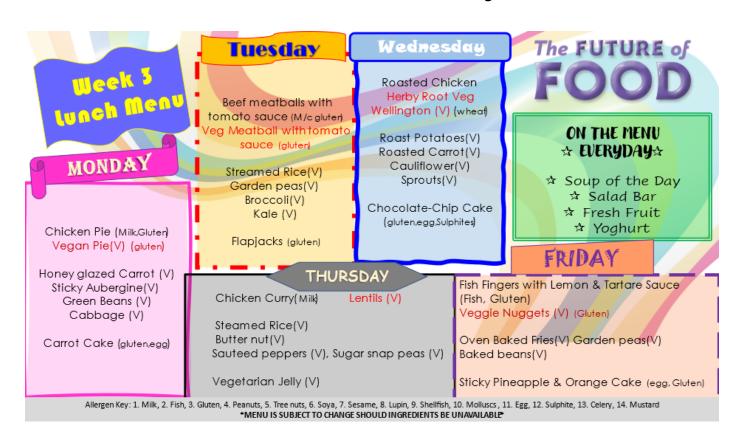






Lunch Menu

W/c 23rd January



Gluten-free options available each day





DATES FOR DIARY

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - TUES 7 FEB, REGENT HALL

LOWER SCHOOL CHAMBER CONCERT - TUES 7 FEB, PP HALL

GCSE MUSIC PERFORMANCE EXAMS - TUES 28 & WED 29

GCSE PERFORMANCE EVENING - THUR 30 MAR, PP HALL

HOUSE SWIMMING GALA - FRI 10 MAR, QUEEN MOTHER SPORTS CENTRE (VICTORIA)

'GREASE' - WED 22 & THURS 23 MAR, JW3

YEAR 6-8 CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE, THURS 25 MAY, RADA STUDIOS

SUMMER CONCERT, THURS 22 JUNE, RADA STUDIOS

SPORTS DAY, FRI 23 JUNE, PERIVALE

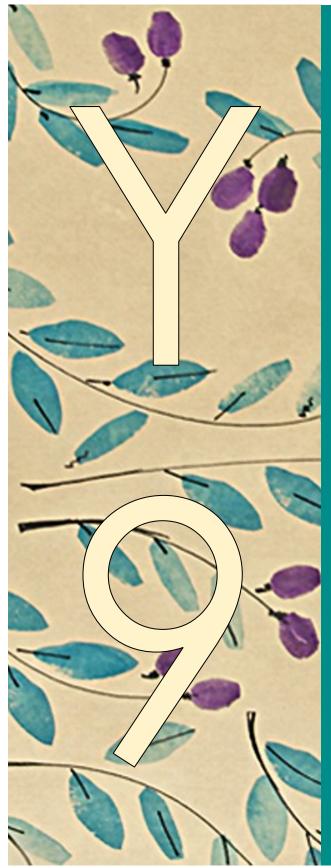
CELEBRATION DAY, THURS 29 JUNE, REGENT HALL & GPS



More details to come







GCSE Curriculum & Options Evening

Thursday 26th January//

5.00pm—6.00pm//

Dining Hall, Great Portland Street Building//

Parents and Year 9 students are invited to an evening of speaking with teachers about their upcoming choices for Years 10 & 11.

