

# The Weekly Buzz

Portland Place School

14 September 2020

A new school year

PPS Enrichment Programme photos  
Author of the month



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# Welcome

*Welcome to our new students,  
and welcome back to our existing ones.*

## **Reminder—MFL**

Please remember to bring last year's MFL textbooks to reception.



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# Noticeboard

## LAMDA

### INDIVIDUAL LAMDA SPEECH AND DRAMA TUITION AT PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL

*New school year, new time slot, new opportunities!*

From the start of this academic year, the Drama Department will be bringing LAMDA private tuition into the school day. Students will no longer be required to stay late into the evening.

LAMDA tuition will work similarly to our popular music tuition. Students who sign up for this fantastic opportunity will be provided with a rotating timetable, giving them a different lesson time every week so as to avoid the tuition impacting on one particular subject.

There are a few spaces still available and they open to all year groups. This exciting service is being provided by Artisan Theatre School tutors, who are professional actors and directors as well as being fully qualified LAMDA teachers.

LAMDA examinations are designed to equip candidates, whatever their age or aspirations, with a range of skills that will serve them throughout life. LAMDA exams are recognised qualifications that carry UCAS points, much the same as grades in music and allow students the opportunity to develop their drama skills, diction/clarity, communicational skills, public speaking and confidence! As well as the skills developed in acting, students will also learn various methods in performance, which in turn boosts self-esteem.

The examinations themselves provide students with the opportunity to build self-confidence, acquire skill certification for career development and to make contact with expert practitioner examiners outside the immediate teaching environment.

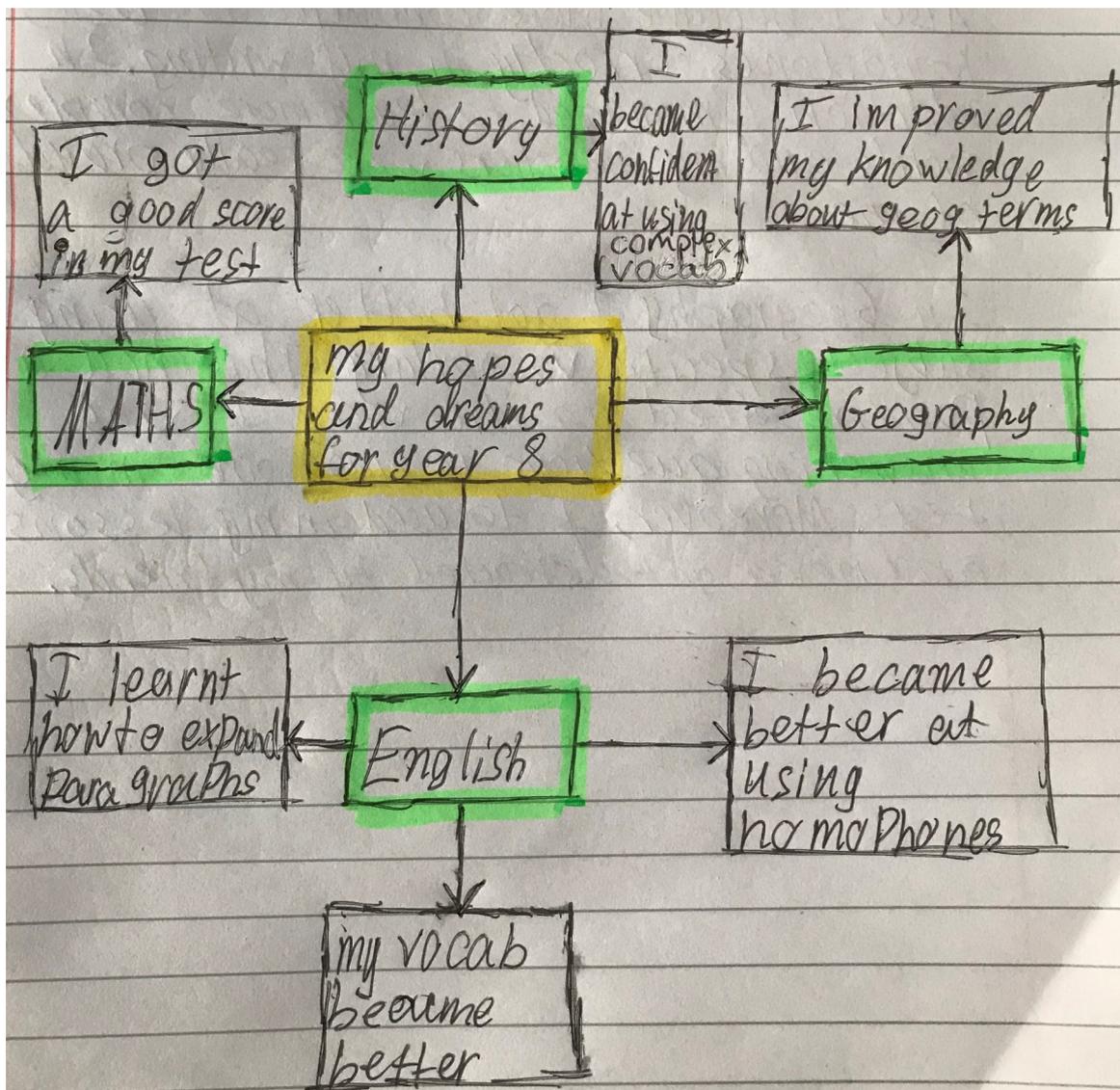
If you would like more information please email [david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk)

