

The Weekly Buzz

30 January 2023





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Lunch Menu

W/c 30th January

Week 1 Lunch Menu

MONDAY

- BBQ chicken Casserole
- Cauliflower mac&cheese (V) (gluten,milk)
- Mashed Potato(V)
- Broccoli (V) Sweetcorn (V)
- Roasted Veg Medley (V)
- Sultana Flapjack (Gluten, Sulphites)

Tuesday

- Beef Lasagne(Gluten,milk)
- Veg Lasagne (V)(Gluten,milk)
- Sprouts (V)
- Roasted veggies (V)
- Kale (V)
- Sauteed Peppers (V)
- Carrot Cake

Wednesday

- Bratwurst Sausage
- Vegan Sausage (V)
- Roasted Potato (V)
- Corn on the cob (V)
- Barbecue beans (V)
- Hot Dog roll (Gluten, milk)
- Gravy (V)
- Treacle Sponge (wheat,milk,egg)

THURSDAY

- Chicken Curry (milk)
- Lentils (V)
- Steamed Rice
- Roasted Pepper Apple Crumble (Gluten)
- Cauliflower
- Poppadums

FRIDAY

- Fish Cake with lemon & Tartare Sauce (Fish, Gluten)
- Veg Nuggets (V) (Gluten)
- Oven Baked Fries(V) Garden peas(V) Steamed Carrots (V)
- Sticky pineapple & orange cake (egg,Gluten)

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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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
MAR**

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



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**CARE 4
CALAIS**

We are collecting mens & boys coats and other items (see list) for refugees in Calais for the charity 'Care4Calais'.

**Collection box is in main reception at #58 until
Thurs 2nd February.**

**Thank you,
Ms Flack**

#Coats4Calais

Donate a coat to keep a refugee warm this winter



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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 damaged
- **FOOD** - please note that due to Brexit restrictions 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

**CARE 4
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VACCINATIONS AT PPS

**MONDAY 6TH
FEBRUARY**

**NASAL FLU
FOR YEARS
7/8/9**

**PARENTS - SEE EMAIL WITH ONLINE
CONSENT INSTRUCTIONS**

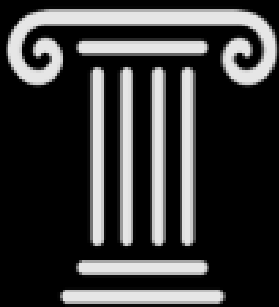


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Parents, please join us at our

Whole School Assembly 2023



Tuesday 7th February

10.30am—11.30am

Regent Hall (275 Oxford St, W1C 2DJ)

No need to RSVP. See you there!



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Lower School Chamber Concert

Tuesday 7th February 2023

PPS Hall, 5:00-6:30pm

Refreshments provided

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DESIGN CONTEST

Brought to you by the Maths Department

**YOUR
LOGO
HERE!!**

Maths Week is coming up
in March!!

We want you to create
the logo for the PPS
Maths Department!

PRIZES TO BE WON!

Deadline: Monday Feb 20, 2023

RULES:

1. **Designs MUST be digital**
2. **MUST have "PPS" or "Portland Place School" within the logo.**

Submission: Send to Miss McBain
megan.mcbain@portland-place.co.uk



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Les Misérables

**Tuesday
28th March
7.30pm**

Parents Network Theatre Club presents

Discounted tickets £55pp for students, family and friends for the new production of Les Mis at the Sondheim Theatre

To purchase a ticket or for further info please email joannafb@me.com or What's App on 07989 576771



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Literacy at PPS

Reading: Parents' Toolkit

At PPS all students are encouraged to read for pleasure.

Students in Years 7-8 participate in **Book Buzz programme** and are invited to read and discuss new exciting books and to take part in quizzes to encourage reading for pleasure.

In addition, all students in Years 7-10 have a **timetabled Library lesson**, as part of their English lesson entitlement. We are eager to nurture a community of staff and students who are rooted in reading.

SEN students participate in our **Morning Reading Provision** five days a week; some of them are using dyslexia- friendly books.

Everyone is encouraged to use **e-learning platform**, using their personal school login and the password: portlandplace. This platform additionally allows editing the background, spacing and font type of the e-books.

We would ask you to encourage your children to establish and maintain a regular pattern of wider reading.

Reading ideas:

- **Paired Reading**

This is a way to support readers. You both read the book out loud together, with the student setting the pace. If s/he feels able to read a little on her/his own, s/he can give a signal such as a knock on the table or a gentle nudge. If s/he stumbles over a word, you tell the student what it is and carry on reading until the signal is given again. This helps the reader grow in confidence.