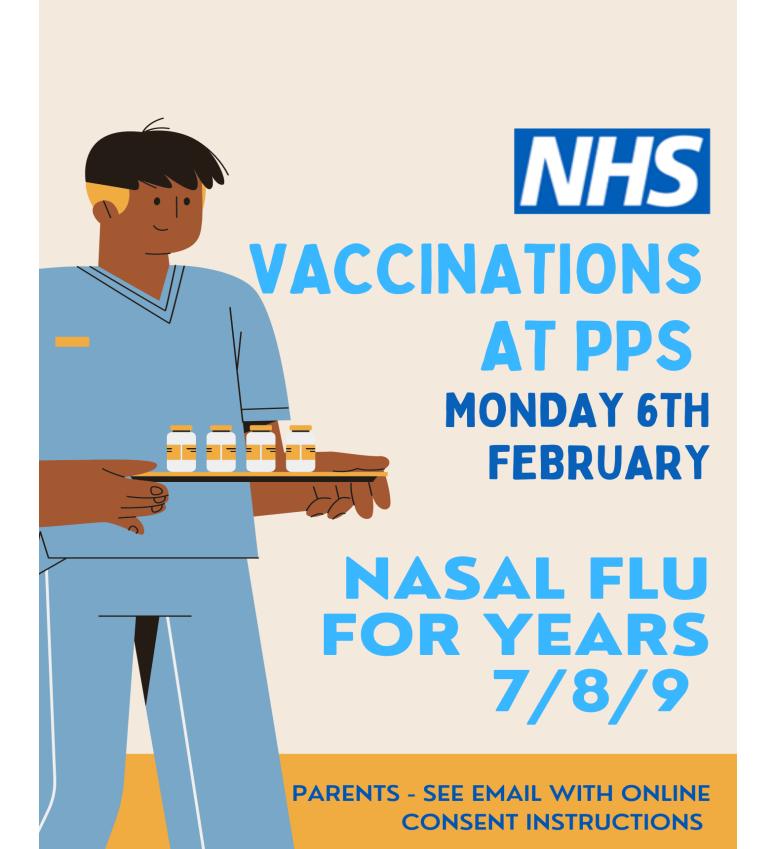
Year 9 students are encouraged to come in person as it's a really useful opportunity for them to ask questions about new option subjects, meet new teachers and evaluate potential choices for GCSEs themselves.

I am always on hand if any Year 9s have questions about the options process or need a few minutes to chat and go over their choices.

Mr Tasic// Head of Year 9

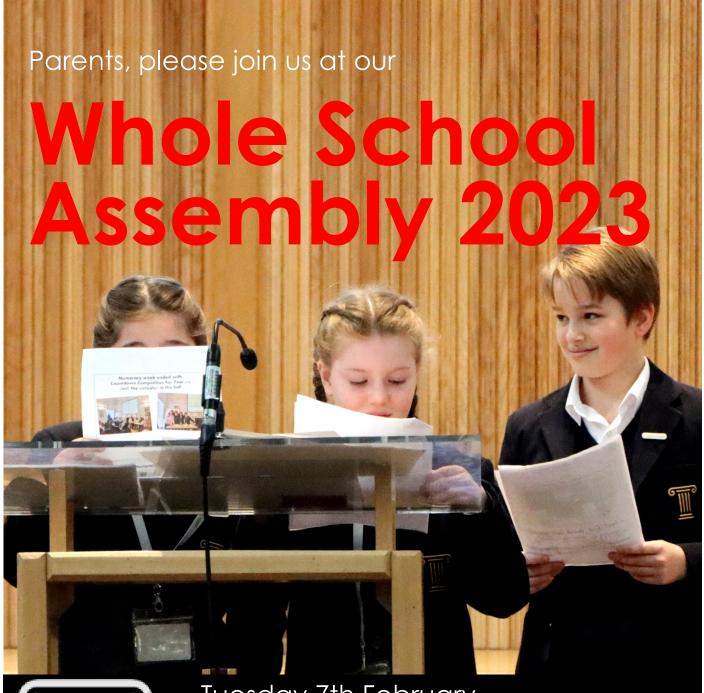














Tuesday 7th February 10.30am—11.30am

Regent Hall (275 Oxford St, W1C 2DJ) No need to RSVP. See you there!

