

The Weekly Buzz

13 June 2022





Transport, getting to and from school, has become a bit of a hot topic this week with the strike last Monday and the announcement of more to come in two weeks' time. Certainly this year we have seen more strikes take place, rather than be cancelled at the last minute, and have more extensive impact than I remember in previous years.

Our most recent transport survey in April this year showed that over half our students rely on rail and underground to get to and from school. Switching to remote learning when public transport is badly affected, as we did last Monday, does have some advantages. Students are not having to deal with highly irregular journeys of unpredictable length. Their lessons will be with their regular teachers, albeit online. Of course there are downsides to this as well as several parents contacted me about, principally the need to arrange child care for the younger students. I have been reflecting on these through this week.

I am not making it school policy that we always work remotely on days when there are tube strikes. **For future strike days the default position will be that school is open.** On exceptional days this may change but I intend them to be the exception and not the rule.

The strikes have highly variable impacts. On Monday several staff got to work more-or-less by their usual route in their usual time. Others got in but with delays of 90 minutes or more. As parents you are in the best position to judge how impacted your child's journey will be and what alternative transport can be arranged. You may decide that given your specific circumstances your child will stay home that day and we will of course be sympathetic in that case.



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Headmaster's letter

June 21st is expected to be majorly disrupted with all rail networks and the underground closed by the strike action (assuming it goes ahead). That evening is due to be our *Summer Concert* at RADA Studios. We are looking for an alternative date now for this event to avoid the strike and will advise as soon as it is confirmed. To help judge about opening the school on this exceptional day of action I would appreciate your feedback, by Tuesday 14th June, through this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZD7Z956>

Thank you.

David Bradbury



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Lunch Menu

**Week 2
Lunch
Menu**

MONDAY

Main:
Chicken Arrabbiata Pasta

Meat Free:
Veggie pasta

To go with:
Broccoli
Mushroom
Kale

Dessert:
Ice Lolly

Tuesday

Main:
Chicken Pie

Meat Free:
Vegan Pie

To go with:
Carrots
Cauliflower
Green Beans
Cabbage

Dessert:
Pineapple Cake

Wednesday

Main:
Gammon

Meat Free:
Broccoli Pasta Bake

To go with:
Honey-Glazed-Carrot
Roasted Potato
Cabbage
Cauliflower
Gravy

Dessert:
Rice Cake

THURSDAY

Main:
Beef Chilli

To go with:
Courgette
Rice Banoffee Pie
Sweetcorn
Tacos

Meat Free:
Vegan Chilli

Dessert:

FRIDAY

Main:
Pizza

To go with:
Oven Baked Fries
Crushed peas
Baked beans

Meat Free:
Pizza

Dessert:
Flapjack

**The FUTURE of
FOOD**

**ON THE MENU
☆ EVERYDAY ☆**

- ☆ Soup of the Day
- ☆ Salad Bar
- ☆ Fresh Fruit
- ☆ Yoghurt

Allergen Key: 1. Milk, 2. Fish, 3. Gluten, 4. Peanuts, 5. Tree nuts, 6. Soya, 7. Sesame, 8. Lupin, 9. Shellfish, 10. Molluscs, 11. Egg, 12. Sulphite, 13. Celery, 14. Mustard
 MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE

Gluten-free options available on each day



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 21/06 - **Summer Concert**
@ RADA **New date to be announced**

Fri 24/06 - **Sports Day**
@ Perivale Athletics Track

Thurs 30/06 - **Celebration Day**
@ Regent Hall & GPS building



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LAMDA EXAMS

Monday 13th June

	ROOM 1		ROOM 2
09.00	Abi Taub – Grade 3	09.00	Samara Mayers – Grade 4
09.15	Jazz Pochon – Grade 7	09.20	Rory Grosvenor – Grade 4
09.45	Tec Hennebry – Grade 4	09.40	Madeleine Hayward-Couch – Grade 2
10.05	Ariella Minshull – Grade 5	09.55	Angelica Morby – Grade 3
10.25	Cassius Swales – Grade 6	10.10	Susan Li – Grade 3
11.05	Olivier Anne – Grade 5	10.25	Connie Conway – Grade 5
11.25	Lucas Alsop – Grade 6	11.00	Isabella Corney – Grade 6
11.50	Kieran McKintosh – Grade 5	11.25	Ethan Smither – Grade 5
12.10	Lexi Horne – Grade 5		
12.30	Enzo Pochon – Grade 4		
13.50	Stanley Kenyon – Grade 2		
14.05	Nils Madelin-Hill – Grade 5		



