

The Weekly Buzz

12 September 2022



New School Year!



Headmaster's letter



We close what has otherwise been a lovely first week of the new school year with the sad news of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

We now live in the reign of King Charles III.

There will, I am sure, be a wide range of views in our community on the institution on the monarchy and what its future holds and should be. Doubtless that will be the subject of debate in the coming weeks and months and I am sure when the time is appropriate our students will have their say and make their opinions known.

For now though, today and the coming days, we are mourning the passing and celebrating the life of a singular, extraordinary woman.

There will be much in the media through this time that will detail her life, achievements and influence. My reflection to staff this morning was this – wherever I have travelled in the world all you had to do was say The Queen and everyone knew who you referred to – Elizabeth II. You didn't need to ask Queen who? You didn't need to say Queen of where? She was simply The Queen. Very few individuals achieve that level of penetration into our global consciousness.

In school this morning and next week there will be moments in form time and assemblies to reflect, discuss, and ask questions about what The Queen signified and what comes next, about what may change with our new monarch.



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I finish with a quote from The Queen's 1991 Christmas address:

"Let us not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly of wisdom and we must always be ready to listen and respect other points of view."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bradbury', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

David Bradbury



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Lunch Menu

w/c 12th Sept 2022

Week 2 Lunch Menu

MONDAY

Main:
Beef Stroganoff

Meat Free:
Vegan Stroganoff

To go with:
Rice
Cauliflower
Cabbage
Roasted Veg Medley

Dessert:
Lemon Cake

Tuesday

Main:
Chicken Pie

Meat Free:
Vegan Pie

To go with:
Carrot
Broccoli
Green Bean
Cabbage

Dessert:
Pineapple Cake

Wednesday

Main:
Gammon

Meat Free:
Broccoli Pasta Bake

To go with:
Roasted Veg
Roasted Potato
Aubergine
Gravy

Dessert:
Rice Cakes

THURSDAY

Main:
Beef Chilli

To go with:
Sweetcorn
Rice
Courgette
Tacos

Meat Free:
Vegan Chilli

Dessert:
Banoffee Pie

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 each day



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MUSIC TOUR 2023

WHEN

2nd - 6th July, 2023

WHERE

BARCELONA

COST

£975



CONCERTS

2 to be confirmed

Hotel with pool and by the beach

TRIPS

**Port Aventura Theme Park
Barcelona City Centre
including:**

- Sagrada Familia
- Las Ramblas

**INVITE ONLY FOR
REGULAR
ATTENDERS TO
PPS CHOIR &
CHAMBER
CHOIR**

Open to all year groups

**Choir rehearsals every
Tuesday, 13:15-13:45,
Room 1**

**See Mr Hill or Miss Boyle
for a letter**



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Growth Mindset

Positive Affirmations for Students

I am very good at gaining knowledge and making proper use of it.

I have a winner's mindset and I love accomplishing my goals.

I am kind and courteous to all people.

While writing answers, I recall information quickly.

There is no reason for me to compare myself to others.

Nothing can stop me from living the life of my dreams.

I have a sharp mind that makes me a very good student.

I would like to wish all the students at Portland Place a very successful academic year.

Here is a set of positive affirmations that students can use to empower themselves and enjoy their learning journey.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Florea