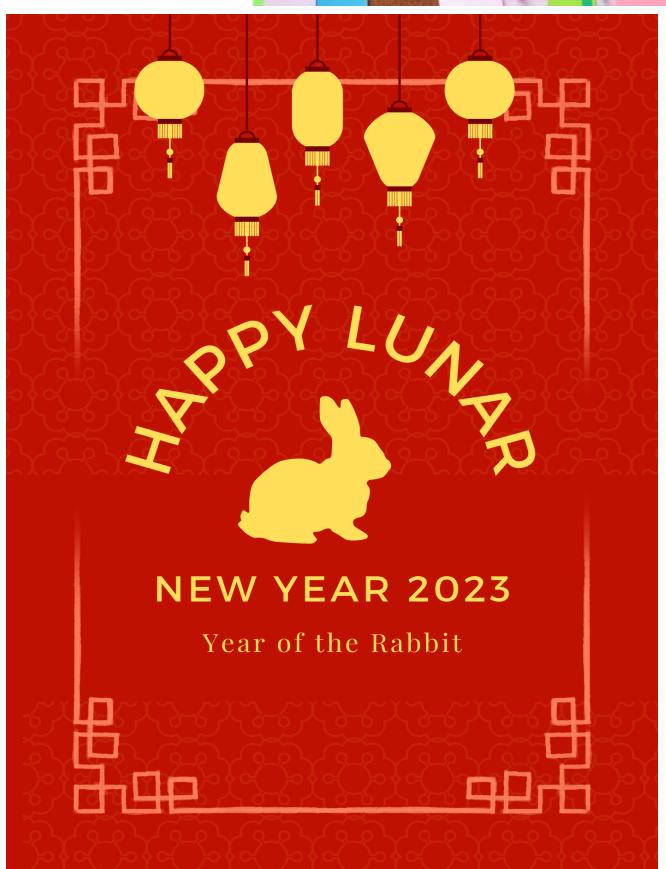
















Literacy at PPS



Literacy can be generally divided into four categories: *Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.* Whilst **Reading** and **Writing** are the most often cited aspects, the ability to **Listen** and to **Speak** are at the core of these skills.

There may be numerous occasions over the course of an academic year when **students are asked to make spoken contributions** in their lessons.

This week, we would like to encourage the parents to support the fluency of Listening and Speaking of their children at home. Here are some useful tips:

Preparing for talk -

- Encourage your daughter/son to explore the specific language (words to use) and register (style) by considering TAP.
- T = What is the type of speech you will be using, is it formal or informal?
- A= Who is the audience? Different words may be required if it is a young audience, or technical vocabulary if it is a subject specific speech to an expert.
- P= What is the purpose of the activity- Are you trying to inform/persuade/explain/entertain?





The conventions of literate talk -

- Plan the 'end product'.
- Students should speak in complete sentences, using a variety of complex sentence constructions e.g. simple sentences, compound sentences and complex sentences.
- Use Standard English.
- Use subject-specific language.
- Include supporting evidence to illustrate key points.
- Maintain eye contact with the audience.
- Think about posture and body language.

DEVELOP	Adding information.	 Furthermore, Moreover, In addition, Another point is
EXPLAIN	To clarify meaning.	The effect of this isAs a result,
SUPPORT	Evidence such as statistics and quotes.	 An example of this is This reveals This statistic illustrates
SEQUENCE	Ordering events.	 Firstly, Secondly, Finally, Eventually, Subsequently
COUNTER- ARGUMENT	Ideas that contradict your argument.	 Whereas In contrast, On the other hand, However, Alternatively,
PERSUADE	Use A FOREST to help you speak persuasively.	 Alliteration Facts Opinion Rhetorical questions Emotive language Statistics Triplets
EVALUATE	A final summary of ideas.	 Most people believewhilst others think Finally, After due consideration





Numeracy Corner

This week we continue to present a series of support tools to help to solve mathematical problems

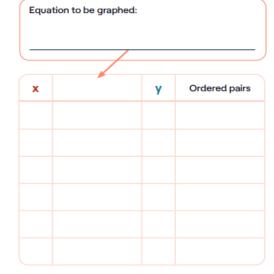
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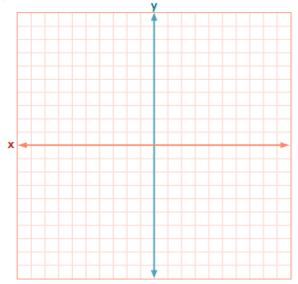
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To graph a line, you have to solve a graphic problem. The most important step is to find the ordered pairs of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} that solve the equation in the problem.

