

The Weekly Buzz

ACTIVATIONERS

Portland Place School

13 January 2019

Parents' Network update

Music exam successes

Theatre review

Parent workshops



PPS PARENTS' NETWORK

The PPS Parents Network will be holding a coffee morning on **Monday 20th January** from **8.30am** in the school dining room on Great Portland Street. All PPS parents and carers are invited to what is a nice opportunity to meet new/other parents and put forward any suggestions for the Parents Network.

Activites

Last term PPS parents kindly organised ice skating trips to Somerset House for Years 6, 7 and 8. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to get into the festive spirit.





Portland
Place
School



Second Hand Uniform Sale

Last summer we held a second hand uniform sale, raising £377 for Euston Food Bank. Our next sale will be on Friday 14th February from 8am in PPS Hall.

Theatre Club

Please find below new shows for the Parents' Network Theatre Club in collaboration with MyCulture-Club. An opportunity to purchase discounted theatre tickets with the aim of bringing together the school community for a night at the theatre. For further information please contact joannafb@me.com.

23rd January, 7.30pm at Vaudeville Theatre

MAGIC GOES WRONG £37.50pp

12th February, 7.30pm at Adelphi Theatre

WAITRESS £42pp

27th February, 7.30pm at Shaftesbury Theatre

& JULIET £45pp

12th March, 7.30pm at Peacock Theatre

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE £58pp

Kind regards,

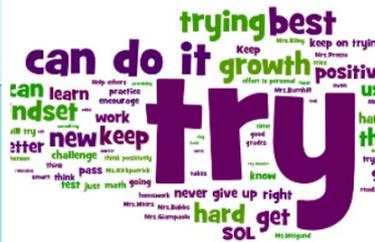
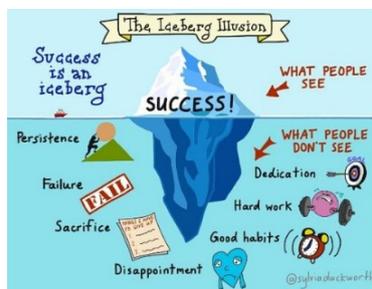
PPS Parents' Network

Portland Place School Parent Workshops Wednesday, 15 January 2020

We would like to invite you to an evening of parent workshops aimed at helping parents to support their children throughout their education and guiding them through adolescence.

The evening will consist of two workshops, details can be found below.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Growth Mindset Workshop

15 January 2020, 5pm-5.50pm, 143 - 149 Great Portland Street, GPS Hall

During this workshop, you will understand how to how to **coach** your children to become more **perseverant**, improve their **memory** and use effective **revision techniques**.

Mr Bradley Busch has worked in education, sport and business for over 10 years, helping numerous individuals develop a **positive, more resilient mindset**. He has worked with over 200 schools and thousands of teachers as well as regularly speaking at national education conferences.

"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." - Carol S. Dweck



Bradley Busch

A mindsets specialist, published author
and registered psychologist



Portland
Place
School

Noticeboard



Working together to create happier and more effective parenting in difficult times

15 January 2020, 6-7pm, 143 - 149 Great Portland Street, GPS Hall

Adolescence can be a challenging time for young people and parents alike. Throughout our lives we grow and change, but during adolescence the rate of change is particularly evident. The PPS Team, in collaboration with our school counsellor, Ms Georgina Grout-Smith, are offering you a workshop focusing on adolescence and what you can do to guide your child.

“Parenting is the easiest thing in the world to have an opinion about ...but is the hardest thing in the world to do.” - Matthew Walsh



Georgina Grout-Smith, MA

Child Adolescent Adult Psychotherapist



Portland
Place
School

Noticeboard

LAMDA

LAMDA spaces available!

Group class - Mondays 4pm and 4.45pm

1-2-1 tuition – Tuesdays 5-6pm

As we start the new term, we have some spaces for students to develop their speech and drama skills.

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.

Should you want more details, please contact Mr Chivers david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk



Drama

A Review of 'Cinderella' at the Lyric Hammersmith

6th December 2019

By Caitlin Elder

This play puts a modern twist on the classic fairy tale, a twist that all can love in their own different ways. It started with the way the actress for Cinderella was not dressed in the cliché torn ankle-length dress but in denim dungarees with a sparkly rocket on the front. It is later clarified that the rocket is a signifier for her love of astronomy, astrophysics and other space related sciences. She went to the palace, not to fall in love with some glorified member of royalty, but because she can see the stars from the palace.

The ugly sisters dubbed themselves “the snugly sisters” and it seemed as if at least one of them was not being mean, she was just being pressured by social media. When the ball happens, it shows the prince’s perspective on how he is pressured by peoples’ expectations and wants time to himself, away from the bombardment of flattery that spews from his overly passionate fans.

