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# MUSIC TOUR 2020

## WHEN

28th June - 2nd July, 2020

## WHERE

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
- Las Ramblas

**ONLY FOR  
REGULAR  
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

**The shortlist is out... and it's amazing! Come along to our KS3 book club on Thursday in the library at 1pm to read, review, blog, chat and snack! Any questions contact Miss Hubner.**



# Letter from the Headmaster

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As you may be aware from pieces I have written in past newsletters, I am fully convinced of the educational value for our students of having tablets (iPads) as tools to use in their learning. At a simple level they have access to all of human knowledge via the web. However, iPads also provide so many more opportunities to enhance the learning and work of our students. For example, in Science, iPads can use apps to turn them into a range of sensors and timing devices; in PE, video capture of performance allows detailed coaching for students; with OneNote the iPad becomes a convenient, fast collaborative tool for students work; to enhance our work supporting dyslexic students, iPads allow individuals to work with documents in a font, size and background colour that supports their personal needs.

In the coming weeks, and starting with Year 8, we will be issuing each student in Years 7 to 9 with their own iPad that they will have use of throughout the time they are with us at Portland Place. More details are in a letter I have sent to parents of Years 7, 8 and 9 students today and further details of the roll out will appear in newsletters.

This is not to say that an iPad is an all-encompassing tool supplanting what has been done before. There will be times, many times, when a whiteboard and a marker pen remain the best and most effective way to teach a lesson. Our students will continue to learn and practice many skills that cannot be done on an iPad – for instance, handwriting!, and laboratory or workshop skills. The iPad is there to enhance and extend what we can do in a classroom, to enhance and extend the learning and teaching here at Portland Place. And alongside this our students will be learning the responsible, positive and professional uses of these now ubiquitous devices, another skill they will need in their future.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bradbury'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Bradbury  
Headmaster

# Notice Board

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## DLD College London Information Evening

On Wednesday 27th March we will be welcoming DLD College London to Portland Place to speak with our Year 10 parents about the A Level and BTEC opportunities being offered post Year 11. The event is due to start at 5.00pm. If you haven't done so, please could all parents RSVP to either Joe Kubik, Mike Flack or Golnar Narvani.

Furthermore, should any parents have any questions or concerns about Post 16 opportunities, please get in touch with our Post 16's Advisor, Mr Flack ([mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk)).

## Whole School Assembly Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## IFRU London Competition Winners

Bravo to Casper, William and Josh who have won the IFRU London competition with their film reviews! They each won a poster, book and two cinema tickets to Cine Lumiere merci l'Institut Francais they're so happy and proud - and so are we!



## “Adventure”, another great Raspberry Pi project by Irene Peleteiro Paniagua (year 8)

**Irene:** This project is a video game. Players are in an island and need to make certain choices in order to survive. *Would you dare to try?*

