

The Weekly Buzz



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Dates for your diary

Academic and Sports
fixtures

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

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including:

- Sagrada Familia
- Las Ramblas

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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

Letter from the Headmaster



We have reached that time of the year once more when Years 13 and 11 begin their study leave ready for the upcoming exams.

Year 11 had their last day on Wednesday. Sadly the weather conspired against an afternoon in the park but we were treated to an assembly of reminiscences and personal highlights from Mr Stanway and a very personal piece from Malak (thank you). Their teachers are, of course, still here for them and many are still to be seen in school for that extra bit of revision. Good luck to all, and my thanks to Mr Stanway and the form tutors, Mrs Beattie, Miss Magniez and Mrs Picado, for their expert guidance and support of our students getting them to this point.

Year 13 end their formal lessons today and the weather seems to have been kinder to them and their plan for tea in the park. My thanks to Mr Jones, Ms Lewis and the form tutors, Ms Byrne, Ms Thorne, Mr Flack and Dr Yazdi, for their patience and expertise in guiding Year 13 through their studies and the minefield of UCAS. Good luck to all as well.

All our Year 11 and Year 13 students are holding exciting offers for September - universities, apprenticeships, sixth-form colleges, etc. Bright futures await!

We always like to see, and celebrate, the success of our students - past and present - and I look forward to hearing of their achievements in years to come. In this vein a couple to note now: Albie Marber (Year 12) is in the newly opened film 'Tolkien' - the latest in a series of increasingly high profile roles for him. And we also heard this week from an alumnus, Max Kilman, an England Futsal international who last weekend made his Premier League debut for Wolverhampton Wanderers. Which once more goes to show the range of talents and ambitions of PPS students.

David Bradbury

Headmaster

Noticeboard



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May 2019
5pm - 7pm

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Noticeboard

DLD Visit for Year 10

On the afternoon of Friday 17th May 2019, Year 10 students will be taken to DLD College London for a tour and activities afternoon. DLD will also be providing lunch and an opportunity for students to meet staff and former PPS pupils. A letter has been given to all students today and an intouch will be sent to parents. Students in Year 11 who will be moving to DLD are also invited to attend.

School Exams



The Portland Place School end of year exams will take place from Monday 3rd – 12th June. Students will receive their exam timetables early next week. All the topics that students need to revise will be posted on the individual subject pages of Firefly. The **Revision** tab of Firefly has a useful 'How to Revise Guide' with links to relevant revision websites and tips on how to organise revision.

As well as being shown how to make revision materials in lessons, Ms Halcakova and I will be running a drop-in session on Wednesday 15th and 22nd May from 4-5pm in the library for any students who would like help making revision materials or planning a revision timetable.

Wishing all students every success with their exams.

Ms Findlater
Deputy Headteacher

Noticeboard

KS3 Book Club

The KS3 Book Club are reading at an incredible rate! Come and join us in the library at 1pm on Thursdays. There is also a very exciting competition opportunity for our Carnegie readers. Portland Place is full of talented creative writers so please do get reading and writing! For more information see the link attached or come and see Ms Hubner or Mrs Carvalho.

https://wp.alcs.co.uk/app/uploads/2019/03/ALCS_CKG_Competition.pdf

ALCS NEWS

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ATTENTION ASPIRING YOUNG WRITERS!

19 March 2019

We're delighted to announce the launch of the 2019 ALCS Carnegie and Kate Greenaway (CKG) writing competition, in conjunction with the CKG Awards shadowing scheme.

This year we're challenging young writers, aged between 8 and 16, to think about their favourite books from a whole new perspective. We are inviting them to write a diary entry from the point of view of their favourite character, whilst also thinking about the basic principles of copyright and linking creativity with ownership.

The Prizes

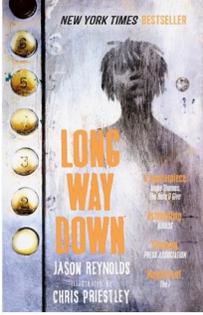
The winner will receive a tablet for their personal use, tickets for themselves and a chaperone to the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards ceremony in London, a selection of Carnegie and Greenaway shortlisted books, and £500 worth of books for their school library. Two runners-up will also receive a selection of the Carnegie and Greenaway shortlisted books. Entrants must be signed up to the CKG shadowing scheme: details of how to do this can be found on the CKG [website](#).

