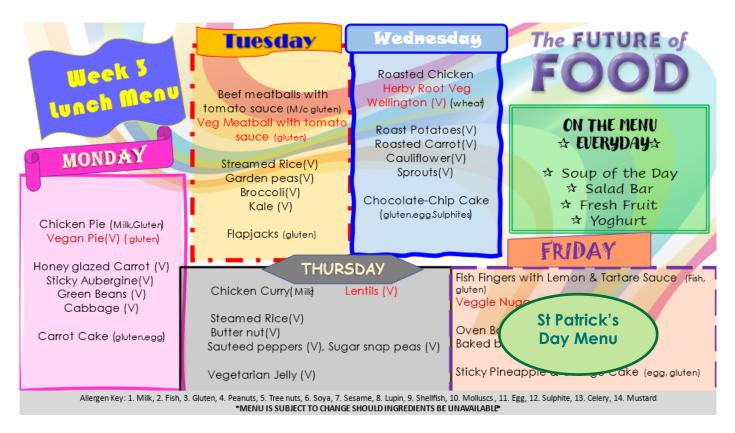






### Lunch Menu

### W/c 13th March



Gluten-free options available each day





### St Patrick's Day Menu

Leek Potato & Bacon Soup (or without bacon)
Irish Soda Bread

**Dublin Coddle** 

Quorn & Lentil Irish stew(V)