**Mr Caballero:** Excellent use of iterations (while loops) and selections (if, elif, and else) in *Python* programming language. *I will definitely have a go!*

```
time.sleep(3)
print("You now have ", hp, "hp\n")
if hp <= 0:
    print("You died.")
else:
    print("Well done, you survived!")
print("Your adventure has ended")

time.sleep(3)
print("You think for a while")
time.sleep(3)

else:
    print("You think for a while")
    time.sleep(3)

elif direction3 == "b":
    print("You dance with him")
    print("He tells you to be careful, there are snakes, you avoid them\n")
    break

elif direction3 == "a":
    print("You jump")
    print("The unicorn catches you and gives you 70hp for being cool\n")
    hp = hp + 70
    break

if direction3 == "c":
    print("You walk away, then snakes bite you\n")
    hp = hp - 50
    break

direction3 = input("Wich one do you choose? ")
direction3 = direction3.lower()
while True:
    direction3 = input("Wich one do you choose? ")
    direction3 = direction3.lower()
    if direction3 == "c":
        print("You walk away, then snakes bite you\n")
        hp = hp - 50
        break
    elif direction3 == "a":
        print("You jump")
        print("The unicorn catches you and gives you 70hp for being cool\n")
        hp = hp + 70
        break
    elif direction3 == "b":
        print("You dance with him")
        print("He tells you to be careful, there are snakes, you avoid them\n")
        break
    else:
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# News

## Year 7 Volcanoes

As part of their Plate Tectonics module every student in Year 7 made their own 3D volcanoes. We explored some of the volcanoes in our Geography lessons and ate Jesse's volcano cake! Miss Campbell



# News

## GCSE Music Showcase

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, our Year 11 GCSE Music students showcased some of the assessment pieces that they had been preparing over the last two years to fulfil the performance component of the GCSE course. The formal assessed recordings took place earlier in the week, but this was a chance to celebrate the progress that they had made and dedication to practice that they had demonstrated.

Well done to Charles Ambler, playing *Gymnopédie No. 1* (Satie) on piano, Laurie Ashcroft performing *Here Comes the Sun* (Beatles), Carla Mora Ventura giving *New Orleans Night Fall* also on piano, and finishing with 'All That Jazz' from *Chicagosung* by Pauline Levy. Thanks to all the staff, parents and friends who came to support the students.

We now look forward to the A Level Recital Evening on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, at 5:30pm in PPS Hall.

Here are a few photos from yesterday afternoon.



# Sports results



# Sports

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## Freya Francis-Baum raises £1020 for Comic Relief!

On Monday lunchtime Y10's Freya Francis-Baum attempted to score 100 shots in netball in 20 minutes to raise money for Comic Relief. The event was due to be held last Friday, but due to the poor, blustery weather it was rescheduled to Monday. Aided by some of the year 7's Freya needed to score over 5 shots a minute, which she more than doubled, achieving an incredible 203 shots – at regulation height - in the allotted 20 minutes. Freya had set up an online sponsorship page and managed to raise a very impressive total of £1020 for Comic Relief. Well done to Freya and a big thank you to all her supporters for helping out on the day.

Incidentally, the most netball goals scored in one hour by a team was 711 and was achieved by the members of North Country Leisure (UK) in Whitehaven, Cumbria, UK, on 26 February 2012. Freya's total over 1 hour would be approaching that score, at a similar rate of scoring. It should be noted that the record was a team effort, with players swapping in and out as they fatigued.



# Sports

## Basketball

### Year 10 House Basketball

After a huge build up, the much anticipated Year 10 House Basketball Tournament took place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining afternoon with a fantastic atmosphere throughout. All 4 houses played some excellent basketball at a very high pace. The 4 houses were split in to A and B teams with each result counting towards the final point tally. Memorable games include Cavendish's victory over Devonshire B team...an early upset in the very first game of the tournament! Langham and Wigmore played out a very closely fought and tense 2-2 draw, the level of noise in the Moberly centre during this match was incredible! However, the game of the tournament saw Wigmore B team beat Devonshire B team 4-2 with a last minute basket from the impressive **Dasha Lebedeva**! After all matches were complete the results were as follows:

#### Overall Results:

1<sup>st</sup> WIGMORE  
2<sup>nd</sup> DEVONSHIRE  
3<sup>rd</sup> LANGHAM  
4<sup>th</sup> CAVENDISH



There were numerous outstanding individual performances over the tournament. **Nicholas Lepart** and **Rueben Lorenzi** both played with great style, **Ava Jones** and **Freya Francis Baum** worked extremely hard and were buzzing around everywhere! For the gentlemen, the player of the tournament was **Rohan Saberi** who was a constant threat and scored some outstanding lay ups. For the ladies, it has to go to **Dasha Lebedeva** who not only played really well but essentially won the tournament for Wigmore with a couple of key scores at important times! Well done to all year 10 players, it was an absolutely brilliant tournament!

| A Team Tournament          | B Team Tournament          |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Devonshire | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wigmore    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wigmore    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cavendish  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Langham    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Langham    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Cavenish   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Devonshire |

# Calendar & Contact

## Monday 25 March

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 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 March

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 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  | Bugsy Rehearsals, Whole Cast, PPS Hall |
| 4.00-5.00pm  | Design Club for KS3                    |
| 4.00-5.00pm  | Football Club, Regents Park            |
| 4.00-5.00pm  | GCSE Design Club                       |

## Wednesday 27 March

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 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                  |
| 4.00-5.00pm  | Bugsy Rehearsal, see schedule                     |
| 4.00-4.45pm  | GCSE Computing Club, G11                          |

## Thursday 28 March

|              |                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 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 March

|              |                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 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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