- 1. Write the equation to be graphed at the top of the left column.
- 2. Write down at least 3 numbers for x.
- 3. Plug in the numbers for x into the equation to find y. The x and y values become your ordered pairs.
- 4. Plot the ordered pairs as points on the graph, and connect with a line.

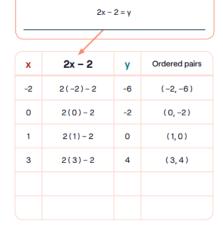


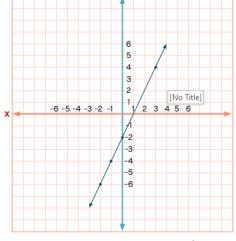
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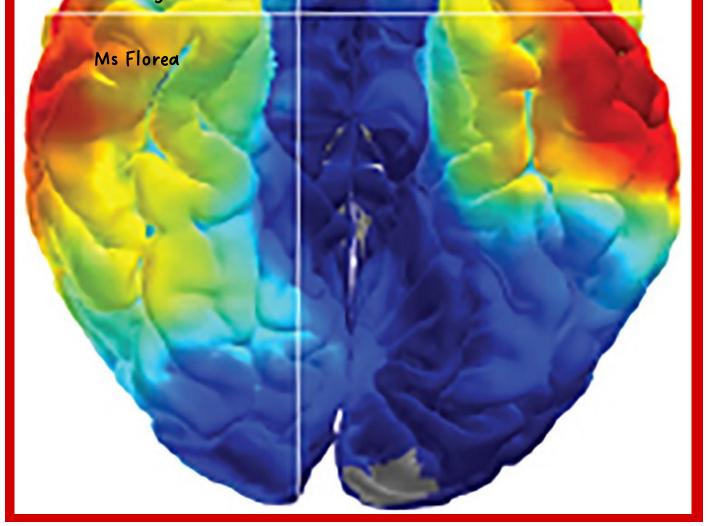






Maximising Our Memory

At Portland Place, we support our students to develop their memory skills and create long-term knowledge for the future. Here are a few techniques which can be used at home to help students have an effective and efficient memory.









Memory Tips



Our ability to remember things increases if we give our brain the opportunities it needs to work to its full potential.

Lifestyle



Good sleeping habits will help with concentration.

A healthy diet can improve memory.

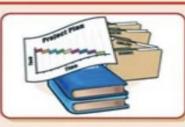
Regular exercise increases oxygen levels to your brain which can enhance memory.

Organisation

Structure and organise the information you are studying.

Find a place to study where you will not be interrupted.

Pay attention and avoid distractions.



Learning Style



Develop a learning style or method which suits you.

Set clear, sensible limits for topics and pace yourself.

Recite information out loud. You could even create rhymes linked to a topic.

Learning Methods

Try to explain what you have learned to someone else.

Record information and listen to it daily.

Make notes and mind maps using colour and images.



Time Management



Avoid cramming. Material learned in short periods of regular study is more easily remembered.

Take short breaks and stay motivated with rewards.

Review what you have learned at the end of the study day.







#Coats4Calais

Donate a coat to keep a refugee warm this winter

We will be organising a collection of coats and/other items for the refugees in Calais for the charity 'Care4Calais' from the 18th January to the 2nd February.





In Northern France over 2,000 refugees are currently sleeping rough. Some are as young as 13 and have no access to clean clothes, water or shelter.

In the UK there are over 13,000 people living in hotels, hostels and military barracks. They arrive in just the clothes they are wearing, and with nothing else they can't take these off to wash them. They are poorly equipped for a British winter, and many have no coat at all.

Care4Calais's goal is to provide each and every one of these refugees with a warm winter coat. To do this they need our help.

We are asking everyone to look in their cupboards for a winter coat that you no longer wear (only men and boys please)

Other items would also be extremely useful, please see the list on the next page.

