



The Weekly Buzz

03 April 2023

Grease is the Word!



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DATA FOR THE DIARY

Easter Holidays Mon 3 - 24 April
Term starts Tues 25 April (staff
inset on 24th)

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

Carol Service - Tues 5 Dec
St Marylebone Church

Christmas Concert - Mon 11 Dec
Regent Hall

More details to
follow

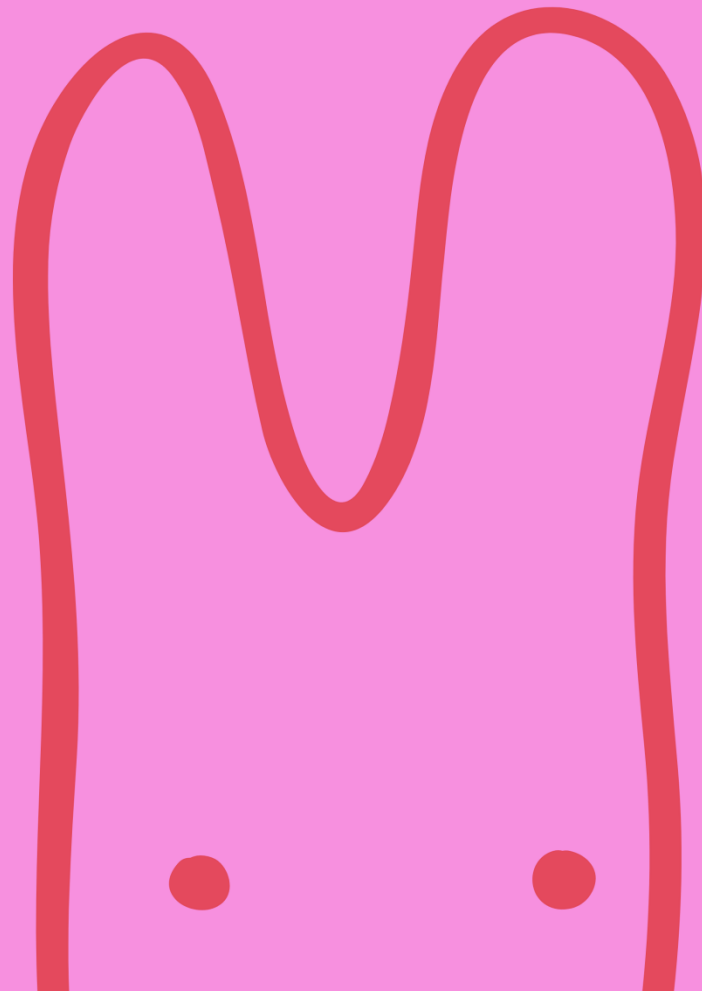


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**H A P P Y
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**SUNDAY
9TH APRIL**





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PARENT/TEACHER QUIZ NIGHT

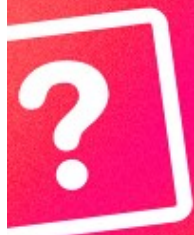
THURS 27 APRIL 2023

7.00PM START /9.00PM FINISH /PPS HALL

Tickets £10 per person. Includes a sharing cheese board for each table of 6. No drinks for sale but glasses provided so
BYO wine/soft drinks etc

For tickets/questions, please contact: Y6/7 Alexis Welch
(alexis@binkyshop.co.uk), Y8 Silvie Leclair (silvieleclair@hotmail.com)
or Madiha Haq (madiha.haq@btinternet.com), Y9 Amanda
Gallagher (mandagallag@yahoo.co.uk), Y10/11 Jo
Francis-Baum (joannafb@me.com)

**Help the parents reclaim their throne
from the teachers!**





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I would like to wish all of the students, parents and guardians at Portland Place a really lovely Easter break. Thank you for your wonderful support throughout this term- it means a lot.

Kindest regards,
Ms Florea

English as an
Additional Language



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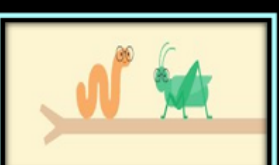
INCHWORM or GRASSHOPPER? Do you know your cognitive style in maths?

- The grasshopper method is when you look at the problem and get the big picture and then solve it.
- Good at overviewing and estimating

- The inchworm method is when you work out the math problem step by step, just like following a recipe.
- Seeing the details and using documenting procedures.



SIT next to each other



USE pictures, manipulatives, calculator and anecdotes, references to help you to remember patterns and learn new methods



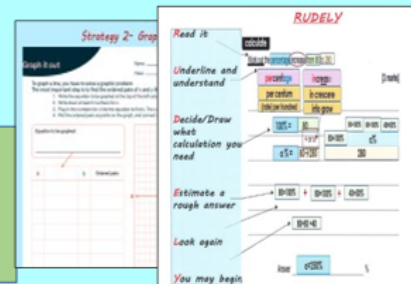
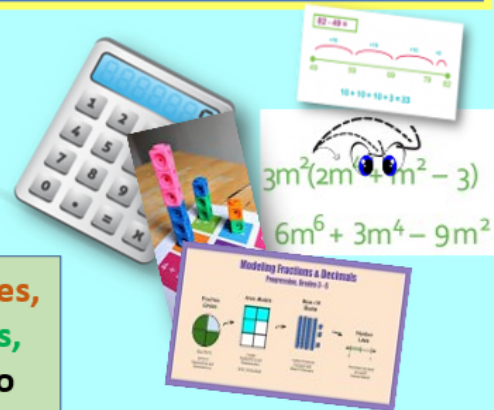
USE graphic organisers, gap-fill exercises, modelled answers, scaffolding.



