

A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue school sweater over a white collared shirt, is smiling at the camera. He is holding a large, woven wicker basket filled with golden-brown pancakes. The background shows a classroom setting with blue carpeting, a bulletin board, and various school supplies.

# The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

2 March 2020

## Pancake Day!

GCSE Drama performances

Trip to Salamanca

Maths news



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# Noticeboard

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
5 MARCH 2020

## Fancy dress Competition

\* Dress as a book character



\* It's at the library \* At 10:05 \* To win a prize  
\* £1 to enter

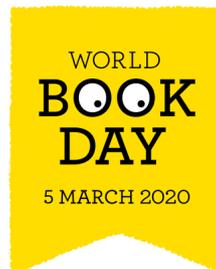
\* Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Please come!



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# Noticeboard

## Library



Next Thursday is the biggest day of the year in the library calendar—it's World Book Day! There are all sorts of fun things going on across school to celebrate books and reading.

On Thursday your child can come to school dressed as a book character—see Aubrey and Hazuki's excellent poster opposite! You can get some inspiration here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas-2019/> This is not a Mufti day. Please send them with £1 to raise money for Book Aid International.

Here is a picture of Irene getting the World Book Day vouchers ready!



Follow the library twitter for updates throughout the week! @PPSLibrary

## Tanzania Expedition

For the next 9 weeks, team members will be interviewed here to tell readers a bit more about their fundraising, share their excitement or worries and let you know about how to support them in reaching their targets.

### An interview with... Eleonora Giust

1. Why do you want to go on the Tanzania Expedition?

*I want to help out the people in the community and help them build a school.*

2. What are you looking forward to the most?

*Seeing the kids and the smiles on their faces.*

3. What are you worried about?

*Nothing!*

4. How much money have you raised so far and how can we help you?

*I have raised about £100 so far, so I need another £200. I'm going to do a 5K run (!) soon, you can sponsor me by donating on our Expedition page, using "Eleonora" as a reference. Thanks in advance!*



Team Tanzania's target is £5000 and so far they have raised £1119,70. Please help them reach their target by donating onto: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/portlandplaceschooltanzania>

Thanks for your support!

## Modern Foreign Languages

Once again the year 10 and 11 Spanish students had a great time on the Spanish homestay trip to Salamanca (13-18 Feb).

We combined lessons in the morning at Colegio Delibes with many different events in the afternoon and the weekend: tapas tour, day trip to the enchanting town of Zamora, treasure hunt and, of course, the vibrant salsa class where Eleonora Giust (Y10) was the absolute queen. A trip to remember!

Ms Picado and Mr Burton





## English

**Aubrey Brooke-Cowden** wrote this fantastic piece based on Greek mythology, which Year 6 have been studying.

### LI: To write creatively

Icarus squealed with excitement as he dashed towards his father, but with great disappointment he realised that his father was weak and frail. Icarus choked back a sob, then cried “Oh, what have they done to you, father?” and with that the guards left the room suspecting nothing. “Now Icarus, it is time. Do you remember what I told you yesterday?”. Daedalus then pointed to a nearby table with two rainbow coloured wings hidden underneath a towel. Immediately Icarus remembered. He was now filled with hope and determination as he knew that today he would escape from King Minos’ petrifying labyrinth. Shortly after, Daedalus and Icarus started working tirelessly attaching their new set of wings with boiling hot wax. After several hours of hard work, they were finished and exhausted but happy.

Suddenly, an ear rattling bang filled the room and King Minos marched in with his guards. Icarus’ hope shattered, but Daedalus was expecting this. Minos bellowed, “Aha, you will not be leaving to anywhere my dear Daedalus. One more step and I will leave you to the mercy of the Minotaur!”. Icarus stood trembling with fear on the ledge of the tower wondering if they would ever make it out alive. Daedalus knew that they were almost out of options, the reason being he did not really plan for this. As quick as a flash Daedalus and Icarus dived off of the tower and soared through the sky. Icarus let out a delighted scream, however Daedalus knew it was not over. A few moments later a menacing flight of arrows came raining down upon them. With sheer luck Daedalus and Icarus had survived!

