



# The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

3 February 2020

Year 7 trip to Stubbers!

Year 9 bowling trip

D of E planning weekend



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# Noticeboard

## 'Life Lessons: What you can't always learn in the classroom'

Level-up your learning with 'Life Lessons'

A reminder to any Year 10, Year 11 or Year 13 pupils who might be feeling stuck and unmotivated and not sure how they can pave the way to achieve the success they deserve this year. Ms Nicholas will be running her brand new 'Life lessons' programme from Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4pm to 5pm for a series of four to six weeks and she is keen to help you overhaul your approach to studies, learning, school – and life!

Think of this programme as a Marie Kondo type de-cluttering of your habits, behaviours and attitudes for overall greater success in all that you do!

So if you are someone who wants to:

- ◇ Overcome study stress and anxiety
- ◇ Overcome the overwhelm when faced with many subject deadlines at once
- ◇ More effectively manage your time to have more/better study success
- ◇ Keep motivated when the finish line seems far away
- ◇ Get the motivation needed to simply begin,

then this programme is what you need to ensure you get the most out of this academic year (and change your school life in the process!).

This programme will run on Monday afternoons from 4pm-5pm beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, and I will be taking a **maximum of 20 students** in the first instance.

To reserve your place or for more information, please contact Ms Nicholas – [tanya.nicholas@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:tanya.nicholas@portland-place.co.uk). You can also drop in to see me in Harford House in H1 to ask any questions at any time before the programme begins.

I look forward to seeing you there!



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# News

## English

In preparation for their GCSEs, Year 9 are currently studying Romeo and Juliet in English. Alongside GCSE style questions, written analysis and intense discussion they are enjoying acting out scenes from the play and bringing moments to life. Below we have Act 1, Scene 1, with Sampson, Gregory, Abram, Lord Capulet, Tybalt, Benvolio and the Prince. Can you guess who is who?



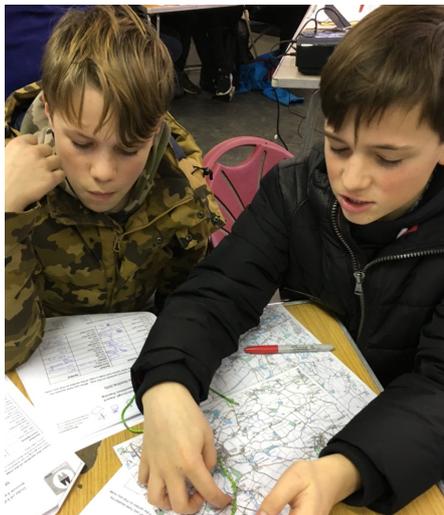
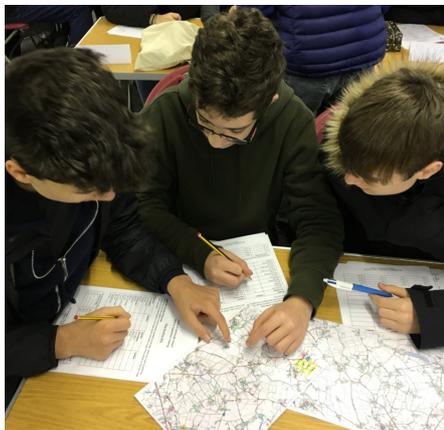


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## Duke of Edinburgh Award

19 Year 9 students completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January. They worked hard planning their routes for the Practice and Assessment camping weekend in the summer. It was a great day and all the students represented Portland Place School really well.





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## Year 9

The Year 9s took to the alley on Wednesday, showing off their bowling skills! It was a great afternoon out, with a positive and somewhat competitive feel to the afternoon. A special mention must go to Nicolas Bartha, the overall winner, pitting Mr Hill to top position by 8 points. Mr Hill was of course a gracious loser!



## Year 7 team-building to Stubbers

### **INTRO by Joel**

All of Year 7 took a two-day trip to Stubbers, in Upminster, Essex. During this time we took part in eight activities, including driving cars and shooting rifles. This trip was for Year 7 to develop our team building skills. We learned how to work together as a team, whilst having fun along the way.

### **DAY ONE by Ali**

This was a great trip! After arriving and splitting into our four groups, we headed off for our first activity. It was 4 x 4 off-road driving. We had the chance to drive a Land Rover. All of us were screaming because whenever there was a bump we would all go up on the air. Our second activity was high ropes. It was really scary because I was scared of heights. My peers were also scared so I didn't feel alone. Our third activity was rifle shooting. It was great. I saw Mr Chivers shooting a bullseye every time he pulled the trigger. I looked over and felt embarrassed.



