

The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School
9 September 2019



Updated schedules for clubs!

Dates for your diary

Academic and Sports fixtures



Positive
points given
for
attendance!

Join the MFL clubs, come and have a go!



Expand your horizons and learn another language for fun...

**You can change your life by
speaking Japanese, Chinese,
Russian or Arabic 😊**

Chinese (Mandarin): Monday 4-5 in room 36

Japanese: TBC week starting 16th

Arabic: TBC week starting 16th

Russian: Wednesday lunch time in the library

Clubs start week 16th September - Cakes and biscuits provided!

Sign up with Mr Lalande in the MFL office.

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

NOTICEBOARD

The Tempest

Next week, Year 8 & 9 students have the opportunity to audition for *The Tempest*. We are entering the Shakespeare School Festival this year, with the performance early November at RADA studios.

Any questions please email alexa.judd@portland-place.co.uk or more information.

Auditions from 4pm on Monday 9th September, PPS Hall.



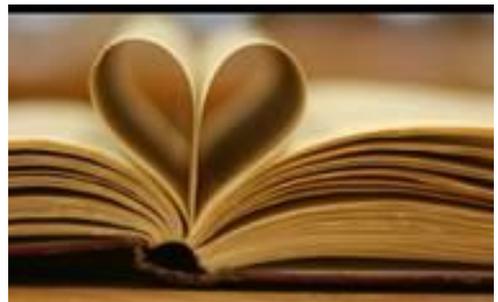
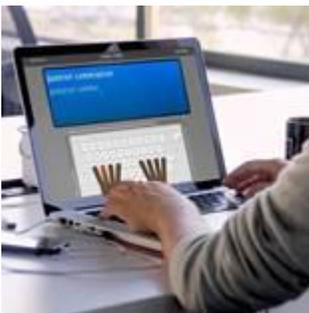
Reading & Touch Typing Club

The morning provision at PPS (Reading & Touch Typing) will resume from 23rd September 2019.

Please note that due to limited spaces students will be invited via email.

We will be in touch in due course.

SEN Department



NOTICEBOARD

LAMDA

We are delighted to invite the pupils of PPS to develop their speech and drama skills, through our LAMDA Acting Classes.

LAMDA is the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. These sessions are a drama-based extracurricular alternative to the Associated Board Music exams where students work through a series of grades from entry level to grade 8.

LAMDA examinations are designed to equip candidates, whatever their age or aspirations, with a range of skills that will serve them throughout life. Preparation for an examination unlocks the imagination and develops creative-thinking and communication skills as well as refining technical skills and artistry.

As with the Associated Board Exams, the higher grade LAMDA qualifications carry UCAS points to help with University applications. If candidates achieve a good mark at Grade 8 it carries the same UCAS points as an A grade at AS level.

We are currently offering places for this academic year. LAMDA will take place on Mondays and/or Fridays after school. Our LAMDA classes are organised by Sam Riley, there is a charge for this club and I will happily put you in contact with Sam should you want more information.

There are a few spaces still available for this year so do get in touch.

david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk

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Music Tuition & Ensembles

Lessons for students (including Year 7 Symphonfree) will commence from Monday 9th September. As timetables are completed, they will be displayed on the 4th floor of PPS building, on FireFly (on the Music pages) and on the Music department website <https://portlandplacemusic.com/extra-curricular-music/music-lesson-timetables/>

Photography & Graphics Club

From **Wednesday 11th September** Photography Club will be open to Years 7-11. The session will start at 4pm in G42 and finish at 5pm.

Tuesday sessions will also be open to Year 13 students in which they can get extra help from Ms Linton on their Graphics or Photography portfolios. This will begin on Tuesday 16th September and will run bi-weekly.

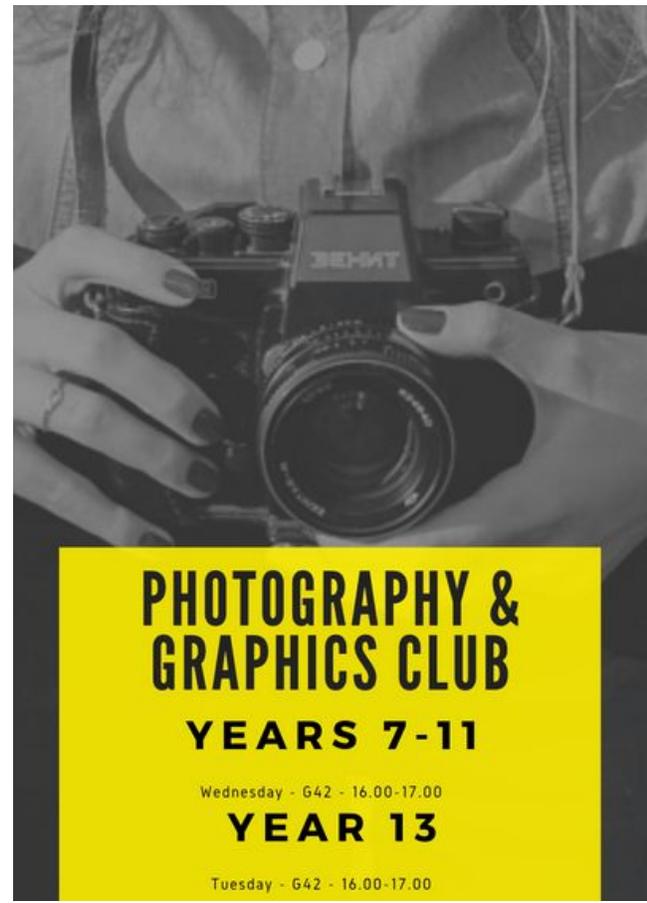
For more information, please contact Mr Flack (mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk).