Crispy Golden Smashed Potato (V) Champ (V) Bacon & Cabbage

Irish Apple Cake with Custard Sauce Irish Shortbread



FOOD





'Grease' - Wed 22 & Thur 23 Mar JW3

GCSE Music Performance Exams Tues 28 & Wed 29 March

GCSE Drama Performance Evening Thur 30 Mar (TBC), Drama Studio

Year 6-8 Creative Arts Showcase Thur 25 May, RADA Studios

Summer Concert - Thur 22 June RADA Studios

Sports Day- Fri 23 June Perivale

Celebration Day - Thur 29 June Regent Hall & GPS

More details to follow





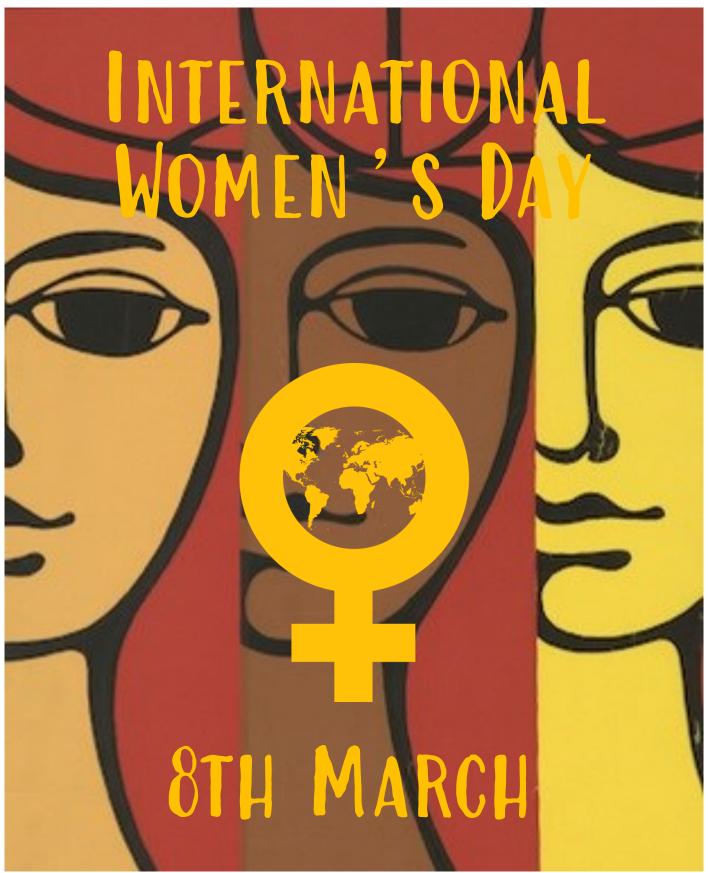
## PARENTS EVENINGS IN MARCH

Year 6 - Monday 6th Year 7 - Monday 13th Year 8 - Monday 20th

> ALL ARE ONLINE DETAILS TO FOLLOW







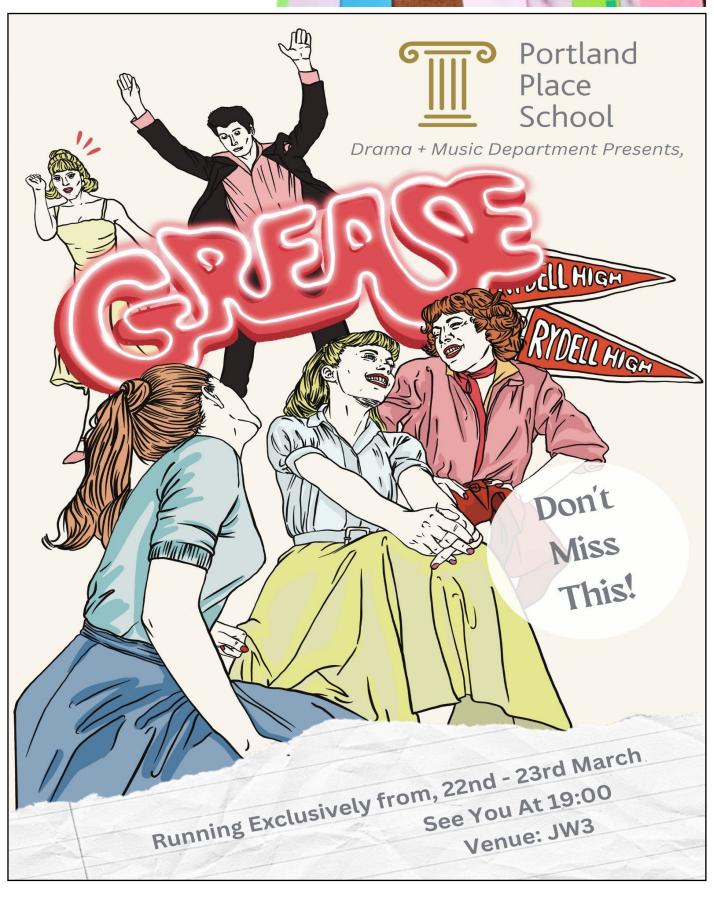
















## STARS Top Schools Awards

**Portland Place School Wins Gold!** 

STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) is TfL's accreditation scheme for London schools and nurseries. STARS inspires young Londoners to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling. More info here: About STARS (tfl.gov.uk)









### Literacy Corner



**Exclamation Mark** 

Shows interjection/surprise/stro ng emotion

- ~ What a triumph!
- ~ I've just about had enough!
  - ~ Wonderful!

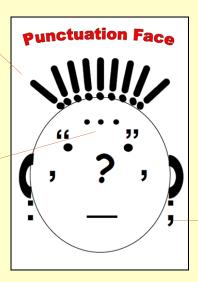
### Ellipsis

- ~ Indicate that a word/words have been left out in formal speech – when you are writing a report and only want to include the most important bits
- ~ Can be used to show character – perhaps nervous so stuttering, or trailing off at the end of speech: "Please ... stop it ... don't ...!"
- ~ can be used to add tension or leave the reader on a cliff hanger – duh, duh, duyuuh

Currently, in GCSE English specification
'Candidates must use a range of
vocabulary and sentence structures for
clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate
spelling and punctuation. (This
requirement must constitute 20% of the
marks for each specification as a whole).'

The focus in all the way up until the exams therefore will be on punctuation.