## DAY TWO by Leo

When we arrived on day two we headed straight to our room which had table football—the best way to start the day! The first activity we had was the Team Challenge and it was a indeed a challenge. We had to throw bean bags in order, more difficult than it sounds! Next we had abseiling. We went up a big tall tower and then we leaned over a ledge and made our way down. I was really nervous, even though this was not the first time I had been abseiling. At lunch we played football on their large field. After lunch we went rock climbing which was very hard but some of us made it to the top. Our last activity was vertical assault. It was the hardest thing I've ever done. Unfortunately I got stuck on the tyres and couldn't complete the challenge! Better luck next time!



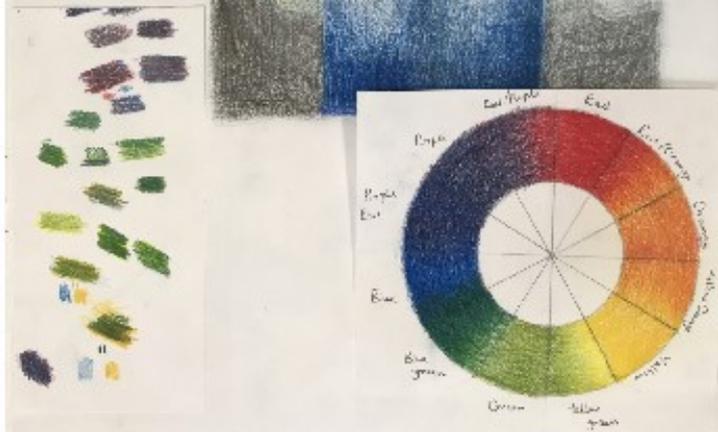
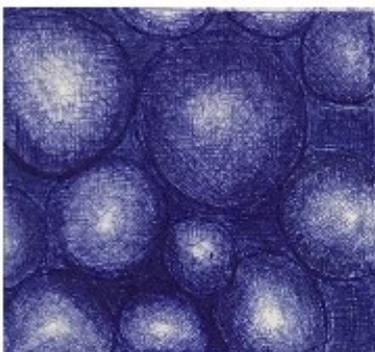
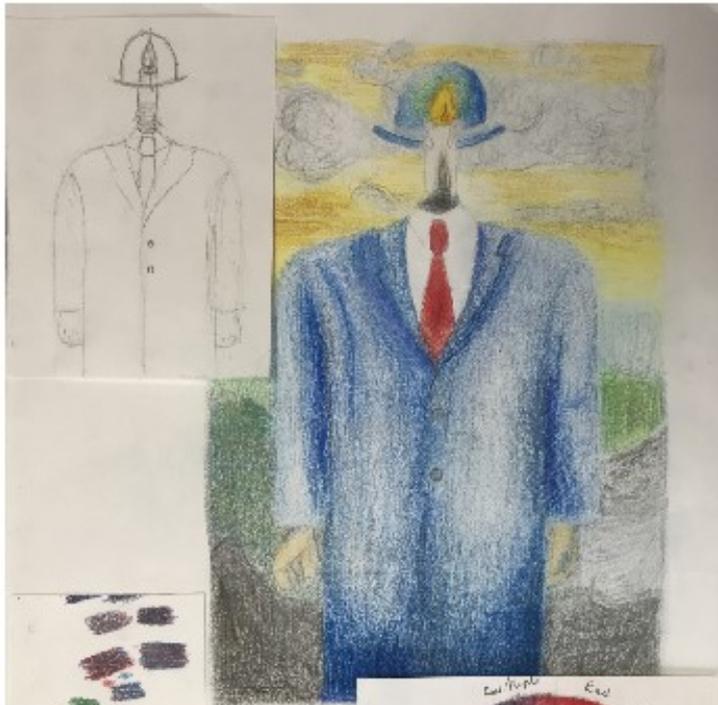