For more information about the refugees and the charity Care4Calais: https://care4calais.org/

Many thanks in advance for your donations,

Ms Flack

CARE 4 CALAIS





CARE 4 Calais

ARE YOU BRINGING DONATIONS TO CALAIS?

ITEM LIST

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Volunteers!
- Tents
- Men's and boys' coats (especially small and medium sizes)
- · Sleeping bags and blankets
- Jogging bottoms or jeans, size 26-34 waist (joggers with cuff bottoms if possible)
- New boxer shorts (esp small and medium, tight fit if possible)
- Socks, hats and gloves
- · Hoodies and jumpers
- Trainers
- Unlocked mobile phones with chargers (note – unlocking essential please)
- Powerbanks
- Tarpaulins
- · Rain ponchos
- Backpacks

OTHER ITEMS NEED, BUT NOT PRIORITY

- Toiletries and toiletry packs
- Rollmats
- T-shirts
- · Bin bags
- Anti-bacterial hand wash

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT NEEDED

This is because we already have lots of these things, because there is no demand for them, or because they aren't appropriate.

- Anything that is dirty, torn, or otherwise damage
- FOOD please note that due to Brexit restriction we can no longer transport food to France
- · Children's toys
- · Women's and children's clothes
- . Men's trousers larger than 34' waist
- Electrical goods
- Handbags
- Towels

HOW TO PACK THE ITEMS

CONTROL THE QUALITY

- Clean everything before you pack it, or remove dirty items
- Check everything is undamaged, working, and all in one piece
- · Check the sizes

MULTIPACKS

The following multipacks are useful:

- Men's basics pack: marked S/M/L with any combination of T-shirt, socks, new underpants, toiletries, torch, gloves, hats
- (TIP: use 3 different coloured bags for S/M/L)

Please let us know what you are bringing and when you plan to come, by emailing: clare@care4calais.org

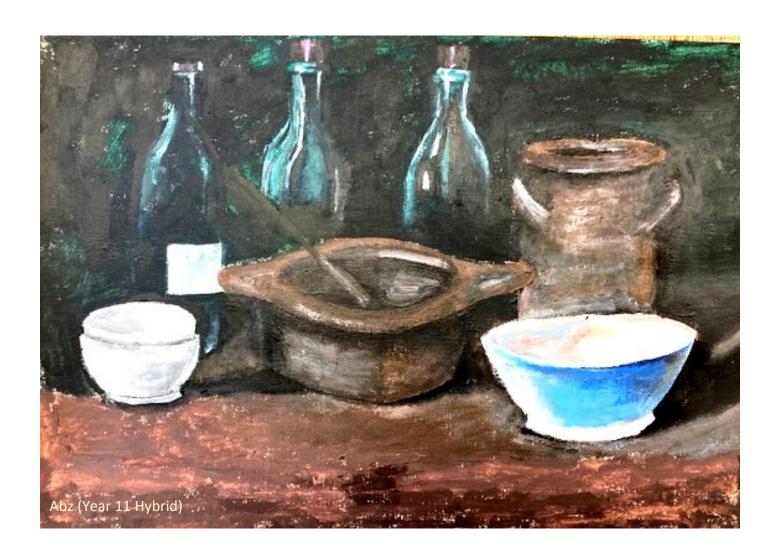


















































On a cold, windy, and occasionally wet afternoon on Richmond Park, Portland's U13 rugby team got their season underway against Ibstock Place B. Not having played a match since last Spring, PPS knew they might be a little rusty, but made a good start, pushing the home side back and then stealing the ball. Captain, **Humphrey**, opened the scoring and then added a second shortly after the re-start with a powerful run that was too much for the Ibstock defence.

Portland rucked very well in the first half, with **Flynn**, **Nate**, **Abdulelah** and **Harrison** quick to get over the ball and successfully counter-ruck in defence. It was Harrison who scored next for Portland, showing great strength as he dragged two defenders over the line. Humphrey completed his hat trick and Abdulelah claimed Portland's fifth try, powering over the line from close range. Before the break, **Taishi** touched down after receiving a nice pass from Humphrey and running half a pitch length down the touch line.