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- **Using reading prompts**

Reading prompts are strategies that students learn to use in order to help them read and make sense of words that are challenging or unfamiliar. For successful readers, these prompts become second nature and an integral part of their reading skills toolkit.

Less successful readers need encouragement to use reading prompts whenever they read. By reinforcing the importance of the reading prompts, we can help readers to feel more confident and ultimately more independent when accessing a text.

Reading prompts:

- Sounding out words (using the sounds the letters make in that word)
- Finding smaller words inside longer ones (es-cape)
- Using the rest of the sentence to help with a difficult word (to find the meaning)
- Using other clues on the page to help them read accurately (including graphics and pictures)
- Re-reading the preceding words when stuck (this might mean a word or two, or part of a paragraph)
- Breaking down longer words (cha-rac-ter)
- Knowing that sometimes it doesn't matter (if the unknown word does not hinder understanding, you can move on and deal with it another time).



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Numeracy Corner

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

Strategy 4-Step by Step- Example

Step-by-Step

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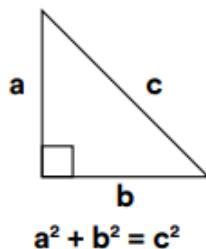
Class: **Geometry** Teacher: _____

When solving a math problem, it helps to do the work in steps. Use this chart to map out the steps.

1. Write any important math formulas or notes in the box to the left.
2. In the top right box, write your problem.
3. Complete the problem, one step at a time. Put only one step in each box.
4. Write your solution in the bottom right box.

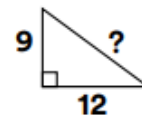
Important Math Formulas and Notes:

Pythagorean theorem



Your Problem:

Find the length of the missing side in the triangle:



Step One:

$$a = 9, b = 12, c = ?$$

Step Two:

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$
$$9^2 + 12^2 = c^2$$

Step Three:

$$81 + 144 = c^2$$

Step Four:

$$225 = c^2$$

Step Five:

$$\sqrt{225} = \sqrt{c^2}$$

Your Solution:

$$15 = c$$



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Polyglot Enrichment South Africa

Our Polyglot Enrichment was hosted by **Carl Huebsch** who showed us **South Africa** in a way that we will never forget;;we learned a lot of facts about the country, its culture, traditions and food on top of some Afrikaans phrases which we were very keen to learn..

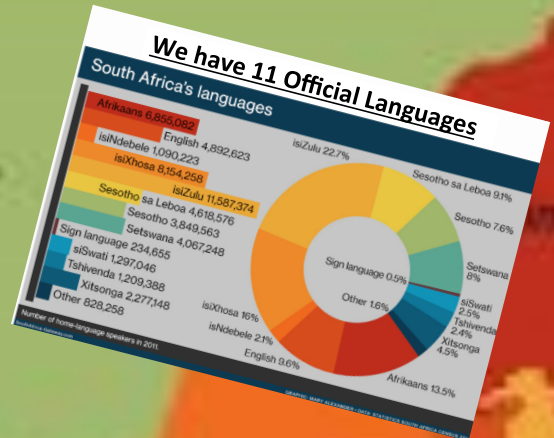
Many thanks to Carl for his incredible session and here are some slides he shared with us.

Ms Zalesny



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What's It Like Living In South Africa



What It's Really Like Living In South Africa



What Does Afrikaans Sound Like?

- Hello How Are You?
"Hallo, Hoe Gaan Dit Met Jou?"
- Very Well Thank You.
"Baie Goed Dankie!"
- My Name Is..... "My Naam Is..."
- Sorry I'm A Bit Lost, Can You Help Me?
"Verskoon My, Ek Het Verdwaa!"
- See You Tomorrow! "Sien Jou More!"



Our National Greetings

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Afrikaans - <i>Hallo!</i> | Sesotho - <i>Dumela!</i> |
| English - <i>Hello!</i> | Xitsonga - <i>Avuxeni!</i> |
| isiNdebele - <i>Lotjhani!</i> | siSwati - <i>Sawubona!</i> |
| isiXhosa - <i>Molo!</i> | Tshivenda - <i>Ndaa!</i> |
| isiZulu - <i>Sawubona!</i> | |
| Sepedi - <i>Dumela!</i> | |
| Setswana - <i>Dumela!</i> | |



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Things You Might Not Know About South Africa

