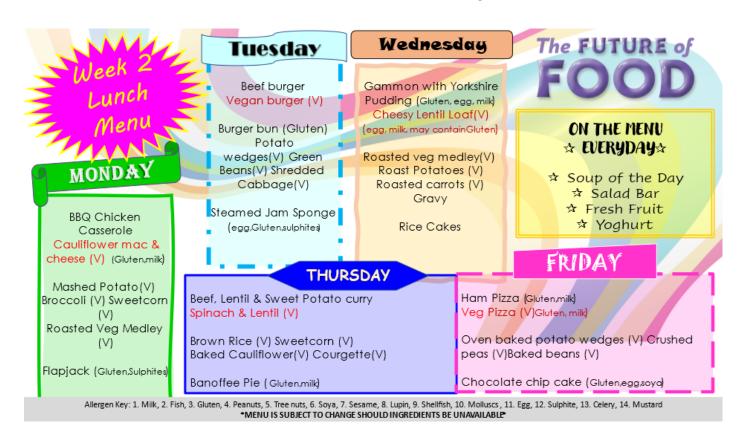






Lunch Menu

W/c 6th February



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

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





Valentine's Fundraiser



Year 8 have organised a Valentine's fundraiser in aid of the YoungMinds mental health charity (www.youngminds.org.uk)





Students can place an order in the special buckets at PPS or GPS reception by donating £1.00 and writing the name of the recipient along with a message.



Heart shaped lollipops will be distributed on the last day of term by Cupid!





YEARS 7/8/9 GET YOUR

NASAL FLU VACCINE

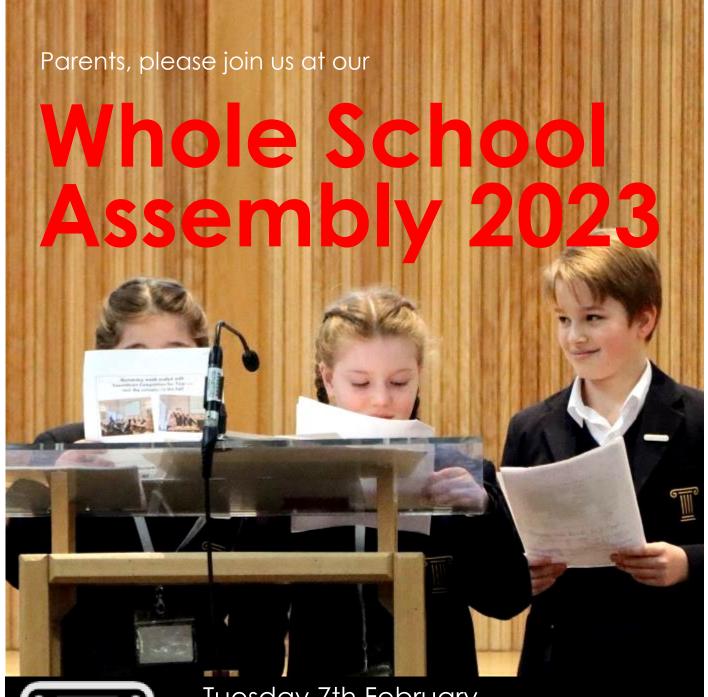
DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE NHS HAS CANCELLED THIS SESSION. DETAILS OF NEW DATE WHEN WE HAVE THEM. THEY APOLOGISE FOR LATE NOTICE.



THE NHS ARE RETURNING TO PPS. PARENTS. SEE EMAIL FOR NHS E-CONSENT INSTRUCTIONS (MUST BE COMPLETED IN ADVANCE)









Tuesday 7th February 10.30am—11.30am

Regent Hall (275 Oxford St, W1C 2DJ)

No need to RSVP. See you there!











YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE BY **BRINGING YOUR OWN** CAKE !!!



CAKE & STUDENT- MADE VALENTINE'S POTTERY SALE !!!

WHEN? THURSDAY, 9 FEB, Lunchtime

In the Canteen











Parents Network Theatre Club presents



Ambassadors Theatre 2nd May 7.30pm

Discounted tickets £55pp for students, family and friends. Cut off date Thursday 9th March.