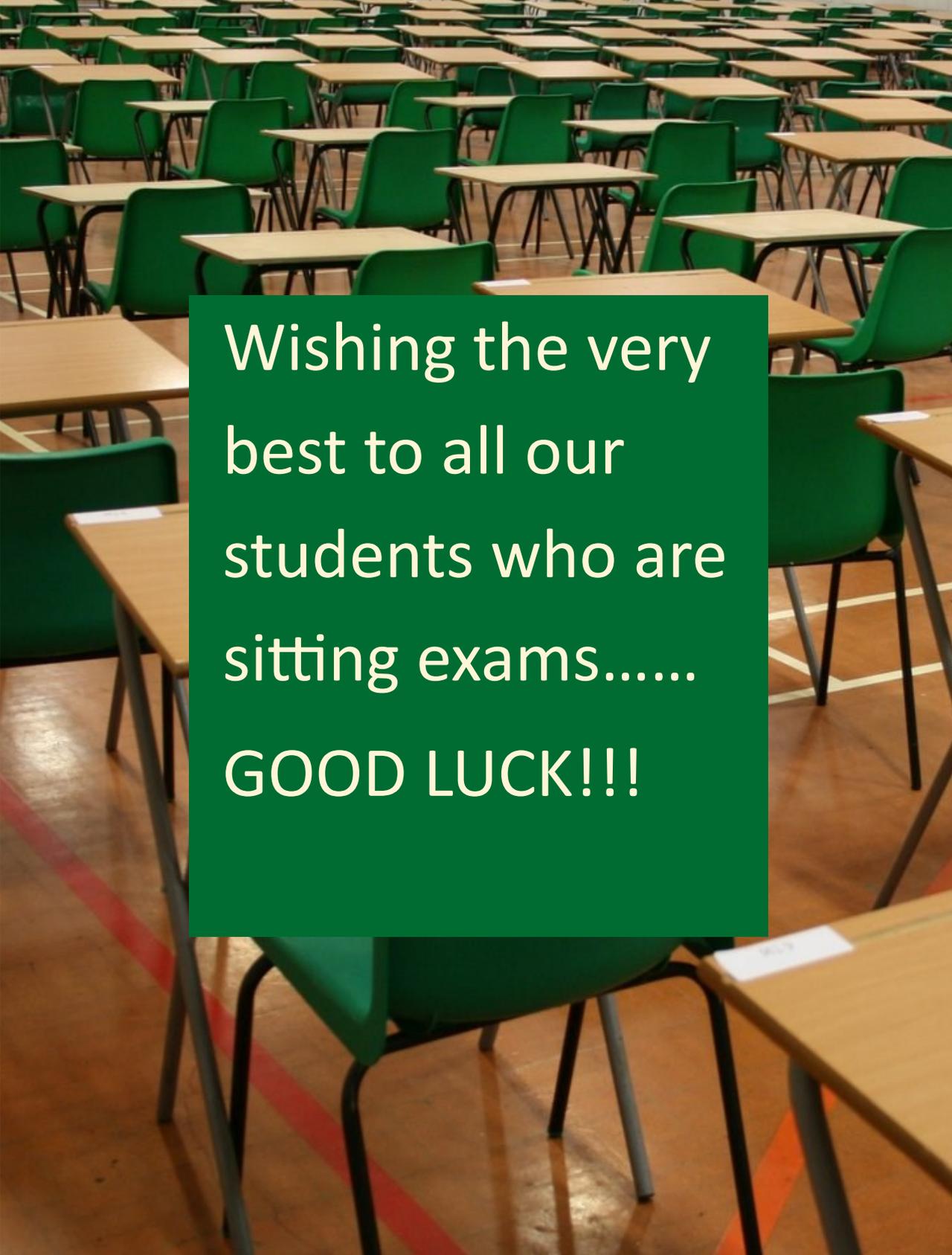
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Wishing the very
best to all our
students who are
sitting exams.....
GOOD LUCK!!!



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PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL

Music Department

presents

Summer Concert 2022

Tuesday 21st June

6.30pm

RADA Studios

Date to change — watch this space



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CELEBRATION DAY

THURSDAY 30 JUNE



**All welcome! No
need to RSVP**

AWARDS & PERFORMANCES

1.30PM - 3.30PM

REGENT HALL

275 OXFORD STREET, W1C 2DJ

&

CREATIVE ARTS SUMMER EXHIBITION

3.45PM-5.00PM

PORTLAND PLACE DINING HALL

143-149 GREAT PORTLAND STREET

DRINKS & CANAPES



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25
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MUSIC 200



WELCOME TO
JUNIOR ACADEMY MUSICAL THEATRE!