We would like to remind everyone how to use punctation marks with our punctuation face:



Your 3 per week

### Semi-Colon

- ~ Connects two independent clauses to show thoughts on either side of it that are balanced and connected: The ice cream truck man drove by my house today; he was wearing a Santa hat!
- ~ Can also separate
  words or items within the
  list: My favourite acts
  included Ben, a fantastic
  juggler; Jonathan, a
  daring fireater; and Gina,
  who gave us her best
  Simon Cowell impression.





### **Apostrophe**

- ~ to show that letters have been left out omission or contraction in words such as don't or can't.
- ~ to show possession:
  Jack's pencil case
  ~ careful when plural
  and possession: the

soldiers' guns.

### Full Stop

~ used at the end of a sentence (except for when a question mark or exclamation mark is used).

### **Brackets**

~ Enclose separate or additional information: Jake told me he had won the race (though I don't think that is true) and showed me a medal he'd been given.

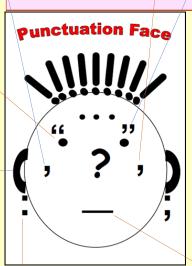
### Comma

- ~ separates items in lists without using and: I saw a chicken, a cow and some geese at the farm. ~ separates phrases in a sentence: Granddad, who was unbelievably tall, always struggled to get through the door to my tree house.
- my tree house.

  ~ separates sentence
  adverbs ('however' or
  'furthermore') from the
  rest of the sentence:
  However, Dennis didn't
  want to play football, so
  he sat on the bench
  happily eating his apple.

  ~ separates direct
  speech from the speaker:
  Gemma said, "let's go to

the park this weekend!"



## Colons Introduces a list/dialogue/definition. In all cases needs to follow a full sentence: We had a lot to pack before our holiday: sun cream, sunglasses and my bucket and spade.

### Speech Marks

- ~ indicate quotes (for evidence in newspaper article): "It is said 70% of Britons breathe polluted air" (Daily Focus)
- ~ direct speech: She said, "I can do it", though it is still incomplete.
- ~ indicate slang or foreign phrases: this "port-fenetre" is a classical invention

### Hyphen

- ~ used in some
  compound words:
  mother-in-law, iceskate, long-eared
  ~ abrupt break in
  sentence, or a
  change in thought
  ~ Can sometimes be
- used instead of brackets or commas to separate a phrase: John – who is rather strange – asked me if I'd like to play his tuba.
- ~ shows an interruption or hesitancy in speech:

"I – um – well I want to come with you to the island!" whispered Jenny hesitantly





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Mohamed's vision board





I feel very lucky to work with two wonderful students in Year 6, Towa and Mohamed. This week they have practised their creativity skills and produced two vision boards with pictures and key words they would like to manifest in their lives.

Well done! Ms Florea



Towa's vision board





## Surviving the Holocaust

An Educational Presentation for Schools



Thank you to **Hephzibah Rudofsky** who visited Portland Place School on Tuesday to speak to Year 9, as part of their Holocaust studies, about her own family's experiences of the Holocaust.

Find out more here: <a href="https://www.survivingtheholocaust.co.uk/home">https://www.survivingtheholocaust.co.uk/home</a>