To purchase a ticket or for further info please email joannafb@me.com or WhatsApp on 07989 576771













This week I would like to share with you one of my favourite resources as it focuses on building positive relationships with the people around us. Ms Florea

Friendly February 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Ask a friend

how they have been feeling

recently

FRIDAY

Do an act of

kindness to make life easier

for someone

SATURDAY

a 'tea break' (in person or

virtual)

SUNDAY



Get back an old friend for a while

Show an active interest by asking talking to others

Tell a loved

one or friend

why they are

special to you

Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

Support a local business

with a positive

online review or

friendly message

on someone

who may be

struggling and offer to help

Look for

good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated

Send on encouraging note to someone a boost

being kind rather than being right

Respond kindly to talk to today, including yourself

Share something you find inspiring,

amusing Make



Give sincere compliments

Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

one about the strengths that you see in them

uninterrupted time for your loved ones



Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

Give positive comments to as many people as

possible today









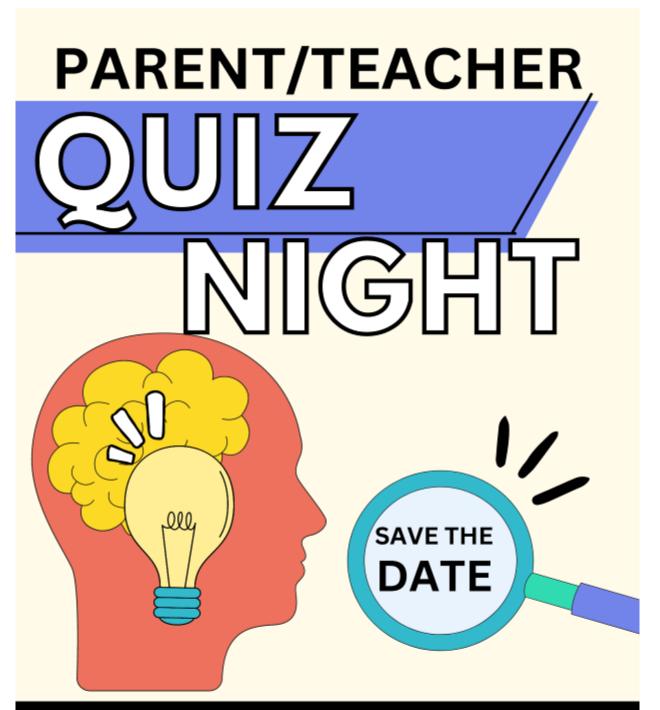


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THURS 27TH APRIL

Details to follow









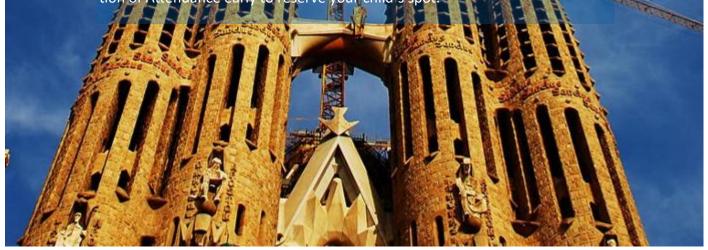


YEARS 6-9 ACTIVITIES WEEK

BARCELONA CULTURAL TOUR 3-7 July 2023

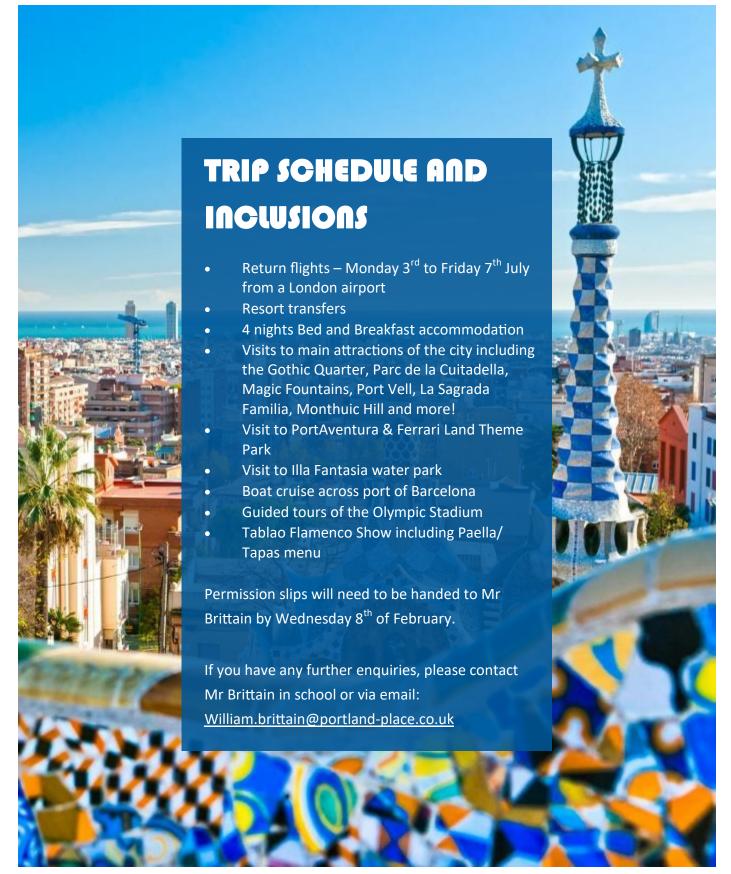
It is my great pleasure to announce that Portland Place School will be offering a cultural tour to Barcelona during the Summer Term's Activities Week. This year, pupils from Years 6 to 9 will be invited to join us on this jam-packed tour of Barcelona, which will be a great experience for the students to immerse themselves in the local culture, and also try their hand at practicing some Spanish — as well as being a deserved treat for getting through another academic year!

Places are limited to a total of 48 students, so please do return the Confirmation of Attendance early to reserve your child's spot.













Literacy Corner

Reading Strategies

You can help your child understand more about a text by:

Predicting	You can make informed guesses about a text by predicting: What the text is going to be about? What will happen next?
Skimming	You can read quickly through a text in order to get a gist of what the text is about.