TRAIN WITH THE BEST AT THE
ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC

SPECIALIST TEACHERS | INDUSTRY-LED WORKSHOPS | SMALL CLASS SIZES |
ONE-TO-ONE FEEDBACK | END-OF-YEAR STAGED SHOWCASE





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DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR PERFORMING? DO YOU LOVE SINGING?

In September 2022, the Royal Academy of Music will be opening its doors to young people aged 14 to 18 for specialist training in singing, musical theatre repertoire, drama and movement.

Working in small groups, you will receive tailored support to develop your skills and feedback from industry professionals in specialist workshops. Each year of your training will culminate in a staged showcase performance in front of an invited audience.



FIND OUT HOW TO APPLY AT
[RAM.AC.UK/JAMT](https://ram.ac.uk/jamt)

- [royalacademyofmusic](https://www.youtube.com/royalacademyofmusic)
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Signatur is the umbrella name for The Karlsson Jätiva Charitable Foundation's work for the advancement of the art of music.



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Well-being and Exams

As we are in the middle of the exam season- which is a challenging time for the students as well as their parents/ carers- I thought I'd share with you a few tips for reducing the stress and anxiety during this time. The well-being of our students is paramount as it lays the foundation for them to reach their potential in learning and in life.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Florea



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7 TIPS FOR MANAGING EXAM STRESS

REACH
OUT.COM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Stay organised with to-do lists and study timetables



Give them time off chores and non-urgent family stuff

Take regular study breaks



Encourage them to keep doing the activities they did before exams

Have a dedicated study space



Help them set up a study space and make sure the rest of the family understands

Have a long term goal



Chat with them about what they want to do after exams

Get as much sleep as possible



Remind them to go to bed at a regular time each night

Remember your health: eat well and stay active



Go on study break walks with them and try to cook wholesome meals

Talk to the people around you



Make a time to chat to them and let them vent



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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at PPS

Friday 27th May 2022

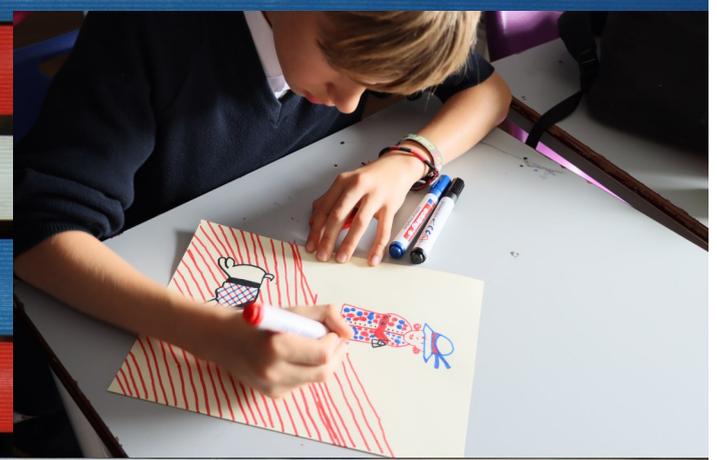


The Royals at Year 9 Learning Lab!



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Mad Scientists



This week in Mad Scientist we dissected hearts, kidneys, fish, lungs, liver and a lambs head!



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Year 11 Hybrid School goes to The Crystal Maze London!

On Friday 27th May, Ms Baig and Ms Van Der Wal took the KS4 Hybrid students to the immersive experience of tricky team challenges after a lovely Nando's lunch. **Jazzy, Paulina, Alexdrina** and **Abz** won a crystal each giving us 20 seconds in the final dome. It was a fun and adventurous way to celebrate their time in PPS and they will be missed very much.