- The first successful heart transplant
- Jerusalem challenge topped charts in 2020 during peak Covid - song originated from Limpopo, SA
- Table mountain is one of the 7 Wonders of the World and one of the oldest mountains in the world
- We have the highest bridge bungee in the world
- World's longest wine route
- 3 capital cities – Cape Town (legislative), Bloemfontein (judicial) and Pretoria (administrative)
- There are over 2 000 shipwrecks off the coast of South Africa
- Largest producer of platinum in the world
- One of the world's highest waterfalls – Tugela Falls 947 metres
- World's largest diamond found in Cullinan, Pretoria
- World's most luxurious train Rovos Rail
- Only country in the world to have hosted Soccer, Cricket and Rugby World Cups
- 3rd best drinking water in the world
- World's largest themed resort – The Palace of the Lost City (Sun City)
- 2 Nobel Prize winners lived in the same street – Vilikazi Street (Nelson Mandela and Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu)
- 5th most beautiful country in the world
- We invented the CAT Scan, Dolosse, Kreepley Krauly, Pratley Putty, Q20, and turned oil from coal (Sasol)
- Charlize Theron, Alice Krige, Arnold Vosloo, Elon Musk, Dave Matthews, and Trevor Noah are all from SA



What Does
South Africa
Look Like On
A Map?



Traditional South African Food



South African Snacks & Desserts



Design & Tech

Nate, Harrison, Arlo, Andreas, Leyla, Joey, and Lucas all visited Hamley's as part of their Design research for the textiles Pugly toy they will be making this term.

Miss Vargas





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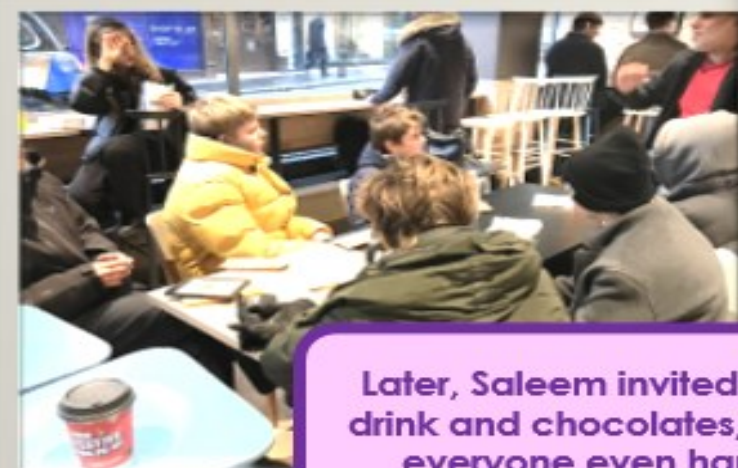


CHARITY

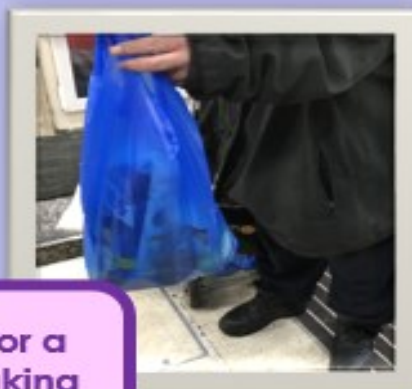


Within 20 mins, we managed to give away 16 packs of food in the area!

On Wednesday, we worked with **CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME** in the Strand and Charing Cross station, providing a mobile food bank to those in need.



Later, Saleem invited us for a drink and chocolates, making everyone even happier!





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ENRICHMENT



Saleem from CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME told us about their foodbank @ 6 Agar Street running every Friday between 17:15 and 18:45. Volunteers are welcome!



I am very proud of our students who showed great sensibility and sensitivity whilst distributing the food. Well done to Yura, Jones, Theo, Kai, Will, Tom, Stanley and Mia!



A WINTER'S TALE

BY TOWA SUZUKI, YEAR 6

Once upon a time there were two snowmen who lived happily in a small forest near the North Pole. Their names were Snowy and Frosty, and they were best friends. Snowy liked red and Frosty liked blue. They always had big smiles on their faces and kept each other happy throughout the day.