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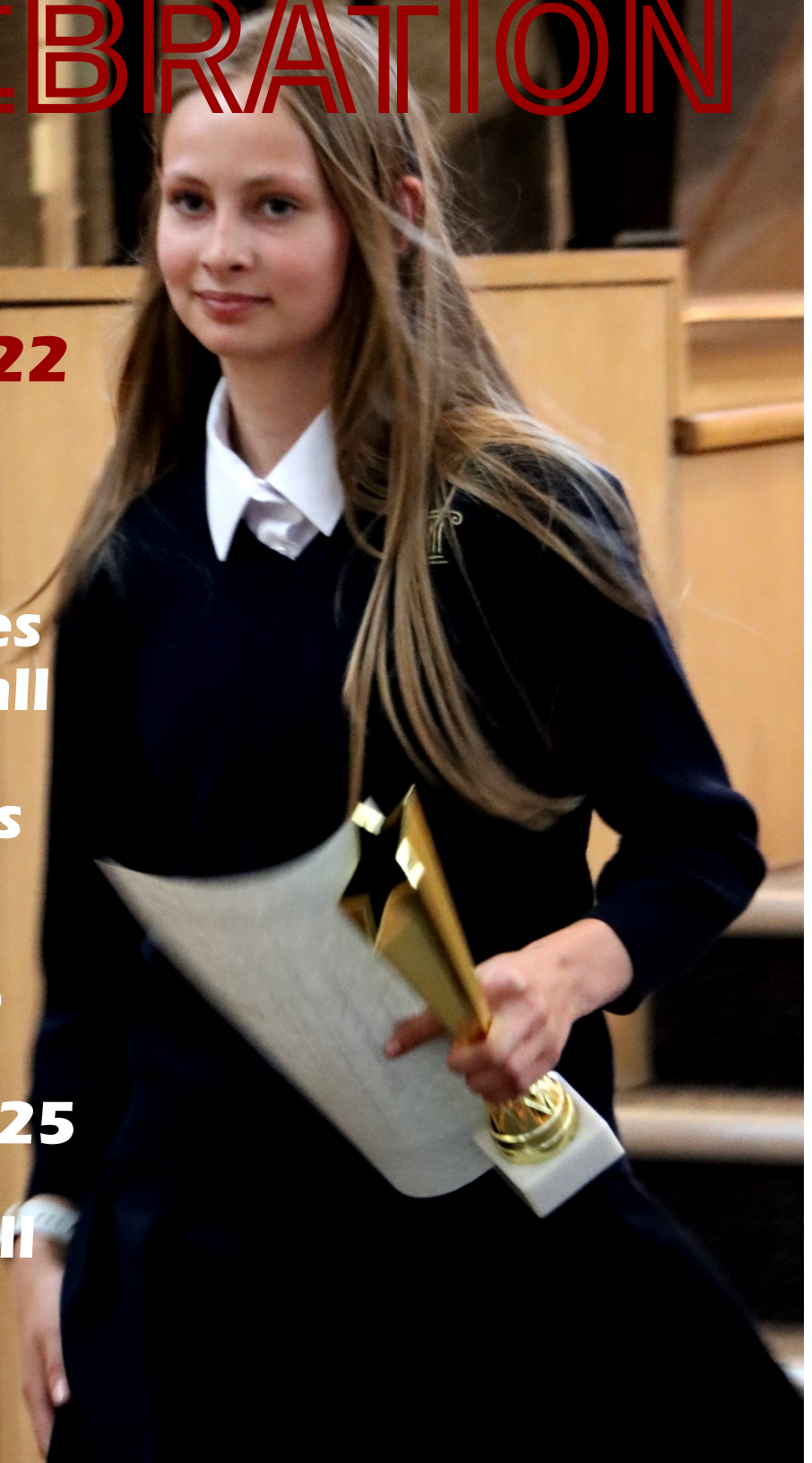
CELEBRATION DAY

30 June 2022

**Awards &
Performances
@ Regent Hall**

**Creative Arts
Summer
Exhibition
@ Art Studio**

**Celebrating 25
Years of PPS
@ Dining Hall**













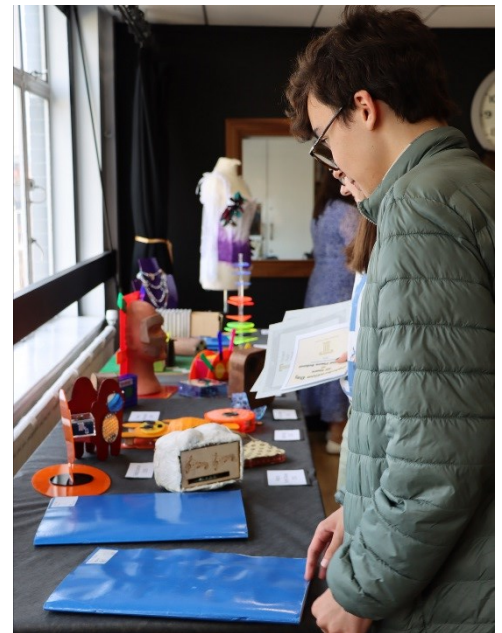
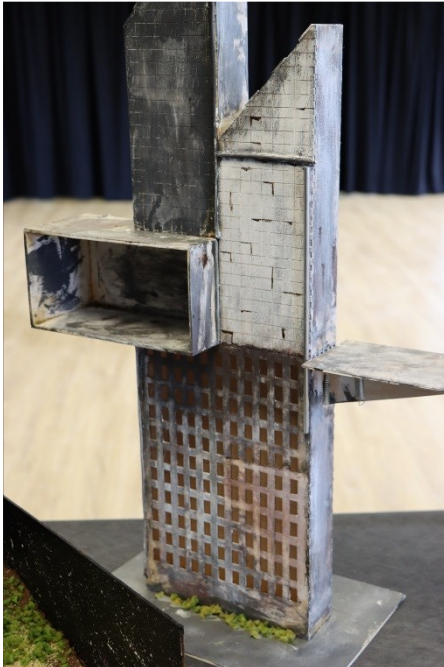