## English as an Additional Language

At the start of each academic year, I encourage my EAL students to step into the future and imagine that they have already achieved their goals for the year. As a consequence, their mind will constantly look for ways to turn that image into reality throughout the year.

Egor Pertsev has produced a beautiful mind map with his hopes and dreams for Year 8 and I am sure that with perseverance and determination he will manage to reach his goals. Well done, Egor, for taking responsibility for your own learning!

Miss Florea





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## Library

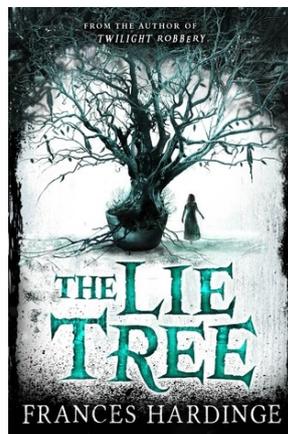
### Author of the month

### Frances Hardinge



Frances is a British author born in Kent, where she had a bookish childhood living in an isolated country house. She went on to read English at Oxford, and published her first children's fantasy novel, 'Fly by Night' in 2005. This won the Branford Boase Award for outstanding debut novel, and she went on to win the Costa award for children's book of the year in 2015 for 'The Lie Tree'. She now resides in West London. You can find out more on her website here: <http://www.franceshardinge.com/>

Mrs Carvalho recommends:



You can borrow this now! Check out our catalogue for a preview of this great book:

<https://tinyurl.com/yy9msmq4>

## Enrichment

Part of the first week back at Portland Place has seen the launch of the Enrichment programme; a chance for all students in the school to take a break from curriculum lessons and explore something new, push themselves outside their comfort zone and develop new skills. From Bollywood Dancing, practical West End Musical Theatre sessions, Chess, Maths, Film, Samba drumming and a whole host of other activities, students had a great time on Wednesday afternoon doing something enriching! Below are just some photos of the activities taking place this term - more to follow!