This year's ALCS CKG writing competition closes on Friday 31 May 2019. Find out more details of how to enter [here](#).

OUR REVIEWS

MARNIE, PORTLAND PLACE BOOK CLUB

Long Way Down



I read 'Long Way Down' and it was extremely powerful and relevant. Jason Reynolds has managed to create a literary masterpiece, using the power of verse, that left me in tears and speculating the idea of revenge. The book features Will, a young, black teenager in the USA, who has suffered a great deal of loss due to gun violence. The book really hit home about loss, violence and revenge. I truly loved this book. I definitely recommend it to ages 12+

Posted on: 7th May 2019 at 11:13 am

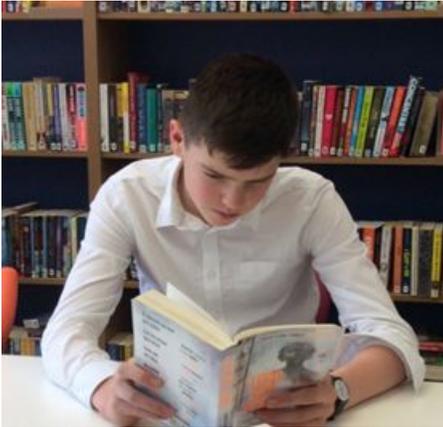
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Library News



(Left: Gordon Year 8, Right: Marnie Year 9)

Several students challenged themselves to reading the Carnegie nominated book 'Long Way Down' by Jason Reynolds this week in the library. It is a short and gripping novel, written in verse, which you can finish in a really short time. Rebecca Year 9 set a record by finishing it in 23 minutes with Marnie, also Year 9, finishing it in 30 minutes! The 2019 Carnegie shortlist are all available to borrow in the library now. Come to library for KS3 book club, every Thursday, 1pm.

Online Resources - Britannica Schools

We are currently trialling this fantastic research resource which is suitable for students from Year's 6 through to 13. Students can use this to look up information to support their homework and projects across all subjects. Britannica fact check everything that is up on their website so it is a more reliable resource than going straight to Google. If you would like to try it with your child at home, please go to Firefly, open Resources and click on Library, you will find all the details there.

Select learning for any level.

The screenshot shows the Britannica Schools interface. At the top, it says "Select learning for any level." Below this are three tree icons representing different learning levels: a small sapling for "Foundation", a medium tree for "Intermediate", and a large tree for "Advanced". Below the trees is a search bar with the word "Search" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a list of features:

- Look for people, places, and things.
- Watch and learn with videos and animations.
- Have fun with games and activities.

NEWS

Reading Challenge Winners - Pizza Parties!



Congratulations to Ms Hubner's Year 7 class and Ms Findlater's Year 8 class (including four enthusiastic readers from Ms O'Donnell's class) who celebrated their success in reading and reviewing lots of books for our pizza reading challenge. Keep up the reading everyone!

Two of the best reviews below. The books are available to borrow in our school library.

The House With Chicken Legs

Marinka is quite unfortunate.

Unfortunately, Marinka wants desperately to make the house she live in-which unfortunately have chicken legs, and have the habit of moving without warning-to stay in placelong enough so she can make friends.

Extra unfortunately, her grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides the dead to the stars, otherwise the souls would be lost forever!

Extra extra unfortunately, her grandmother wants her to become the next Yagal! But her wishes are different.

Things take a change when she met a boy who lend her his goat, but the house ran off, so there wasn't time to give it back. Another twist when she became friends with a ghost, and stops the chost to go over in time, forcing Baba Yaga to do help the ghost inside the portall!

Soon, Marinka realises her grandma won't come back, and finds herself in heaps of trouble!

Will she find a way to carry her burden and her responsibilities? Find out in this AMAZING book!

Laura
Miss O'Donnell's class

Hilda Book 1

Flying Eye Books

By Luke Pearson

Review by benny

In Miss Hubner's class

Hilda is a girl, I think she is about 11-13. She lives with her mum in the middle of nowhere, basically a plane surrounded by rivers, forests and mountains. She is constantly on adventures, sketching strange animals and looking for strange beasts.