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## Art

Josh Hallam year 10 sketchbook pages





### Under 16s Rugby

Kew House - 17

Portland Place - 28

An excellent contest for the Under 16s in their first rugby match of the season. This was a real physical battle from both teams who provided an end-to-end game of a high standard. The boys settled into the game for the first ten minutes and PPS began to take control and slowly gain territory. Some great work by the forwards brought more men into the breakdown. **Dylan Young** spotted that this created a huge space down the right and managed to find **Teddy Desmond** who ran a wide line to secure a great try in the corner. **Ben White** securing a great conversion. Kew kept in touch and scored the next try and then took the lead through a difficult period for PPS 12-7. With half time approaching the boys managed to get over the line under the posts when **Ben White** scored a nice pick and go. Half time score 12-14. The boys started the second half well and managed to score the next two tries through **Alex Macdonald**. A great combination from **Ben White** who took a quick penalty, brought in the defender and delicately offloaded to **Alex** who was running an excellent line to run in the final try. Kew scored the final try. Although it was a nervous finish, the boys managed to see out a great victory.



## Under 14s Rugby

Kew House 25

Portland Place 20

On a cold Friday afternoon, PPS U14s made their way to Chiswick to take on Kew House School. The boys couldn't have got off to a better start. Kew kicked off and **Cassius Swales** caught the ball and burst past the Kew defence before touching down. It was all attack for PPS and 5 minutes later **Nicholas Bartha** showed good power and footwork to break the defensive line and score after a period of sustained pressure. Once Kew got hold of the ball they started to put together some neat phases of play but PPS defended really well. The breakdown was a real battle with both teams fighting hard to win or maintain possession. Midway through the first half Kew scored a well-taken try. PPS responded through **Nicholas Bartha** who touched down after a series of hard carries from PPS in the forwards. Before half time **Teddy Faulkner** added a fourth try, showing great pace to break wide and touch down in the corner. 20-5 to PPS at half time.

In the second half Kew raised their game and started to keep possession of the ball for longer periods of time. In the early stage they scored two tries in quick succession and PPS just couldn't keep hold of the ball. Midway through the first half PPS created some good chances to score but Kew just managed to make a couple of vital tackles at important moments. **Josh Tucker** worked his socks off in attack and defence and seemed to be everywhere and **Sylvan Farmer** made some good low tackles. With 10 minutes to play Kew scored another to take it to 20-20 and set up a tense finish to the match. Kew house took the upper hand when their full back scored an excellent individual try much to the boy's frustration. PPS came back hard with a number of players making aggressive hard carries at Kew's defensive line. PPS progressed to just 5m from Kew's touch line and looked sure to score an equalising try in the last play of the match but unfortunately the ball was knocked on to see Kew take a 25-20 victory.

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The boys should be proud of their efforts in a highly entertaining and competitive game against a very good side. They did not give up and showed great tenacity throughout. **Lucas Alsop** had a really positive game in his debut match for the school. **Josh Tucker** carried hard in attack and made a number of great tackles. Man of the match goes to **Nicholas Bartha** who scored two tries, broke the gain line on numerous occasions and tackled with great bravery.



### Under 13s Rugby

Radnor House - 10

Portland Place School - 40

It was a truly magnificent performance by the boys in this game. The weather was absolutely appalling, pouring with rain, ice cold and a heavy muddy pitch; perfect for rugby! As in previous wins this term the boys got off to a flying start influenced by **Teddy Faulkner** who created space for **Lloyd Day** who ran in from distance in the opening minutes. PPS doubled their lead when **Isaac Mayer** executed a great pick and go from just outside the Radnor try-line to get himself on the scoresheet. Despite the awful weather conditions the boys were focused and defensively were not allowing Radnor to gain any territory. As a result, a third try came from **Jesse Francis-Baum** who showed great agility to run in from 30 meters and a fourth try came from **Sid De Rosario** who scored in a similar fashion. Radnor scored a try shortly before half time and the half time score was 20-5. The second half was identical in score and level of performance which was pleasing to see. The physicality from **Marc Mora** and **Teddy Faulkner** was a pleasure to watch. Try scorers in the second half included **Lloyd Day**, **Leo Newberry**, **Edwin Hounkanli** and **Teddy Faulkner**. A great win boys!



### Westminster Sportshall Athletics Champs

Portland fielded an U13 girls' team and U12 & 13 boys' teams in this annual qualifier for the London Youth Games Finals. Portland's girls suffered an early setback when Lana Tuite injured her knee in the obstacle relay and was unable to continue. The girls were down to only five team members and pulled together superbly to contest all the events. **Isabella Calvert-Bull** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 6 lap race, running a year out of age and finishing strongly to overtake two runners on the line. The girls eventually placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the team event.