Samba Drumming



Bollywood Dancing



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Chess



Claymation

## Enrichment



Cookery



Photography



West End Musical



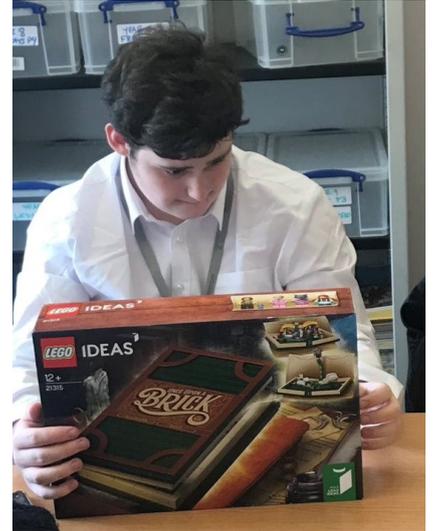
World on Film



Manga Comic Club



Extended Project Qualification



Lego Design Club



UK Maths Challenge



Junior Maths Puzzle Club



Yoga and Meditation



# Sports report

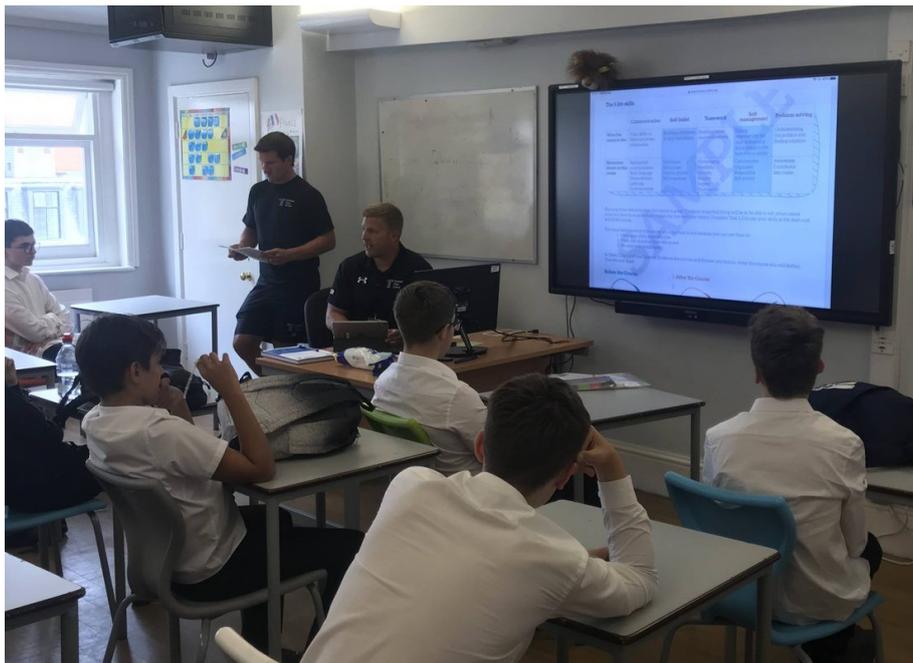
## Welcome Back

The PE department would like to welcome all our pupils back to school PE and sport. It seems a very long time since competitive inter-school sport came to an end and it seems that we will have to wait a little longer yet. However, pupils have returned to physical education this week with our students taking part in netball, football, rounders, cricket and Health Related Fitness lessons. Like many schools, we are catching up on some of the traditional summer fielding and striking sports whilst the weather stays fine.

This week a group of students from years 8-11 began their Level 1 Sports Leaders course as part of their enrichment program. From next week horse riding should begin at Hyde Park from the Ross Nye stables with pupils from year 6-11 attending until the end of term.

Although many of these activities are somewhat modified from their usual format, with hand cleansing every fifteen minutes and distancing in place, the pupils seem to have got back into the swing of things very quickly.

From next week we will look to re-start some of our extra-curricular sports clubs and we will be asking pupils to put their names down to attend these. House sports should also be able to get underway this half term within their year groups, which may provide the pupils' first opportunity for some competitive sport.



Sports Leaders course



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# Sports report

## PE Kit

Pupils have been very good with their kit this week, with barely any belongings left behind in the changing rooms. Could I please remind parents to ensure that all your children's kit is clearly named? The PE department is unable to lend kit in the current climate, so it is essential that pupils bring the correct kit each lesson or they may be unable to participate. Kit guidelines can be found on Firefly, in the PE department page in each separate year group section.

Pupils should be wearing the following for each PE lesson:



Navy blue hoodie and waterproof jacket are optional, depending on the weather, as are the leggings and under layer.

Pupils playing football should also have shin pads and studded football boots. At present the ground is quite dry and studs aren't essential, but as the weather becomes wetter these will be obligatory. Regular trainers or running shoes are unsuitable for football as they offer insufficient support and the raised, cushioned soles make kicking properly much harder.



# Diary

## CLUBS

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

3:45—4:30 KS3 Maths Club (Y7-9), R24

**Thursday**

3:45—4:30 KS4 Maths Club (Y10-11), G33

**Friday**

## PPS TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 2020

**Term starts** Monday 7 September

*Half term* Mon 19 Oct – Fri 30 Oct (two weeks)

**End of term** Friday 11 December

### Spring Term 2020

**Term starts** Monday 4 January

*Half term* Mon 15 Feb – Fri 19 Feb

**End of term** Thursday 1 April

### Summer Term 2021

**Term starts** Thursday 22 April

*Bank holiday* Mon 3 May (school closed)

*Half term* Mon 31 May – Fri 4 June

**End of term** Friday 9 July



## PPS TWITTER ACCOUNTS

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@year7pps	Year 7
@year8_pps	Year 8
@pps_sports	Sports Department
@ppsdrama	Drama Department
@ppslibrary	Library
@ppsmusicdept	Music Department
@pps_film	Film and Media Department
@mflpps	MFL Department
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@ppsbiology	Biology Department
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