THE CRYSTAL MAZE
LIVE EXPERIENCE
LONDON



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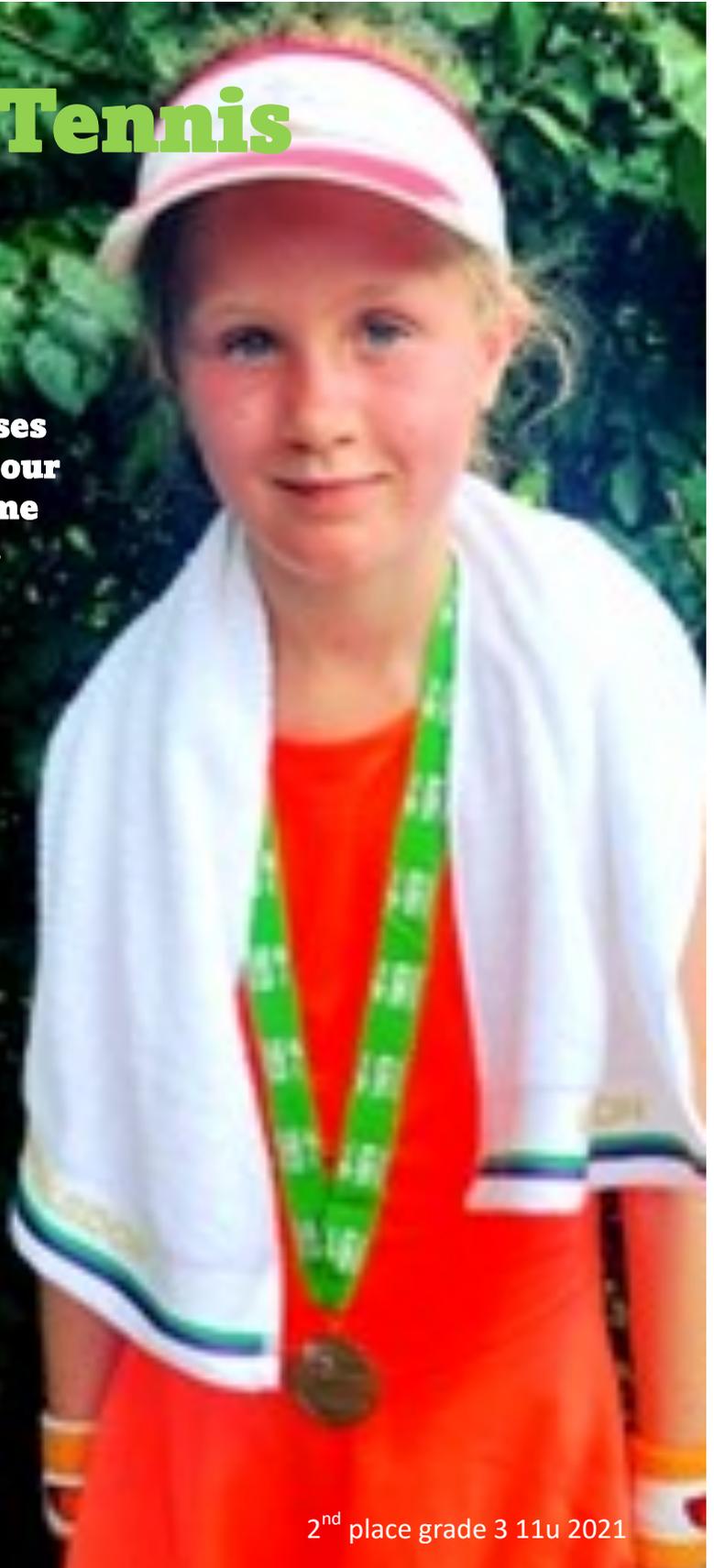


Our Hybrid Tennis Superstar!

Year 6 Papaya Douvall discusses how she balances learning in our hybrid school with her full-time tennis practices and matches.

How I do my homework in between tennis? Well, here is the answer:

I have tournaments on Saturdays and Sundays so those days aren't homework days. When we have study periods, our teacher sets us work 5-10 mins after. I often don't see the work as I am having a tennis lesson most likely. How I do most of my homework is I get up at 6:30 (I like getting up early) and finish all the pieces I haven't got done yet. When my class finishes, sometimes I have a few minutes (15 for example) to finish bits and bobs. Our teachers often have our times at like 11:05 so to give us some minutes to get our brains ready for our next class. Those extra minutes often is when my homework gets completed.