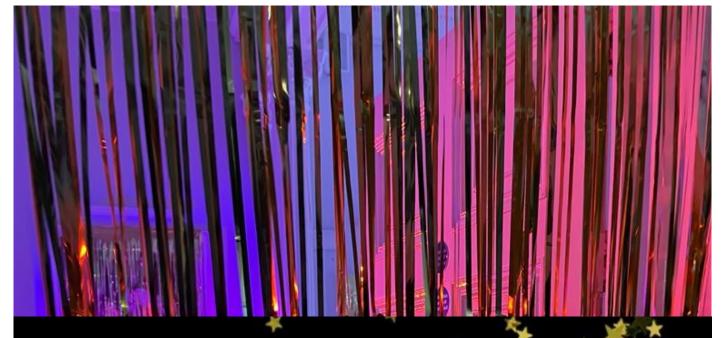












On Thursday evening last week, Year 11 Media Studies students and their parents came together for Oscars Night! We celebrated their fantastic coursework of Popmusic videos, and students received awards such as best director, best actor and best sound design. PPS Hall was transformed, complete with red carpet, and it was wonderful to see the cohort and their families together paying tribute to their hard work across the year. A huge thanks to Mr Tasic and Ms Salmah for supporting our students throughout the directing and editing process, and congratulations to all of our Year 11 Media Studies pupils!

Mrs Wolfe Murray











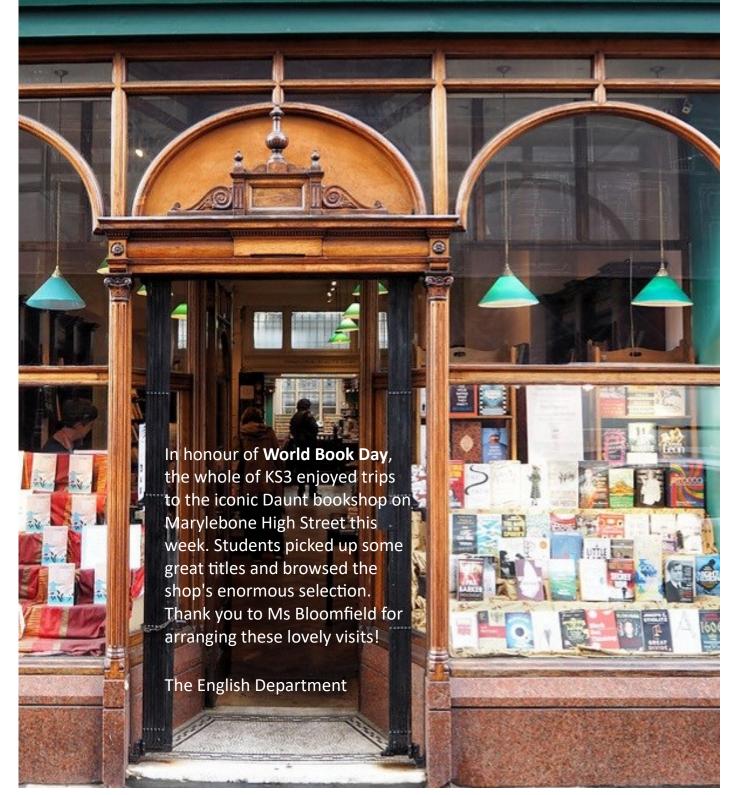








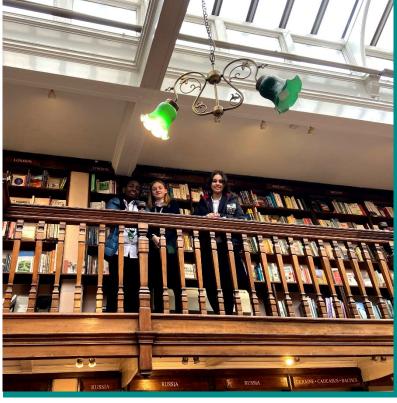
## DAUNT BOOKS























## THE WALL OF KINDNESS

Can I please nominate Mr Wood for helping me yesterday when I came into school and for all the class for being so welcoming—Will Y10 Hybrid

Thank you to Mr. Horsley who is amazing and makes us laugh.—Vie and Papaya Y7 Hybrid

Thank you, Mariam, for supporting me so much in lessons. I really appreciate your kindness.