Eventually, after several more attacks, they were in the clear. Icarus could not contain his excitement. He jumped, swirled, twisted and turned. Annoyed and concerned, Daedalus shouted “Do not fly too high or you the wax on your wings will melt nor fly too low as the water will unstick the wax from your wing and either way you will die!”, despite Daedalus’ specific instructions Icarus was just having too much fun flying in the sky as if he were a God. So he decided to keep swirling, twisting and twirling until unexpectedly, his wings started to melt off and then he fell. A huge turquoise wave came towering over Icarus, he let out a terrified scream, but the sound was cut off as Icarus was engulfed by the wave meaning that he was gone forever. Frantically Daedalus tried to fly over to where Icarus had been taken and see if there were any signs of him but alas he had no luck. Daedalus had failed. His wings were starting to unstick and so Daedalus knew it was over.



Tears streamed down Daedalus' cheeks and he let out a horrified scream. Daedalus was filled with dread, anger, misery and disappointment. Even though Daedalus had lost so much he was dedicated to carrying on going no matter what it takes and finding a new home. Then he would devise a plan to kill Minos and make sure Icarus was revenged.

Sadly for Daedalus Athena was mad at him as he had been disrespectful to her and so she wanted revenge on him. She went to Poseidon and begged him to make the waves below Daedalus huge and deadly to hurt Daedalus then she asked Zeus to make the wind rapid and harsh so it would knock Daedalus out of the sky. They both agreed. Part one of Athena's plan was complete.

This may seem cruel for a God to treat a human so badly but it gets worse. Athena had a part two to her plan and this was to send a message to Minos the King of Crete telling him the location of Daedalus. Immediately King Minos got his entire navy and went to seize Daedalus' body. By the time they got to Daedalus, his body was floating scratched and battered in the water. His once shiny rainbow wings were broken and colourless in the ocean and his body was bleeding... Daedalus was dying.

Daedalus woke to the sound dying screams of innocent people, Daedalus immediately knew he was in Minos' frightening labyrinth. Seconds later the Minotaur came running past and let out a monstrous roar. Daedalus was filled to the brim with horror. Without wasting any time Daedalus tried, using all the energy in his body, to get up but he couldn't he was far too weak. Suddenly, Daedalus felt one, then another, then all his limbs being ripped out of him. He let out a deafening scream that rattled the labyrinth then finally Daedalus blacked out never to see the light of day again.

**THE END**

## Drama

Huge Congratulations!

On Wednesday evening, our Year 11 Drama students completed their final practical performance at PPS. This is the most daunting part of the course, as students have to perform to an examiner from AQA. The students did not disappoint and performed their roles with confidence, displaying a variety of their acting skill. An audience made up of friends, family and teachers went through a roller-coaster of emotions watching two contrasting plays. Freya, Dot, Daya and Bertie put together a sensitive and moving performance of *Hard to Swallow* by Mark Wheeler. Whilst the evening ended with a comedy called *Teechers* by John Godber. Talitha, Rio and Felix had their audience laughing at their clever and honest portrayal of stereotypical teachers. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and commitment, well done all!

These students have now completed 60% of their overall GCSE. Our attention will now turn to the written exam that will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.