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Creative Arts

Summer
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**CANAPES AND CAKE FOR CELEBRATION
DAY AND OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY.**

**THANKS TO OUR FANTASTIC CHEF
GOPAL (AND TO MRS WANTMAN FOR
THE SPECIAL ICING!)**



**Art mural at GPS, celebrating 25
years of Portland Place School**





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GCSE



Results Day!

Activities Week: Monday 4th July 2022

Y8-10 Bowling at Bloomsbury Lanes





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Hybrid School Activities Week

Chessington, Ice-Skating
& Shakespeare's Globe!



Ayub: This week we had the lucky opportunity to go to both The Globe Theatre as well as ice skating. It was a lot of fun and had many ups and downs. We first went through underground to underground to enter the ice-skating rink. Some of us found it easy while others... struggled. Once we were finished, we went on some more

trains to head to The Globe Theatre. There we not only got to see the structure in its full glory, but we also got to see the actors “meditating” before their performance! After that we pretended to be Romeo and Juliet in a workshop there. And finished it off by going to the gift shops and spending the last of our life savings.





Ahlam: On Monday the 4th of July, the Hybrid and Day School went to Chessington World of Adventures for our first day of activity week! In the morning we walked to Oxford Circus to catch the tube to Vauxhall and from there we took the overground to Chessington. When we got to the theme park, we all got into our groups with teachers and went off to pick the rides we wanted to go on. We went on a variety of rides from scary and

fast rollercoasters, to a quick round of bumper cars and getting soaked on the water raft ride - Madeline and Angelica even skipped the line and managed to get our group right to the front! At 12:30 we all met up at the smokehouse to eat our lunch and then spent the last hour of the day going on as many rides as possible. Overall, it was a really fun experience and I'd love to do it again!





On Tuesday the 6th of July for our second day of activities week, the hybrid school went Ice Skating at Queensway and to the Globe Theatre later in the afternoon. Firstly, we caught a few trains to Queensway and took a short walk from the station to go to the ice rink. A few of us knew how to ice skate but the ones who didn't got some help from Inigo and Sheila, a lot of us fell over but it was still fun! After that, we caught the train to St Pauls and walked through the beautiful gardens of the cathedral. We stopped off by the Thames to eat our lunch before we went off to the Globe.

When we arrived at the theatre, we got a tour and even saw the actors warming up for their play - Henry VIII. We got to see the stage, learn interesting facts about the theatre and towards the end of our visit, we went to the studio (which is where actors sometimes rehearse) to learn some acting skills and take part in a Romeo and Juliet workshop! Our workshop leader, Johnny, was an actor himself and he gave us a lot of tips and useful information about the Globe Theatre. It was a really fun day!





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Design



In **Activities Week**, pupils in design completed a range of tasks from designing and making personalised door signs, acrylic phone stands, and displays for Art, Design, and Textiles. Some pupils also used Tinkercad a form of computer-aided design to come up with architecture concepts.