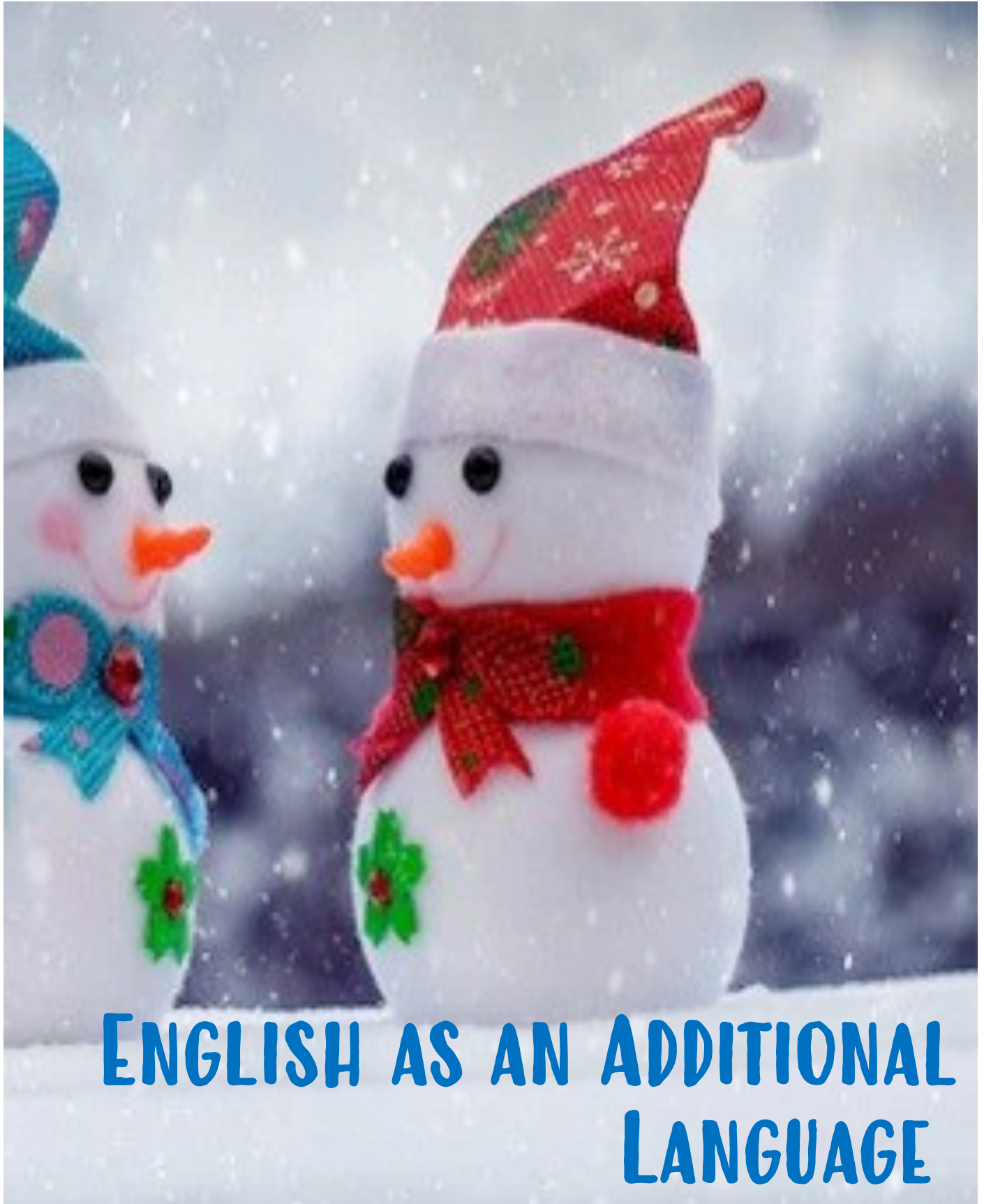
They lived in a little clearing inside the forest. The weather was so cold that even the snowmen had to wear wool hats, scarves and gloves when they went outside to play. They lived in two houses opposite each other- they were big, cosy, wooden cottages.

One particular day was quite snowy, but later in the day the weather changed. In the afternoon the winter sunshine peaked through the thin trees, making it a bright and sunny day. Although it was freezing cold, the snowmen still had a wonderful time making themselves cosy in the cottages and waving at each other from their large windows.



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**ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL
LANGUAGE**



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Violet

Y11/Art



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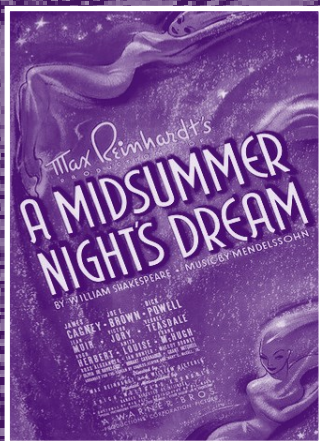
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'Goddess of the Woods' - Bella

William



YEAR 7 ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING AT WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE — HIS PLAYS, HIS LANGUAGE AND THE REASON WHY HE IS STILL SO FAMOUS! AFTER READING A SCENE FROM *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* AND LEARNING JUST HOW MANY WORDS IN OUR VOCABULARY SHAKESPEARE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR, MRS WOLFE MURRAY'S CLASS CAME UP WITH SOME NEW WORDS OF THEIR OWN!



