



The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School
22 June 2019

Updated schedules for clubs!

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PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL

Music Department

presents

Summer Concert 2019

Tuesday 25th June

6.30pm

RADA Studios

Celebration Day!

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.

Letter from the Headmaster



Wednesday evening saw our inaugural Parent-Staff Pub Quiz in the lovely surroundings of our PP Hall. It was a warm-hearted and entertaining evening – huge fun! It really showed the wider PPS community at its best and my thanks to all those parents and staff who supported the event and took part. The music round was suitably eclectic; flags, I think, was the difference between the two teams including staff; anagrams was a challenge for all; the “illustrate the most embarrassing thing that happened to you at school” round was ... I’ll go with unique.

Christina Boyle and David Chivers entertainingly compered; Jo Sargent provided the questions; Mandy Blakemore, Sarah King and Golnar Narvani organised the whole event – my particular thanks to them all.

For the record, the staff team were runners up, a combined staff-parent team (including me) came third, but the overall winners were a parent team of Jo and Marc Francis-Baum, Melanie Bigoni, Davide Bigoni, Trudy Waldron and Ruth Day. Congratulations – that is a gauntlet laid down for next year!

It is heartening for me to see the number and range of such events increasing year-by-year. The supportive involvement of parents with our wider school community is important and something I want to see continue and continue to develop. Mandy and Sarah have done a great job in the last few years of establishing and building this and I am glad to see the support they are receiving from other parents. If you would like to be even more actively involved I know they would welcome offers and Golnar can put you in touch with them if you don’t already have contact.

Our next two community events are two of the highlights of the year. Celebration Day on Thursday 27th at Regent’s Hall and then Sports Day at Perivale on Friday 28th. I look forward to welcoming you to those.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bradbury'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

David Bradbury

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Symphonfree!

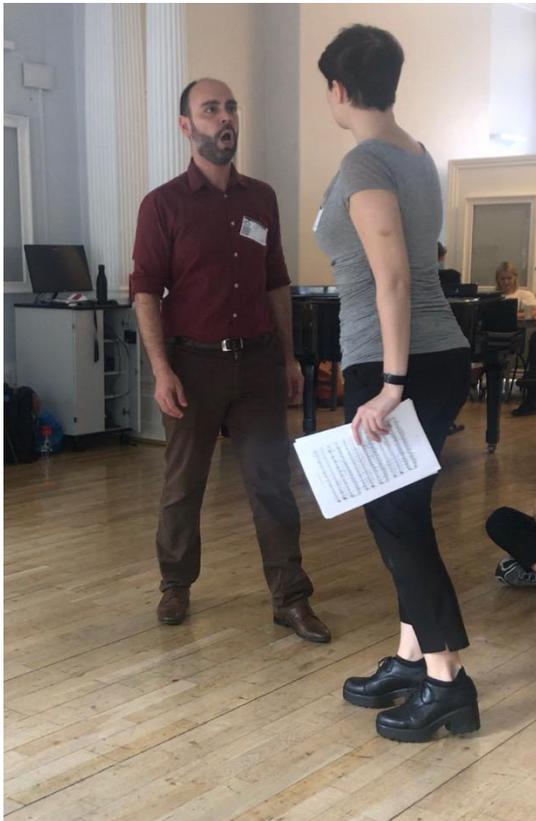
The first full Symphonfree rehearsal took place on Wednesday ahead of the Summer Concert next Tuesday 25th. We are looking forward to hearing the students perform for the first time at RADA Studios.



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Opera Holland Park Workshop

On Thursday morning, 25 Year 9, 10 and 12 students had a fantastic workshop with facilitators and musicians from Opera Holland Park. Games, songs, movement, directing, performances and discussion around the story and themes in the opera 'Un ballo in maschera' prepared the way for our visit to watch the opera next week.



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The new Sixth Form Prefect team!

To celebrate our final year with the Sixth Form, the new prefect team has been chosen. They will ensure Year 13 has a rewarding, enjoyable and successful year.