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1st place in a grade 4 14u
2022



I won my club's championship
2021



1st place in a grade 4
12u while visiting my
Grandmother 2022



Won the county cup doubles with my friend
Christina

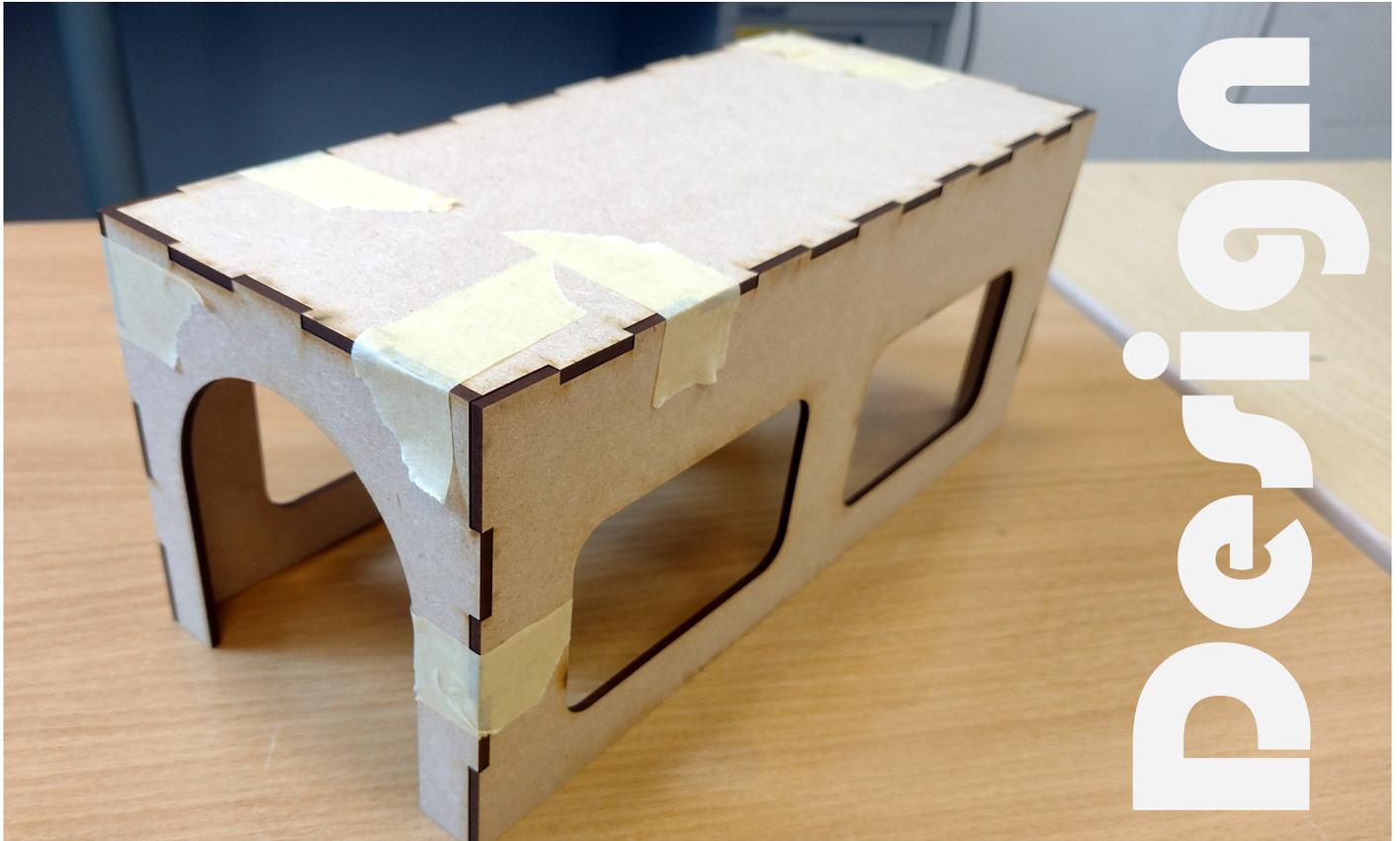


Won the county cup
singles 10u 2021



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Design

Well done to **Maxwell in Y8** who has been designing and making a depot for his train set





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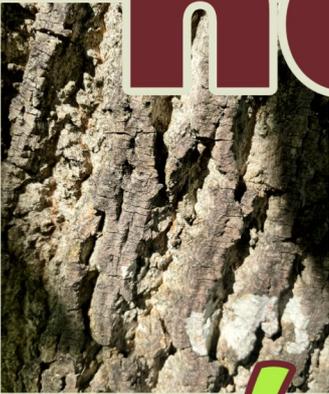


Well done to Year 6 who had an excellent and creative first lesson in Design





nature



photography





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Museum Investigators



**'Radical Rooms: Power
of the Plan' Exhibition
at RIBA gallery**

Review by Olivia, Georgie & Honey



What is it about?