Scanning	You can search a text for a specific word, phrase or number.
Close reading	When you pay close attention to the words, phrases and sentences you can build up your understanding of the meaning of a text.
Questioning	You can ask questions about a text to clarify your ideas.
Empathising	By putting yourself in someone else's shoes you can begin to empathise and feel what they feel.
Visualising	Building a picture in your mind can help you to gain a better understanding of the text.
Inferring	By reading 'between the lines' you can find meanings that are not initially obvious.





Numeracy Corner

This week we would like to share some useful tips on approaching mathematical tasks:

- · Make sure you understand what the question is asking
- Check your answers make sense

Understand What a Question is Asking

- 1) Know what each command word wants you to do.
- 2) Use the <u>number of marks</u> as a guide to <u>how much</u> time you should spend on a question.
- 3) Show your working out marks are given for it.
- Answer in the <u>correct units</u>, or to the <u>correct</u> number of <u>significant figures</u> or <u>decimal places</u>.

Command Words

- Write down/state give a brief answer
- <u>Calculate/find/solve</u> show your working out
- Explain give a written reason for your answer



EXAMPLE:

Take a look at this exam question. There are plenty of ways to avoid losing easy marks.

11 The formula for the period, T seconds, of a pendulum of length I metres is given by:

At the equator, $g = 9.78 \text{ m/s}^2$.

Find the period of a pendulum, of length 30 cm, at the Equator. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

The command word is 'find' so you need to show your working out.

Make sure you round your final answer to 3 significant figures. You're given a length in centimetres, but the formula uses lengths in metres. You need to convert 30 cm into metres.

You need to answer the question in seconds.

seconds [2]

Check Your Answer Makes Sense

- 1) Make sure your answer is sensible a person can't be 22 m tall.
- 2) Check for silly mistakes -3×3 is not 6.
- If you've solved an equation, put the <u>answer</u> back <u>into the equation</u> to see if it's correct.
- 4) Expand factorised brackets to check they give you the original expression.



I always check every page I write for chicken silly mistakes...

One of the (many) great things about GCSE Maths is that most questions have definite answers, meaning you can check whether you've got the right answer. Maths gets a bad rap sometimes, but it's actually very generous.