—Lingyi, Year 9

Thank you to Lara who has been really sweet and

there for me—Bibi Year 7

We'd like to thank Sonny for always being so enthusiastic:
- Lana & Lexi Year 11

Thank you to Grace for being really helpful and looking really helpful and folders after our design folders—Isabella & Sumayyah—Isabella &



































### Update from

This half-term's VeloPark group continued to progress yesterday despite some pretty horrendous weather conditions. On arrival, there was a rather soggy road circuit that none of us particularly fancied, so we asked nicely and our instructor Rory took us instead on a session on the mountain bike trails — a lot drier than the asphalt!

The group did really well – including a squad of Year 9 and 10 tearaways doing their best Sam Pilgrim impression (led by the ever-courageous **Reggie**) – and best of all, some phenomenal progress among the beginners, who challenged themselves on the red trails, came unseated a few times, got thoroughly wet, cold and muddy (sorry to the parents and their washing machines







### the VeloPark

Special shout-outs this week to **Andreas** who overcame a nasty fall last week to beat the hoodoo on a mountain bike – riding off-road for the first time and avoiding any slip-ups, as well as **Abdulelah**, who managed to fall three times, generally without incident; except once when locking up his front wheel, bailing cat-like off his bike and straight into a shrub, bouncing off it to land in the long grass laughing hysterically while his bike rode off down the embankment on its own. All on his birthday! Next week we'll be on the road circuit or back on the trails – weather dependent. Again, a massive 'well done' to the team who have taken a matter of hours to gel into a really supportive, courageous and keen *grupetto*.

Mr Tasić & Miss Silcocks









In **Spring Crafts**, students have been sewing small rabbits and making diamond painting keychains.