In the second half Portland tried to play more of a passing game and made a few errors, making it hard for them to get out of their 22. They were forced to defend for long periods and did so stoutly, with **Henry, Spike**, **Dexter**, **Tyler** and **Enzo** all making tackles and contributing well to the defensive effort. Eventually Ibstock bagged their first try and then doubled their tally after chasing a kick over the top that bounced favourably. It was an excellent try and Portland responded well, ending the match back in attack, with **Joey** going over on the right wing. The final score was 2-7 to Portland.

PPS did lots of good things in this game and it was a very positive start to the season. They will undoubtedly face sterner tests this year, but it was good to see them attempting to play more expansive rugby once they had established a good lead. Their handling will certainly improve as the season progresses and there was no lack of effort from anybody on the pitch. Well done to all that played. Man of the match: **Abdulelah**.





Christmas Blues Blown Away With Dominant Win

It was a dominant performance by the U14s squad, who wiped away the Christmas break with a big win against Fairley House.

After a few weeks off fixtures, it was a basketball
fixture that got the U14s
squad back into it. From the
first moment of the game the
nerves were pushed aside, and
Marta Shelton took full
advantage of it. With Ella and
Mia dominating the defence it
allowed Marta and Olivia to
break down the wings and use
their netballing skills to
swish home a number of shots.

The match seemed to be going very one side with **Cora** holding her own against a taller and stronger girl. Cora was able to keep her cool when others around her were losing theirs. The Portland Place

squad, mainly made up of Year 9 girls, didn't seem to let up with their shooting, leading 12-2 after the first quarter.

The second and third quarters played out mainly the same with Mia controlling the pace of the game and allowing Ella to push forward. Ella took advantage of some poor defending as she dribbled towards the basket and lifted the ball through the net.







Georgie and Isabelle came into the game and there was no let up on the Fairley House team. The dominance didn't just happen in attack but also in defence with Isabelle fighting hard to make sure that Portland Place didn't get clawed back into a tighter game.

The final quarter seemed to see the Fairley House squad let up with Marta, Olivia and Ella all pushing further forward and standing up the court all alone. With the Fairley House students starting to give up, Portland Place took full advantage and shots

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were reigning down on the opposition net.

It was a performance to be proud of by the U14's team who took every opportunity they could and played with enthusiasm and speed. At the end of the game the students were smiling and laughing, which illustrated what a successful trip the girls had made to our new opposition.







The boys looked motivated and sharp in the warm-up but did not get off to a good start, when they were caught cold and conceded a try in the very first play of the game. However, PPS responded immediately with an excellent solo try from **Humphrey**. After the early tries, both teams started to settle into the game and there were less gaps to exploit in defence. PPS showed some nice handling and passing moves but were guilty of poor line speed in defence giving Fairley House too much time on the ball. **Dexter** scored an excellent try mid-way through the second half and moments later **Enzo** added another in the corner. Fairley House responded but **Tyler** scored just before half time with an excellent try from an interception to give PPS a 20 – 10 lead.



PPS 40 v 10 Fairley House

On Thursday 12th January PPS u12/13's took on Fairley House School in a fast-paced game of tag rugby, their first competitive rugby fixture of the season.











U12 & U13 Girls' Football vs North Bridge House Canonbury

On Wednesday evening Portland's Year 6, 7 and 8 footballers played in two 5-a-side matches against North Bridge Canonbury at the Sobell Centre. Here's how they got on:

NBHC U12's 8, PPS 10





Our Year 6&7's were delighted to come away from this high scoring and exciting match as the winners. All the girls in this team put in outstanding performances, with **Beatrice** and **Lily** scoring most of our goals. Lily moved into goal in the second half, where she did very well. **Lucy** kept goal in the first half and then defended strongly in the second half before moving forward in attack. She swapped with **Rosie** who had defended superbly in the first period, along with **Esther.** Esther had an excellent game, reading play well and making countless tackles and interceptions.