TRY to reword questions + voice it out before solving; mix and regularly revise topics



GIVE yourself time + **CHECK** your understanding with the teacher





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Literacy at PPS

Today I wanted to continue with the important skill of listening.

*To reiterate from last week: there are many reasons why students don't listen or don't focus in lessons: tiredness, hunger, emotional issues within or outside of school, lack of motivation to learn, distractions. Today, I wanted to share some strategies that help to get our students back on track. Our students can **take charge of their learning by seeing the big picture, and applying the metacognitive strategies below** (slide by Mrs. Florea)*

Metacognition consists of three basic elements:

- Developing a plan of action.
- Maintaining/monitoring the plan.
- Evaluating the plan.

☐ Ask
yourself
first

Before — When developing plan of action, a learner may ask:

- What is my prior knowledge that will help me with this particular task?
- What should I do first?
- How will I plan this?
- Why am I reading this text?
- How much time do I have to complete the task?
- What is the criteria for success?

☐ Go over
it again

During — When implementing the plan, a learner may ask:

- How am I doing?
- Am I on the right track?
- How should I proceed?
- Am I using my plan?
- What information is important to remember?
- Should I move in a different direction?
- Should I adjust the pace to meet the deadline?
- What do I need to do if I do not understand?
- Do I have enough information?

☐ Reward
Yourself!

After — When evaluating the plan, a learner may ask:

- How well did I do?
- Have I met the criteria? How well?
- Did my particular course of thinking produce more or less than I had expected?
- What could I have done differently?
- How might I apply this learning/thinking to other problems/tasks?
- Do I need to go back through the task to fill in any blanks in my understanding?



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Literacy at PPS

I can't concentrate?

- ☐ Turn on restrictions on your computer (Sam O.)
- ☐ Drink plenty of water
- ☐ Eat nutritious food (Felix O.)
- ☐ Box breathing
- ☐ Rest breaks
- ☐ Listen to Music (Felix O.)
- ☐ Get a fidgety toy (Maxim M.)
- ☐ Associate smells and food with specific topics (Charlie W.)
- ☐ Take distractions away (Sam O.)
- ☐ Take a Breather (Isaiah)
- ☐ Get some exercise
- ☐ Reward yourself (Felix O.)
- ☐ Try to get something squishy to play with and do your best! (Maxim M.)
- ☐ Get a highlighter to focus harder on work (George S.)

our Y9 students say:

I'm running out of time?

- ☐ Don't think about the time, focus on the effort (Maxim M.)
- ☐ Think about positive things
- ☐ Have a break
- ☐ Stay calm (Charlie W.)
- ☐ Get rid of distracting Objects (Charlie W.)
- ☐ Don't let others distract you (Sam O.)
- ☐ Get a watch
- ☐ Set a timer
- ☐ Don't get distracted (Felix O.)
- ☐ Be supportive to yourself (Maxim M.)
- ☐ Get a fidget toy with time on it (Charlie W.)



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Date: Thursday 26th April

Time: 13.15pm

Venue: GPS Stairs 2nd Floor

Bring your container!

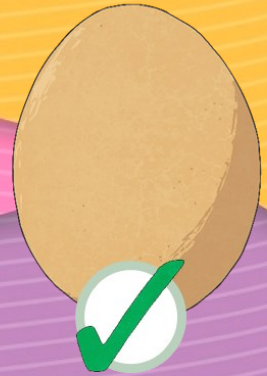


The Challenge!

The contestants shall design and build a shipping container that will prevent an uncooked chicken egg (size medium) from breaking when dropped.

The maximum weight, including the egg, cannot exceed 2kg.

Contestants must be able to remove the egg without damage.



Design & Contest Rules!

Any material may be used in the design, as long as the structure meets the design and contest rules as outlined below:

- All containers will be inspected by judges before they are dropped.
- Once an egg is weighed-in with the structure, that egg cannot be exchanged with another.
- No kits or premade designs may be used. The structure must be the individual's invention. The structure must be completely released (no strings or other attachments).
- Eggs will be supplied at the competition, you cannot bring your own egg.





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Scoring!