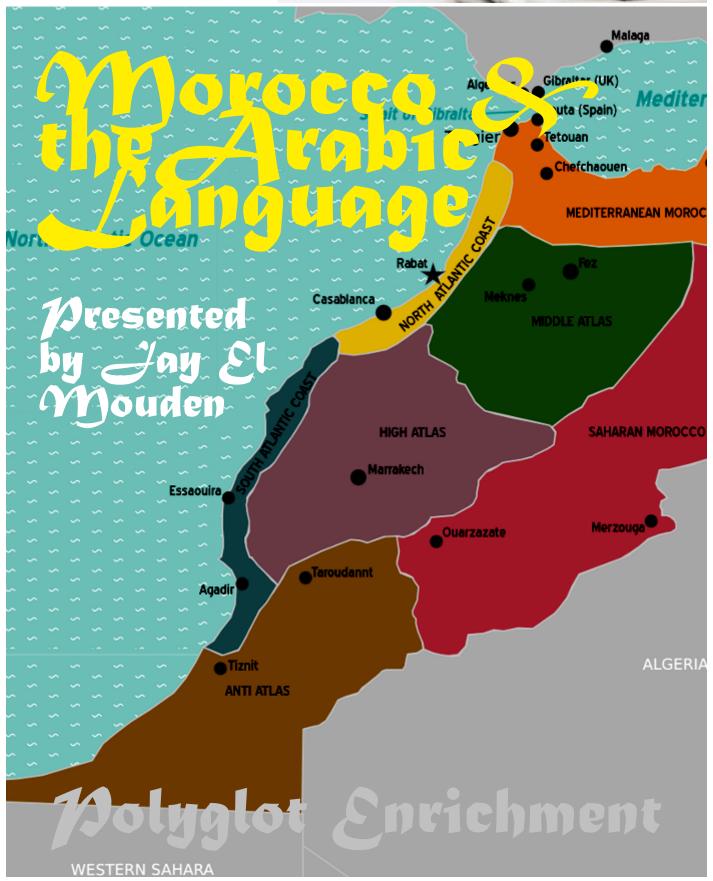






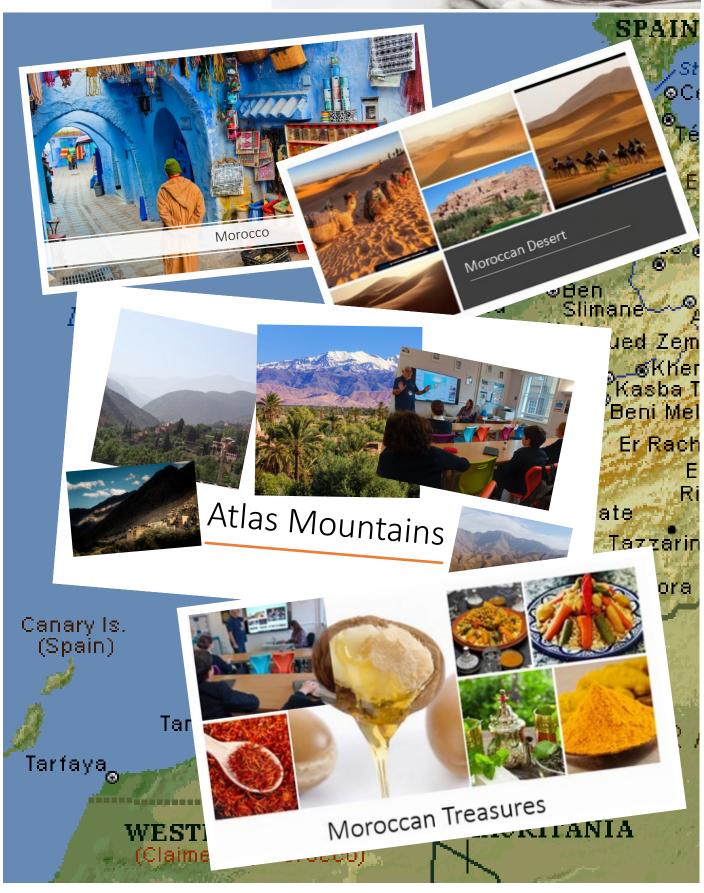






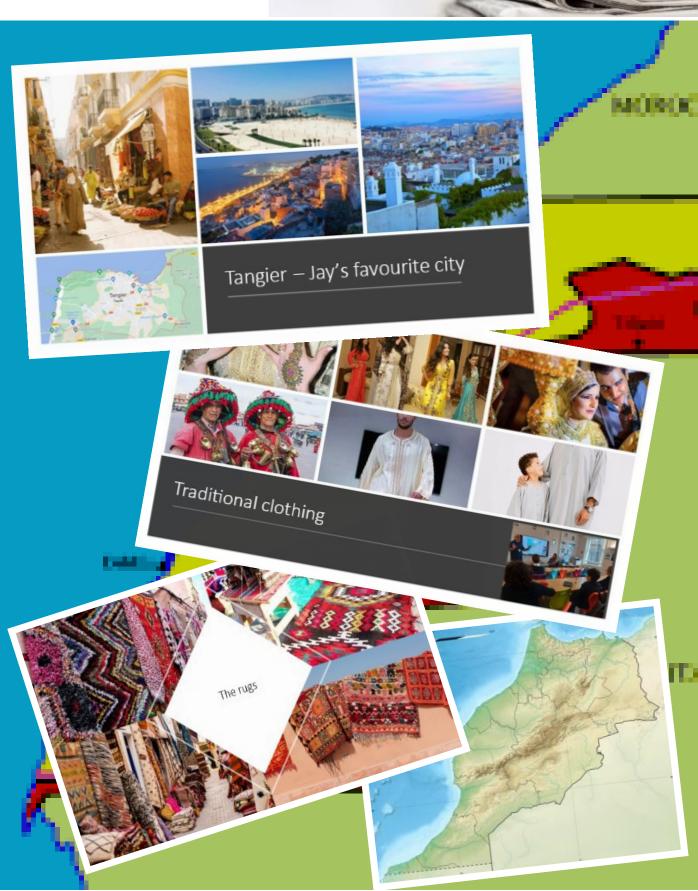




















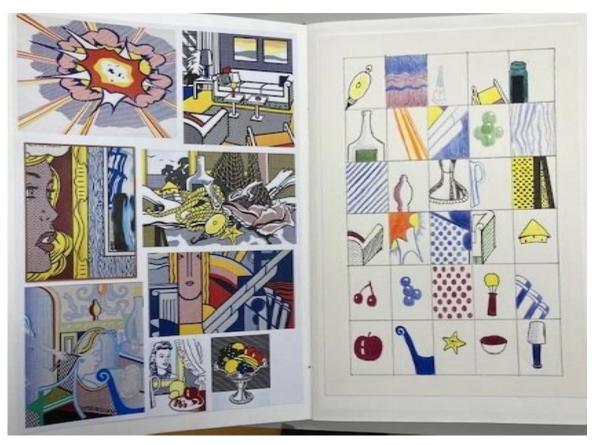