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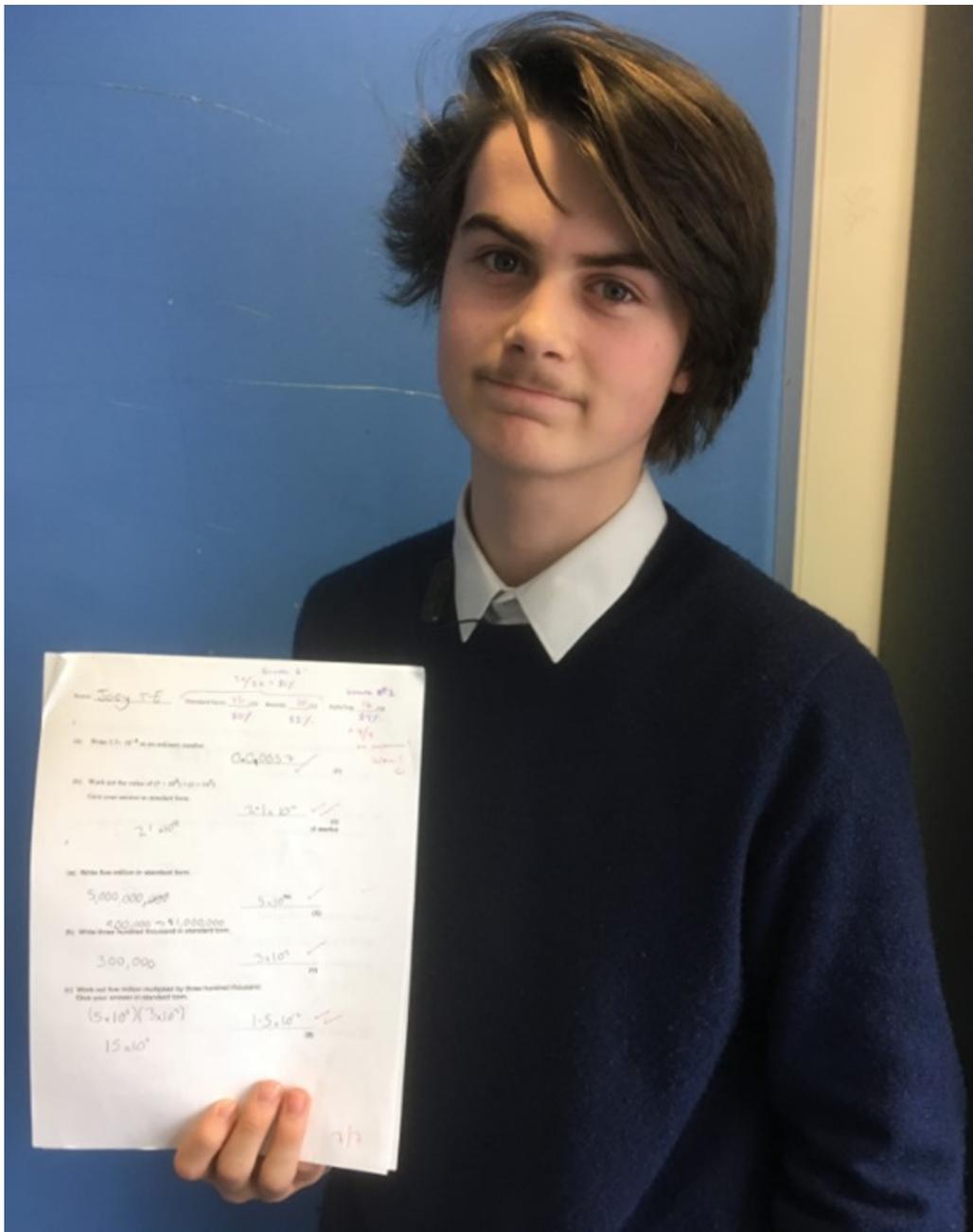


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## Maths

Well done to Joey Turner-Etridge in year 10 for his achievement once again in his Maths test. His consistent effort and attention to detail deserves a mention and is behind the excellent progress he continues to make.

