

# The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School  
16 September 2019



Updated schedules for clubs!

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

PortAventura 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

# Letter from the Headmaster

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A warm welcome back to Portland Place for the new academic year. I hope you all had relaxing, refreshing and interesting summer breaks. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you at our welcome breakfasts through this week.

Portland Place students had yet another successful year for A level and GCSE results with many noteworthy accomplishments. Significantly, the number of top grades (A\*-B, 9-7) were up from last year. Students have moved on to a diverse range of universities, schools and colleges. Years 13 have places at the likes of Durham, King's College London, Queen Mary University of London and McGill University (Toronto). Year 11 will now continue their education at well-regarded establishments such as CATS Canterbury, Brampton College, Wycliffe College, Ashbourne College, DLD College London, Albemarle and Marianopolis College in Canada.

Significant work went into developing our facilities over the summer. Most obviously we now have a Dining Room. This has been very well received and is already a real focal point of school life. Our sports facilities have benefitted from the addition of a Dance and Fitness Studio. Also, our provision for Art & Design continues to grow with a kiln now installed meaning we can add ceramics work to the textiles, graphics and photography previously developed.

As ever we will have a busy year ahead. The Ski Trip is already being organised, productions are being cast (*The Tempest*, *Hairspray*), we have a football tour to Madrid and a music tour to Barcelona to look forward to. All-in-all, plenty for our students to get involved with and I do look forward to celebrating their successes as we go through the year.

Three events for your diary to which parents are invited: our first whole-school assembly will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 09:00 at Regent Hall; our Carol Service at All Souls on December 5<sup>th</sup> and our Christmas Concert on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Regent Hall. More details to follow and I hope to see you at one, or all, of those events.

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

David Bradbury

# NOTICEBOARD

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## HAIRSPRAY!

Our whole school production this year will be Hairspray, performed at JW3 on Finchley Road week commencing 30th March 2020.

This year we are looking for a cast of 38 students. Due to the expected high number of students auditioning this year, our auditions will take part over two days. Students will need to attend both Monday and Thursday.

Monday 16th September (4-6pm) – Welcome, group dance audition, learning audition song and collection of audition text. (Students attending LAMDA and wanting to audition should come to PPS Hall for 4pm)

Thursday 19th September (from 4pm) – performing song and audition text. Students will be called to audition in small groups. Once students have auditioned, they will be free to leave.

Friday 27th September – Cast announcement (during the school day)

Should you have any questions please feel free to email [david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk)



hairspray

# NOTICEBOARD

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## Extra-MFL clubs are starting next week! (except for Japanese).

Attendance will give students points and skills for DoE awards.

Snacks provided! It's not too late to join, everyone is invited. Please see lists of students signed for clubs already, dates, times and locations.

Mr Lalande

<b>CHINESE</b>	<b>RUSSIAN</b>	<b>ARABIC</b>	<b>JAPANESE</b>
<b><i>Monday 4-5pm Room 36</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday lunch time 1:05- 1:30 Library</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday 4-5pm Room 36</i></b>	<b><i>Not starting until week of 23/10</i></b>
Rachel	Poli	Sultan	Emily
Lukas	Leo	Gene	Jenny
Alexander	Ivor	Vasilis	Caitlin
Irene	Amitis		Azure
Miguel	Marnie		Sam
Kieran	William		Josh
Pedro	Angelo		Calder
			Aubrey

# Post 16 - Noticeboard!

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## Post 16 - Attend Open Days and Look to start applying for your potential destinations (Year 11)

With the new academic year in full swing, our Year 11 students are starting to contemplate their future pathways.

Last week all Year 11 students were requested to complete a questionnaire in which they were asked about their preferred onward destinations.

The pleasing thing to see was that the majority of the year group had a shortlist of schools/colleges that they were interested in. There were a few, however, who still hadn't viewed any.

I have made these students my main priority over the coming weeks and will organise one on one intervention in due course.

It is very important for all Year 11 students to start visiting school/college open mornings/evenings and to start looking to apply. For schools such as **St Marylebone**, it is advisable to complete an application by **31st October 2019**; it is important for parents and students to address this now.