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Isabelle, Kadi, Lingyi Y9



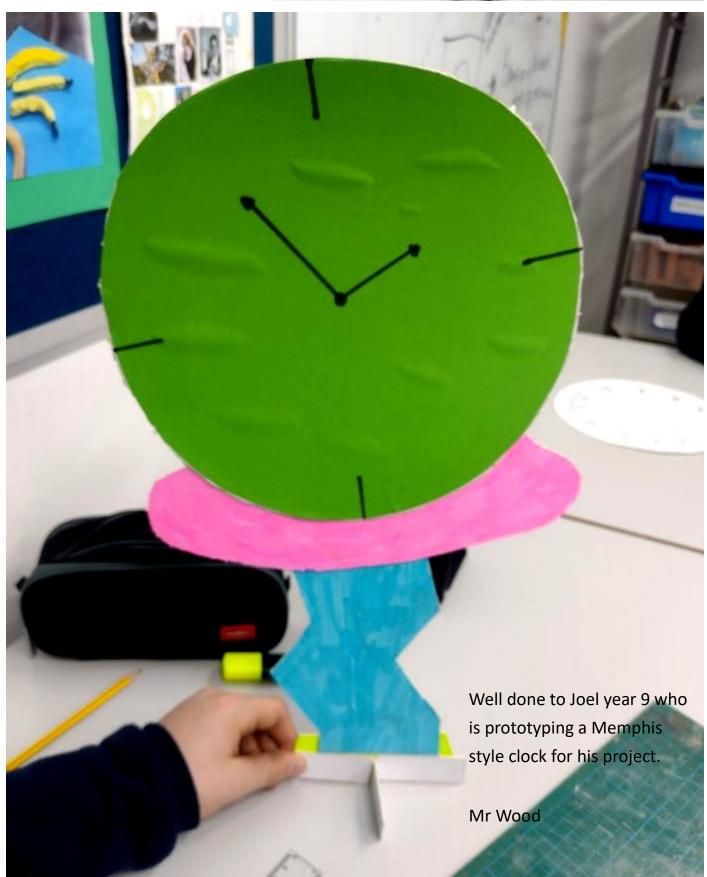




Well done to Jessy year 11 who designed and made an interesting football inspired sculpture using CAD/CAM.