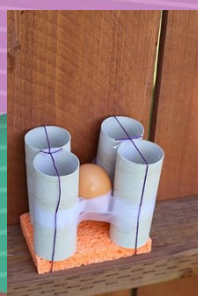
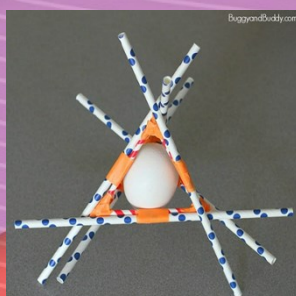
- 20 points for entering a container
- 25 points if the egg does not fully crack after the first drop
- 30 points if the egg does not fully crack after the second drop
- 40 points if the egg does not fully crack after the third drop.
- 20 points if the egg shows no signs of any form of cracking
- 10 points if the container is less than 1kg

N.B. Egg must not be cracked to make it to the next round.



Awards!

- **Humpty Dumpty Award** – the device with egg that breaks in the most spectacular fashion
- **Eggelicious**- egg drop entry that is aesthetically pleasing to the judges
- **Eggonomical**- egg entry that is the most practical and successful





PPS CHAMBER CHOIR ISA A Capella Competition



On Friday 10th March, the **PPS Chamber Choir** travelled to Leighton Park School in Reading to compete in the ISA A Capella Competition. They performed a 4-part a capella arrangement of the legendary track, *Sweet Dreams* and came **1st!!** We are all incredibly proud of their commitment and effort. A huge success for Portland Place! Ms Boyle



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PHSCE DAY





We had our second **PHSCE Day** of the year last Monday which was a great opportunity for our students to explore key PHSCE topics inside and outside the classrooms.

Y6 worked on Ocean Conservation and went to the Sea Life Aquarium while Y7 and Y8 worked on mental and physical health, taking part in a Relaxation Workshop.

Y9 worked on tolerance and intolerance and discussed the topics of homophobia, transphobia as well as extremism.

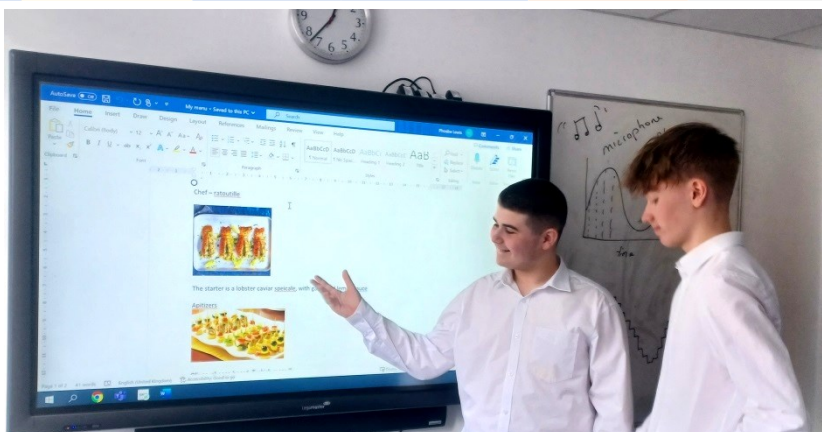
Y10 and Y11 focused on wellbeing and preparation for life after secondary school and finished their day with a talk by Paul Hannaford about the dangers of drugs, gangs and knife crime.

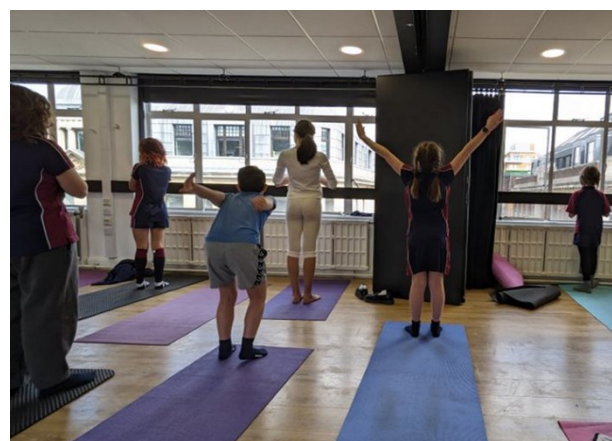
Many thanks to all involved,
Ms Flack



Topics and activities overview – Monday 27th March

	Topic	Period 1 9.05 – 9.55	Period 2 10.00 – 10.50	Period 3 11.05 – 11.55	Period 4 12.00 – 12.50	Period 5 13.50 – 14.45	Period 6 14.50 – 15.45	Contingency
Y6	Environmental issues	Threat to our oceans	Educational campaign activities	VR experience Ocean Reef (TLA)	Trip to London Aquarium			
Y7	Healthy body and mind	What do we need to do to be healthy?	What makes a healthy diet?	How can we keep healthy?	What is body image?	Healthy mind workshop – Get changed after lunch <i>Workshop for schools</i> 1 group in PPS Hall (7RAL + 7BSO) 1 group in Dance Studio (7MM + 7KPA)		Healthy mind
Y8	Health and addiction	Mental health	Stress Get changed during break	Healthy mind workshop <i>Workshop for schools</i> 1 group in PPS Hall (8KOL + 8WBR) 1 group in Drama studio (HS + 8JVA)		Alcohol	Online gaming and gambling	Mindfulness
Y9	Tolerance and intolerance	Just like us LGBT+ tolerance Talk PPS Hall	What is extremism?	Different types of governments	Discussion in Regent's park 34 students	Making and influencing the law	The Equality Act	Violence against women
Y10	Health and wellbeing	What makes a healthy mind?	Mindfulness walk in Regent's park 34 students	Consent	Healthy eating	How can we maintain physical and mental health?	Addiction talk by Paul Hannaford - Canteen	45min video – Paul Hannaford
Y11	Preparing for change and careers	Stay safe	Preparing for change and future	Mental health – activities in Regent's 44 students	Employability	The journey to your career		