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Shakespeare

A VERY SMALL DOG

NIPEEP — LILY, LUCY, JOE

MUTTSKEY — NATHAN

MELATOY — MAITE

SOMEONE WHO IS AFRAID
OF COMPUTERS

COPIA — LILY, LUCY, JOE

COMPUHOTERRIOR — MAITE

SKOMPUTER — NOAH

SWIMMING WITH YOUR PYJAMAS ON!

SWIMJAY — LILY, LUCY, JOE

SWIMJAMA — NATHAN

SWIJAMPY — MAITE

PERSIMMING — NOAH



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African Masks/Y7

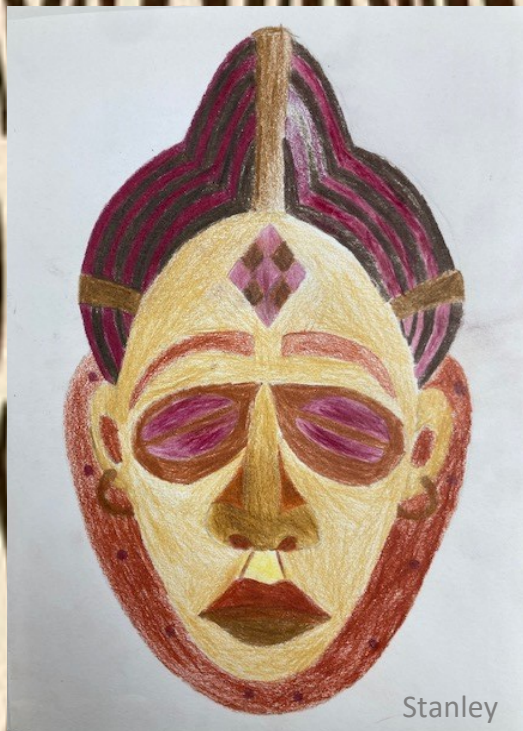


Maite



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SCIENCE



Here are Year 7 scientists working with acids and bases, making soluble salts. Great practical skills shown with heating acids, then neutralising them and evaporating the excess water to produce Copper Sulphate.

UPDATE



Year 8 looking at energy in food. By burning food samples to heat water, then measuring the temperature change of the water, they then can calculate the amount of energy within the food sample.





Year 6 students who have been studying acids, alkalis and the pH scale. Year 6 have been using Hydrochloric acid and Sodium Hydroxide along with universal indicator to carry out neutralisation reactions.

Mr Lee

THE WALL OF KINDNESS

Alex Z (Y8 Hybrid) says: Ayub was kind to me all week and Noah held the door for me.

Thank you to Sonny for being friendly this week to me.
Alex P – Hybrid School Y10

Noah in Hybrid Y8 says: thank you Vie for listening to me.

Thank you to Mohammed for being kind and helping me out.
Damian (Hybrid Y8)

Enzo in Year 7 for holding the door open for everyone at GPS today without being asked! Mrs Wolfe-Murray



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VeloPark Update



Our VeloPark students this week got a taste of the Mountain Circuit – and given the drizzle and cold, they did immensely well! We attempted some rock falls, a few jumps and drops, and got the hang of our tank-like mountain bikes in the world-class environs and perfectly-groomed cinder trails at the Lee Valley VeloPark.

Very, very well done to all of our students who embraced all of the challenges with positivity and support for each other throughout – a true cycling team. In fact the teamwork across year groups, and between old and new friends, was truly beautiful.

Thank you also to Ms Silcocks for the photos; she was also extremely courageous in her first outing on a mountain bike, attempting some pretty scary black-run drop-ins and every rock fall going! Mr Tasić



U13 Girls 7 a-side Football Tournament



The U13 girls learnt a great deal playing in this small tournament hosted by St James School at King's House Sports Ground. Football is a sport that is becoming increasingly popular amongst girls and for our pupils this was an excellent opportunity to see a good standard of playing, particularly from the Latymer team, who emerged as the tournament's winners.



In truth, both Latymer and the St James team were too good for the PPS side and included girls who are clearly playing regular club football and showed skills that were very impressive. However, our girls were able to compete one-to-one, have just as much potential and were, from a physical point of view, very competitive. In fact, captain **Mia**, was able to influence the game quite considerably with her fast work-rate, closing down and tackling. **Esther**, in defense, was hard to beat and made more tackles than any other defender in the tournament.

