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Year 11 French trip

Year 9 & 10 Maths Feast

Year 13 Drama practical exam



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Whole School Assembly

A Celebration of Year 13

Thursday 26 March

9:15—10:15

Regent Hall, 7a Princes Street, London

W1B 2LH

All parents welcome



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The 2020 Carnegie Shortlist will be announced on Thursday the 19th of March and the 8 fantastic titles will be coming to Portland Place library for you to borrow!



The CILIP Carnegie
& Kate Greenaway
Children's Book
Awards

We will be meeting on **Wednesday lunch times in the library at 12.45** to chat about the books, write reviews and share ideas! A packed lunch will be provided, so if you want to come along **please add your name and year group to the list on the library door by Wednesday the 18th of March, or come along and see Ms Hubner or Ms Baker.**

Past titles have included *The Hate U Give* and Kwame Alexander's novels – we've had some brilliant discussions!



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THE HIT WITH MAXIMUM LIFT!

hairspray

PPS theatre
trip

Starring
MICHAEL BALL
and
PAUL MERTON



Tuesday 5th
May 2020
19:30

at the London
Coliseum

> **BOOK NOW**

Limited places - get a letter from the
Music or Drama department



SEN Department

Literacy note: word savvy student

Stuck on a word?

You can use **morphology** (the study of how the words are formed) and **etymology** (the study of the history of words) to help you remember the meaning and the spelling of the words.

Take an example '**misnomer**':

The prefix '**mis**' means '**wrong**' and '**nomer**' means '**to name**', from Latin *nominare* "nominate", which altogether means: a name that is not correct or does not suit what it refers to

You can use <https://www.etymonline.com/> to help you with this.

Below, you can also find a list of common prefixes:

Table 1: Common Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
un-	not, opposite	unkind, uncertain, unchanging
re-	back, again	replay, regress, reform
in- (im-, il-, ir-)	not	inedible, immortal, illegitimate, irreversible
dis-	not, opposite	disagree, disharmony, disintegration
en- (em-)	to make, cause, put	enlighten, encompass, embark, empower
non-	not	nonsense, nonfiction, nonpartisan
in- (im-)	inside, within	insight, introvert, insert, implant, import
over-	above, superior	overlord, oversight, overarching
mis-	wrong, bad	mistrust, misnomer, misconstrue
sub-	under, less	subtract, submarine, substation, subset
pre-	before	preheat, predict, preposition
inter-	between	interstate, international
fore-	before	forewarn, forerunner, before
de-	remove, from	derail, dethrone, deduct
trans-	across, through	transcontinental, transfer
ex-, exo-, e-	out	exhale, exit, exoskeleton, evaporation
com (cor, col, con)	with, together	committee, correspond, colleague, congress

Note: Adapted from Carroll, Davies, and Richman, 1971.



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Tanzania Expedition

For the next 6 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... Jude Brooke-Cowden

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

I want to see the culture and help out in any way I can.

2. What are you looking forward to the most?

I'm looking forward to the physical work and meeting people there which should be fun.

3. What are you worried about?

I'm a bit worried about the toilets. That sort of scares me but it will probably be exciting too.

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 am doing house chores at home like ironing shirts and I'm doing more things like running, you can sponsor me by donating on our Expedition page, using "Jude" as a reference. Thanks in advance!



Team Tanzania's target is £5000 and so far they have raised £1864.70. Please help them reach their target by donating onto: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/portlandplaceschooltanzania>

Thanks for your support!

Modern Foreign Languages

Y11 French trip to « Le Vieux Comptoir restaurant »

On Friday, Y11 studying French GCSE went to the old traditional restaurant « Le Vieux Comptoir ». They practised their French skills by ordering snails, frog legs, foie gras, cheese fondue, duck leg or raclette! The food was not to everyone's taste but it surely was interesting and everyone gave it a go! This was a great trip to say well done and good luck with the last weeks before their GCSEs, French being their first exam in May. Well done to all Y11 and bonne chance pour les révisions!

