

The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

17 June 2019

Updated schedules for clubs!

Dates for your diary

Academic and Sports fixtures



PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL

Music Department

presents

Summer Concert 2019

Tuesday 25th June

6.30pm

RADA Studios

Celebration Day!

A paperless post invitation for Celebration Day was sent out to all parents last week, if you have not received it, please find below the details.

AND THE
AWARD
GOES TO...



Portland Place School invites you to
2019 Celebration Day

Thursday, June 27 at 1.45pm
Regent Hall, The Salvation Army

275 Oxford St, London W1C 2DJ (front entrance)

Parents are asked to arrive for 1.30pm
Pupils will be walked back to school and dismissed from there

School uniform

RSVP

This annual prize giving event will be followed by a Champagne reception in the hall at number 56 Portland Place where our Creative Arts department will be showcasing the work of our highly talented GCSE and Sixth Form students. There will also be an opportunity to view The Strive projects in Room 23.

NOTICEBOARD

PPS Morning Provision

PPS morning provision (Reading & Touch Typing) is coming to the end for this academic year. The last sessions will be held next Thursday 20th June.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you back in September.

Ms Halcakova

NEWS

Library News

Royal Society Young People's Book Prize

Our students in Year 6 and 7 have been chosen this year to participate in judging the Young People's Book Prize. This involves critically judging the best science books published for young people this year. It is a great opportunity to read for pleasure and develop critical thinking skills, while simultaneously learning more about science.



This week, Egor read *100 Things to Know about Numbers, Computers & Coding* by Alex Frith, Alice James, Minna Lacey, and Rose Hall. This particular book has been really popular among our students, many of whom have a keen interest in computing.

Egor said:

'This book made me even more interested in computers. I liked reading the facts in this. It would be hard for a student younger than Year 6 to understand but I thought it was okay. I rated it 16/20.'

Jenny and Emily Zhang both read *Planetarium* this week and focused on the beautiful illustrations of space in their reviews.

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Library News



Kunal Patel, Year 7, reviewed *Kid Scientists: True Tales of Childhood from Science Superstars* by David Stabler and gave it a whopping 19/20

He wrote:

"This book is fascinating and interesting. I didn't think I would like it because it was about science, but I thought I would try it anyway. It has made me think twice about science. I was really interested in the background of Katherine Johnson, I had already watched a movie on her life so it was great to learn more about her. You can also read about Marie Curie and Albert Einstein in the book."

Students are trying to read and review as many of the 6 shortlisted books before the summer holidays. Available in the school library now.

Reminder: Overdue Library Books

Please return or renew any outstanding library books before the end of next week. Overdue notices have been sent out to student emails this week and these can be accessed here: <https://www.portland-place.co.uk/firefly/>

Anything overdue and unreturned will be presumed lost and will be added to the school bill.

Carnegie Ceremony

KS3 Book Club will have the chance to watch the Carnegie Book Awards ceremony on Tuesday 18th June, in the library at lunchtime. Our students voted for '[Long Way Down](#)' by [Jason Reynolds](#), a shocking, visceral read about choice and are very eager to see if that will be the winning book this year.

NEWS

Year 6 Trip to the BT Tower - Thursday 13th June

Although it was raining we were excited on arrival.



We went up 34 floors at a speed of 600ft/min in a disco lift.

Then donned our red bibs (thanks Mr. Rider) and waved at you all in PPS at 11:00, did you see us? I'm afraid we couldn't see you as we were too far away (plus 180 metres up in the sky!) and it was raining!



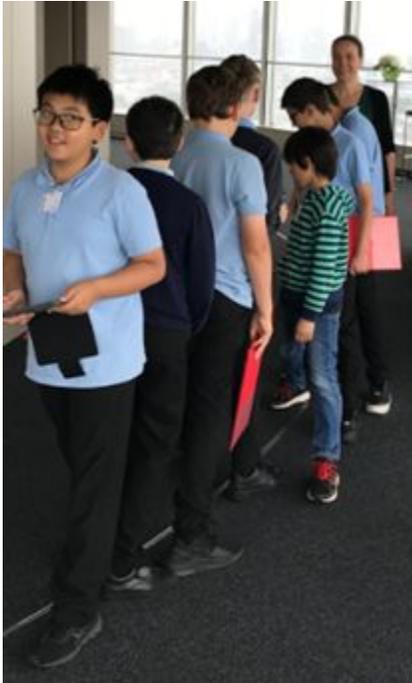
Then it was time for our business meeting...