PHSCE DAY



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Huge congratulations to everyone who performed in this year's school production of **Grease**. They were absolutely incredible from start to finish. Since beginning the rehearsal process in September, students have rehearsed a minimum of 4 hours a week as well as most evenings at home, which just goes to show how dedicated they have been. The feedback from everyone who watched the show has been wonderful to hear and I know that the students

A large group of students, both male and female, are gathered on a stage. They are dressed in 1950s-style clothing, including leather jackets, polka-dot dresses, and pompadour hairstyles. They are all smiling and clapping. In the background, there is a large, colorful prop of a jukebox with a rainbow-colored frame and a blue top section with musical notes. The stage is dark, and the audience is visible in the foreground, mostly in silhouette.

‘Grease’



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(and staff) have really appreciated such positive responses. A final well done must go to the Year 11 cast members **Jesse, Izzy, Lawton and Lexi** who performed in their final show at Portland Place. I'm sure that you will all agree they were absolutely phenomenal. Watch this space in the summer term for the announcement of next year's production!

Mr Alexander



The Musical



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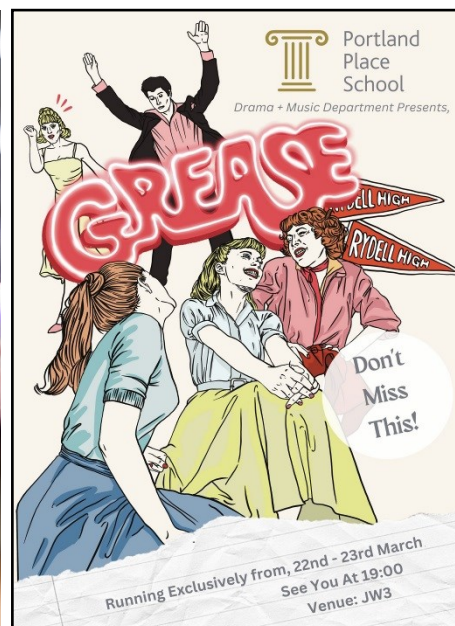




RYDELL HIGH—CLASS OF '59



Danny & Sandy





Cricket Enrichment

With the cricket season only a few weeks round the corner, it was time for the iconic stadium of Lords to be infiltrated by 15 of Portland Place's finest cricketers, which did include a teacher or two.

The iconic stadium has seen some of the greatest matches of all time and has witnessed some of the greatest batting and bowling performances by some of the games legends. The students ranging from Year 7 up to Year 9 were given the opportunity to pad up and defend their wicket as other students attempted to bowl them out.

There were a number of students who had done cricket club, after school in previous years including **Nate, Harrison and Dexter** but there were also some new faces entering the holy ground, like **Felix, Babur** and **Kit** who all impressed, especially Felix who took on a Monmouth hour batting performance.





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All of the students were given the opportunity to bat and bowl and were coached, not just by Portland Place staff but also Lord's staff who were able to improve each student during the weeks that we visited.

It has been a fantastic experience for all of the students, which included:

Nate
Harrison
Dexter
Flynn
Felix
Ned
Kit

Taishi
Hazuki
Eddie
Tyler
Babur
Zane
Olly

Mr Steward





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GCSE English Revision Guides

Year 11 met with the English Department this week for a revision briefing where they were given a wonderful pack of resources to support their work over the break. Students have been equipped with quotation banks, model answer workbooks and much more. Happy revising Year 11!



THE WALL OF KINDNESS

I want to shout out to Ms McBain for always being so helpful even if I email her five times a day! And to Mr Bradbury for setting up extra physics revision for us. Maha (Hybrid Y11)

Vie (Hybrid Y7) wants to thank Alex Z for being kind.

Papaya (Hybrid Y7) wants to say thank you to Ms Nicholas for being amazing!

Hybrid School would like to thank Mr Wood for all his kindness and support. You will be missed! And also Mrs Flack for her wonderful organisation of PHSCE day.

Thank you, Mariam for your wonderful support throughout this term. You're a great friend! - Lingyi



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LONDON ZOO ENRICHMENT:

29/3/23

On Wednesday, 22 March, we entered the enclosure of the **colobus monkeys** to study and record their behaviour. Have a look at our students and their results displayed on the 'Observe to Learn' app. Enjoy!

Ms Coates

Behaviour Study of the Animals- Each monkey is different!

Paula- The Results of our Study:

The monkey has spent half of the time resting and half-running around.