We learned to draw comic strip style faces and bodies, planned what we wanted to write about; discussed the sequence of events in our stories before beginning; we drew our mini comic strip stories...









"CREATE A COMIC STRIP!" Learning Lab and EAL workshop at the Cartoon Museum

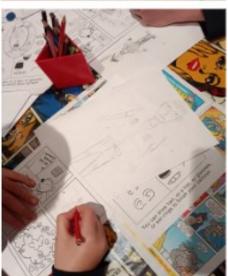






The workshop was a fun extension to our literacy programme.











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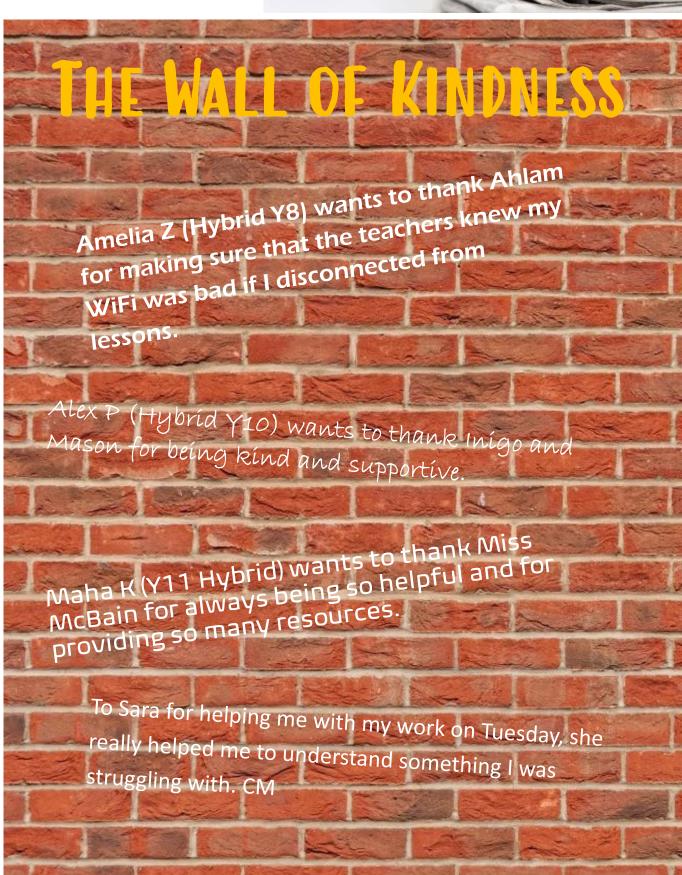
















U12/13 Basketball vs Fairley House

On Thursday 26th January PPS u12/13 girls made their way to Queen Mother Sports Centre to take on Fairley House School in an entertaining game of basketball!

Portland started quickly, showing high tempo passing and good reactions when there was a turnover. In the early stages **Bibi, Maya** and **Zaya** all scored impressive baskets. Midway through the game Fairly started to string together a few nice passing moves and although the girls defended well, they were guilty of giving away too many fouls. Fairley did score some points and started to show more confidence. PPS didn't panic and soon started to dominate with some excellent drilling and passing on the counterattack, accurate shooting and good rebound work. PPS scored further baskets through **Bibi, Zaya, Maya** and **Mia** to take an impressive victory!

This was an excellent performance from our Y7/8 girls; they played with great intensity throughout, passed with pace and accuracy and the shooting from PPS was deadly! Mia made a number of interceptions and scored 4 baskets, Zaya was the top points scorer with 5 baskets - she barely missed a shot! Player of the match goes to Bibi Underhill who dribbled well, scored 3 great baskets and was very composed under pressure. Well done girls!









Portland Strike Back Against Maida Vale with Big Victory

Regents Park, bathed in sun, was witness to a cracking game of rugby on Monday, when Portland Place U13's and 14's went head-to-head with Maida Vale in a local derby. With the sun beaming down on a cold January afternoon, Portland Place managed to grind out a fantastic victory against their opposition.