Sports report



PPS were initially surprised at the pace of play and the space available, having played earlier in the week on a 5-a-side pitch, but soon adjusted and played much better in the second half to St James. The hosts won the game 4-0, and next-up Portland faced Latymer. This was a one-sided affair, but PPS showed tremendous resilience and fought all the way to the end, eventually losing 7-0.



Their final matches were against Queen's who were much closer to our girl in terms of ball control and passing ability. The team battled hard and were rewarded with a well-earned draw. They left the tournament playing much better football than when they arrived and every player was able to take onboard instructions and apply them in the game. Hopefully this tournament will inspire these girls to some more good performances this season. Well done to all who played.

Squad list: Mia (Captain), Maya, Zaya, Iasmin, Lucy, Lily, Helena, Esther, Beatrice, Rosie

Westminster Indoor Sports Hall Athletics Finals

Last Thursday 19th January we took our Year 6, 7 and 8 girls to the Westminster Schools Sports Hall Athletics Championships.



Year 6/7 Team:

Rosie, Beatrice, Lily, Lucy, Helena, Esther and Razan

Year 8 Team:

Mia, Jazz, Maya, Zaya, Bibi and Kansas

Sports report

There was a terrific atmosphere throughout the event as all schools shouted, cheered, and encouraged the athletes competing. It was a jam-packed event with pupils having the opportunity to compete in numerous events. The track races included a 2 lap, 4 lap, 6 lap, a 2-person 8 lap relay, a 4-person 2 lap relay and a 4-person obstacle course race. Field events included shot put, a vertical jump, standing long jump, standing triple jump and the speed bounce!

PPS put in a superb effort in all events against some very strong competition from other schools in the Westminster borough. PPS also showed great team spirit throughout the event as they roared encouragement to their team mates on the track and field!

There were a number of great individual performances for the girls. **Lucy** deserves a special mention for her excellent efforts in the 6 Lap Race taking 1st place overall. **Maya** and **Bibi** also deserve a shout out for digging deep and performing in events without any fuss when other team members got injured despite feeling tired themselves. They showed such resilience and maturity.

Overall, PPS finished 5th in the girls' year 7 competition 4th in the year 8 competition – a fantastic achievement against some very strong competition! Well done to the whole team!





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U15/16 Rugby vs Harroddian



On a cold and murky afternoon, Portland's Y10 & 11 rugby players visited Harrodian School in Barnes for a highly competitive and entertaining match. There was plenty of great rugby on display from both teams, with Harrodian looking the more polished XV, although Portland showed no lack of spirit and ended the game in the ascendency.

Portland spilled the ball too frequently when in possession during the first half, mainly due to Harrodian's excellent line speed. They were forced to defend for much of the half and did well for long periods. However, the relentless pressure told, and the home side were able to find gaps and scored an unanswered four tries before the break.

Captain **Teddy** and **James** led the pack with tremendous tackling and rucking and PPS were able to make some offensive inroads with **Edwin** breaking the line and nearly going over. At half time PPS were upbeat despite the score.

They were the first to concede in the second half but were then rewarded with a try after Teddy carried twice in succession from the 22, showing great strength to force his way over the line. Soon after, PPS scored again after **Leo** found a gap in the defence and burst through it. **Lloyd** at centre and open side **Charlie** were beginning to run with the ball very effectively, breaking tackles and stretching the Harrodian backline.

Harrodian responded with another two tries, but PPS finished the stronger with Lloyd scoring from a fantastic burst through the midfield after Edwin's initial break put the home side on the back foot. The final score was 6-3 in tries to Harrodian, but PPS were pleased to draw the second half 3-3. **Mason** played at fly half and took some hard tackles in his stride, showing great resilience. In defence, **Rudy** showed outstanding bravery and commitment in defence, making several crunching head-on tackles.

There is much to work on as the season progresses and many areas of play that need attention, but if the U15/16 team continues to show this kind of heart, they're sure to get some results before Easter. Well done to all that played.

Man of the match: **Rudy**

U14 Rugby vs Ibstock Place : *PPS 14 v 28 Ibstock*

On Friday 20th January PPS u14's had a fantastic game of rugby against Ibstock Place School at Rosslyn Park RFC. The boys were thrilled to have the opportunity to play at one of the top rugby facilities in South London after Ibstock's playing fields were frozen.