We visited the Radical Rooms exhibition on Wednesday 8th June 2022. This exhibition represents profound roles of women in the development and design of their own homes, and highlights the architectural influence that had always been left out of history of architecture. The exhibition uses these women's stories to show how their architecture challenged what society thought they should be doing. The layout is inspired by the Palladian house plan, the exhibition creates an abstract grid that connects rooms defined by curtains and beautiful floor patterns.



What did we enjoy?

One thing we liked about the museum was that it was very interactive. For example, they had fun curtains that surrounded every framed picture and piece of writing. The lady who was explaining everything to us said that we could move the curtains and interact with all the pictures, and we could go wherever we wanted to go. That surprised us because usually we are not allowed to touch anything in the museums and if we want to go somewhere we have to ask and have someone take us there. This meant we were entertained because we could go to all the places we wanted to go.

What did we learn?

The very helpful lady who showed us around told us that all the ladies in the exhibition, Bess of Hardwick, Jane and Mary Parminster and Patty Hopkins, were seen and known as radicals of their time and their architectural work was often overlooked as they were women. We also learned that a good deal of interaction and using the sense of touch is important to make a museum or exhibition more appealing to the public.



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Art



Jasmina Laurillard Y11



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Sharifa Ghalib Y11



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Year 7 'Nina Simone'



THE WALL OF KINDNESS

Thank you to Spike Culpin for carrying all the equipment to, and from, the park on Wednesday for tennis enrichment. I really appreciated your help - Mr Maslona

Thank you to Nate for helping me carry the keyboard upstairs - Rhiya H

Thank you to Harrison for supporting me during the cricket match - Tyler D

Year 10 exams began this week, and it has been fantastic to see year 10 pupils meeting up and helping each other with their revision! All week pupils have been meeting up before their exams, running through revision flash cards, questioning each other, and trying to help their friends remain calm if they are feeling nervous. They have certainly created a very positive atmosphere before their exams with their kindness towards one another! - Mr Kubik



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Sports report

U12 Cricket vs Maida Vale





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Sports report

Portland's Year 6 and 7's began the new half term in fine fashion, beating Maida Vale by 26 runs in an entertaining 16-over match at Regent's Park on Tuesday afternoon.

Portland elected to bat first and **Nate Campbell** faced the first ball, partnered by **Harrison Brudenell-Turpie**. Unfortunately, the start of Portland's innings was marred by some rather poor running which resulted in three run outs. Nate was the first victim, having scored 2 runs and looking very confident at the crease. Shortly after, **Henry Hirst** – a very competent batter - was run out before he even faced a ball. Neither run was remotely possible, but PPS were slow to learn from their mistakes and later in the innings **Spike Culpin** was, once again, unnecessarily run out to a single that was never on.

On the positive side, Harrison was able to score 10, including the team's only boundary on an outfield of long grass. **Taishi Kikuchi** was the side's top scorer with an unbeaten 12 runs; he has taken to cricket very well, having never played before this summer. He was retired to allow other players a chance to bat. **Dexter Culpin** hit a solid 10 runs and **Enzo Pochon** and **Flynn Forbes** both added a single run apiece before the final over had been bowled. Maida Vale gave away a considerable number of extras, meaning PPS's score was 92/5.

Portland began well with the ball with some excellent bowling from our three main boys: Nate, Henry and Harrison. Nate was the pick of our attack taking 3 wickets for 6 off his two overs. Henry was very economical, taking no wickets, but only conceding 4 runs. Harrison was even tighter taking 1 for 3 runs. Spike, Enzo, Humphrey, Taishi and **Joey Maclean** all bowled a couple of overs each, with Enzo taking our only other wicket, clean bowling his man.

Maida Vale finished on 66/5, and never looked like approaching Portland's total after scoring just 20 runs in the first 8 overs. Well done to all the players, who all made a positive contribution. **Tyler Dinh**, produced some excellent stops, fielding at short mid-wicket, and Dario Parvzian also fielded solidly at deep cover.

Man of the match: **Nate Campbell** – was unable to score many with the bat, through no fault of his own, but took three excellent wickets early on, which helped seal the win. Well done, Nate!





U13 Rounders vs North Bridge Canonbury

With the blue skies turning dark and rain on the horizon, nothing was going to stop the U12 and 13s beat a strong Northbridge Canonbury team 4 and a half to 4 in a tightly fought rounder's match.