Head Boy
Albie Marber



Head Girl
Ester Rasmussen



Deputy Head Boy
Louis Shelton



Deputy Head Girl
Eliza Stratton



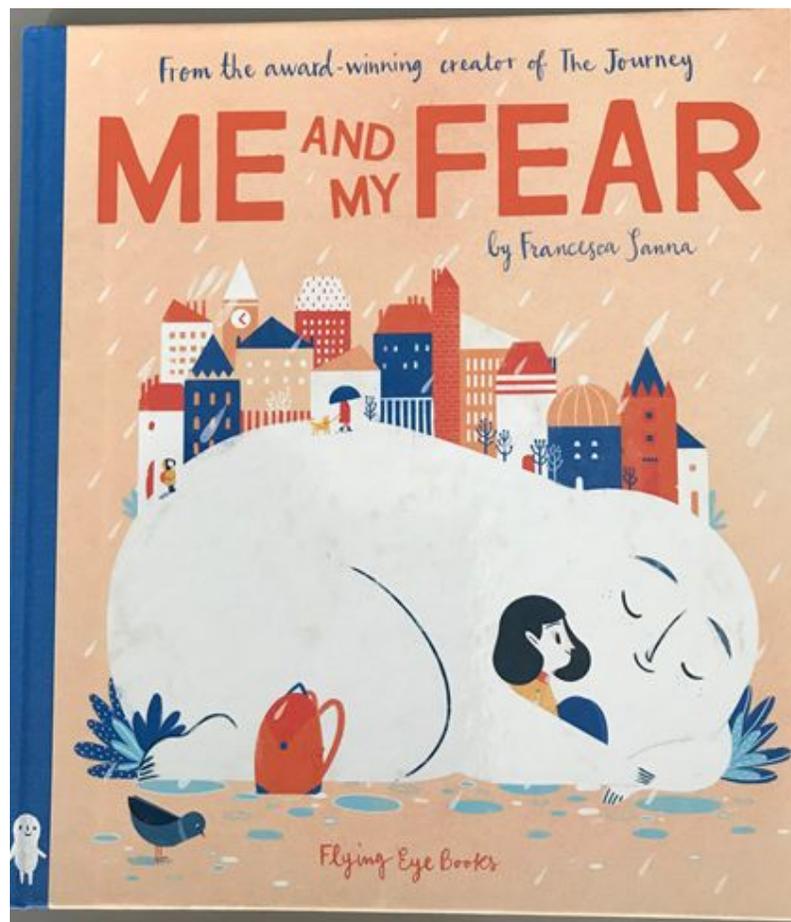
The Perfect Team

Colm Urquhart, Albie Marber, Eliza Stratton, Ester Rasmussen, Zayd Sharif, Louis Shelton, Olivia Shelton, Abby Howard-Yam, Melissa Buckingham, Melissa Pratt

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Year 6 EAL

The Year 6 EAL students have explored different ways of overcoming fear by using Growth Mindset techniques. Last Friday we read from the great book "Me and My Fear" by Francesca Sanna and when we finished, we realised that by saying "yes" more often to opportunities that lie ahead in school and outside of school, we can break through the fear barrier.



Well done to Jenny, Josh, Miguel, Emily, Egor and Thomas for their mature and thought-provoking opinions. I look forward to your presentations about an inspiring person!

Thank you,
Ms Florea

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British Museum Manga Exhibition

Mrs Carvalho brought some of the school's most avid manga readers to see the British Museum's current exhibition on manga on Tuesday. Students were delighted to learn more about the history of this visual and ever-expanding genre. The QR codes on the book shelves and the cos play Special thanks to Ms Bhandari and Ms Magniez for accompanying us. The exhibition will run until the end of August and is free for under sixteens. More information here:

https://www.britishmuseum.org/whats_on/exhibitions/manga.aspx

What the students had to say:

"There was a lot of history and how to draw manga. There were a lot of interactive things like videos on manga to explore. I loved it!" Irene, Year 8

"We went to the manga exhibition in the British Museum; a fabulous journey though the history of manga. There were a variety of different comics and managas frm different time periods, giving us a fantastic taste of art. It was amazing, I love it. I 100% recommend it." Laura, Year 8

"I learned so much more about the creators of manga, lots of people are involved in the process. We were also thought how to draw manga characters. We also learned how to draw manga characters from One Piece. We got to read some of the books as well. I had lots of fun, thanks to the teachers for organising it." Joshua Feldman, Year 7

Manga books available to borrow from our school library for reading over the summer holidays.



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Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Assessment Expedition, 15-17th June



Alex, Luca, Nico, Morgan and Sam set off confidently on Saturday morning fully loaded with supplies (including 150 crepes, essential!).



After some route planning discussions with their assessors they continued at speed.

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Duke of Edinburgh contd...