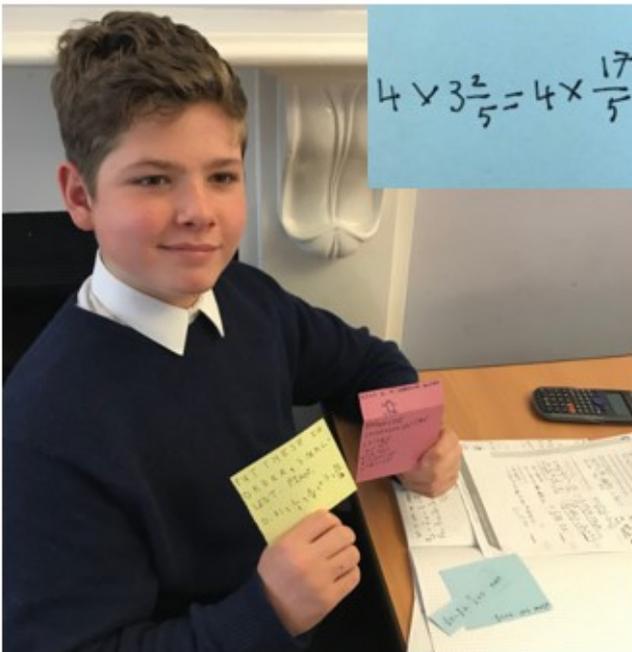




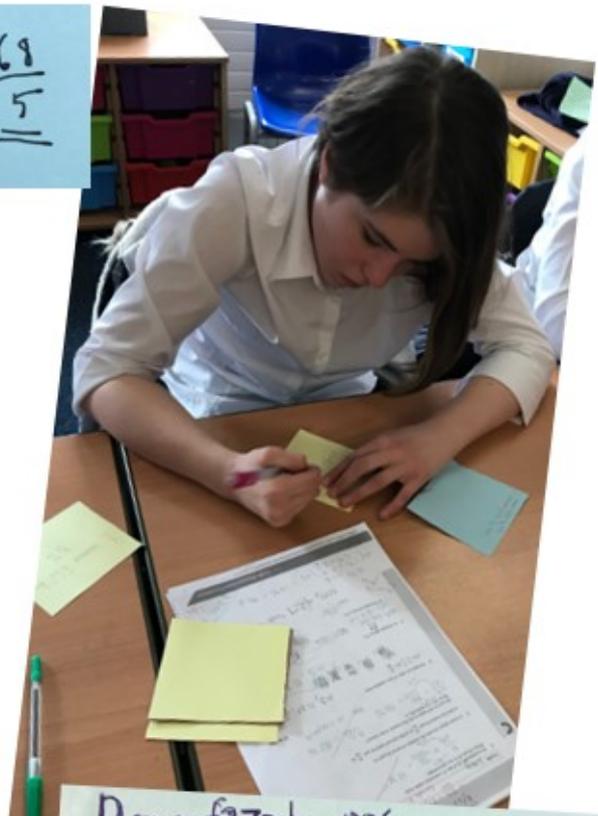
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Students in year 9 writing flash cards after receiving their tests back; focusing on questions they got wrong to help them progress. Here are Jake Cossey, Lucy Mainstone and Teddy Scanlan doing some excellent work.



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Decrease £270 by 13%

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## Art

Sam Osborn, Year 7- Picasso inspired family portrait





### **Under 14/15s Netball**

Thames Christian College– 3

Portland Place– 4

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Portland Place travelled over to Wandsworth to play Thames Christian College (TCC) for the second time this season. Portland Place got off to an extremely strong start with Manuela Poquet Serna and Scarlett Willis securing 2 goals very early on. Thames Christian College fought back and managed to score their 1<sup>st</sup> goal shortly after. Portland Place were extremely motivated to succeed and continued to put pressure on TCC. The teamwork Portland Place displayed was admirable and they got stronger and stronger as the game progressed. **Beatrice Curto** and **Polina Zaluzhskaya** were particularly nimble and did a very good job at regularly intercepting the ball. **Daisy Lewell** was very quick on her feet and able to free herself up on many occasions which opened up play and enabled Portland Place to work the ball up the court. **Lulya Benyam, Hana Husaini, Marnie Wilkins, Zeynep Yilmaz** and **Eleonora Giust** were all fantastic throughout the duration of the game. I was extremely impressed by the girl's confidence and determination until the final whistle.