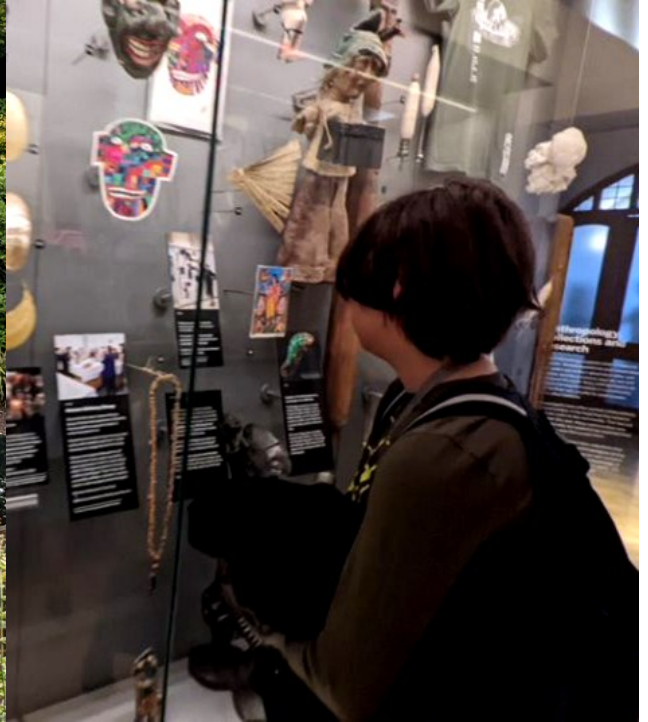
Activities Week

Y8 and 9 students visited **The Horniman Museum & Gardens** on Wednesday 6th July.

We strolled around the gardens, including the medicinal plants section and a small animal farm overseeing a beautiful panorama of the city.

Inside the museum, we looked at the exhibitions of various animals, musical instruments, cultural and societal artifacts of Asia, the Americas, Africa, and the Arctic, as well as the aquarium.

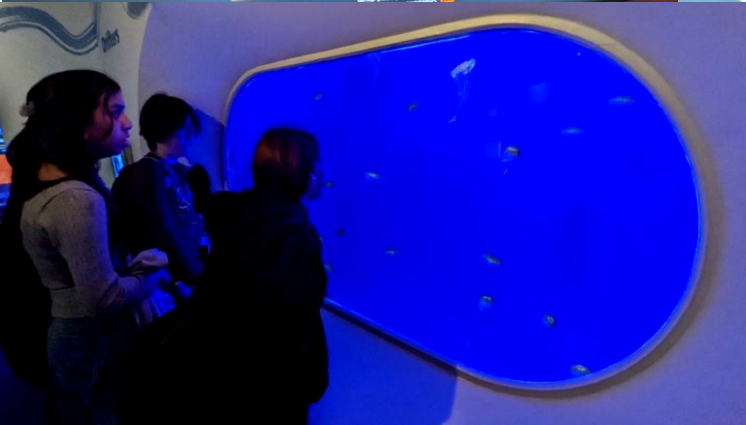
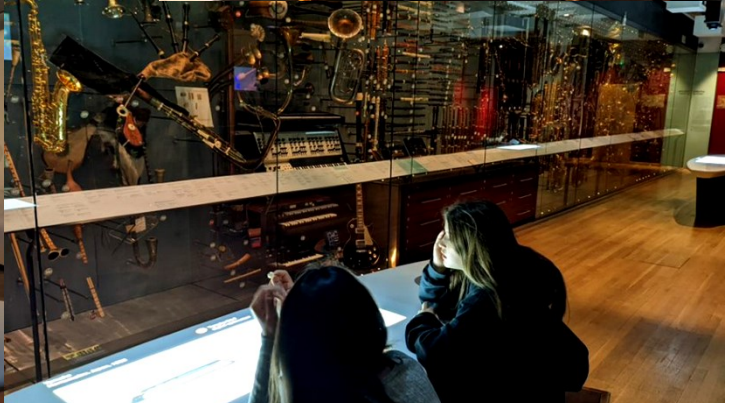
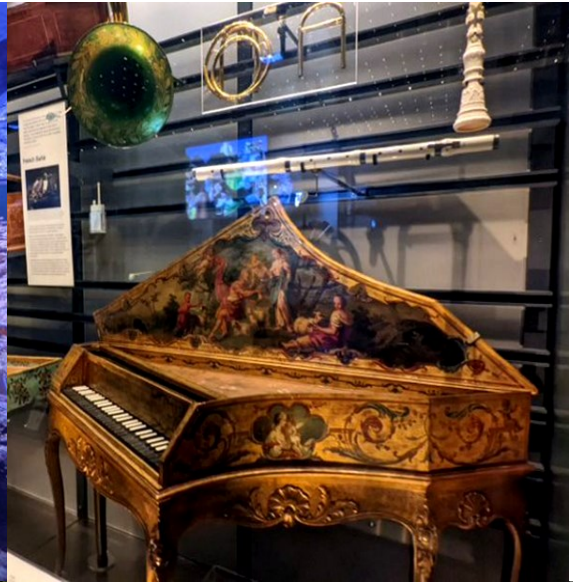
Finally, we participated in a workshop on "Extreme Environments", where we examined various cultural artifacts related to Inuit and Wai-Wai tribes and their survival skills.