Ms Flack









































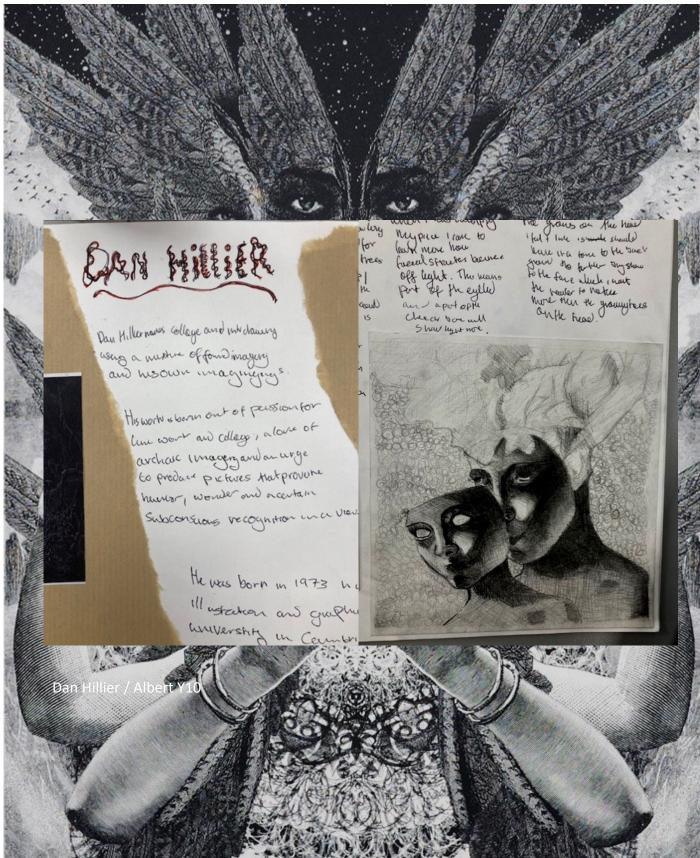






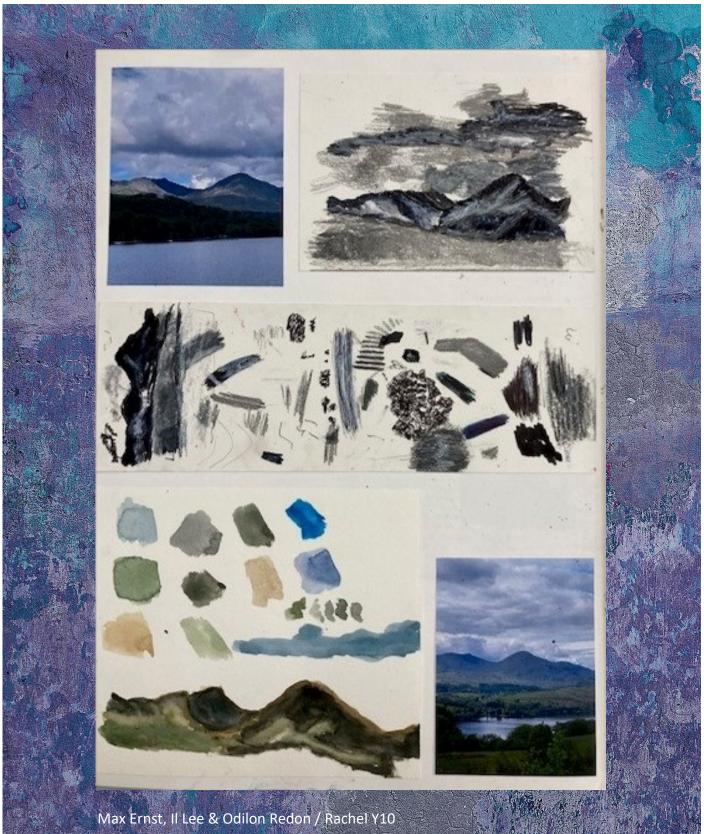
















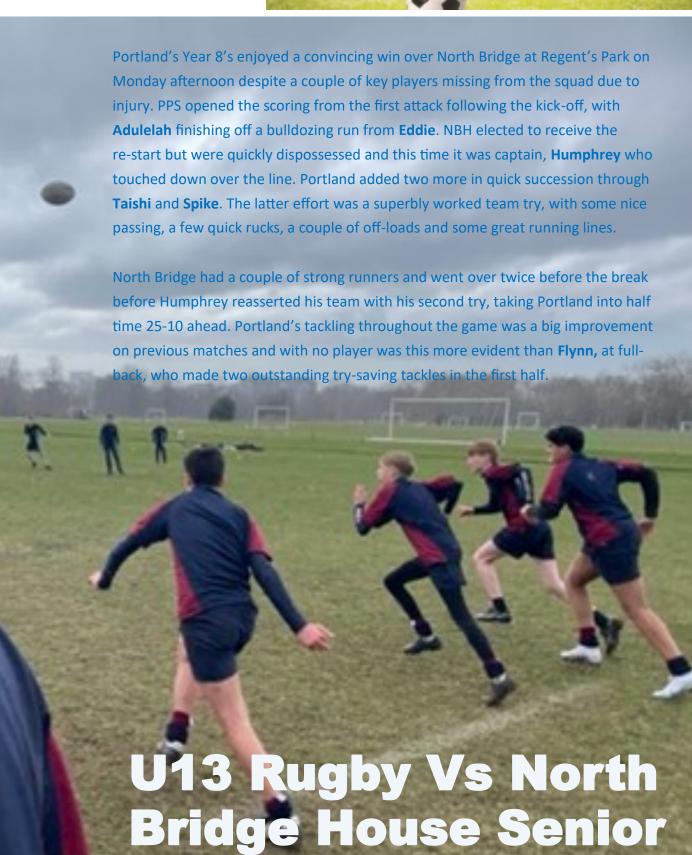




Henry Moore & Odilon Redon / Felix Y10











Scrum half, **Enzo**, very nearly scored after he made a tremendous run through the heart of North Bridge's defence, only to be tackled strongly from behind just as he was touching down, causing him to spill the ball.