When Cinderella goes to the ball, there is a message about how people allow other peoples’ perception of how they are to get in the way of their judgement. Instead of wearing dainty glass slippers, Cinderella wears boots that have a microchip inside that will make her feet do the right dance moves. When she and the prince meet they fall in love with each other over their love for the stars and when the prince decides he will find her using her shoe size, the flaw in the plan is immediately recognised (she’s a very common size 6!) so in the end she is recognised for her intellect and not her feet.

When Buttons (a girl) and one of the sisters fall in love, everyone is very accepting of their love.

The fairy godmother made 80s jokes so was funny for the older members of the audience.

All in all, it was a wonderful version of this classic tale.



Portland
Place
School



News

Music

Music Exam Success

Congratulations to the following students who passed Music examinations at the end of last term:

Vitan Kostomaj - Grade 1 Piano

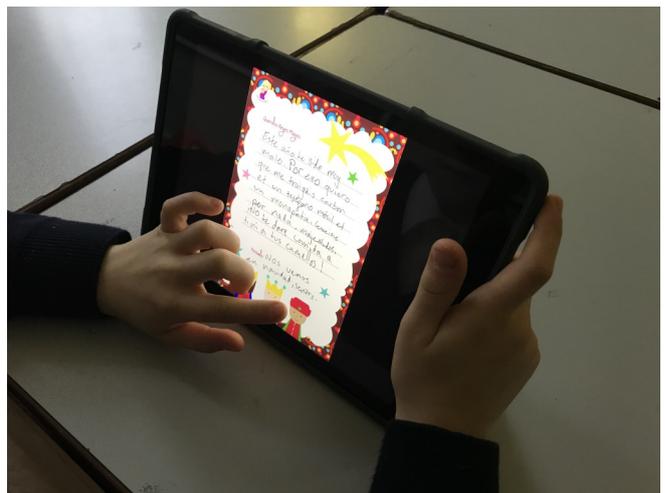
Angel Ellis - Grade 1 Piano

Jesse Francis Baum - Grade 3 Drum Kit

Lola Hardcastle - Grade 5 Singing

Modern Foreign Languages

This week Year 6 wrote letters to 'Los Reyes Magos'. In Spain, children write to the Three Kings and receive their Christmas presents on the 6th January, date of the Epiphany in the Catholic calendar.





The Student Voice club is delighted to announce that we donated

310 kilos of food

to Euston foodbank

during the Christmas holidays.

Many thanks for your generosity.





Welcome Back and happy New Year!

The PE department would like to welcome all pupils back to school and wish them a very happy new year and decade! With a new term starting the sports and activities on offer will be different; the competitive rugby season gets underway next week and swimming lessons have already started for our lower school pupils. Fitness training for our upper school girls will be getting underway, as well as 5-a-side football sessions for our senior pupils.

Cold weather

Typically this is the coldest term for our pupils playing outdoors and I'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students to come to PE lessons properly dressed. Pupils who are cold find it very difficult to take part in activities and struggle to learn. Under layers are part of the school uniform and we would strongly recommend their use for upper and lower body, especially in rugby. Use of the school hoodie and waterproof jacket is also advised.



Sports results

Running Club

Running club will be getting underway this term and will be held at Regents Park from 4-5pm on Thursday afternoons. With many cross country events coming up over the next few months, as well as cross country lessons, which are already underway, this will be a perfect opportunity for pupils to improve their speed and stamina. We'd especially encourage games players, such as footballers, netballers and rugby players to attend. Cardio-vascular fitness and speed play a huge role in all such sports and improvements in these areas of fitness will have a massive impact on your performance. Girls and boys of all year groups are welcome to attend and we will look to tailor the sessions to your own fitness goals.



PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL

RUNNING CLUB

Thursdays, 4-5pm

Meet at PPS changing rooms

Individual & group sessions

All age groups welcome!

Sessions tailored to your needs and goals

Improve your fitness!

Up your game!

The poster features a background image of a park with a city skyline in the distance. It includes four icons: a runner in the top-left and bottom-right corners, and a group of three runners in the top-right and bottom-left corners.



House Sport

A new term brings a new battery of house sports competitions in which pupils will continue to amass points towards the House Cup, currently held by Devonshire. Last term's competitions were hotly contested with Devonshire coming out just two points ahead of Langham, who fared very well in the table tennis tournaments. Below is the House Sports Calendar. Good luck to all the boys and girls competing this term!