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Activities Week 2022

For the first time in far too long, my colleagues and I were delighted to take a big group of lower-school students out to Dorset and spend a few days in the extremely beautiful and salubrious surroundings of the Jurassic Coast on Activities Week.

The group really pushed the envelope – including many students who challenged their fear of heights on the giant swing, tried climbing for the first time, or pushed their teachers into Weymouth Harbour during raft-building (I'll get you back, Spike and Dexter!) – and a truly brilliant time was had by everyone.

I'd like to thank the teachers who came and brought a huge amount of positive and fun energy to the trip – Ms Boyce, Ms Boyle, Mr Brittain, Mrs Dever, Mrs Judd and Mr Lalande – but most of all a huge thank-you to all the students, whose enthusiasm, engagement and sense of fun made this a truly memorable outing. We're also planning something for this Summer Term as well, so please do watch this space!

Mr Tasić





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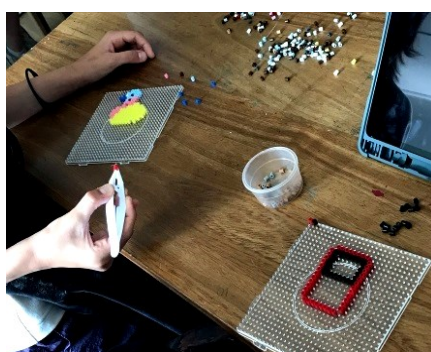
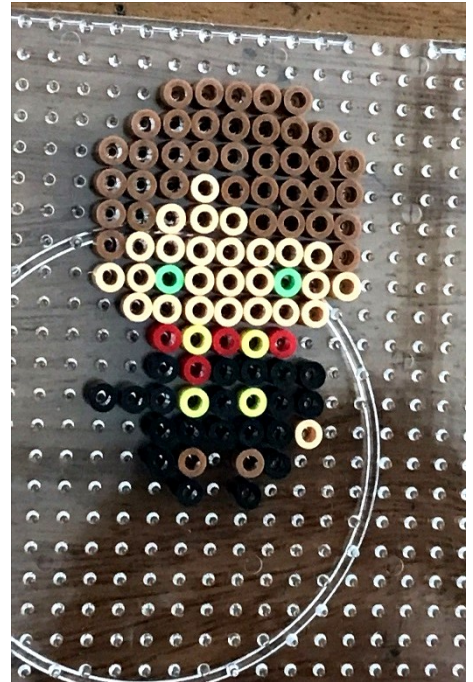
A full-page background image featuring a young Harry Potter with his signature round glasses, wearing a Gryffindor scarf and a dark sweater with the Gryffindor crest. He is holding a white owl on his gloved hand. The title 'Harry Potter' is written in a large, stylized, golden font across the middle of the image.

Harry Potter

Towards the end of the summer term, Years 6, 7 and 8 had a **Harry Potter Craft Day**, in which they created their own wands with papier-mâché, designed their own characters with fuse beads and origami. Students also decorated coats of arms in the style of the houses of Hogwarts, whilst also having the opportunity to watch Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire. It was thoroughly enjoyable day throughout and we look forward to having another craft day later this year!



Harry Potter Bead Figurines





Duke of Edinburgh Award

With weeks and weeks of planning coming to the front, it was the final time that the students were to meet at a London train station, with their big rucksacks and pile onto a train to New Forest.