Regarding colleges, we have found that a large number of students also showed an interest in attending **Ashbourne, Albemarle and DLD College London**. I shall distribute information regarding open days/evenings below and will update this throughout the year with other establishments. Should parents want any guidance or further clarification please do not hesitate to email me at [mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk). Students may also see me during **Post 16 Drop In Sessions on Wednesday lunchtimes in G24**.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Michael Flack

**DLD College London – Thursday 10th October: 5-7pm**

**St Marylebone – Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October: 8.45-10.00**

**Ashbourne – Tuesday 22nd October: 7-9pm.**

# NEWS

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## *Nominated for The Independent School of the Year Awards for the Performing Arts (music & drama)*

We are proud to announce that we have been recognised for our commendable Creative Arts department, as the school is shortlisted for a much-coveted Independent Schools of the Year Award.

Congratulations to all our staff and students for making this happen!



# NEWS

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## Meet our SLT team



**Headmaster: David Bradbury**  
MSc, MA, BSc, MInstP,  
Accredited to the Society of  
Heads and ISA which are  
affiliated to the ISC



**Deputy Head: Mr Jamie**  
Whiteside, BSc University of  
Edinburgh (*Science &*  
*Engineering*), PGCE, University  
of Edinburgh



**Assistant Head (Curriculum**  
**Development): Ms Julia**  
Findlater, MEd St Mary's  
Twickenham, BA Hons Sussex,  
PGCE (*English*)



**Assistant Head (Welfare):**  
Mr Paul Jones, BA Leeds,  
PGCE (*Media and Film*)



**Assistant Head (Student**  
**Support): Ms Patricia Pieri, BSc**  
Psychology London, MA  
(*Educational Neuroscience*)



**Finance & Operations Manager**  
– Ms Vicki Bromley

# Sports results



# SPORTS

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## U12 Ibstock Place 6 A-side Football Tournament

In their opening football fixture of the season, Portland's U12s took part in the Ibstock Place U6 tournament held at the Barn Elms sports facility. The tournament was a very fast morning, nine team round-robin format with 5 minute halves and a two minute turn-around before the next match. The best 4 teams would then progress to the semi-finals and finals. Portland's first match was against eventual semi-finalists, Fulham who took an early lead before PPS had really settled. A second goal was conceded in the second half and the boys were quickly into their second match against Ardingly, who were arguably the best team in the tournament. This game they lost 3-0, but were able to put in a much better defensive performance against Radnor House, although they lost out narrowly, by a single goal. The boys achieved a draw against Ibstock B and kept the score goalless in the first half of their 5<sup>th</sup> game, where they faced Ibstock A. Once again, defensive lapses cost them dearly and they succumbed to a 3-0 defeat.

In their 6<sup>th</sup> match Portland faced The Hall and were able to win their first match 1-0 thanks to a well taken goal from **Danny Maclean** who ran onto **Isaac Meyer's** through pass. He had just come out of goal to spend some time on field after making several excellent saves. His replacement **Albert Thompson** also made an excellent stop late on to seal Portland's win. PPS's final two games were against semi-finalists Greycourts and KCS, both of which they lost. By this time the boys were tiring and were not able to mark the attacking players.

This was very much a learning experience for the U12's. From the outset they knew it was going to be a tough afternoon, but the boys were determined to focus on improving through the rounds and trying to establish a more organised approach defensively. This was a good attitude and all the players will have gained a lot of experience from this tournament. Well done to all that played.

## Under 13s Ibstock Place Football Tournament

The boys made a great start to the season at the annual 6v6 football tournament at Barn Elms. The team had a really tough group and were very competitive in all of the games. After a sloppy start to the first game (2-0 Loss) against Fulham Prep the boys really played some great football. Game 2 was the highlight of the afternoon and it was a great end to end game. PPS showed tremendous character to secure a 3-2 win having twice fallen behind to The Hall school. The boys had **Lloyd Day** to thank with a fantastic hatrick in the game. The boys made it back to back wins with a 2-0 victory over Ibstock in game 3 before narrow 1-0 defeats in game 4 and 5. There were great performances by **Benny Miller** and **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs** who showed they have been working hard on their game over the summer. The boys unfortunately didn't make the knock out stages which went down to goal difference. A good start to the season boys.