Ayub :

The monkey has spent the majority of their time inactive.





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Aggression

Socialising

Grooming

Observing animals in the ZOO allows to compare their behaviour to their species in wilderness, and to add stimuli to even out any differences in the environments

Foraging

Climbing

Running

Inactive

Thank you for following us!!!

SOUTHWARK PLAYHOUSE BOROUGH

The English Department's Trip to 'Macbeth'

Our Literature students went to see an unusual interpretation of *Macbeth* at Southwark Playhouse. It was another opportunity to listen to the lines and try to learn quotations ready for the final exams. And our students had LOTS of feedback to give the director regarding the production!

We have now taken this cohort to see at least one performance for each of their set texts for their course and we wish them the best of luck in the summer exams.





Last weekend **Mia in Year 8** took part in another *Starpower International* Dance Competition in Kent (an international performance talent circuit that has been running for over 35 years both in Europe and the US).

It was a marathon of a competition that lasted all day and during which Mia performed over 10 dance routines, including solos, duets and group compositions.

She won 5 stars, 1st place and highest score overall for her solo performance, as well as special judges' prize for 'Magnificent Movement'. Mia also took 1st place and second highest overall score for the duet.

Every group dance in which Mia took part received 5 stars and took either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place overall.

In addition to various awards, Mia and other girls from Extreme Dance School received 'Golden Tickets' to a World Dance Competition as well as scholarships for a summer intensive workshop in the USA.

Congratulations Mia!





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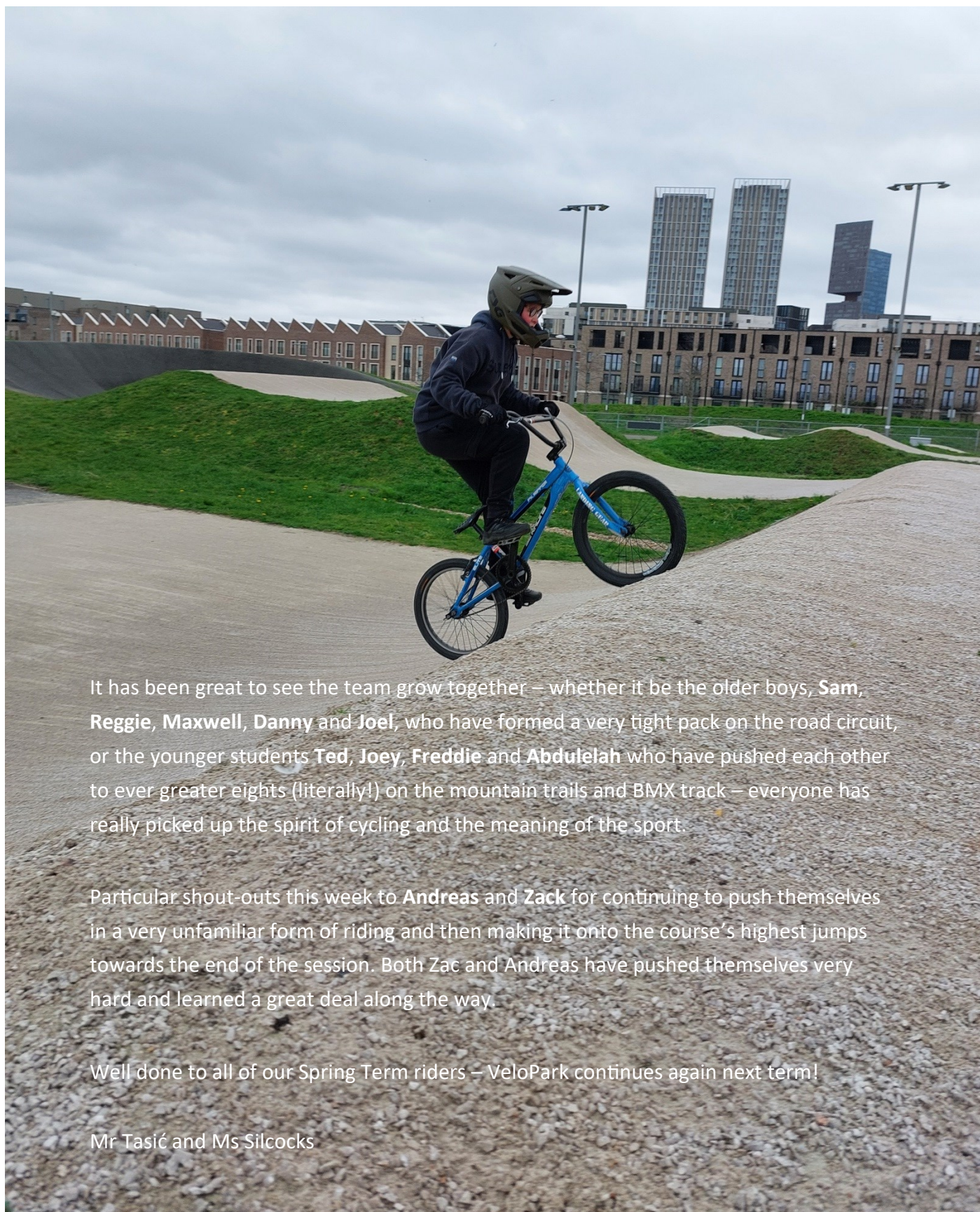




VeloPark

This week's VeloPark session was a huge hit – after four sessions on the road circuit and mountain trails, the group got their first taste of BMX riding on the Olympic BMX circuit at the VeloPark.