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Year 6 Trip to the BT Tower - Thursday 13th June

Our fantastic hosts then turned on the 'rotation function'.



And for 22 minutes (360° rotation time) Year 6 completed Emily's spotting quiz with their i-pads. Can you see PPS?



And some proof that we went!



Huge thanks to Emita at the BT Tower for making this possible and to Miss Florea for coming with us and taking these great pictures.

NEWS

Year 10 Drama Performance

On Wednesday the Year 10 GCSE Drama class performed their devised pieces for the Component 2 GCSE Practical Exam to an invited audience of parents, teachers and students. The two groups devised, developed and directed their own performances inspired by the Tea Consent video. They were mature plays that dealt with sensitive issues respectfully, showcasing not only their talent for performing, but all of their hard work in devising. All the students should be very proud of themselves, as we are as a Drama Department. Well done!



NEWS

Year 6 Showcase

On Friday our talented Year 6 students showcased their excellent work from Music and Drama over the past year. The audience were treated to Music from around the world, extracts of Alice in Wonderland, Icarus, music solos, and even a Mexican hat dance!

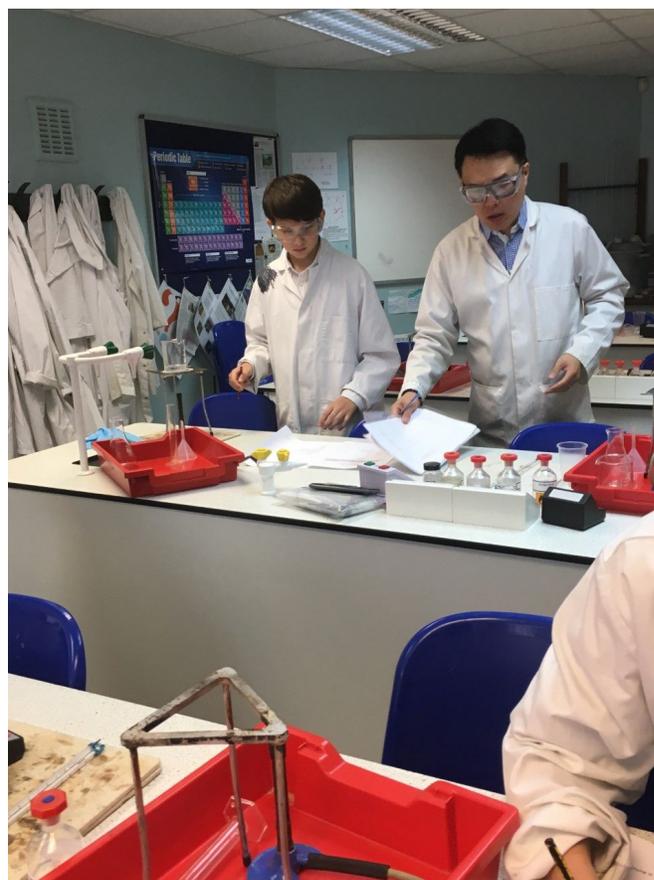
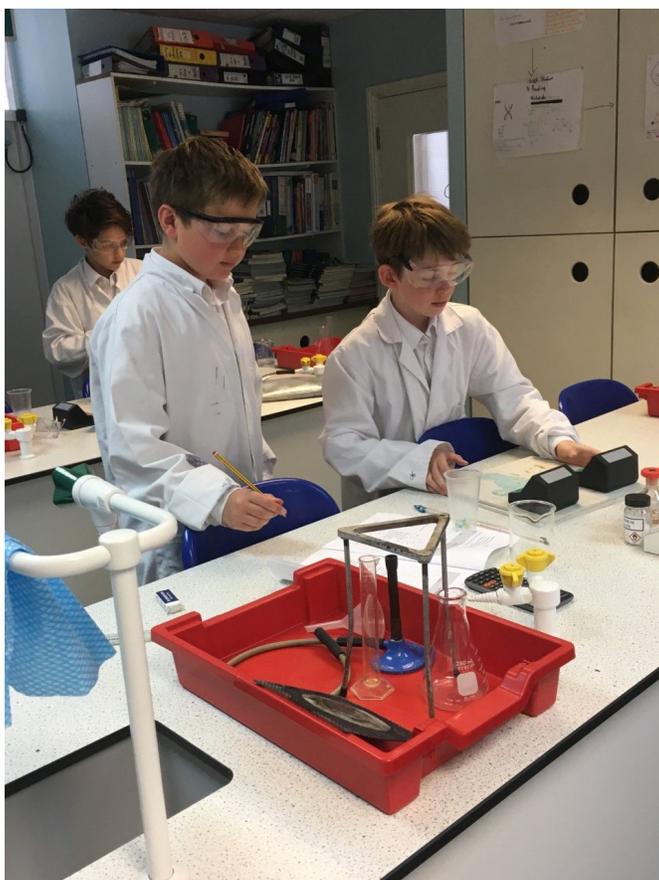
A huge well done to all the students that took to the stage so confidently, and a special thank you to Abby Howard-Yam and Augustus Gibson, our subject champions in Music and Drama, for all their help in lessons over the past year.