The Year 7 boys finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the team event, despite being announced 4<sup>th</sup>. This was a good performance from the boys who were all new to this format of competition. Year 6 **Hazuki Kita** took to triple jumping like a duck to water, managing 5.11m in the sportshall style standing version. **Sonny Shelton** and **Albert Thomson** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 8 lap parlauf, running 2 laps each alternately. A fifth overall was a pleasing result pitted against large state schools with very large year groups to select from.

Portland's Year 8's produced the best team performance of the day. **Teddy Faulkner** put the 3.25kg shot 8.25m to take bronze, whilst the 2 lap relay team of **Lloyd Day**, **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs**, **Sid de Rosario** and **Edwin Hounkanli** placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Good performances also came from Jessy and **Lawton Ballbach** in the 8 lap parlauf, **Jesse Francis-Baum** in the standing long and triple jumps and **Tom Hallam** in the 6 lap individual. Overall the boys placed a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> in the team standings, behind Pimlico Academy and St George's.



## Year 6/7 House Basketball

There was a great collection of games in the round robin section of this year's house basketball. Langham secured a comprehensive win against Cavendish and Wigmore narrowly won against Devonshire after a great basket from **Sonny Shelton**. Round two gave Devonshire their first point when they drew with Langham; Wigmore made it two wins on the bounce with victory against Cavendish. Round three was eventful and the qualification into the final went down to the final game buzzer. Before this, Cavendish drew with Devonshire in an end to end contest. In the final match of the round robin Langham took the lead through **Remi** from the free throw line, Wigmore came back through **Ali** and with the final shot of the game, **Isaac Mayer** found the basket to not only win the game but secure first place in the group stages.

In the knock-out stages the third and fourth place match was between Devonshire and Cavendish. The game was played at a fast pace and lots of shots went close. The winning basket for Cavendish came from **Leo** when he collected a rebound, found some space and hit a nice jump shot. The final was Langham v Wigmore and was end to end against two teams who kept cancelling each other out. Langham took the lead through **Isaac Mayer** and looked like they were going to close the game out. However, **Ali** had other ideas when he dribbled past three players and scored a great layup to tie the game. The game went into a sudden death shoot out from the free throw line. Wigmore missed their first basket. **Remi** stepped to the line knowing a successful basket would win the tournament...Two bounces to settle himself...and he sinks the winning basket. Langham win!

**Isaac Mayer** takes the MVP award with 4 baskets. Well done!



## Sports Stars of the Week



### **Lloyd Day**

Lloyd put in a huge performance in the U13s rugby win against Radnor House on Monday. He ran with the ball brilliantly, showing tremendous pace and agility. He also more than held his own defensively. Well done Lloyd!



### **Daya Uppell**

Daya really impressed this week during her fitness training lesson at Westminster University. She showed superb focus, technique and work rate during the one hour session and even put in some extra work in the gym afterwards!



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# Sports results



## Football Club

With the late afternoon daylight increasing we will be restarting football club from next week on Thursday afternoons. We will be busing down to the hybrid pitch – an excellent surface – at Regents Park. All ages, genders and abilities are very welcome. Please meet at the changing rooms at PPS and change for football with boots and shin pads. We will leave as soon as everyone is ready and return to school for 5pm. Come and improve your skills!



## PPS FOOTBALL CLUB



**When? Thursdays 4-5pm**

**Where? Regents Park Hybrid Pitch**

Improve your skills, tactical awareness and understanding of the game!

Meet in the changing rooms at 3.45pm. Bring your boots and shin pads.

For more info simply ask the PE Department!





# Calendar

## Monday 03 February

- 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  
 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 04 February

- 12.45-1.30pm Percussion Ensemble, Mr Jesson, R1  
 12.45-1.30pm Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42  
 12.45 - 1.20pm Weight Training 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 05 February

- 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  
 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 06 February

- 8:00-8:40am GCSE Revision Club G34  
 8.20-8.50am KS5 Pure 2 Extra Help, R10  
 12.45-1.30pm PPS Choir, Mr Hill, R1  
 1.05-1.30pm Russian, Mr Burton, G32  
 3.45-4.30pm Year 10 & 11 Maths Club, G33  
 3.45-5.00pm Football Club, meet at PPS changing rooms  
 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 Whole School Art Club, Art Studio  
 4.00-5.30pm High School Musical rehearsal, PPS Hall

## Friday 07 February

- 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  
 12.45-1.20pm Weight Training 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

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