After doing their practice last weekend it was the turn of the Silver Award participants to take on the long walk for their assessed. Three days and two nights in the New Forest district saw the students walk through some of the most majestic forests in the whole of Britain. An overall walking distance of nearly 40km, it was going to be a tough and gruelling challenge for these students but overcome it they did.

The hour and a half train journey from London Waterloo to New Forest allowed the students time to continue planning their route, what food they were going to make and also listen to some relaxing music before they took to the Brockenhurst station and began their journey. With the sun poking through the clouds and music being played, the students disappeared on their 13km walk.





It was a few hours later that a weary and tired looking group came trundling into the New Park Farm Campsite. A massive field full of space and some deer, the students ran to the area, bags came flying off and straight onto the floor slumped the participants. It had been a tough walk, through wooded area, over tough terrain but the group were in a joyous mood. Waiting for the other groups allowed the first group to pitch up their tent, set up their stoves and then the pasta was put onto cook. Tomato sauce, pesto and carbonara were the choices for the night and snacks galore were shared out, it seemed that the groups had bonded and were living to the ethos of the Duke of Edinburgh.

With the sun setting and the camp starting to tire it was time to relax, play a game of capture the cone/hat/jacket and then a conversation on conspiracies and people's favourite movies. The early nights were amongst the students, all of whom were tired and were ready for the 2nd long day of walking.

From New Park Farm to Redshoot Camping it was 15km, 2 hours more of walking than the day before. 6am came round far too quickly and the alarms started ringing the quiet and calm campsite became a rustle of students talking, cooking and packing bags ready for the walk. Up hills, through forests and across the moors, it was a view to behold. Students coming into the final camp telling Mr Steward and Mr Bland about the amazing views they had seen and also the stories that they will go onto telling others including running into a free group of horses, mooing at a big herd of cows and also bumping into another group of DofE participants who had the exact same expression on their face as our own participants.



Coming into Redshoot, the phones came out to the dismay that there would be no signal for the night. No phones, no TikTok and no Snapchat.....what were they to do? The football came out, a game of 'Don't Hit the Tents' was played. Cards were brought out and a big game of 'Cheat' saw everyone's Poker Face being tested. Throughout the night there was laughter, joy and it was fantastic to see the students really bonding as a group.

Day 3, THE FINAL COUNTDOWN!!!! With 18km to walk today the students were up nice and early to make their Porridge, the breakfast of Champions, as some would say. The tents were collapsed, the stoves cleaned and it was time for the final stretch. After 2 weekends of pure walking, it was time for the students to knuckle down and hit the finishing line.

At 5:30pm, after a long days walking the groups finally came into the station, red faced and exhausted. It was the end, after 4 weekends, one training and three expeditions that was it the final group flew across the finishing line to wrap up a very successful trip.

With 44 students in all completing the Awards it has been an extremely successful year for Portland Place and their Duke of Edinburgh students and we as staff are so so proud of their achievements.

Mr Steward



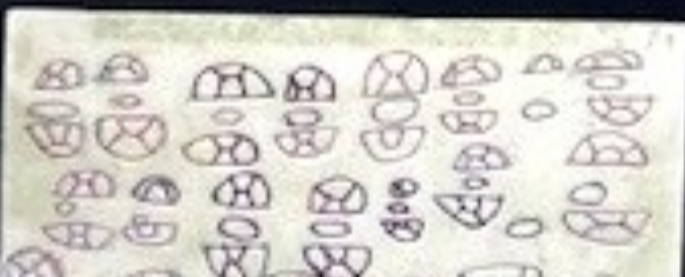


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Art

Y7 Hybrid School—Kiwi fruit prints





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Rudi Bigoni Unit 1 final piece (mixed colours)



Sports report

Welcome back from the PE department

Everyone in the PE department would like to wish all our students and parents back to school from what we hope was a great summer break! PE lessons are already in full swing with matches starting next week as well as after-school clubs and lunch clubs to follow soon. Portland's pupils had an excellent year in physical education and sport last year with many successes and superb performances in lessons, fixtures and house events. We trust that this year will be just as positive and we look forward to seeing what successes the academic year will bring.

Fixtures and Clubs

Each week these will be published in the Weekly Buzz, but can also be found on Firefly, in the Physical Education section. Parents of pupils selected for teams will be notified in advance and we ask that they make the PE department aware of any circumstances by which their child cannot attend the match. Please be aware that fixtures with other schools are organised a term in advance and non-attendance, especially last minute, can negatively affect our teams and therefore the enjoyment and performance of the whole squad.

