

# The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

7 October 2019





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# Headmaster's Letter



Autumn has arrived, the first month of the new school year completed and it is great to see how well all our new students have settled into life here at PPS. The main change has, of course, been our new Dining Room and the atmosphere in there each lunchtime has brought a positive new dynamic to all our days – seeing students of all ages mixing, chatting and building friendships is great.

Today I am attending the Alpha Plus Annual Conference. It is always an interesting event with a good selection of interesting speakers from the cutting edge of education. It is doubly so for us this year as our Strive programme has been nominated for an Innovation Award – we will find out the result around 5pm! Last year we had some excellent projects developed by students from this programme and I encourage all to become involved again this year. New and updated details are available for years 7, 8 and 9. I look forward to another exciting showcase at the end of this year.

Thank you to all those parents from years 10 and 11 who attended our Information Evening on Wednesday this week. It was good to see you all there. I look forward to meeting those parents of years 6, 7 and 8 next Wednesday.

David Bradbury

Portland Place School



celebrates

Dyslexia Awareness Week

7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

 @PPS\_SEN

Please follow the SEN department on Twitter [@PPS\\_SEN](https://twitter.com/PPS_SEN) to learn more about our activities for Dyslexia Awareness Week and much more.



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## DIARY OF A DYSLEXIC SCHOOL KID COMPETITION

Do you know of a super creative dyslexic school kid/superstar?  
We're keen to see what a page from their diary looks like!

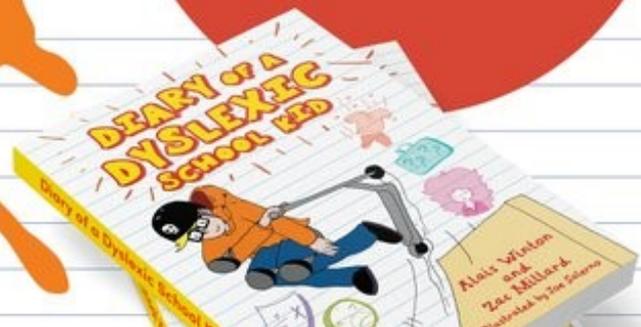
### HOW TO ENTER

Write/draw/collage your entry on an A5 piece of paper

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Photograph it! Tweet it to @JKPbooks using the hashtag #DiaryOfADyslexicKid

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The winner will receive a FREE copy of *Diary of a Dyslexic School Kid* and stickers to put in your diary.

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Deadline is 15 October.  
Winner announced 25 October.



Please see the Learning Support page on Firefly for a Twitter link.



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## PPS LANGUAGES DAY RETURNS!!!



- \*Mufti Day (fancy dress day: flags or international characters) - £1 for charity
- \*International cake sale (PPS Hall @ morning breaks)
- \*Language quiz @ form time
- \*International lunch menu @ the dining hall
- \*Best fancy dress competition

FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, dress up and bring some money for charity as we are celebrating languages at Portland Place!

(Money raised will go to Autism Bedfordshire.)



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**PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL**

# MODEL UNITED NATIONS

**THURSDAY 4-5PM**  
**G31**  
**OPEN TO ALL AGE GROUPS**

**FOR MORE DETAILS ASK MR FLACK**



### Open Evening - Thank You

I wanted to start this week by thanking the parents who were able to make the information evening on Wednesday night; it was great to meet and speak with so many of you. I do appreciate that not all parents were able to attend and there were a lot of things covered, so if you do have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via email ([mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:mike.flack@portland-place.co.uk)). I shall also forward any relevant information to Mr Kubik and Mr Tasic in order to send out in their weekly updates.