This is usually a really challenging session, as students have to ride the course on the pedals (no sitting!) and take on some jumps that are over 20' in height – but the group did spectacularly well in listening to the instructor, pushing themselves to take on the features and berms, and finally completing some seriously tough laps of the whole course in one go. This half-term's cycling team has shown some real character in the face of the tough Spring weather – especially the strong winds we've seen in the last couple of weeks, which can be seriously demoralising on a bicycle in the open! We went to see the derny-paced racing after our session; however, we missed the majority of the racing, and took in the atmosphere of the Velodrome instead.



It has been great to see the team grow together – whether it be the older boys, **Sam, Reggie, Maxwell, Danny** and **Joel**, who have formed a very tight pack on the road circuit, or the younger students **Ted, Joey, Freddie** and **Abdulelah** who have pushed each other to ever greater eights (literally!) on the mountain trails and BMX track – everyone has really picked up the spirit of cycling and the meaning of the sport.

Particular shout-outs this week to **Andreas** and **Zack** for continuing to push themselves in a very unfamiliar form of riding and then making it onto the course's highest jumps towards the end of the session. Both Zac and Andreas have pushed themselves very hard and learned a great deal along the way.

Well done to all of our Spring Term riders – VeloPark continues again next term!

Mr Tasić and Ms Silcocks



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The Duke of Edinburgh Award 2023: Bronze

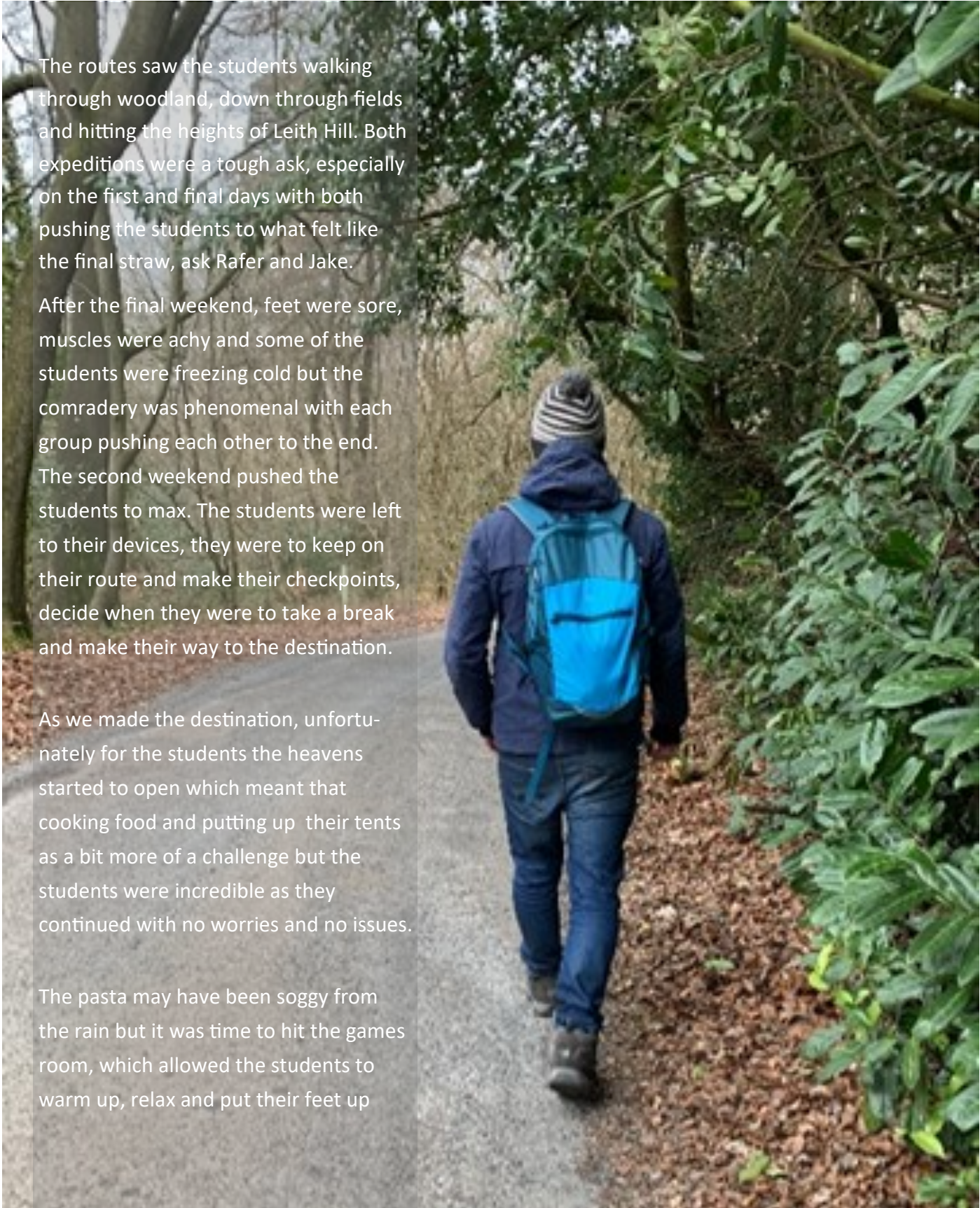
Weather Unable to Break DofE Students!