Led by **Olivia Solomou**, the PPS team were ready for battle at Regent's Park. Batting first, it was a slow start for the squad who seemed to be unable to get any distance on their shots with **Maya Lachheb**, **Mia Lipkin** and Olivia herself hitting the ball but not being able to get a run. It took a fantastic shot by **Yasmin Magomedova** to break the deadlock. The shot from Yasmin saw her flying round the bases to gain half a rounder. It was the start of some good form from the squad with **Marie Birzhina** joining in on the scoring. The left hander caught the ball sweetly as her shot flew over the opposing players and gained her the first rounder of the match.



Sports report



It was a game of close calls for both teams with PPS getting the luck of the draw, with a few dropped balls allowing them to continue with their progression. It was not only PPS who were gaining the luck: going into bowl, the PPS hands were not warmed up in the cold afternoon and a number of balls slipped away from either the chasing defender or slipped through the fingers.

The tight game continued as the bowling from **Jazz Pochon** and the quick thinking of **Zaya Child** on 4th and **Georgie Cox** in Outfield stopped any runs being scored. But this wasn't to last, with 3 great rounder's being hit by the NBH batters.

After an innings, the PPS students were half a rounder down and it was time for their batting to improve. With that **Mia Lipkin** came to the fore. With a swing of the bat, a clunk as the ball hit the wood and a scream from her teammates, Mia celebrated as she rounded 4th and scored a tremendous rounder. This wasn't the only points scored in the inning; **Maya** and **Bibi Underhill** went through to second base, getting half a rounder each. Bibi, who was on 2nd during the bowling, was a constant source of noise as she encouraged and communicated throughout.

With the weather starting to change, it was time for the final innings to proceed and the game to conclude. Straight off the bat, it became a closer game as the Northbridge squad hit two half rounders to set up a half rounder game. The PPS students were holding on but with some great leadership and with some fantastic fielding they were able to hold out until the final ball.

A fantastic victory was not dampened by the furious rain that came down just as the final ball was thrown and the jubilant celebrations continued all the way back to school.

Athletics: Portland Place Pupils in Action at London Schools & ISA National Finals

London Schools' Main Track & Field Championships

On Saturday, at Battersea Park's Millennium Arena, the annual London School's Athletics Championships will be held. Two of Portland's Pupils have been selected to represent the Westminster Squad: **Edwin Hounkanli** of Y10 will be taking part in the intermediate boys' (U17) 100m, whilst Year 9's **Miles Sellens-Flack** will be contesting the Junior boys' (U15) 300m.

Both boys earned their selection by winning their event at the Borough Championships back in May. A placing in the top 2 in this event can result in selection for the London team for the English Schools Track and Field Championships, which is on the 8th & 9th July, in Manchester.

The London area is a hotbed of athletic talent, meaning this meeting will be of a very high standard, with London athletes normally fairing very well in the national finals.



London Schools' Year 7&8 Track and Field Championships

On Tuesday of next week, a small squad of three athletes from Year 7&8 will be taking part in the U13 London School's Championships. This is held separately to the main track and field championships, which begins at the U15 age group, meaning Year 7 and 8's normally don't compete.

Year 8's **Olivia Solomou** will be running the 100m, **Olly Sheward** of Year 8 will be throwing the javelin and **Max Dawson**, also in year 8 will be running the 100m.

ISA National Athletics Championships



On Monday 13th June, Year 9's **Sonny Brendon** will be travelling to Manchester to represent the London North area in the Independent School's Sports Association's National Finals in track and field. Sonny won his 800m race at the London North Championships, in Bedford, to gain his selection.

Good luck to all our athletes competing over the next few days. This will be a great opportunity for them to gain representative honours as well as test themselves in a highly competitive environment and hopefully produce some personal best performances.

Next week's Fixtures

Mon: U14 Cricket vs North Bridge House Hampstead, Regent's Park, 2.00pm

Tue: Year 7&8 London Schools Track and Field Championships, Mile End, 9.30am onwards. (Finish time will depend on pupils' qualification for finals from heats)

Fri: U14/15 Cricket vs North Bridge Canonbury, Regent's Park, 2.00pm

Next week's Clubs

Tue: Weights club, changing rooms, 12.50-1.40pm

Wed: Running club, Regents Park, 12.50-1.40pm

Wed: Fencing club, Rm 11, 4.00-5.00pm

Thu: Table tennis club, PPS hall, 12.50-1.40pm

Thu: Girl's football club, Regents Park, 3.50-5.15pm

Please be aware that Cricket Club will be on Tuesday next week (14th June)