### Post 16 Ambassadors

I am pleased to announce that the Post 16 Ambassadors for the 2019-2020 academic year have now been published. Despite being the main point of contact for Post 16 queries, I wanted to create an ambassador for each faculty, especially for the areas in which they may have specialist knowledge (Art, Drama, Music, Sport etc). Should any students have any questions regarding their subject of interest please feel free to speak with the associated member of staff. Younger year groups may also use the Post 16 Ambassadors in order to discuss what skills they may need in order to succeed within that subject or to gain extra knowledge regarding clubs or societies that they could join.

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### **Interview & Apprenticeship Workshop - 11th October 2019**

On **Friday 11th October 2019**, our Year 11 students will have a break from listening and speaking with other colleagues and will have a workshop focusing on interview techniques and apprenticeships. I had initially planned to do something during the latter part of term, however, it has been brought to my attention that some students will have interviews straight after the two week break.

We have so many talented pupils here at PPS that I very much hope the workshop will give our students the tools they need in order to showcase their experiences in a positive and comfortable way. Should parents want me to organise an individual mock interview session, please do get in touch and I shall do this.

### **Albemarle Visit - 18th October 2019**

As the year progresses, I am managing to visit and speak with more onward destinations. The next to come and visit PPS will be Albemarle Independent College on **Friday 18th October 2019**. I had a very positive visit to the College in September, the school reminded me of PPS during its early stages; a charismatic and homely main building located off of Oxford Street (Marble Arch to be exact), very small class sizes and a community spirit amongst its staff and pupils. I'd certainly look at the college regarding the more academic subjects - especially the Sciences, Economics and Maths.

Thank you all for your support – have a great weekend.

Michael Flack



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# OPEN DAYS 2019/20

## ↘ SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

- Sat 9 Nov 2019 10am-3pm
- Wed 22 Jan 2020 4pm-7pm

## ↘ CENTRE FOR APPLIED SCIENCES

- Sat 9 Nov 2019 10am-3pm
- Wed 11 Dec 2019 4pm-7pm
- Wed 11 Mar 2020 4pm-7pm

## ↘ CENTRE FOR BUSINESS, ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

- Wed 6 Nov 2019 4pm-7pm
- Wed 13 Feb 2020 4pm-7pm

## ↘ CENTRE HEALTH, SOCIAL AND CHILDCARE

- Wed 6 Nov 2019 4pm-7pm
- Wed 15 Jan 2020 4pm-7pm
- Wed 13 Feb 2020 4pm-7pm

## ↘ CENTRE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING for English courses

- Mon 2 Dec 2019 4pm-7pm



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**BOOK ONLINE NOW**  
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**NB.** At the Sixth Form College Open Day under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

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# OPEN DAYS 2019/20 DON'T MISS OUT

## KING'S CROSS CENTRE

Wed 16 Oct 2019  
4pm to 7pm

Tues 29 Oct 2019  
4pm to 7pm

Thurs 28 Nov 2019  
4pm to 7pm

Wed 12 Feb 2020  
4pm to 7pm

Tues 10 Mar 2020  
4pm to 7pm

## VICTORIA CENTRE

Mon 14 Oct 2019  
4pm to 7pm

Mon 25 Nov 2019  
4pm to 7pm

Mon 27 Jan 2020  
4pm to 7pm

Mon 23 Mar 2020  
4pm to 7pm

Mon 18 May 2020  
4pm to 7pm  
(Virtual Open Day)