Sign-up letters are being sent out currently for the after school and lunchtime sports clubs. Please ensure your child is aware that they have been signed up and that they have the necessary kit with them. They will still have the opportunity to have their lunch and in some instances we will provide a packed lunch of their choice.

Sports Kit

The PE kit details can be found on the school website and on Firefly, in the PE department section. Pupils who are still awaiting their kit delivery should wear appropriate sportswear of their own. Correct footwear is especially important and we highly recommend that pupils bring football boots to school every day. We are outside at Regent's Park for most of our lessons and studded boots, which are essential for football and rugby offer better grip and therefore performance in nearly all our activities. Your child's half termly PE timetable can be found on Firefly under their year group page in the PE department section.

Celebration Day 2022

On the penultimate Thursday of term a number of our pupils were recognised for their outstanding contribution to Sport and PE over the 2021-22 academic year. Congratulations to the pupils that won a prize and indeed all of our students for their amazing efforts last year.



Lower School Sportswoman of the Year: Isabella Calvert-Bull

- She was the top netball player in her year, and is a tremendous gymnast
- She represented the school in football, swimming, athletics & rounders
- She performed very well in cross country in the Spring Term
- Qualified for 200m final at Westminster Borough Championships
- At Sports Day, she won gold in the high jump and silver in the 100m, 800m & long jump
- She's been an absolute joy to teach for the last 3 yrs and we're very sad to be losing her!



Lower School Sportsman of the Year: Humphrey Boland

- Top try scorer in rugby for the U12's and represented PPS at U13 age group
- Top goal scorer in football for the U12's and represented the U13's with distinction
- In both rugby and football was able to win player of the match on several occasions
- Represented Westminster at inter-borough London Schools cross country champs and was PPS's best finisher.
- Set the fastest time in his year's house cross country race
- Won gold at the Westminster Sportshall Athletics Champs, 8 lap race
- Represented the school in football, cricket, rugby, athletics, cross country and basketball
- At Sports day, was able to take gold in the 200m & 800m



Upper School Sportswoman of the Year: Lana Tuite

- Lana is an excellent all-round games player and athlete
- She represented the school this year in netball rounders basketball and athletics
- Won bronze at the long jump at the Westminster Athletics Championships
- Won silver in the high jump and bronze in the 100m at ISA London North Athletic Championships
- Won the Victor Ludorum award for best overall female athlete at Sports Day, after winning the 100m, 200m and long jump, setting a new sports day record in the 100m of 13.6 sec.

Upper School Sportsman of the Year: Edwin Hounkanli



- Edwin is another tremendous all-rounder. A games player and athlete with genuine athletic ability
- He has represented the school at a superb level in football, rugby, basketball and athletics
- He was Player of the Tournament at the Y9 & 10 House Rugby Tournament and top try scorer with 6 tries
- He set new school records in the 100m & 200m at all ages, even exceeding our old 6th form records
- Became Westminster 100m champion and represented Westminster at the London Schools Championships in the 100m & long jump
- Won the Victor Ludorum award at Sports Day, after taking gold in the 100m, 200m, long jump and high jump, setting two sports day records

GCSE PE Prize

This is awarded for excellence in theory-based and practical attainment in GCSE PE and was won by Year 11's **Nicolas Bartha** for his consistently high level of effort and attainment throughout the two years of his GCSE course.

What's on next week

Mon 12th Sept:	<p>Year 8, 6-a-side football tournament, Ibstock Place School, 1.30pm – 5.00pm</p> <p>Year 8&9 A and B netball vs Maida Vale, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Holland Park</p> <p>Football club, Regent's Park, 3.50pm-5.15pm</p> <p>Netball club, Regent's Park Tennis Club, 3.50-5.15pm</p>
Tue 13th Sept:	Year 7 netball vs Maida Vale, Regent's Park Tennis Centre, 2.00pm-3.45pm
Wed 14th Sept:	Fencing club, PPS hall, 4.00pm-5.00pm
Thu 15th Sept:	<p>Year 10, 6-a-side football tournament, Ibstock Place School, 1.30pm-5.00pm</p> <p>Year 10&11 netball vs Maida Vale, Regent's Park Tennis Club, 2.00pm-3.45pm</p>
Fri 16th Sept:	Year 9, 6-a-side football tournament, Ibstock Place School, 1.30pm-5.00pm