It was a closely fought match, which could easily have gone either way. PPS established a good lead but allowed North Bridge back into the game. However, the squad kept their cool and were able to hold onto their two-goal cushion. Well done to all the girls on this team.

Player of the match: Esther





NBHC U13's 8, PPS 0

Helena joined the Year 8 team, starting in goal and then moving outfield in the second half. Her work-rate and agility were first-rate, as was that of Mia, who played tirelessly in midfield. The North Bridge squad was a strong one and despite the best efforts of defender lasmin, managed to put the ball past our keeper on eight occasions. The general run of play was quite even, with PPS competing well, but once North Bridge got into a scoring position, they were able to convert their chances with some strong ball striking. Zaya competed well outfield and then took over as goalkeeper in the second half. Maya played in attack for the whole game, worked extremely hard throughout and on another occasion might have scored a few goals.

The girls should be particularly proud of the way they kept working in this game. It would have been easy for their heads to have dropped, but they continued to compete until the final whistle and displayed excellent work-rate throughout. The NBHC girls awarded **Zaya** the player of the match.





Sports report



Next Week's Clubs & Fixtures

Mon 23rd Jan: Y8 Football vs Thames Christian College, 2.15pm, away (Falcon Park)

Y9 Basketball vs North Bridge House Hampstead, 2.00pm, home

(Moberly Centre)

Table tennis club, PPS Hall, 1.10-1.45pm

Karate Club, PPS Hall 4.00-5.00pm

Tues 24th Jan: U12 Basketball vs North Bridge House Hampstead, 2.00pm,

home (Seymour Centre)

Football club, Westway Sports Centre (transport provided)

3.50-5.30pm

Wed 25th Jan: Running club, Regent's Park, 12.50pm – 1.20pm

Fencing club, PPS Hall, 4.00-5.00pm

Thurs 26th Jan: Y9&10 Netball vs St James, 4.10pm, away

Y7&8 Girls' Basketball, vs Fairley House, 2.00pm, The Regal

Weight training club, PPS changing rooms, 12.50-1.30pm

Dance club, Rm 11, 12.50-1.30pm

Basketball club, Church Street Leisure Centre, 4.00-5.15pm

Fri 27th Jan: Y9 Rugby vs Harrodian, 2.15pm, away





Enrichment—First Half of Spring Term 2023

Activity	Staff	Room
Advanced Maths	по	G21
Basketball (Junior)	SRI & MMC	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Boxing	JKU	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Charity & Community	ECO	Room 24 & offsite
Climbing	WBR & BSO	Offsite. Meet in Room 1 at 1.30pm
Cooking Club	KPA	Dining Hall & Kitchen
F45 Fitness	CBY & TLA	Offsite
Fencing	LVW & FSY	PP Hall
Filming Techniques	SSA	G31
Horrible Histories	PLE & JWO	Room 22
Local Area Investigators	KOL	Room 10
Polyglot	PZA & DFL	Room 34
PPS Enterprise	MTH & RLE	G34
Prop Making	DWO, LDE & CHU	B1
Production—'Grease'	RAL, SHI, AJU & CBO	Drama Studio & Room 1
Touch Rugby (Senior)	LST	Offsite. Meet PE Changing Rooms at 1.50pm
Velo Park	TTC & HIS	Offsite. 12.50pm lunch leave from GPS
Winter Knitting	CFL & CBI	Room 36