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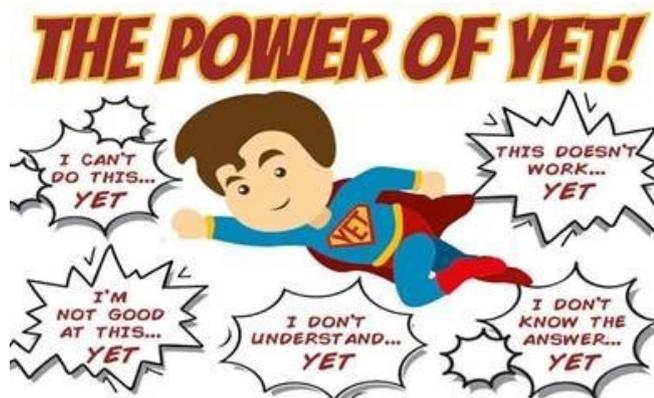
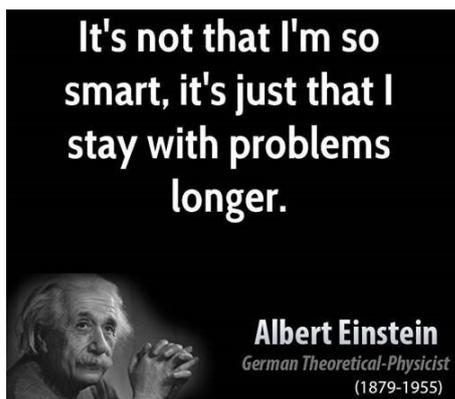
For courses based at Soho Centre  
please attend Victoria Centre Open Day

## SEN Department

Dear parents

For this week, please encourage your children to think about a major key to a life of success: perseverance. Below is a set of questions that could be used to start a conversation about the importance of being perseverant in school and outside of school.

- What does the word "perseverance" mean to you?
- Why is it important to have perseverance?
- In what areas of your life is it easy for you to persevere?
- In what areas of your life is it difficult for you to persevere?
- What can you do to get better at perseverance?



Thank you

Miss Florea

## Library

To celebrate some important projects and dates in October, look out for new displays in the library next week.

Our Bookbuzz display takes pride of place over the fireplace. Bookbuzz is a national reading scheme that our year 7s and 8s are enthusiastically participating in again this year. Older years may remember being able to choose a book to read and keep it for themselves!

October is Black History Month. I have selected some library books by black authors, old and new - from Angelou to Zephaniah - to inform your reading choices this month. Come and take a look at the display in the window.

Finally, next Thursday marks World Mental Health Day. Visit the library to browse through some selected books spanning the genres. There is non-fiction to help us understand the part our bodies play in our mental health—including guides on social pressures and real life stories—and of course plenty of fiction. The benefits of reading for pleasure are scientifically proven!





### Under 13s Football

Ibstock Place School - 1

Portland Place School - 5

The boys made it back to back wins with their best performance of the season. The players are beginning to settle into their roles and their play today was sharp, linked and aggressive which was great to see. PPS were off to a flying start when **Lloyd Day** found the Ibstock goalkeeper off his line in the opening minute and fired a rocket from distance over him; demonstrating superb vision and execution. PPS were all-out attack and proceeded to hit the woodwork four times in the next 10 minutes only to be hit on the counter and Ibstock levelled for 1-1. The boys didn't panic and became inspired through a man-of-the-match performance from **Jesse Francis-Baum**. Playing in his new position of central midfield he demonstrated great strength in the battle and vision to start several PPS attacks. He gave PPS the penalty spot after a handball and then provided a great assist for **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs** to score from the corner of the pitch. **Jessy** secured his second goal of the game with a missile into the top left corner and the final goal came from a corner too. **Jesse Francis-Baum**, with perfect accuracy, found **Tom Hallam** eight yards from goal for a bullet header to conclude the match. A great win boys, well done!

### U13 B Football

Portland Place B - 7

Ibstock Place - 3

What was expected to be an 11-a-side match turned out to be two 6-a-side games at Roehampton University's grounds on Monday afternoon. Two relatively even teams were selected from the squad of 12 players and were called the B and C team. The Bs managed a superb 7-3 win over Ibstock with striker **Josh Feldman** bagging a brace of goals, **Marc Mora** netting once and **Isaac Meyer** coming out of goal in the second half to score four times before the final whistle. **Raiyan Izad** defended superbly and **Marc Mora** covered more ground than anyone on the pitch. Well done boys!