Enrichment—Second Half of Summer Term

Activity	Staff	Room
Carnegie Book Club	JHU	Library
Extended Project Qualification	SSA	Room 35
Fencing	KOL	Room 11
Horse Riding	BSO	Offsite (Hyde Park)
Junior Tennis	TMA	Offsite (Regent's Park)
London Zoo	ECO, CBI & HFR	Offsite (London Zoo)
Mad Scientist	HIS & DBL	Lab 3
Museum Investigators	PLE & JSI	R22 & Offsite
Photography Skills	PZA, DFL, MTH	G31
Rock Band	SSG & JM	Room 1 & 2
STEAM	DWO	B1
Ultimate Frisbee	JWH & TTC	Offsite (Regent's Park)
Year 10 Careers & Post-16 Preparation	BCA, CMS,AJU, DBO & LVW	Dining Hall (& GPS 2nd floor when required)

CLUBS

Monday		Thursday	
12:50-13:45	Rounders Club, Mr Rider, Regents Park, All years	08:00-09:00	Chinese Club, Mr Lalande, B3 via Zoom
12:50-13:45	PPS Choir, Mr Hill & Ms Boyce, Drama, All years	12:50-13:40	Dance Club, Ms Boyce, R11, All years
13:15-13:40	Board Games for All, Ms Florea, R11, All years	12:50-13:40	Table Tennis, Mr Kubik, PP Hall, Hybrid
13:10-13:45	Y11 GCSE Chemistry Revision, Ms Silcocks, Lab 3	12:50-13:30	Biology Club, Ms Freeman, Lab1, All years
13:15-13:45	Rock Band/Guitar Group, Mr Hill, R2, All years	12:50-13:45	Russian Club, Ms Zalesny, R26, All years
13:15-13:45	Y11 Maths Intervention, SSG, Lab 3, invited only	12:50-13:45	Woodwind Ensemble, Mr Slack, R1, All years
Tuesday		13:10-13:40	GCSE PE Revision Club, Mr Rider, meet PE corridor, Years 10 & 11
12:50-13:40	Weight Training, Mr Rider, changing rooms, All yrs	13:15-13:45	Spanish GCSE Club, Ms Magniez, R35, Years 10 & 11
12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club, Ms Botrill, R42, All years	13:20-13:45	GCSE History Drop In, Ms Lewis, G23, Y10 only
12:50-13:30	Y10 Art GCSE Lunch Club, Ms Dever, Art Room 1	15:45-16:30	Maths Club & Year 11 Maths Intervention, SSG, R24, All years
12:50-13:30	Polymer Clay Club, Ms Bertaux-S, B1, Years 6-8	15:45-16:30	GCSE Statistics Support, R22, Mr Islam, Statistics students
12:50-13:45	Japanese, external tutor, R26, All years	15:45-16:30	Computer Science Club, Ms Singh, R33, All years
13:15-13:45	Student Voice, Ms Magniez, G31, All years	15:50-17:15	Girls Football Club, Ms Boyce, Regent's Park
13:20-13:45	Physics Revision, Mr Brittain, Science tbc, Years 9-11	16:00-17:00	Senior Art Club, Ms Dever, Art Room 1, GCSE Art students
15:30-17:15	Cricket Club 26/4, 14/6, 21/6, PE Staff, Lords, All	16:00-17:00	PPS Chamber Choir, Rm 1, Ms Boyle, All years by audition
16:00-17:00	Art Club, Ms Dever, Art Room 1, All years	16:00-17:00	Art Club, Ms Osborne, Art Room 2, Y6-10
Wednesday			
08:30-09:00	French Bilingual Club, Mr Lalande, B1, All years		
12:50-13:40	Running Club, Mr Steward, Regent's Park, All years		
12:50-13:30	KS3 Design Club, Mr Wood, B1, Years 7-9		
12:50-13:45	Percussion Ensemble, Mr Morrison, R26, All years		
12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club, Ms Botrill, R42, All years		
13:00-13:45	Shakespeare Off By Heart, SSA, Library, Y10 & Y11		
13:10-13:40	STEM Science, Mr Bland, Lab 1, Years 6-9		
15:45-16:30	Y11 GCSE Art Craft Design Workshop, B1, Mr Wood		
15:45-16:30	Maths Club, Ms Coates, R24, All years		
16:00-17:00	Fencing Club, PP Hall, Mr Janda, All years		
15:50-17:15	Cricket Club 4/5, 11/5, 18/5, 8/6, 29/6, Lords, All		



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