This is a comic full of incredible twists and turns, cute animals, definitely Twig (Hilda's DearFox), and amazing colours and illustrations. This a is a MUST READ BOOK!!!

One of my favourite characters is probably the Wofs, there basically big yellow balls with a tail and a cute little face. Hilda uses them to get around places by jumping on the back of them. Twig I said also a VERY cute character. Twig is Hilda's pet, this might sound strange but Twig is a DearFox. A DearFox is a cross between a dear and a fox, pretty simple.

Thank you for reading my review.

Benny

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Meet Paolo and Billy, our PPS plants!

After the successful introduction of reusable water bottles instead of plastic cups, the Eco committee decided to focus on making PPS a greener environment by growing plants in some parts of the schools and buying plants for others. During a series of gardening sessions with Mr Thompson, we planted peas, sweet peas, chillies and tomatoes as well as some flowers like pansies, nemesias and geraniums in the courtyard behind Mr Bradbury's office. You will also notice that the library and reception areas in the three buildings now all have potted plants. Rumour has it that Gary has already named two plants after West Ham football players so next time you go to PPS reception, feel free to greet Paolo and Billy!

If you would like to join our team of PPS gardeners or the Eco-committee even for a couple of sessions only, please contact Miss Magniez at charlotte.magniez@portland-place.co.uk, we always welcome new volunteers.

For more updates and photos, please follow us on Twitter: [@PPSstudentvoice](https://twitter.com/PPSstudentvoice)

Miss Magniez and the student Eco-Committee



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Year 9

On Wednesday year 9 had the opportunity to hear an incredibly moving talk from Holocaust survivor Zahava Kohn and her daughter Hephzibah Rudofsky. The story was one of hope, courage, love and resilience. Year 9 were superb and both visitors commented on how attentive the year group were and praised their emotionally intelligent questioning at the end. I would like to thank Zahava and Hephzibah for coming in to share their powerful story and for providing year 9 with a lesson which went far beyond the classroom.



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A Christmas Carol comes to Portland Place!

On Thursday 2019, the English Department organised a theatrical performance of *A Christmas Carol* in GPS Hall. *On Set Texts* is company which produces and performs fast-paced adaptations of Literary Heritage texts from the GCSE Syllabuses, acting as a teaching and revision aid for students. The company performed Dickens' classic in a humorous and engaging manner, interacting with our students and making the text come to life. This also offered the students another opportunity to learn key quotations for their GCSE exams. The performance was followed by a Q and A session in which the students gained some contextual understanding of Dickens' life and times. Our students loved the experience and it was a delightful way to spend their afternoon.

The English Faculty



Sports results



Sports

PPS CRICKET CLUB



Lords Indoor Cricket Nets

Tuesdays 4-5pm

April 30th

May 7th, 14th, Monday 20th May,

June 4th, 11th

Cricket whites compulsory!

Bring any of your own
equipment

*If you want to attend please speak
to Mr Rider, there is a limit on
numbers so please register ASAP.*

LORD'S
THE HOME OF CRICKET

Rounders Club

Rounders club will be running on Thursday afternoons at Regents Park from 3.50pm – 5.00pm. A bus will be provided. Boys and girls of all years are welcome to attend so please sign up with a member of the PE department.

Sports

Boys Westminster Athletics Championships

On Thursday 2nd May a team of nearly 30 athletes travelled to Battersea Park's Millennium Arena for the annual qualifier for the London Schools Champs. Winners and runner-up are guaranteed selection, but there is also a team event to compete for. Portland's athletes performed admirably and managed to win 20 medals in all, including 7 individual golds. In addition, several pupils placed highly in their heats and produced excellent performances in their events. PPS's boys managed to place 4th overall out of the 11 Westminster schools that contested the event, which was a first rate achievement considering the size of some of the schools attending and a testament to the boys' determined efforts on the day. Special mention must go to **Sam Ingram**, who won all three of his events on the day: 800m, 1500m and high jump, where he completed his winning jump only moments after winning the 800m. Below is a list of medallists and their performances. Please note, the Westminster Sports Unit have not as yet given a list of results with performances, so in some cases the figures may not be perfectly accurate.