NEWS

Year 7 Science Practical

On Wednesday morning, Y7 applied all the practical science skills they have learned this year in their Science Practical Test. Mr Martjiono was on hand to give guidance.



NEWS

Commemoration of Fallen Soldiers and War Hero's By Teddy Scanlan, Year 8

Every year the British Army, along with the combined Irish Regiment march and lay wreaths at the Cenotaph in Whitehall to commemorate the fallen soldiers and war heroes.

For the past 3 years, I have been chosen to represent this memorable day and my great grandfathers who fought for the King and Country.

I have been lucky enough to meet some of the High ranking Officers and I feel very proud. In the photographs, I am standing side by side with the Queens Guard, the Sergeant Major of The Irish Regiment and the Officer who looks after No.10 Downing Street.

For my contribution and keen interest in history and the war, I was gifted a Grenadier Cap Badge and Beret by the Queens Guard which I wore proudly on the day.

I admire my Great Grandfathers for their strength and courage and would love to become a Grenadier Guard one day!



Sports results



Sports

Athletics

Year 7 & 8 London Schools Athletics Championships

The six boys that tubed down to Mile End stadium on Tuesday morning were grateful for a break in the rain and a chance to produce some good performances in their respective events. The boys had qualified to compete for Westminster due to their qualifying performances at the borough competition earlier in the term. First up was Year 8's **Nicolas Bartha** who finished 6th in the javelin with a best effort of 21.64, which he produced with his final effort. Year 7's **Tom Hallam** and **Lawton Ballbach** both produced personal best times in the 1500m with 5:38.4 and 6:23.7 respectively (unofficial). Tom placed 11th, and Lawton 17th. In the Y8 800m **Sam Meyer** ran 2:51.4 (unofficial) for a new personal best to finish 8th. In the Year 8 high jump Nicolas competed for the second time and managed to set a new personal best of 1.40m to place equal 4th, whilst **Bosco Buonaguidi** placed 7th with 1.30m. If medals were awarded for clearing heights as a proportion to height, Bosco would surely have earned one. The 10cm jump from 1.30 to 1.40 was a step too far for him, but he was surely capable of 1.35-1.38m. The final PPS athlete in action was Year 7's **Lloyd Day** who contested the high jump as well. He completed first time clearances at 1.20m and 1.30m, managed 1.35m on the second time of asking to equal his personal best and came very close to 1.38m. His lack of failures meant he placed 3rd on countback, which although being a fine achievement, did little to diminish his disappointment of not jumping 1.38m. He will have to wait until sports day to see if he can manage this.

The boys all showed great effort and organised themselves very capably on the day. All of them equalled or established new personal bests on the day and achieved some good placings in the London area.