In the first half the boys started well. There were a few nerves shown at the very start, but it wasn't long before Portland started carrying the ball with power, speed and aggression into contact. The game was extremely fast paced, as is often the case when rugby games are played on artificial pitches and PPS enjoyed running with the ball in hand. PPS took the lead through the towering **Max D** who powered his way over the line from 10m out. PPS continued to press for a second, but Ibstock defended well. Ibstock started to see more possession, but PPS made some excellent tackles, including a couple of last-ditch try-saving tackles from **Max D** and **Hazuki**. The game hit a scrappy period mid-way through the first half and Ibstock capitalised scoring 2 quick tries in succession. PPS didn't let their head drop and were up for the physical battle the game was becoming! Before half time **Max C** scored an excellent solo try from the back of the scrum when he carried the ball on an arcing run, dummied a pass which sent some Ibstock defenders the wrong way, broke the line and scored. 14-14 the score at half time.



Sports report

The boys identified two key areas to improve on in the second half - improving their positioning in defence and improving their speed to the breakdown. The start of the second half was very physical, both teams were carrying the ball in to contact with intensity, the breakdown battle became scrappy and there was some brilliant tackling on display. PPS started to tire after a sustained period of pressure and Ibstock scored a deserved try. PPS fought back immediately; the backs were breaking the line with pace and the support was there... but unfortunately the boys blew some good try scoring opportunities by running the ball too close to the touch line and then getting bundled into touch. Ibstock scored the next try after PPS were caught in a disorganised formation and did not spread out across the pitch in defence to take a 28-14 lead. With 5 minutes to play PPS tried their best to get over the try line but unfortunately there just wasn't enough time remaining. 28-14 to Ibstock the final score.

This was a fantastic first game for our u14 team who are showing great promise in rugby. The only reason the boys lost this game was due to defensive organisation and positioning. **Max D** made several powerful carries and one absolutely smashing tackle (tackle of the game). **Max C** was brilliant at fly half, he scored a great try and did a terrific job organising his teammates and driving standards. Player of the match goes to **Olly** – this was Olly's first match for PPS and his performance was immense. He had the highest tackle count of the match, supported his team mates' breaks throughout and made several hard carries in a very impressive debut!



Northbridge Too Strong For Valiant U12's Basketball Squad

It was a tough day at the office for the Portland Place U12's who went down fighting against a strong Northbridge squad at Church Street Sport Centre.

The U12's have had a busy schedule, with football, rugby and basketball fixtures, and the squad were unlucky to come up against a very strong opposition who took advantage of some tired bodies in the home team.

Noah, **Enzo** and **Joe** opened the game with some great movement and passing, bringing the North Bridge defence under a lot of pressure but it was **Jacob** and **Ted** who held their own as they rebounded at the net, forcing mistakes and stopping the attackers getting their shots off.

Nobody could criticise the students' passion as they constantly covered their net and made sure they were in the game for most of the match. It was a tough encounter with North Bridge having a number of skilful players who were able to push the PPS defence further back and the tiredness got to the squad who were unable to completely stop all attacks.

U13's Comeback, Breaks Fairley Hearts

A fantastic comeback, led by **Taishi**, saw Portland Place beat Fairley House 16-14 in a tightly fought match at the Queen Mother's Sports Centre.

With a range of abilities playing on both sides, Portland Place were unlucky to fall behind in the first quarter. With the U12's joining forces with a couple of the U13's, **Enzo** led the way in the scoring as a clean break saw him drive towards the net and lifted a well-judged lay up into the free net. Fairley House re-grouped and began to attack and hit the target. The score seemed to be running away from the PPS squad who started to fall further and further behind. The mountain that needed to be climbed seemed higher and higher.

After the 1st Quarter, the U13's came on and PPS started to gel as a team. With both **Spike** and **Dexter** fizzing around the court it allowed Taishi and **Humphrey** to put pressure on the Fairley House squad and create more opportunities for **Roman**. It started to become a great spectacle with both teams pushing back and forth on the court, but it was the accuracy of scoring that saw Portland Place pull back the lead.



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The second quarter flew by and with Portland only behind by 4 points and the possession slowly creeping in their favour it was a tense and exciting finish to the game.

Zane, **Jacob** and **Noah** were once again given the opportunity to finish out the game alongside Taishi and Humphrey. It was a tense third quarter as the start didn't go the way of Portland as a misplaced pass saw the opposition run at Jacob 3 to 1. Jacob did everything he could and with Zane sprinting back to support his teammate, they were unlucky to see the net swish as Fairley House extended their lead.