As a result of the girls' outstanding efforts, they managed to secure a win of 4 – 3! Absolutely fantastic work girls! You should be very pleased and proud of yourselves!



### Under 13s Basketball

Portland Place—26

North Bridge Canonbury—25

This was the return fixture from last term's one point defeat to North Bridge at the Sobell Centre. On this occasion, the Year 8s were at home at the Moberly Centre. Portland started brightly, taking an early lead thanks to some excellent shooting from **Lawton Ballbach**. PPS were determined to retain possession through rebounding and avoiding dispossession through unnecessary dribbling. The boys moved the ball around the court with confidence, showing great patience in their build-up play and took a 10-4 lead into the second quarter. The squad was rotated frequently and service was resumed in the second period with several players adding their name to the scoresheet, including **Teddy Faulkner, Jesse Fryer-Jacobs, Kunal Patel** and **Lloyd Day**. PPS were in a commanding 18-9 lead at half time.

In the third quarter NBHC mounted a comeback thanks to some wayward passing and poor decision making from the Portland boys. Work rates dropped a little too as NBHC put together their best period of play, ending the quarter just 3 points behind. PPS steadied the ship in the second half, but were just a point ahead with four minutes remaining. Both sides shot frequently in a very exciting end-to-end run of play. Portland narrowly missed on several occasions, but fought very hard in defence to deny North Bridge the score. The final whistle blew with PPS leading 26-25.

This was a hard-fought win and the boys should be satisfied with their determination to see-out the result. More composure in the closing stages would have made this a much easier win.



### Under 13/14s Football

Portland Place—1

Northbridge Canonbury— 0

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February PPS u13/14's took on Northbridge House in an action packed game of football. The conditions at Regents Park made it challenging for both teams and the early stages of the match were scrappy and physical. PPS started to gain the upper hand mid-way through the first half and took the lead through **Bosco Buonaguidi** with an excellent cushioned volley over the keeper's head from **Jessy Fryer-Jacob's** perfect cross. Northbridge started to see a little more possession after the goal and had a couple of chances, but goalkeeper **Sam Meyer** made some good saves. In defence **Sylvan Farmer** and **Nicolas Bartha** showed good pace and strength to prevent Northbridge creating any further chances.

The boys realised they were in a close battle and they spoke about the importance of maintaining focus in the second half. At the start of the second half the boys started to show more accuracy, having more possession of the ball in the opposition's half. The defence remained strong and **Cassius Swales** and **Jessie Francis Baum** both worked their socks off on the wings, getting up and down the pitch. PPS were unfortunate not to double their lead when **Tom Hallam** showed his best footwork to create space for him to play an excellent through ball to **Lloyd Day**, Lloyd powered past a couple of defenders, poked the ball past the onrushing keeper but unfortunately the ball hit the post. In the final minutes of the game Northbridge were pushing for an equaliser but the boys kept them out to take a well-earned win.

This was a closely fought and physical contest that could have gone either way but the boys showed great grit and determination to shut out Northbridge after the excellent early goal from Bosco.

**Tom Hallam** had an excellent game in the centre of midfield, **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs** was very lively with his tricky foot work and sharp passing and **Cassius Swales** deserves a mention for his work ethic throughout. Man of the match goes to **Sylvan Farmer** who had his best game in a PPS shirt to date putting in a number of important tackles at centre back. Well done!





### Under 12s Rugby

North Bridge House– 8

Portland Place– 1

This was a very tough match for Portland's u12's against a decent NBH side who had some very pacy three-quarters. Portland failed to push their back line up in defence and this allowed North Bridge time and space to ship the ball to their fast players. In addition, much of Portland's tackling lacked conviction and this enabled NBH to break our line at will.