It was a great start from Portland Place whose team ranged from students of both Years mixed together, but it was the captain,

Max who started the game off best. After breaking the Maida Vale defence Harrison was able to slip the ball off to the attacking Max who made a try scoring start with another of his trade-mark dummies and dove into the corner.

From the very start Portland dominated the possession of play, moving the ball from forwards to backs with complete ease.

Spike, playing scrum half opened-up gaps as he sniped at the languishing defence. With players like Koby on his shoulder, PPS were making dents in the opposition line with ease, and it was the support play that saw Max, gain the ball, once again, and easily dive over the line for his second.

It wasn't just close-range snipes that PPS were scoring from but long range tries as **Hazuki** received the ball from a high kick and flew past the diving defence to score in the corner.





It was attack upon attack from Portland Place with **Tec** and **Humphrey** both leading the charge. After a brilliant break from **Yaqoub**, who carried several defenders further down the pitch, dropped down to a ruck, before Spike picked up the ball and sprinted over the line.

Tec and Humphrey were not to be pushed aside and after growing in confidence both managed to get a try each before the end of the game. Humphrey's try was a fantastic team try, which saw nearly every player on the PPS pass through the line before **Kit** pushing forward and linked-up with **Dexter** before drawing the Maida Vale defence and passing it to Humphrey on the wing.

It was not all about great hands and movement off the ball but also power and straight up running and this was shown when Abdulelah, who gained the ball just outside the 22m line, took a straight line through the defence and was not to be stopped.

The time began to fall away but there was still time for Max and Tec to get another try before a fantastic team play saw offloads being thrown from Arad, Danny and Yura that allowed Olly to gain the final pass, sprint through the middle and step the final defender. After the week before and the disappointment of the loss with Harrodian it was a great performance by the whole squad which included students like Rocky and Felix who were playing one of their first games of rugby for the school. Both of them showed great progress throughout the game and there were some big smiles throughout the team.





Portland Battle Against all Odds!



After a fantastic performance the week before it was a tough but spirited loss for the Portland Place U14's against Harrodian.

Making their way down to Barnes, the students were all focussed on the task that was in hand. With captain for the day, **Max**, pushing his teammates in the warm up, it was Max himself who made a superb start and broke the line to sprint in for a fabulous try.

This was the start that Portland were hoping to make, putting the opposition on the back foot as early as possible and this continued through the first few minutes with **Spike** and **Max** leading the charge, slicing open the defence and allowing **Yura** and **Danny** to push past into open space. With **Koby** making as many runs as tackles the start was something that the boys had been talking about.

The team's spirits were not to be dampened when they fell behind after some poor tackling let the hosts take a 3-1 lead. After some stern words from Mr Steward, there was an immediate reaction with both **Tec** and **Humphrey** using some silky footwork to break the defensive gates. Break after break were being pushed back by Harrodian and even after **Dexter** came close he was not able to offload to **Hazuki** to touch down.







Max C and Max D led the team extremely well and it was a ludicrous dummy by Max C that saw Portland place pull back a try just before half-time. 3-2 down but the spirits were high with players focussing more on the positives than the negatives. The talk in the huddle was one of victory.

Straight after the half, Portland were put into defence but some solid scrummaging and a fantastic turnover by **Joel** saw a counterattack down the wing lead to a chip-and-chase from Tec who managed to collect his own kick and dab down a solid solo try. 3-3 and the tie was getting a bit more tense, but it was fantastic to see students like **Kit, Arad** and others pushing themselves to exhaustion to draw back the game. This willingness from the whole team saw Humphrey, once again break the line and finally touch down under the posts.

It seemed like the tie was going to get away from PPS as the hosts managed to grab two tries but it wasn't over. After putting the Harrodian fullback under pressure it was Max C and his iconic dummy that saw Portland Place snatch a final try from under the Harrodian lights.

The win wasn't meant to be, but it was an incredible performance by the quickly developing U14's team who keep getting better and better every week.





Revenge Tastes Better at London Met

It was sweet revenge from the U13 and U14 girls' team who managed to keep up their 100% record in basketball fixtures with a victory over arch-rivals Northbridge 42-14.