GCSE & A Level Film Club

On **Tuesday 10th September**, Mr Flack will be running a GCSE and A Level Film Club for students wanting to gain a greater understanding of their films or finish coursework. This will be held from 4pm to 5pm in G31.

The sessions will also be open to Year 9 students who are interested in finding out more about the subject.

For more information, please contact Mr Flack (mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk).



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Football Club & Dance Club

Football Club and Dance Club will be starting this week on the following days:

Football club: All ages, Regents Park, Thursday, 3.50-5.00pm

Dance Club: All ages, Dance Studio, Rm 11, Thursday, 3.50-5.00pm

Post 16

This year, the Post 16 Programme will be launching across all year groups within Portland Place School. The aim would be to give our students a greater understanding of life after PPS, enabling them to explore the vast avenues that are on offer. Making decisions regarding the future is almost certainly very challenging for any student. We hope that the programme is able to put all students and parents in the best position when deciding future pathways post Year 11.

Should you wish to find out more about the programme, or should you have any questions regarding your son or daughter's post 16 decisions, please feel free to contact our Post 16 Progressions Advisor, Michael Flack (mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk). Mr Flack will also post regular updates regarding college, qualification and career options going forward.

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PPS Garden

The PPS garden has been a fantastic addition to the everyday life of the school; students and staff have enjoyed seeing vegetables and plants thrive over the summer months. The tomatoes have done particularly well and taste delicious!"

No need to credit the written bit or photo to me as I'm not usually in charge of the tomatoes! Although very much enjoyed those ones!



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Tanzania Expedition July 2020

A quick reminder that Jay, Eleonora, Amitis, Lulya, Beatrice, Freddie, Josh, Daisy and Tommy will be our charity volunteers this year! Going to Tanzania in July, they will be helping to build a primary school! In the past, this trip has been an amazing success thanks to generous donations at fundraising events organised by PPS volunteers. They will be going through some intense training this year in order to prepare for their expedition and will be running a series of events to gather some funds for their expedition, so watch this space as they will need all of you soon!

New students who would like some information about joining the team on their expedition can email Mr Lalande.



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Growth Mindset

Dear parents,

Thank you all for your fantastic support in implementing the concept of Growth Mindset at our school last year. It was extremely successful and I was very proud of our students who learned how to motivate themselves, take challenges in their stride and become more effective learners.

This year, we are going to develop the concept further through a wide range of activities and events and I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please see below a few key statements and questions which I would encourage you to use at home in order to develop your child's Growth Mindset.

Many thanks,
Ms Florea

Instead of thinking... (Fixed Mindset)	Try thinking... (Growth Mindset)
I'm not good at this...	I can't do this yet.
I give up...	I will try another way of doing it.
It's good enough...	I can make this even better.
I made a mistake...	This was my first try!
This is too hard...	I learn from challenging work.
I am really good at this...	I am good because I practise.
I will never be as good as them...	I am going to find out how they got so good!
I can't do this...	This will take me some time to master.
I can't make it any better...	I can always improve something!
My friend is stuck...	How can I help them?
I'm either good at it or I'm not...	I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.	When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I like to be told that I am clever...	I like to be told that I'm trying hard.
If you succeed, I'm jealous...	If you succeed, I'm inspired.

Questions to ask your child at home to help them develop a Growth Mindset...

- At breakfast time...**
 - What will you do today to improve your work?
 - What will you do to challenge yourself today?
- After school...**
 - What did you try hard at today?
 - What happened today that made you keep going?
 - What mistakes did you make that taught you something?
- When doing homework...**
 - What will you do to solve this problem?

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GROWTH MINDSET

“If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way, their children don’t have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence”.

-Carol S. Dweck

Sports results



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Welcome Back from the PE Department

The PE department would like to extend a warm welcome to all new pupils and to all our returning students for the start of a new academic year. Sports clubs will be starting next week as well as fixtures, with 6-a-side football tournaments running all week at Barn Elms. The House Sports calendar will also get started this half term and pupils will begin amassing points towards the House Cup which will be awarded in late June. Good luck to all our house and school teams and we'd like to wish everyone an enjoyable and productive year in PE and sport.

Devonshire win Sports Day and House Cup 2018/19

Late last term Devonshire house did the double by winning not only the sports day trophy, but also the inaugural House Cup. Devonshire had led in the standings throughout the entire year, although Wigmore had narrowed the gap considerably during the summer terms sports events. However, their 45 point win over Langham at Perivale Athletics Centre saw them home and they won the overall house points trophy by 54 points over nearest rivals Wigmore, who were last year's sports day victors. Congratulations to all the members of Devonshire house for their commitment and teamwork throughout the year!

Congratulations also to Freya Francis-Baum and Alex MacDonald who won the athlete of the day awards. Freya established two sports day records in the 100m and long jump on her way to five gold medals. Alex set a new school record in the 200m as well as a sports day record in the 100m.

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

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Thanks for reading!

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