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is seen as a staple for any student within the UK and at Portland Place, that is no exception. Last year we took nearly 50 students who ranged from Year 9 doing Bronze to Year 11 doing Silver it was an experience for all of the students and staff alike. A New Year meant a new range of students and this Year 9 group seemed to bring a brand new life to the Award.

The students who decided to take the award in the early part of October were given the tough task of doing their expeditions in early March and what made it even worse was that this March was one of the coldest for a long while. With the temperature dropping by the week and Mr Steward's worry coming to the front we all knew that it would be a struggle for everyone heading out to Dorking.

The meet time on the Saturday morning was 7am, too early for some of the students and definitely too early for Mr Steward on a Saturday morning but the coffee settled and the excitement started to take over the nerves. As the students took over one of the train compartments it was time to settle and get ready for the expedition.

The expedition, which were both done within Dorking and its surrounding areas, allowed the students to work within their groups on the areas that they had trained for. The three groups who had been chosen on the training weekend were given their tents, stoves and it became what some would call a race to the finishing line, which was The Mill on the edge of Dorking.



The routes saw the students walking through woodland, down through fields and hitting the heights of Leith Hill. Both expeditions were a tough ask, especially on the first and final days with both pushing the students to what felt like the final straw, ask Rafer and Jake.

After the final weekend, feet were sore, muscles were achy and some of the students were freezing cold but the comradery was phenomenal with each group pushing each other to the end. The second weekend pushed the students to max. The students were left to their devices, they were to keep on their route and make their checkpoints, decide when they were to take a break and make their way to the destination.

As we made the destination, unfortunately for the students the heavens started to open which meant that cooking food and putting up their tents as a bit more of a challenge but the students were incredible as they continued with no worries and no issues.

The pasta may have been soggy from the rain but it was time to hit the games room, which allowed the students to warm up, relax and put their feet up



and allow some other competitive sides to come out. With table tennis, table football and pool, it was great to see the friendships that had been made on the walks being brought into the relaxing area.

Both weekends saw some exhausted students and some of whom were falling asleep before 9pm. Students too tired to play sports, students too tired to shout at each other during the matches but students ready to hit the tents very early. There was a reason for this, a 6am alarm from Mr Steward and Rory and a freezing cold evening where there was very little sleep you could clearly understand why they were struggling in the night.

Over the two days the students would walk around 24km and over the two expeditions they were walking just over a Marathon, which for each and every student was a fantastic achievement.

Mr Bland, Mr Britten and Mr Steward are so proud of the students who have gained the Bronze Award. The hard work during the three weekends completely paid off as they became closer as a year group and more importantly as friends.

Year 8/9 House Rugby Report

LANGHAM WIN HOUSE RUGBY!

On Friday 24th March year 8 & 9 boys competed in their much-anticipated house rugby competition. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and action-packed afternoon with a number of highly entertaining matches between the houses. In attack there was impressive passing, brilliant offloading, devastating line breaks and superb support play on show. In defence there were some huge, dominant tackles and also situations where smaller players did incredibly well to bring down players larger than themselves. The atmosphere throughout the afternoon was excellent!

There were a number of outstanding individual performances on display throughout the tournament. **Nate**, **Dexter** and **Jake** played some excellent rugby and competed very well against players who were bigger than them. **Humphrey** and **Tec** were lively in every game, using pace and footwork effectively to create chances to score. **Max** and **Eddie** were both colossal for their houses - both players are incredibly hard to stop due to their size, power and abrasive attitudes. This massively benefited their respective houses. **Hazuki** showed great pace and footwork in attack and also made some brilliant tackles. Player of the tournament goes to **Max** who had an excellent all-round tournament. Max knows his rugby and played an important role in organising his team mates, showing great communication and leadership skills. There are so many players who deserve a mention but may not feature in this list and the PE department would like to say a huge well done to everybody involved!

Round 1

Cavendish 5 vs 15 Devonshire
Langham 10 vs 0 Wigmore

Round 2

Cavendish 5 vs 20 Langham
Devonshire 15 v 5 Wigmore

Round 3

Cavendish 0 vs 0 Wigmore
Devonshire 5 vs 10 Langham

Top Try Scorers

Max - 3
Eddie - 3
Max - 2
Tec - 2
Humphrey - 2
Dexter - 1
Flynn - 1
Nate - 1
Koby - 1
Hazuki - 1

Final Result

1st - LANGHAM
2nd - DEVONSHIRE
3rd - CAVENDISH
4th - WIGMORE

Year 8/9 House Basketball Report

LANGHAM WIN HOUSE BASKETBALL!