Gold

Nicolas Bartha	Y8 Javelin, 22.90m
Lloyd Day	Y7 high jump, 1.33m
Teddy Desmond	Y9 Javelin, 23.60m
Sam Ingram	Y10 800m, Y10 1500m, 5:04.1sec Y10 high jump, 1.53m
Edwin Hounkanli	Y7 100m final, 13.1sec

Silver

Bosco Buonaguidi	Y8 high jump, 1.25m
Jayden Codrington	Y10 shot putt, 9.20m
Lloyd Day	Y7 4x100m relay
Jesse Francis-Baum	Y7 4x100m relay
Edwin Hounkanli	Y7 4x100m relay
Curtis O'Keefe	Y10 1500m, 5:13.0sec
Leo Newberry	Y7 4x100m relay

Bronze

Nicolas Bartha	Y8 high jump, 1.25m
Sylvan Farmer	Y8 4x100m relay
Edwin Hounkanli	Y8 200m final, 28.9sec
Elliot Macleod	Y8 4x100m relay
Sam Meyer	Y8 4x100m relay
Cassius Swales	Y8 4x100m relay

Sports



Sports

U12/13 Cricket Vs North Bridge House – Portland win by 9 wickets

This was a friendly fixture against North Bridge House, played with a training ball at Regents Park. The away side batted first, scoring 42 runs all out in 12 overs. Many of those runs were extras due to some slightly wayward bowling.

Victor Calbucci and **Lucas Munford** opened the batting for Portland and played very steadily as they worked their way towards the North Bridge total. Munford was eventually run out on 10, and **Sam Meyer** partnered Calbucci to just 6 runs short of the needed total before both were retired with Meyer on 15 and Calbucci on 10. The remaining batsmen easily achieved the total with 5 overs to spare, however North Bridge bowled out their remaining balls to give the PPS team some batting practice. Well done to all who played, on what was a good warm-up match to get in early in the season.

Former Pupil Max Kilman Makes Premiership Debut for Wolves

Max began his career in the Fulham Academy whilst attending PPS as a sport scholar from 2008–2015. As a teenager, he joined futsal club Genesis while continuing to play the 11-a-side game and represented the England futsal side. He later joined the academy at Gillingham before signing for Maidenhead United in 2015 after he left school. Loaned out to Southern Football League side Marlow for the 2016–17 season, he returned the following season and made his debut for the Magpies on the opening day of the 2017–18 season against Maidstone United, while continuing his futsal career, signing for Helvécia. He went on to make 39 appearances for Maidenhead before signing for Wolverhampton Wanderers on transfer deadline day in August 2018. He spent the season with the club's under-23 side, helping them to win promotion from the second tier of the Premier League reserve competition

In April 2019, head coach Nuno Espírito Santo stated that "Max is 100 per cent integrated into the (first team) squad... I just see him as a very good football player, a centre-half with quality. He's big, aggressive. He has to improve like all young players, but we're really, really happy with Max." Kilman was first included in a senior match day squad in December 2018 and was an unused substitute on five occasions before the defender made his senior debut for Wolves on 4 May 2019 when he came on as a last-minute substitute in a 1–0 win against Fulham in the Premier League.

We wish Max the very best of luck for next season and who knows...maybe he will play a part in this weekend's title deciding match against Liverpool on Sunday?

Max visited the school last term and presented one of his England futsal shirts.



Calendar & Contact

Monday 13 May

08.00-8.40am	GCSE PE, R35
12.45-1.30pm	Woodwind Ensemble, Mr Slack, R4
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 14 May

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
3.50-5.00pm	Cricket Club, Lords Cricket Ground
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 15 May

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

Thursday 16 May

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
3.50-5.00pm	Rounders Club, Regents Park

Friday 17 May

12.45-1.30pm	String Ensemble, Ms Boyle, R4
12.45-1.30pm	Jazz Band, Mr Hill, R2
1.00-1.30pm	Textiles Club
4.00-6.15pm	LAMDA, Lessons, PPS Hall Y10 Visit to DLD College

TERM DATES:

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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