Clubs for Spring Term 2023

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
Mon	12:50-13:50	Table Tennis Club	JKU	PP Hall	All
Mon	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Mon	12:50-13:45	String Ensemble	R H'white	R1	All
Mon	13:15-13:45	Chemistry Revision Club	HSI	Lab 3	10 & 11
Mon	13:15-13:45	Year 9 Science Clinic	RLE	Lab 2	9
Mon	12:50-13:45	Chinese Club	TLA	G33	All
Mon	12:50-13:45	Rock Band	DMC	R2	All
Mon	13:15-13:45	UKMT Maths Challenge	AIS	34	All
Mon	13:15-13:40	Board Games	DFL & ECO	R11	6-9
Mon	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Tues	12:50-13:30	KS3 Design Club	DWO	B1	8 & 9
Tues	13:15-13:45	Year 9 Science Clinic	RLE	Lab 2	9
Tues	12:50-13:45	PPS Choir	SHI & CBO	R1	All
Tues	13:15-13:45	Physics Revision Club	WBR	Lab 3	10 & 11
Tues	13:15-13:45	English Language Surgery	JHU	R43	11
Tues	15:50-17:15	Football Club	tbc	Regents Park	All
Tues	16:00-17:00	KS4 GCSE Art Club	LDE	Art Studio 1	10 & 11
Tues	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Wed	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Wed	12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club	ZBO	R42	All
Wed	12:50-13:50	Russian Club	PZA	R24	All
Wed	12:50-13:45	Percussion Ensemble	J Morrison	R2	All
Wed	12:50-13:50	Running Club	LST	Regents Park	All
Wed	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Wed	16:00-17:00	Fencing Club	Fencing coach	PP Hall	All
Thurs	12:50-13:45	Woodwind Ensemble	J Slack	R1	All
Thurs	12:50-13:30	KS3 Drama Club	TNO	Drama Studio	6-9
Thurs	12:50-13:50	Dance Club	СВУ	R11	All
Thurs	12:50-13:50	Beginner French / Spanish	FSY	G33	6 – 9
Thurs	12:50-13:30	Weight Training Club	SRI	Boys C/ Rooms	All
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Clubs for Spring Term 2023

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Biology Revision Club	RLE	Science Lab 2	10 & 11
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Coding Club	MMC	33	6-8
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Spanish GCSE Club	CFL	G33	10 & 11
Thurs	16:00-17:00	PPS Chamber Choir	СВО	R1	All by audition
Thurs	16:00-17:00	Art Club	TMO & LDE	Art 1 & 2	All **
Thurs	16:00-17:15	Basketball Club	SRI	Leisure Centre	All until 26/1
Fri	12:50-13:45	Brass Ensemble	W Brown	R2	All
Fri	12:50-13:50	Japanese	Yekta	R24	7 – 9
Fri	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Fri	13:15-13:45	Science Exam Skills	DBL	Science Lab 1	10 & 11
Fri	13:15-13:45	KS4 Maths Club	KPA	Science Lab 1	10 & 11
Fri	13:15-13:45	KS3 Maths Club	AZE	33	6 – 9
Fri	13:15-13:45	French Bilingual Club	TLA	В3	7 – 9
Fri	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11

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Term Dates

Academic Year 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Staff Inset (closed to students)	Wednesday 31 August – Thursday 1 September 2022
Induction (new students)	Friday 2 September 2022
Term Starts	Monday 5 September 2022
Half term	Monday 17 October – Friday 28 October 2022
End of term	Friday 16 December 2022
Christmas holiday	Monday 19 December 2022 - Friday 6 January 2023
Spring Term 2023	
Staff Inset (closed to students)	Monday 9 January 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 10 January 2023
Half term	Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February 2023
Half term End of Term	Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February 2023 Friday 31 March 2023
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End of Term	Friday 31 March 2023
End of Term Easter holiday	Friday 31 March 2023
End of Term Easter holiday Summer Term 2023	Friday 31 March 2023 Monday 3 April - Friday 21 April 2023
End of Term Easter holiday Summer Term 2023 Staff Inset (closed to students)	Friday 31 March 2023 Monday 3 April - Friday 21 April 2023 Tuesday 24 April 2023
End of Term Easter holiday Summer Term 2023 Staff Inset (closed to students) Term Starts	Friday 31 March 2023 Monday 3 April - Friday 21 April 2023 Tuesday 24 April 2023 Tuesday 25 April 2023



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