# SPORTS

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**U13 6 A-side Football Team**

## **Sports Kit**

Could parents please ensure that all items of sports kit are named? This includes shoes, socks and shin pads and especially gum shields. Several items get left behind in the changing rooms each day and we have great difficulty returning these if they're not named. Pupils should reclaim kit from the relevant PE office and are welcome to do so at break, lunch or before and after school. Unnamed and unclaimed kit eventually gets transferred to our locked lost property cupboard.

# Calendar & Contact

## Monday 16 September

12.45-1.30pm	Rock Band, Mr McCarthy, R41/44
12.45-1.30pm	KS3 Cyber Security Club, Mr Whiteside, G34
12.45-1.30pm	Year 7-11 Post 16 Drop In Sessions, Mr Flack, G24
12.45-1.20pm	Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
4.00-6.00pm	Lamda Lessons, PPS Hall
4.00-5.30pm	Hairspray rehearsals, PPS Hall
3.45-4.45pm	Year 6-9 Arts and Crafts Club, Ms Campbell, B3
4.00-4.30pm	Gardening Club, Ms Magniez & Mr Thompson, PPS Courtyard
4.00-5.00pm	Chinese, Room 36

## Tuesday 17 September

12.45-1.30pm	Percussion Ensemble, Mr Jesson, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
12.45 - 1.20pm	Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
3.45-4.30pm	KS4 Maths Club, G33
4.00-4.45pm	Year 11 French GCSE Club, Ms Magniez, G24
4.00-5.00pm	Year 10 Design Club, B1
4.00-5.00pm	GCSE & A Level Film Club, Mr Flack, G31
4.00-5.00pm	Shakespeare School Festival rehearsal, Drama Studio
4.00-5.30pm	Hairspray rehearsals, PPS Hall

## Wednesday 18 September

8.20-8.50am	KS5 Statistics & Mechanics 2 extra help, G32
12.45-1.30pm	Boys Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Woodwind, Mr Slack, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Ukulele Ensemble, Mr McCarthy, R44
12.45-1.20pm	Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
1.00-1.30pm	Student Voice Club, Ms Magniez, Room 32
4.00-5.00pm	Year 11 Design Club, B1
4.00-5.00pm	Year 6-11, Photography Club, Mr Flack, G42
4.00-5.00pm	Shakespeare Schools Festival rehearsal, Drama Studio
4.00-5.30pm	Hairspray rehearsal, PPS Hall

## Thursday 19 September

8.20-8.50am	KS5 Pure 2 Extra Help, R10
12.45-1.30pm	PPS Choir, Mr Hill, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Brass Ensemble, Mr Bentley, R42
12.45-1.20pm	Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
1.05-1.30pm	Russian Beginners, Mr Burton, Library
3.50-5.00pm	Football Club, Regents Park
3.50-5.00pm	Dance Studio, R11
4.00-5.00pm	KS3 Design Club, B1
4.00-5.00pm	3D Design Club, B1
4.00-5.00pm	Arabic, R36
4.00-5.00pm	Chamber Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
4.00-5.00pm	Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
4.00-5.00pm	Whole School Art Club, Art Studio

## Friday 20 September

12.45-1.30pm	String Ensemble, Miss Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Jazz Ensemble, Mr Hill, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Vocal Group, Ms Ryder, R44
12.45-1.30pm	Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
4.00-6.00pm	LAMDA, Lessons, R11

## TERM DATES:

### AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term Starts	Wednesday 4 September
Half Term	Mon 21 Oct – Fri 1 Nov
End of Term	Friday 13 December

### SPRING TERM 2020

Term Starts	Monday 6 January
Half Term	Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb
End of Term	Friday 3 April

### SUMMER TERM 2020

Term Starts	Wednesday 22 April
Bank Holiday	Fri 8 May (school closed)
Half Term	Mon 25 May – Fri 29 May
End of Term	Friday 3 July

## CONTACT DETAILS:

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