Portland showed improvement at the breakdown, with several players protecting the ball well and rucking with some good body positions. **Leo Bennett** had some strong carries and proved difficult to bring down. **Ali Abdel-Khaleq** cover tackled well and **Sonny Shelton** played with great determination, running strongly, as always and doing his best defensively. Our stand-out player was **Isaac Meyer** who was not only our best tackler, but also our main ball-carrier. He scores our only try, from a quickly taken penalty resulting from a high tackle on Leo, who had run up the right wing.

Portland should take heart that this is likely to be the best side they will face this term and that they are capable of much better play. Their performance was spoiled by several knock-ons and mistakes that handed possession to North Bridge.

### Under 13s Rugby

Portland Place—50

Northbridge House– 10

On Wednesday 26th February PPS made their way to take on Northbridge House Hampstead in a very entertaining rugby match. In the early stages PPS showed good physicality in attack and forced Northbridge in to mistakes with some excellent pressure in defence. **Lloyd Day** scored an outstanding try showing dazzling footwork and evasion to break the defensive line and full back. Moments later captain **Teddy Faulkner** scored a fantastic try after a typical bulldozing run from a tap and go penalty. Northbridge started to see a bit more of the ball and made some good breaks but **Marc Mora** made a couple of excellent try saving tackles, something he would also repeat later in the game! **Leo Newberry** scored a well worked try to take the score to 15-0 but Northbridge hit back moments later with an impressive individual try. The game evened out towards the end of the first half but just before the break PPS scored two quick fire tries through **Lloyd Day** and **Edwin Hounkanli**.



At half time the boys realised that despite the fact they had a good lead, Northbridge had some dangerous attacking players and it would be important that they maintained their levels of intensity and focus in the second half. The second half kicked off and Northbridge scored a try instantly. You could see their confidence levels grow as they started to have more of the ball. However, PPS showed great bravery and tenacity in defence. The forwards worked hard at the breakdown and the backs showed good line speed in defence. **Jesse Francis-Baum** and **Jessy Fryer-Jacobs** both made a couple of eye catching breaks from wide positions, showing good pace and footwork to beat a number of defenders. It was PPS who scored the all-important next try when **Lloyd Day** intercepted a Northbridge pass and beat a couple of defenders to touch down for his hattrick! Northbridge started to find the constant attacks hard to stop. **Ukona DLo-mu** and **Marc Mora** made some excellent hard carries and **Kunal Patel** and **Tom Hallam** delivered some good offloads out of the tackle towards the end of the half. By full time PPS took an impressive 50-10 victory with further tries from **Teddy Faulkner**, **Leo Newberry** and **Edwin Hounkanli** (who also scored a hattrick).

This was a very impressive and committed performance from PPS in very tough conditions. Captain **Teddy Faulkner** was excellent, with his powerful, tackle breaking running. **Lloyd**, **Edwin** and **Leo** all scored superb tries and **Tom Hallam** had a really positive performance at scrum half. Man of the match has to go to **Marc Mora** who may have changed the momentum of the game with his try saving tackles and excellent work at the breakdown – he was everywhere and put in a highly entertaining all action performance. Well done boys!



## Sports Stars of the Week



### **Valery Vogel**

Valery has had a superb week, producing excellent performances in all of her PE lessons and in the school netball fixture. She has displayed an excellent attitude to learning and has contributed with great effort and enthusiasm. Well done!



### **Marc Mora**

Marc's performance in the U13 rugby match was typical of the efforts he has been putting into all activities this term and earned him the man of the match. Marc is a very physical player and the team depends on his efforts in the tackles and breakdowns to secure possession. Great effort Marc!

## Monday 2 March

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 3 March

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 4 March

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 5 March

8:00-8:40am GCSE PE 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  
 3.50-5.00pm 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 6 March

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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