Portland's discipline around the breakdowns was much better in the second period and they began to threaten to turn-over all NBH's rucks and mauls. Eddie was able to touch down on the right wing before **Tyler's** explosive run cut through the NBH defence to extend PPS's lead still further. In the final moments Humphrey completed his hattrick of tries, completing the 40-10 scoreline.

Portland were well-pleased by their performance, particularly defensively. Every player on the team stepped-up with their tackling and this made life much harder for North Bridge. Player of the match: **Flynn.** 









# U12 & 13's Brought Sunshine in the Rain

The weather was awful, the ground wet but this was not going to stop an impressive performance by the u12/13 squad who took a fantastic win 8-0 away at St James'.

With a range of students from Year 7 and 8 it was a fantastic start from the Portland Place squad who from the first whistle were passing the ball with considerable ease, moving the ball from one end of the court to the other, allowing **Abi** who was controlling play to the attacking D alongside **Helena**. Both these players were shooting at the hoop with some accuracy but were unable to gain that vital first net.

Jazz led the team at centre with Mia at WA and with these two; the attack was quick paced enabling them to dominate St James. Every time the opposition tried to break through a Portland Place student took control. It was only a matter of time for us to gain control and take the lead and it was Abi, who managed to get the first score. Some sublime defending from Lucy led to a number of passes being pushed past each third until Abi, under the net, managed to slot home the score.

The lead was slender, but this was about to change during the second quarter. **Zaya** was brought on and alongside her teammate **Maya**, the goal shooting became more accurate with Zaya giving the away team a more comfortable 3-0 lead. It was not just the attack that was working well but also the defence. **Lily**, who was thrown into unfamiliar territory by playing WD, did not seem out of place as she controlled her opponent and kept the sheet clean alongside **Yasmin**.





It was all out attack from the PPS students who continued to put St James under pressure and the tide started to change with their accuracy with **Bibi** scoring a great hat-trick of goals later on in the game. It was a fantastic performance during the 3rd quarter as the students started to pull away from their tiring opposition.

With the score starting to increase, it was time for the heavens to open. The rain came down and the wind started to increase in power, but this did not stop Helena from gaining her first goal for the U13's. The time was slowly drifting away from St James and the pressure continued but the weather got the better of the game.

It was a fantastic performance by the students, who took a long trip to Chiswick and gave a massive performance. All the students gave everything in the awful weather and pushed themselves to a great victory.









### U12 Rugby vs North Bridge House Hampstead

PPS 15 v 30 North Bridge

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March PPS took on North Bridge Hampstead School in a highly competitive game of rugby. The conditions at Regents' Park were challenging for both teams with a band of sleet and snow setting in just before kick-off and the early stages of the game were very scrappy with lots of mistakes. PPS took an early lead through **Enzo** who scored an excellent individual try. PPS were carrying the ball hard and were particularly impressive at the breakdown with each player supporting the ball carrier closely and getting into a strong ruck position as soon as their teammate went to ground. North Bridge had some dangerous ball carriers with good pace, power and strength but PPS showed no fear in defence and whilst their tackling technique wasn't at its best you couldn't fault their effort and bravery. At half time PPS were leading after further tries from **Jacob** and **Enzo**.

At the start of the second half North Bridge equalised early and PPS started to lose a bit of confidence. Unfortunately, PPS went through a patch of play where they just could not keep possession of the ball and they had to do lots of defending. **Enzo, Roman, Jacob** and **Joe** all made some excellent tackles and there were some great efforts from **Tom** and **Mohammed.** Whilst the defending was good, the attacking play was not going well – PPS gave the ball away frequently and were punished for their errors. By the end of the match North Bridge took a 30 – 15 win.











# U12/13's & U14/15's Football vs North Bridge House Canonbury

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March PPS took two girls' football teams to take on North Bridge Canonbury in a double header fixture at the Sobell Leisure Centre. The girls all played some brilliant football and have shown signs of noticeable improvement in their footballing skills this academic year. They are passing with more accuracy, showing closer control when running with the ball and exhibiting an increased understanding of the importance of positioning and tactical awareness in football. Unfortunately, our u14/15's were up against a very strong and well organised North Bridge side. PPS took a comprehensive defeat, but they learned a lot from the experience and saw how football can be played at a high level.