Mr Lalande



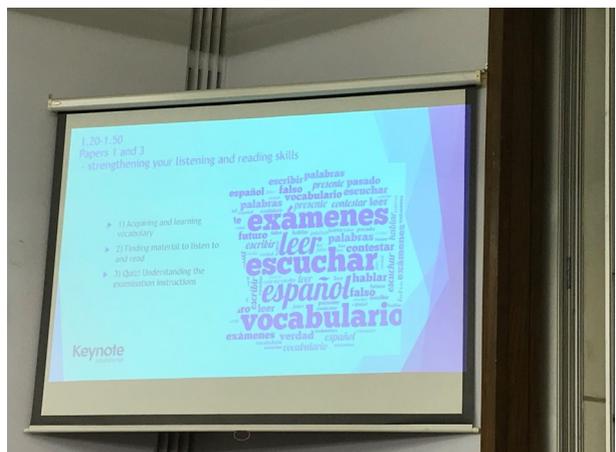
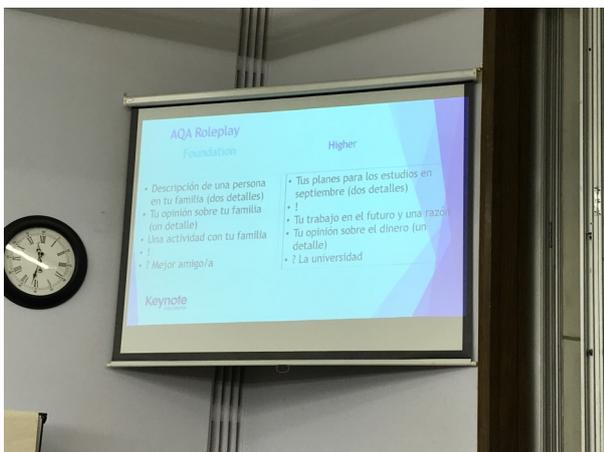
GCSE Spanish Student Conference

Following last year's great success, on 6th March a group of Year 11 students (Jayden Codrington, Tommy Dean, Sam Palmer-Thomson, Luca Pilotto, Felix Rivadeneira and Jay Sampson) attended a Spanish GCSE Student Conference held at City Temple Conference Centre in London.

The conference was designed in the light of the 2019 examinations and its focus was strengthening understanding of key areas in the GCSE Spanish exams. Moreover, the students gained expert guidance from senior examiners on how to get high grades across the papers.

The activities and workshops were very exciting and they included a quick-fire pronunciation practice, interactive pair-work translation activities, role plays, describing pictures using specific vocabulary and conversation practice.

Many thanks to Srta. Picado for organising such a useful learning experience!



Physics

A level Physics in Action day

Emmanuel Centre, Westminster

Friday March 6th

Mr Thompson took the A level physicists out for a day of talks.

First of all Clare Elwell, Professor of Medical Physics at UCL told us of her pioneering work on imaging the brain with infra red waves.



Trevor Cox, Professor of Acoustic Engineering at the University of Salford, then analysed the human voice. We were treated to some opera singing and hip hop and the ways the sounds are created were compared. Trevor also likes to talk to ducks !

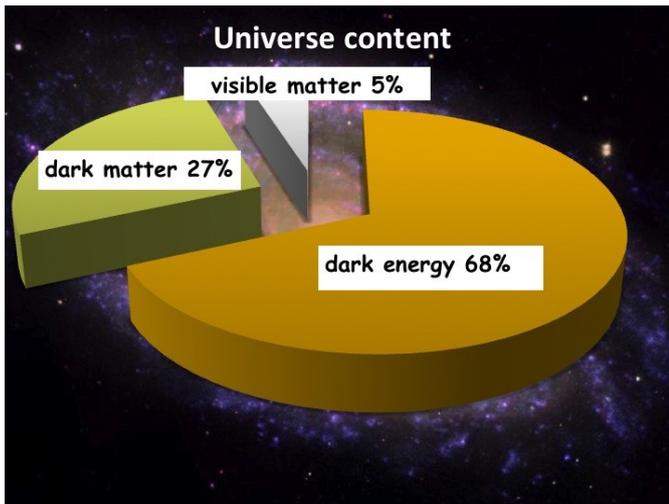




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After lunch Jen Gupta, Astrophysicist at Southampton University showed us what we know about the visible and invisible universe.



Michael de Podesta, from the Institute of Physics, then, with great humour, explained the redefining of four SI units : the kilogram, ampere, kelvin and mole. The most substantial change is how the kilogram is defined. The kilogram is now defined in terms of the Planck constant rather than as the mass of the International Prototype of the Kilogram held at the BIPM in France.





Drama

On Monday evening, our Year 13 students took to the stage for the final time at PPS. We were entertained with monologues and group pieces, the work was of a high standard and a true reflection of three months hard work. As with the GCSE exam last week, an examiner was present to assess the students. We were extremely proud with the way each student handled the pressure. The choice of mature and complex texts enabled students to showcase their skill, their performances were well received by an appreciative audience.