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Day 2 involved an 8:30 departure, many more crepes for fuel and another 15+ km but sadly not much sunshine!



After having woken up and packed up their tents super early on Monday morning team Silver set off at 05:30 am! This early start combined with their fantastic team spirit and navigation skills led them to complete their route well ahead of schedule at 12:30.



A huge congratulations to the team, all of whom passed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition assessments, worked brilliantly together and were a credit to PPS.

Miss Campbell

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Portland Place School Parents and Teachers Quiz Night

A great night was had from all who participated in the first Portland Place School Teacher and Parents Quiz night! Thank you to the Parents Association for organising the night and to our quiz masters, Mr Chivers and Ms Boyle who kept the jokes coming and managed to keep the rowdy contestants in check! Finally, CONGRATULATIONS to parent team 'Behind the Bike Shed' for coming first!



THE WINNERS!

Sports results



Sports

Cricket

U13 Cricket vs North Bridge House

PPS win by 7 overs

Last Friday afternoon Portland's U13's faced North Bridge House at Regents Park. NBH opted to bat first and started well with their opener playing some good cut shots against PPS's opening bowlers, Sam Meyer and Elliot Macleod. However, the early run rate dropped as Portland's bowlers produced some decent straight bowling. Macleod managed to bowl NBH's best batsman, which slowed their progress still further. Despite a spirited effort from NBH's number 4, they struggled to a very reachable 79 after 16 overs. Isaac Meyer handed his wicket keeping gloves to Leo Sargent to bowl 3 overs for 17 runs and claim a wicket, caught and bowled. He found both bounce and turn from the artificial pitch. Nicolas Bartha bowled 3 overs for 16, as did Meyer and Macleod with figures of 0 for 15 and 1 for 14 respectively. Jake Cossey, Victor Calbucci, Alex Politi and Bosco Buonaguidi all contributed an over each.

Portland's opening batsmen, the Meyer brothers, Sam and Isaac, made short work of chasing down NBH's total. Both batted aggressively, with the left handed Isaac making the most of the shorter boundary on his leg side to hit 5 boundaries on his way to an unbeaten 30. Sam was bowled on 21 and the pair managed to put on 61 runs together. Nicolas Bartha scored 6 to partner Isaac beyond the NBH total and secure the victory in just 9 overs. PPS batted on for 4 more overs with Macleod scoring 5, and Politi and Calbucci just a single each before play stopped.

This was easily Portland's best performance of the season with all team members contributing to the win. The bowling was much more controlled and straight and this kept the extras count down. The running between the wickets was also much improved. A few more wickets would have been possible with better catching in the field and this is an area to work on in the future. Well done to all who played.

Under 12s Cricket v Radnor House

Radnor House won by 8 Wickets

On Monday the Under 12s travelled to Radnor for their first cricket game of the season. The weather has played a key role in our season so far with a couple of cancelled games and it was again prevalent in this game. Portland Place won the toss and decided to bat. Isaac Mayer was the star performer who scored 25 runs before being caught at mid-wicket chasing a boundary. In a reduced over match Portland place finished on 62-5. As the teams changed over the heavens opened temporarily and made bowling a fielding a difficult task. As a result Radnor slowly chipped away at the total and took the victory. Well done boys!

Sports

Cricket contd...

Year 6 & 7 House Kwik Cricket

On Thursday, Year 6 and 7 got involved in a House Kwik Cricket competition. Perfect conditions in the park for a tournament to get some extra points for each house.

In the group stages Cavendish v Wigmore was a close game with many competitive players. Ali Abdel-Khaliq working hard and getting his maximum of 10 runs before retiring. Cavendish team fighting for extra runs, but fell short with a final score of Wigmore 24: Cavendish 21. In the other game, Langham blew it out of the park against Devonshire. Some key performances from Isaac Meyer and Chris Dhali. Langham won 33:22 against Devonshire.

In the 3rd and 4th playoff was Cavendish and Devonshire. An exciting game with many runs made. Cavendish finishing with 41 and Devonshire 28. In the final, Langham batted first. An unbelievable innings from Isaac, Edwin and Chris scoring almost 10 each. Wigmore unfortunately were too slow with some of the changeovers which cost them the game.

Final score Langham 38: Wigmore 17.

The overall places were:

1. **Langham**
2. **Wigmore**
3. **Cavendish**
4. **Devonshire**

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 24 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 25 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 26 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 27 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

12.45-1.38pm	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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