House Sports Calendar 2019-2020

Winter Term

SPORT	GENDER	AGE GROUP	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Basketball	Mixed	Year 6 & 7	Tuesday 28 January 2020	1:30pm	Moberly Sports Centre
Basketball	Boys	Year 8	Monday 10 February 2020	1:30pm	Moberly Sports Centre
Basketball	Mixed	Year 9	Friday 13 March 2020	1.30pm	Moberly Sports Centre
Basketball	Mixed	Year 10	Thursday 12 March 2020	1:30pm	Moberly Sports Centre
Basketball	Mixed	Year 11	Wednesday 25 March 2020	1:30pm	Moberly Sports Centre
Rugby	Boys	Year 6 & 7	Tuesday 4 February 2020	1:30pm	Regents Park
Rugby	Boys	Year 8 & 9	Friday 20 March 2020	1:30pm	Regents Park
Rugby	Boys	Year 10 & 11	Wednesday 11 March 2020	1.30pm	Regents Park
Swimming	Mixed	Year 6 & 7	Monday 23 March 2020	9:00am	Oasis Leisure Centre
Swimming	Mixed	Year 8	Wednesday 18 March 2020	9:00am	Oasis Leisure Centre
Swimming	Mixed	Year 9	Tuesday 17 March 2020	9:00am	Oasis Leisure Centre
Cross Country	Mixed	Year 6 & 7	Wednesday 11 March 2020	11:40am	Regents Park, Marylebone Green
Cross Country	Mixed	Year 8	Tuesday 10 March 2020	11:40am	Regents Park, Marylebone Green
Cross Country	Mixed	Year 9	Monday 9 March 2020	11.40am	Regents Park, Marylebone Green



Monday 13 January

- 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
- 3:45-4:30pm Economics Club, G41
- 4.00-6.00pm LAMDA lessons, PPS Hall
- 4.00-5.00pm Chinese, Room 36
- 4.00-5.00pm Japanese, Room 35

Tuesday 14 January

- 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 GCSE Science 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
- 4.00-5.30pm High School Musical rehearsal, GPS Hall

Wednesday 15 January

- 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 Vocal Ensemble, Ms Ryder, R44
- 12.45-1.20pm Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
- 3.45-4.30pm Years 7-9 Maths Club, R24
- 3.45-4.30pm Rubik's Cube Club, Nick B & Egor P, Library
- 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 High School Musical rehearsal, PPS Hall

Thursday 16 January

- 8:00-8:40am GCSE PE revision club G32
- 8.20-8.50am KS5 Pure 2 Extra Help, R10
- 12.45-1.30pm PPS Choir, Mr Hill, R1
- 12.45-1.20pm Weightlifting Club, PPS Boys changing rooms
- 1.05-1.30pm Russian, Mr Burton, G32
- 3.45-4.30pm Year 10 & 11 Maths Club, G33
- 3.50-5.00pm Dance Studio, R11
- 4.00-5.00pm KS3 Design Club, B1
- 3:45-4:30pm Running Club PPS changing rooms
- 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 Whole School Art Club, Art Studio
- 4.00-5.30pm High School Musical rehearsal, PPS Hall

Friday 17 January

- 8:15-8:45am Russian Club, Mr Burton, Library
- 12.45-1.30pm Brass Ensemble, Mr Bentley, R42
- 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
- 4.00-5.00pm Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
- 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

CONTACT DETAILS:

PPS MAIN BUILDING (Years 6-9)

58 Portland Place, London W1B 1NJ

HARFORD HOUSE (Art/Drama/Science)

101-103 Great Portland Street W1W 6QE

GPS BUILDING (Years 10-13)

143-149 Great Portland Street W1W 6QN

E-mail: admin@portland-place.co.uk

www.portland-place.co.uk Tel: 020 7307 8700

PPS TWITTER ACCOUNTS:

<https://twitter.com/PortlandPlaceHd>

[@PortlandPlaceHd](https://twitter.com/PortlandPlaceHd) – Main PPS account

[@PPS_Sports](https://twitter.com/PPS_Sports) – Sports Department

[@PPSDrama](https://twitter.com/PPSDrama) – Drama Department

[@PPSLibrary](https://twitter.com/PPSLibrary) - Reading related news

[@PPSMusicDept](https://twitter.com/PPSMusicDept) – Music Department

[@PPS_KS2](https://twitter.com/PPS_KS2) – Year 6

[@pps_film](https://twitter.com/pps_film) – Film and Media Department

[@MFLPPS](https://twitter.com/MFLPPS) – MFL Department

[@year7PPS](https://twitter.com/year7PPS) – Year 7

[@year8_pps](https://twitter.com/year8_pps) – Year 8

[@pps_maths](https://twitter.com/pps_maths) – Maths Department

[@EnglishPPS](https://twitter.com/EnglishPPS) – English Department

[@PPSBiology](https://twitter.com/PPSBiology) – Biology Department

[@PPS_SEN](https://twitter.com/PPS_SEN) – SEN Department

[@PPSGrowth](https://twitter.com/PPSGrowth) - Growth Mindset

[@PPSEAL](https://twitter.com/PPSEAL) – EAL Department



Thank you for reading



Portland
Place
School