The game wasn't finished though and with 5 minutes left on the clock, PPS seemed to find another gear and started to increase the intensity. Dexter was reintroduced to the game and immediately won the ball in the attacking half to set up Taishi for him to lay up and bring the game closer. 3 minutes left and Mr Steward's nails were getting shorter by the second. All the squad were on their feet pushing the players to victory. 2 minutes to go and there was still 4 points in it, but PPS were on top. A fantastic interception by Jacob saw Spike and Zane pass the ball elegantly to each other before Spike managed to break the defence to score.



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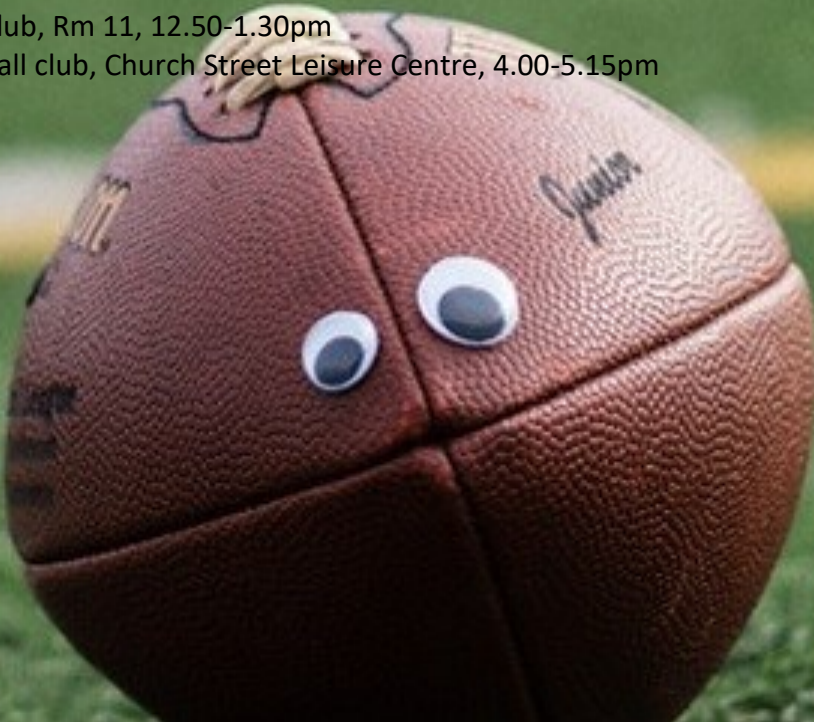
Two points and a minute to go. Shouts from the bench of encouragement and some hard-fought pressure saw the PPS squad put back the final points to set up a great finish to the game. With time running out, PPS had to find a winner and it came from the captain himself, Taishi. The pressure was mounting on the Fairley House team, and they couldn't keep hold of the ball. After a sneaky interception by Enzo, Taishi was put clear on the net and there was no way he was going to miss. With the final play of the game and the whistle about to be blown the net was swaying as the ball slid through.

A fantastic comeback broke Fairley House hearts and joy for PPS. Player of the match was **Taishi**, who led his team to a brilliant victory.



Next Week's Clubs & Fixtures

- Monday 30th Jan: Y8 & Y9 Rugby vs Maida Vale, 2.00pm, Regent's Park
Y8/9 Girls' Basketball vs North Bridge House Canonbury, 4.30pm, Away, (London Met)
Table tennis club, PPS Hall, 1.10-1.45pm
Karate Club, PPS Hall 4.00-5.00pm
- Tuesday 1st Feb: Y6/7 Rugby vs Maida Vale, 2.00pm, Regent's Park
Y6/7 Girls' Football vs Maida Vale, 2.00pm, Regent's Park
Football club, Westway Sports Centre (transport provided) 3.50–5.30pm
- Wednesday 2nd Feb: Running club, Regent's Park, 12.50–1.20pm
Fencing club, PPS Hall, 4.00-5.00pm
- Thursday 3rd Feb: Y10&11 Rugby vs Maida Vale, 2.00pm, Regent's Park
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
- Friday 4th Feb: -



Enrichment—First Half of Spring Term 2023

Activity	Staff	Room
Advanced Maths	TTO	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 & FSJ	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	CBY	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	CBO	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	B3	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
End of Term	Friday 31 March 2023
Easter holiday	Monday 3 April – Friday 21 April 2023

Summer Term 2023

Staff Inset (closed to students)	Tuesday 24 April 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 25 April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May (school closed)
Half term Holiday	Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2023
End of Term	Friday 7 July 2023



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