Candidate	Play/Playwright
GIBSON, Augustus	<i>Macbeth</i> , William Shakespeare
HOWARD-YAM, Abby	<i>DNA</i> , Denis Kelly
MARBER, Albie	<i>The Seagull</i> , Anton Chekov
MILLER, Blake	<i>Our Country's Good</i> , Timberlake Wertenbaker
PERTWEE, Freddy	<i>Jerusalem</i> , Jez Butterworth
PRATT, Melissa	<i>The Rise and Fall of Little Voice</i> , Jim Cartwright
SHELTON, Olivia	<i>4.48 Psychosis</i> , Sarah Kane
GIBSON, Augustus, HOWARD-YAM, Abby & SHELTON, Olivia	<i>Pool (no water)</i> , Mark Ravenhill
MARBER, Albie, MILLER, Blake & PERTWEE, Freddy	<i>The Pillowman</i> , Martin McDonagh



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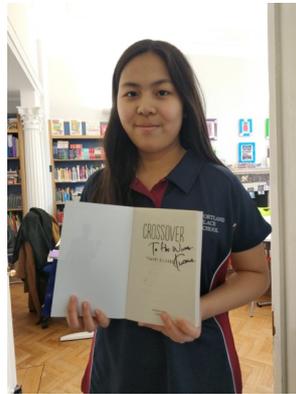
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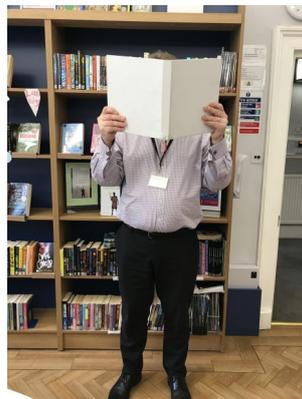
Library

Last week we held two competitions in our favourite week of the year—the one with World Book Day in! The speed-reading competition was a very close call. Well done to everyone who took part! The overall winner was **Laura Liu** in Year 9. Laura read the whole of Kwame Alexander’s verse novel, *The Crossover*, and answered comprehension questions about it, in **22 minutes and 20 seconds!**

The others were very close behind. Laura won a signed copy of Kwame’s book, with the message “To the winner. Kwame.”



The other competition we held was a school-wide quiz. Students had the chance to win a prize for answering some questions about the adults they see every day. Do you think they knew their teachers well enough to recommend them a book and say why they should read it?



The winners were **Remy Brooke-Cowden** and **Luke Ahrens** in Year 7. They have won an Amazon voucher each for their thoughtful answers. Well done boys!

Last week we raised **£28.42** from fancy dress for Book Aid International. Thank you to everyone who donated.



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Music

Music Examination Success

Congratulations to James Mitcheson (Year 7)

for successfully passing his
Grade 2 Piano examination
last week.

Maths

Year 9 & 10 Maths Feast

On Friday 6th March two teams of our strongest mathematicians in year 9 & 10 travelled across London to take part in the Year 10 Maths Feast competition run by AMSP (Advanced Maths Support Programme).

The competition consisted on four rounds, focusing on problem solving, team work and accuracy.

The Year 9 team, consisting of Laura Liu, Irene Peleteiro, Mu Rong Li and Nicolas Bartha, achieved a 7th place in total, which was impressive considering they were all a year younger than all other contestants.

The year 10 team, with Calder Douglas, Elliot Greenfield, Sam Ingram and Angelo Demosthenous, came 3rd out the 16 teams taking part. A strong achievement!

Please congratulate these students for their efforts and achievements.





Under 12s Rugby

Harrodian– 15

Portland Place—50

On Monday afternoon Portland's U12's travelled to Barnes to face Harrodian. Portland looked the stronger side right from the outset with captain **Isaac Meyer** running in a try very early on. Harrodian had some fast and agile runners of their own and were capable tacklers, but at times they were unable to cope with some of our ball carriers. **Charlie Wilson** scored a nice try on the right wing after making a good break. Harrodian hit back with a try of their own, but Portland responded with two more tries from **Sonny Shelton** who supported well to benefit from Isaac's offload, and Isaac himself went over from a quickly taken penalty.

In the second half Portland continued to dominate and **Danny Maclean** scored his first try for the school, once again showing good support play and taking Isaac's offload to run home. **Isaac Meyer** added his third and final try and **Leo Bennett** scored his first of two tries. **Ali Abdel-Kahleq** made a superb run up the touchline, avoiding many tacklers to score probably the best individual try of the match. Harrodian run in two tries of their own, but were unable to keep pace with Portland who eventually ran out 10 tries to 3. Well done to all who played. The boys tackled more effectively in this game and improved their support of runners, which is what we tried to focus on. They still need to react quicker at the breakdowns and try to maintain their positions better, particularly in the backs.