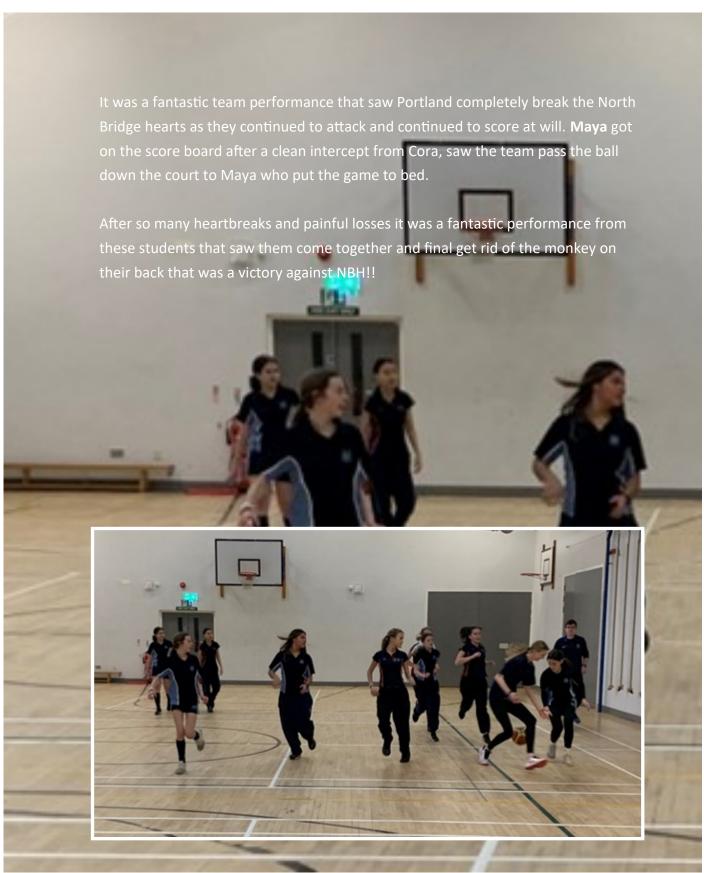
Northbridge had always been a banana skin for our girls' teams and we have had a number of losses through this school but tonight was not going to be the same outcome.

Marta, Bibi and Mia all led from the front as a fast-moving scoreboard saw the NBH heads start to be turned as the score kept rising against them. Marta scored a number of nets in the first quarter along with Bibi and Zaya who couldn't seem to miss in front of the net.

Portland were on top in every aspect of the game, intercepting passes, beating NBH to rebounds and forcing the opposition into making some silly mistakes. In the first and second quarter PPS tallied up a brilliant score. After a loss against the same team in netball the revenge seemed written in the stars, as NBH brought on their impact player who couldn't seem to beat the forceful defence from **Cora**, **Georgie** and the rest of the team. Pushing NBH further back during the quarter the penalties were starting to rise, and Portland took advantage of this with both Marta and **Jazz** driving forward and sinking some great team nets.











Next Week's Clubs & Fixtures

Monday 6th Feb: Table tennis club, PPS Hall, 1.10-1.45pm

Karate Club, PPS Hall 4.00-5.00pm

Tuesday 7th Feb: Y6/7 Rugby vs North Bridge House Hampstead, 2.00pm, Regent's Park

Y7/8 Girls' badminton vs North Bridge Canonbury, 4.00pm, Britannia

Leisure Centre

Football club, Westway Sports Centre (transport provided) 3.50pm-

5.30pm

Wednesday 8th Feb: U16 Netball vs St James B, away, 2.30pm

U15/16 Rugby vs North Bridge House Hampstead, Regent's Park, 2.00pm

Running club, Regent's Park, 12.50pm – 1.20pm GCSE PE Revision Club. Rm G31, 1.10pm – 1.45pm

Fencing club, PPS Hall, 4.00-5.00pm

Thursday 9th Feb: Westminster Swimming Gala, Queen Mother Sports Centre, 12pm – 3pm

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

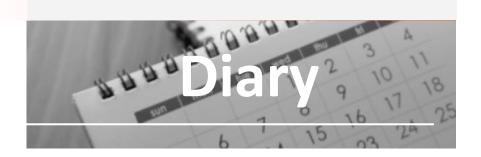




Enrichment—First Half of Spring Term 2023

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
** ***	Manday 12 February - Friday 17 February 2022
Half term	Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February 2023
End of Term	Friday 31 March 2023
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
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