Enrichment—First Half of Autumn Term

Activity	Staff	Room
3D Design	DWO	B1
Climbing	WBR & BSO	Room 1 at 13:50
Doodleworks	LDE	Art Studio
Drum Heads	SHI & J MORRISON	Room 1 & 2
EPQ / Strive	SSA & LVW	Room 36
Fencing	RLE	PP Hall—meet PP Changing Rooms 13:50
Glee Club	AJU & CBO	Drama Studio
Hairdressing	DBL	Science Lab 3
Horse Riding	CBY & AIS	Meet PE Office at 13:30
Humanities Highlights	KOL, PLE & MTH	Room 10
London Zoo	ECO & MMC	Offsite
Mad Scientist!	HSI	Science Lab 1
Photography Skills	PZA & DFL	G34
Pineapple Dance	CMA	Room 11
Senior Football	SRI, JKU & LST	Meet PP Changing Rooms at 13:50
Ultimate Frisbee	JWH & TTC	Meet PP Changing Rooms at 13:50
Yoga & Meditation	JWO	Room 22

Clubs from September (More to be added as the term goes on)

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups	Start Date
Mon	12:50-13:50	Table Tennis Club	JKU	PP Hall	All	12th Sept
Mon	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	12th Sept
Mon	12:50-13:45	String Ensemble	R H'white	R1	All	10th Oct
Mon	13:10-13:45	Chemistry Revision Club	HSI	Science Lab 2	10 & 11	12th Sept
Mon	13:15-13:40	Board Games	DFL & ECO	R11	6-9	12th Sept
Mon	15:50-17:15	Football Club	tbc	Regents Park	All	12th Sept
Mon	15:50-17:15	Netball Club	tbc	Regents Park	All	12th Sept
Mon	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	12th Sept
Tue	12:50-13:30	KS3 Design Club	DWO	B1	8 & 9	12th Sept
Tue	12:50-13:50	Drawing & Calligraphy Club	NHI	B3	6 & 7	12th Sept
Tue	12:50-13:45	PPS Choir	SHI & CBO	R1	All	13th Sept
Tue	12:50-13:50	Weight Training Club	SRI	Boys Changing Room	All	13th Sept
Tue	13:10-13:45	Physics Club	WBR	Science Lab 3	10 & 11	13th Sept
Tue	16:00-17:00	KS4 GCSE Art Club	LDE	Art Studio 1	10 & 11	13th Sept
Tue	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	13th Sept
Wed	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	14th Sept
Wed	12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club	ZBO	R42	All	14th Sept
Wed	12:50-13:45	Percussion Ensemble	J Morrison	R2	All	14th Sept
Wed	12:50-13:50	Running Club	LST	Regents Park	All	14th Sept
Wed	15:50-16:50	Extreme Dance London	External XDL Coach	R11	All	14th Sept
Wed	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	14th Sept
Wed	16:00-17:00	Fencing Club	Fencing coach	PP Hall	All	14th Sept
Thurs	12:50-13:45	Woodwind Ensemble	J Slack	R1	All	22nd Sept
Thurs	12:50-13:30	KS3 Drama Club	TNO	Drama Studio	6-9	15th Sept
Thurs	12:50-13:50	Dance Club	CBY	R11	All	15th Sept
Thurs	13:15-13:45	French Bilingual Club	TLA	B3	7 – 9	14th Sept
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Spanish GCSE Club	CFL	G33	10 & 11	15th Sept
Thurs	16:00-17:00	PPS Chamber Choir	CBO	R1	All by audition	15th Sept
Thurs	16:00-17:00	Art Club	TMO & LDE	Art 1 & 2	All **	15th Sept
Fri	12:50-13:45	Brass Ensemble	W Brown	R2	All	16th Sept
Fri	12:50-13:50	Japanese	Yekta	R24	7 – 9	16th Sept
Fri	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	16th Sept
Fri	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	16th Sept

** by invitation only for KS3, Art Scholarship holders must attend



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