Y6&7 House Cross Country

On a fairly sunny but windy morning Portland's Y6 & 7's took part in their house cross country competition at Marylebone Green at Regents Park. There were several personal best performances: Devonshire's **Marcus Allan** produced the fastest time of the year from a Y7 boy of 9:37 sec. He was the first runner to finish, just ahead of **Isabella Calvert-Bull** (Cavendish) who produced the fastest girls' time from any year group this winter, completing the 2km course in 9:43 sec. Personal best times were also set by Danny Maclean and Isaac Meyer and it was very pleasing to see these individuals show such team spirit in stepping up their performances for their houses.

Once all the times had been recorded and accumulated, Devonshire emerged as the winners, with Cavendish second, Langham third and Wigmore House in fourth. These points will be added to the totals for the house cup which was won by Devonshire last year.





PPS Under 15/16s Football

Portland Place—2

Northbridge House Canonbury—3

On Tuesday 10/03 PPS took on Northbridge House Canonbury in an action packed game of football. In the early stages both teams looked good in possession and it felt as if the game was going to be very entertaining. The game was being played at a high pace and both teams were unlucky not to score after creating good chances. Mid way through the first half Northbridge started to have a bit more possession but it was PPS who struck first after **Alex McDonald** cut in from the left wing and played an excellent through ball to **Dylan Young** who toe poked past the onrushing keeper. PPS didn't hold their lead for long. Northbridge equalised just a few minutes later with an outstanding individual effort from their tricky left winger. Towards the end of the half PPS created a good chance that wasn't taken and unfortunately it was Northbridge who went up the other end of the pitch and scored in somewhat fortunate circumstances. Just before half time Northbridge added a third to take a 3-1 lead - a scoreline that felt very harsh on PPS.

In the second half PPS looked composed in the early stages and started to see more possession. The midfield trio of **Teddy Desmond, Nico Blakemore** and **Dylan Young** were starting to win the midfield battle and PPS created some good opportunities early on. The boys were getting in to good areas but struggling to find a killer ball. Northbridge were dangerous on the counter but the back four looked comfortable under pressure and made several excellent tackles. PPS continued to push and were unlucky when **Ben White** showed great pace to get in behind the Northbridge defence but his effort was well saved. PPS finally got a breakthrough when **Oscar Bolgar** was played through and finished well to take the score to 3-2 with ten minutes left to play. The boys continued to press and look for an equaliser but unfortunately fatigue had got the better of them and they just couldn't find the back of the net. 3-2 to Northbridge the final score.

This was an excellent game of football and the boys were unlucky to lose, a draw would have been a fair result. **Dylan Young** put in a really positive performance with some slick passing and plenty of aggressive defending in midfield. **Felix Rivadeneira** put in a brilliant performance at right back where he dealt with Northbridge's biggest attacking threats consistently throughout the match. However, man of the match goes to centre back **Elliot Greenfield** who was absolutely outstanding, he made several key tackles in the game and I don't think one player managed to take the ball around him!



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Sports results



Sports Star of the Week



Marcus Allan

Marcus has had an excellent week, setting the year's best cross country time for a year 7 runner and making a very solid and much improved performance in the year 7's rugby match at Harrodi-an, in which his team won by 10 tries to 3. Keep up the good work Marcus, there's much more to come!



Isabella Calvert-Bull

Issy has produced the fastest girls' cross country time this season out of all year groups. Last week she competed very well in the ISA north London cross country Championships coming 21st out of around 100 runners of year 7 and 8's. Very well done!

Monday 16 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 17 March

8:15-8:45am Y13 Mechanics extra session, G41
 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 Y11 Maths Intervention (selected students), G33
 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 18 March

8:15-8:45am Extra Maths help, any Year 11, G32
 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 Y7-9 Maths Club, R24
 3:45-4:30pm Y13 Pure extra session, R10
 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 19 March

8:00-8:40am GCSE PE Revision Club G34
 8:15-8:45am Y13 Statistics extra session, G41
 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
 3.35-4.30pm Gymnastics Club, R11
 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 20 March

8:15-8:45am Russian Club, Mr Burton, Library
 8:15-8:45am Y13 Pure extra session, G41
 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
 12.50-13.20pm Junior Maths Challenge practice (Y6-8), R24
 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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