Our u12/13 had a brilliant, competitive game that was action packed, full of goals and the girls should be proud of a very energetic and committed performance. The final score in this match was 6-6, with North Bridge scoring an equaliser in the final minute of play!

The girls are making positive progress in their football, and it is pleasing to see that they are enjoying it and really want to improve. Every player involved worked their socks off and should be very proud of their efforts!







# NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS & FIXTURES

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y8 boys' basketball vs North Bridge House Canonbury, London Met,

4.20pm

Y8 girls' basketball vs Thames Christian College, Battersea Sports

Centre, 2.15pm

Y11 GCSE PE swimming assessment, Kentish Town, 8.30am

Table tennis club, PPS Hall, 1.10-1.45pm

Karate Club, PPS Hall 4.00-5.00pm

Football club, Regent's Park (transport provided) 3.50–5.15pm

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y6&7 mixed House Basketball, Seymour Centre, 2.00pm

GCSE PE, final netball assessment, Church Street, 11.00am – 1.00pm GCSE PE, final athletics assessment, Linford Christie Athletics Track,

11.00am - 1.00pm

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y9&10 girls' football vs North Bridge House Hampstead, Regent's

Park, 2.00pm

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

Fencing club, PPS Hall, 4.00-5.00pm

Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y6&7 mixed House Cross Country, Regent's Park, 9.00am

Y9 boys' football vs Thames Christian College, Falcon Park, 2.15pm

Y10 rugby vs Harrodian, away, 2.30pm

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

Dance club, Rm 11, 12.50-1.30pm

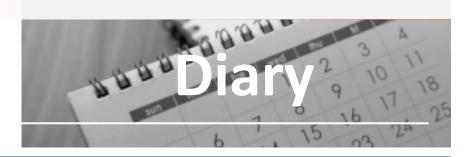
Basketball club, Church Street Leisure Centre, 4.00-5.15pm GCSE PE final basketball assessment, Church Street, 4.00-5.15pm

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y10&11 boys' basketball vs North Bridge House Canonbury,

Moberly Centre, 2.00pm

Y9/10/11 netball vs St James, away, 2.45pm

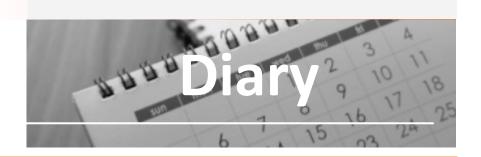




Enrichment—	Second H	lalf of Sr	orina Ter	m 2023

Activity	Staff	Room
Advanced Maths	πο	G21
Basketball (Senior)	JKU	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Boxing	JKU	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Climbing	WBR & LVW	Offsite. Meet in Room 1 at 1.30pm
Cooking Club	KPA & RLE	Dining Hall & Kitchen
Cricket Nets at Lords	LST & AIS	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
F45 Fitness	CBY & TLA	Offsite. Meet in PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Fencing	JVA & FSY	PP Hall
Filming Techniques	BSO	G31
Horrible Histories	PLE & JWO	Room 22
London Zoo	ECO & CMH	Offsite. Meet in Library at 1.30pm
Prop Making	DWO, LDE & CHU	B1
Production—'Grease'	RAL, SHI, AJU & CBO	Drama Studio & Room 1
Spring Crafts	CFL & CBI	Room 36
Velo Park	TTC & HSI	Offsite. Meet outside PP at 1pm
Y11 Independent Study 1	DBL	LAB 1
Y11 Independent Study 2	МТН	LAB 2
Y11 Independent Study 3	KOL	G22





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

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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
End of Term	Friday 31 March 2023
Easter hollday	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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