Sports

Cricket

Year 9 House Kwik Cricket

Monday morning blessed us with beautiful weather for the beginning of House Kwik Cricket. The semis were Cavendish Vs Devonshire and then Langham Vs Wigmore. There were very close matches on both sides of the park with strong batting games from **Sam Ingram** and **Zeynep Yilmaz** for Wigmore and **Teddy Desmond** for Langham. **Sid Marber** and **Anton Polyakov** communicated well out in the field for Cavendish and **Elliot Greenfield** bowled well for Devonshire. Final scores for the semi-finals were:

Cavendish (41) v Devonshire (46)

Langham (42) v Wigmore (36)

For the 3rd and 4th play offs, Wigmore started really well batting first, leading with 11 runs. Again, there was some great batting from Sam Ingram getting them ahead of the game. Cavendish were second to bat and were too slow for the bowling and got three players out in a row. After a second innings for each team, Wigmore claimed 3rd place with 55 runs and Cavendish finished on 38.

In the final, Langham got off to a good start taking a 6 run lead after the first innings thanks to some strong batting from Dylan Young and Teddy Desmond. However, Devonshire fought back strongly amassing a total of 36 runs after two innings, thanks largely to the batting of **Jan Ceylan**. Langham needed 17 runs to win, but were bowled out 2 runs short of their target by **Lulya Benyam**, with some tremendous fielding from **Freddie Goold**, in particular. Well done to Devonshire!

1st Place: **Devonshire**

2nd Place: **Langham**

Sports

Rounders

Year 9 & 10 House Rounders

The Friday before half term, the Year 9 and 10 girls got involved in a House Rounders competition. Being the beginning of our sunny days in Regent's Park it was a great afternoon for a rounders tournament. In round 1 it was a close match between Cavendish and Langham, which went to extra time where Cavendish managed to get another rounder. There was another close match between Devonshire and Wigmore, with Devonshire just getting in front with 7 rounders to 6 and a half.

Round 2 was a fiercely close game between Cavendish and Devonshire. Cavendish only won by half a rounder. On the other hand Wigmore absolutely smashed Langham 14:2. Langham unfortunately lost again in round 3 with another big defeat against Devonshire. Whereas, Cavendish v Wigmore finished closely with 4 ½ to 5 ½.

After counting goal difference the final places were:

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

Sports

Sports Day

SPORTS DAY 2019

PERIVALE ATHLETICS TRACK, UB6 8TJ - 020 8575 5776

FRIDAY 28th JUNE 2019 - 10.00am - 3.00pm

This year's Sports Day is fast approaching. All parents are very welcome and we hope that as many as possible will be able to attend and cheer on Portland Place pupils during the day's events.

In accordance with last year's arrangements, we are encouraging as many children as possible to make their own way to the track. Pupils who are unable to make their own way will be transported by coach to and from school. Letters have been sent out, so please ensure these are returned to school by **Friday 14th June**.

It is compulsory for all pupils in Years 6 - 10 and the Lower Sixth to attend Sports Day. Although attendance of Year 11 and Upper Sixth form students is optional, the school would be delighted to see as many of these pupils as possible.

For all those who are attending, this year the Parents Association will be holding a charity cake sale which was a great success last year, so please bring along some cakes, homemade or otherwise, to contribute to the stall.

Please be aware that for pupils who travel independently to the track, registration will be at **9.45am**. Pupils who intend to travel to the venue by coach need to attend registration in school at **8.45am** as normal.

Further information about the day will follow later in the term.

House T-shirts

Pupils will be required to wear their house t-shirt for sports day and these will be available to collect from Mr Kubik in the PE department if any pupil does not already have one. The cost of these will be £6 each, which will be added to the termly bill. Please ensure your child has a t-shirt and if you have any questions please contact a member of the PE department.

Calendar & Contact

Monday 17 June

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 18 June

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 19 June

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 20 June

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 21 June

12.45-1.30pm	String Ensemble, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Jazz Band, Mr Hill, R2
1.00-1.30pm	Textiles Club
4.00-6.15pm	LAMDA, Lessons, PPS Hall

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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