### U13 C Football

Portland Place C - 0

Ibstock Place - 2

The C team lost 2-0. They created numerous scoring opportunities that unfortunately they were unable to take. Keeper **Ukona Dlomu** led from the back and made several good saves. **Gene Allen-Turner** also played well despite picking up a knock quite early on in the game. This was a very closely-matched game and on another day Portland may well have converted some of their chances and produced a different result.



### Portland Place U12/13s

Portland Place – 5

North Bridge Canonbury: 3

This was a well-deserved win for Portland who, like North Bridge, fielded a mixed year 7 and 8 team. The match was quite even and Canonbury looked good on the ball, passing confidently and keeping possession well. Portland scored twice on the break, first from **Benny Miller** and once from **Lloyd Day**, who rounded the defence on the right side to finish past the keeper. Just before the break, North Bridge got one back and started the second half with their tails up. PPS defended resolutely with **Leo Newberry** and **Sid De Rozario** doing a fantastic job at the back. **Lloyd Day** produced a devastating spell mid-way through the half, running from deep into the box to shoot past the keeper twice to claim his hatrick. Soon after **Benny Miller** bagged his second after dribbling to the by-line, cutting infield and shooting past the keeper who had come off his line. North Bridge managed a consolation goal due to some lax marking in the box.



Portland looked very dangerous in attack throughout the match with some fine through-balls from **Tom Hallam** and **Jesse Francis-Baum**. All the boys performed very well, but man-of-the match must go to **Lloyd Day**.



### Year 8/9 House Football

It was a thrilling afternoon at Regents Park for the annual house football tournament. It was the closest tournament in years with all teams and pupils in these two year groups contributing on the day. The group stages were lively contests; end to end and included a bucket load of goals, tackles saves and teamwork. Cavendish secured four points from their group games after a win against Langham and draw against Wigmore. Wigmore secured one point and Langham and Devonshire secured a final place with six points from their three matches. The third and fourth place playoff was a lively encounter between Cavendish and Wigmore—they drew in the group stages. However, Cavendish ran away with this one with goals from **Lloyd Day** and **Leo Newberry**. The final was a close encounter. **Jessy Fryer Jacobs** put Langham in the lead before **Elliott McLeod** equalised in the closing moments to take the contest to penalties. After several great saves and great goals the contest was deep into sudden death. **Roberto Hinton** scored with the bottom left corner for Devonshire which meant that Langham had to score their next spot kick in order to stay in the contest. Unfortunately **Felix Lake** with a superb strike just hit the ball over the crossbar for a famous win for Devonshire. The golden boot on the day went to **Elliott McLeod** with 4 goals.



The Y10 GCSE PE class working on their cardiovascular fitness at Westminster University gym.

The penalty shoot out to decide the Y8/9 house football.



## Monday 07 October

- 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  
 4.00-5.00pm Chinese, Room 35  
 4.00-5.00pm Japanese, Room 36

## Tuesday 08 October

- 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  
 1.00-1.30pm Student Voice Club, Ms Magniez, Room 22  
 3.45-4.30pm Year 10 & 11 Maths Club, G33  
 3.45-4.30pm GCSE Sceicne Support, H6  
 4.00-4.45pm Year 11 French GCSE Club, Ms Magniez, G32  
 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 09 October

- 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  
 3.45-4.30pm Years 7-9 Maths Club, R24  
 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 10 October

- 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, Mr Burton, G32  
 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 11 October

- 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  
 4.00-4.30pm Gardening Club, Ms Magniez & Mr Thompson, PPS Courtyard  
 4.00-6.00pm LAMDA, Lessons, R11

## TERM DATES:

### AUTUMN TERM2019

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

### SPRING TERM2020

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

### SUMMER TERM2020

- 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

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 @PPSDrama – Drama Department  
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 @PPSMusicDept – Music Department  
 @PPS\_KS2 – Year 6  
 @pps\_film – Film and Media Department  
 @MFLPPS – Mfl Department  
 @year7PPS – Year 7  
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