Mathematics and rewards points.

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*

News

Future DJs Roadshow

We were so pleased to host another Roadshow by FutureDJs, our DJing lesson provider. A great time was had by all in PPS Hall during lunchtime on Wednesday with many of students getting the opportunity to have a go! If you are interested in DJ lessons, or any other music tuition, please contact Mr Hill, Director of Music (steve.hill@portland-place.co.uk) for an application form.



News

Creative Writing by Freya Francis-Baum

This is an extract from Freya's excellent Year 10 English creative writing task in which she responded to a picture, using a variety of linguistic devices and ambitious vocabulary for effect:

The serpent slowly slithered as it coiled itself around the silk, slender branch. The ebony and ivory patterns wrapped around its body with shades of crimson red, as if it was bathing in the blood of its victims. Through the exuberant green fields of the delicate, intricate green grass, emerged vapours from the hostile waterfall in the distance. The dripping droplets clung onto the rich soil embedded in the thick cluster of nature. The piercing sun shone through the emergent layer of the canopy, introducing each plant to the exasperating life that lay ahead.

Carnegie Book Reviews

Our Carnegie shadowing is off to a flying start with our book packs having arrived this week! Check out our reviews and ideas on our shadowing page at:

<https://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=27550>

We meet every Thursday in the library at 1pm. Everyone is welcome; bring your lunch!

- Miss Hubner



Sports results



Sports

Good Luck to Sam Ingram!

Year 9's **Sam Ingram** will be running in the National Independent Schools Cross Country Championships at Princethorpe School in Rugby this Saturday. Sam, who won the Westminster cross country title earlier in the season, qualified to represent the North London area by finishing inside the top 6 at the regional meeting in Bedford back in February. He will be part of a North London team of around 10 athletes who will race against the other ISA regions, such as London West and The North. This will be a very competitive event, including many of the best cross country runners in the UK. We wish Sam the very best of luck!



Sports

Swimming

Y6/7 House Swimming Gala

On Monday morning Portland's Year 6 and 7's competed in their house swimming competition in the indoor pool at Oasis Leisure Centre near Covent Garden. This was a mixed contest, featuring boys and girls from both year groups to contest 25m individual events, including the individual medley and both medley and freestyle relays.

Wigmore made a terrific start; winning the first four races with **Josh Feldman** and **Leo Newberry** taking gold in the 25m breaststroke A and B races and **Benny Miller** and **Daniel Calbucci** taking wins in the 25m backstroke. **Anastasia Dillon Demosthenous** won the girls' backstroke, claiming Langham's first win of the morning and **Rudy Bigoni** won the first of several golds for Devonshire in the 25m Butterfly A race. **Chris Dhali** won the B race for Langham, with **Rudy Bigoni** taking gold in the 25m freestyle A race and **Ali Abdel-Khaleq** winning the B race for Wigmore, whilst **Grace Bradshaw** won the girls' race for Langham. In the individual medley, **Rudy Bigoni** took his 3rd win of the day and in the relay event, the Wigmore team of **Sonny Shelton**, **Miguel Peleteiro Paniagua**, **Daniel Calbucci** and **Benny Miller** struck gold. Wigmore were also triumphant in the freestyle relay thanks to the efforts of **Josh Feldman**, **Sonny Shelton**, **Ali Abdel-Khaleq** and **Benny Miller**. This capped off a dominant display for Wigmore as they easily won the gala ahead of second place Langham. Well done to all the individual winners and all those who took part and won points for their house!

Overall placings

1 st Place: Wigmore	66 points
2 nd Place: Langham	51
3 rd Place: Devonshire	42
4 th Place: Cavendish	30

Sports

Swimming

Year 8 – House Swimming Results 2019

Since January all the students have been swimming on Wednesday mornings and to conclude the term the entire year group took part in the annual house swimming gala. There was a great atmosphere and the pupils worked together to create a fantastic competition. The format included two races for each of the four strokes, an individual medley, team medley and team freestyle relay.

The first race was a close contest in the breaststroke and the winner with time of 25.10 seconds was **Victor Calbucci** for Wigmore. Wigmore also took victory in the Backstroke with **Bosco Buonaguidi**. Cavendish took the victory in the freestyle with **Jake Cossey** recovering from a difficult start to win with a time of 22:05 Seconds. Arguable the performances of the day went to **Elliot Macleod** in the butterfly who took victory with an outstanding time of 17.75 Seconds.

We also ran B races which were incredibly competitive and provided valuable points for the overall results. This included wins for Devonshire, Wigmore and Langham. After the main strokes were completed three houses were separated by just 7 points. This ensured the IM and relays were all to play for going into the final races.

Wigmore were in the mix for the title going into the final stages and they managed to raise their game and take victory in all of the closing events. The individual medley was superbly won by **Max Hubert** in a time of 1:43. The team of **Max, Victor, Arthur** and **Bosco** won the Medley relay and **Max, Victor, Irene** and **Bosco** also took victory in the freestyle relay with a very impressive time of 1:24. Well done to Wigmore!

1st – Wigmore

2nd – Devonshire

3rd – Cavendish

5th – Langham

Calendar & Contact

Monday 1 April

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 2 April

8.20-8.50am	Year 12 Extra Help, Ms Segerstrom, G13
12.45-1.20pm	Netball Shooting Club, PE Basement
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	Design Club for KS3
4.00-5.00pm	Football Club, Regents Park
4.00-5.00pm	GCSE Design Club

Wednesday 3 April

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
3.45-4.45pm	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
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Computing Club, G11
7.00pm	Bugsy Malone

Thursday 4 April

9.15am	Whole School Assembly
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
7.00pm	Bugsy Malone

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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