On Tuesday 28th March **year 8 & 9 girls** competed their annual house basketball competition! The tournament was absolutely brilliant! The girls played some energetic, committed basketball. They showed good team spirit, cheering each other on throughout and there was some impressive play on show. The girls passed the ball at pace, showed skill and control when dribbling and there were a number of impressive baskets scored. By the end of the tournament the results were as follows:

Round 1

Cavendish 6 vs 2 Devonshire

Langham 6 vs 0 Wigmore

Round 2

Cavendish 0 vs 2 Langham

Devonshire 2 v 2 Wigmore

Round 3

Cavendish 0 vs 4 Wigmore

Devonshire 6 vs 2 Langham

Top Goalscorers

Marta – 4 Baskets

Jazz - 3

Olivia - 2

Samara – 2

Bibi – 2

Ella - 1

Kadi – 1

Abi – 1

Final Result

1st - LANGHAM

2nd - DEVONSHIRE

3rd - WIGMORE

4th – CAVENDISH

There were a number of outstanding individual performances on display throughout the tournament. **Olivia** was a constant threat with her driving runs and excellent attacking play. **Jazz** and **Ella** both put in very positive performances and were influential for their respective houses. **Marta** was lethal under the hoop and finished the tournament top scorer. Player of the tournament goes to **Bibi** who was excellent throughout – she showed great composure on the ball, worked hard in every match and had an excellent all-round tournament! Well done girls!

U15/16 Basketball vs North Bridge House Canonbury

On Friday 24th March Portland's **Y10 & 11 basketballers** travelled over to Queensbridge Leisure Centre in East London to take on North Bridge.

Losing the tip-off, Portland initially defended well and regained possession with **Olivier** taking control of the ball and scoring two early, high quality baskets. It was an excellent start from the away side and it looked at that early stage as if Portland were going to be on the money. However, as the team rotated North Bridge began to get their game together and were soon in the ascendancy. Although Portland fought better for rebounds than they had the previous week, NBH's centre dominated under the basket and was able to secure a great deal of possession for the home team. Adding to Portland's woes was the fact that, no matter how hard they tried, their shooting was just not finding the inside of the hoop.

Both **Lawton** and **Jessy** performed very solidly again, but a few Portland players lacked patience in the build-up and attempted too many long-range shots. There were plenty of moments of good play with **Sid** finding space in the key and laying-up, as well as **Miles** showing tremendous athleticism under the hoop. However, North Bridge retained the upper hand and maintained a good lead throughout the match and eventually ran out 36-25 winners.

On another day, Portland could easily have made the game a lot closer, but just couldn't seem to maintain the moments of excellent play they showed on occasions.





Y10 Basketball

With Easter inching closer every day and the students starting to tire, it was a fantastic Thursday afternoon at Church Street where Year 10 Boys were able to have their House Basketball Tournament. The Leisure Centre, I don't think, was ready for the skills that were to be shown and there was a lot of that on offer. The students were ready, the bibs were on and the warm up saw the students, in their houses progress.

Cavendish 6	Devonshire 0
Miles (2 Points) Charlie (2 Points) Todd (2 Points)	

The first game was Cavendish vs Devonshire with some slick shooters on each team; it was definitely going to be a close and fiery contest. Devonshire started on the attack with **Isaiah** and **Lucas** working their way down the court, but all the attack came to nothing as a counter-attack from Cavendish saw **Charlie** score the first points of the tournament. Cavendish came all-out attack as **Miles** found himself in acres of space to slip home a fantastic two-pointer. Devonshire were not to let their team fall apart with a number of good attacks but it was Cavendish who seemed to have the upper hand as another counter saw **Todd** have an elegant lay-up.

Langham 9	Wigmore 0
Albert (3 Points) Ethan (2 Points) Tymur (4 Points)	

It was not the start that Wigmore wanted, after winning, the ball from the tip off they managed to lose the ball and as the attack, continued **Albert** went for a three pointer that was fouled by **Michael**. Out of the three free throws he had, one slipped into the net.

Sports report

It was all out attack from Langham who continued to put pressure on the Wigmore defence, and this was shown by two very quick two pointers one by **Ethan** and the second by **Tymur** who found himself in a mass of space on the edge of the key.

It was not Wigmore's game who were finding it difficult to get out of their own half and after countless amounts of shots both Albert and Tymur were able to double their tally in the game. It was a dominant performance by Langham who got their tournament off to the perfect start.

Cavendish 5	Wigmore 0
Jackson (1 Point) Miles (2 Points) Maxim (2 Points)	

It was another good start from the Cavendish team who, found their shooting hands today, breaking through the Wigmore defence. After taking a fantastic shot, **Jackson** had been fouled which allowed him to take two free throws, one of which he dropped into the net. Cavendish continued with their attack pushing their way through a scrambling defence. Wigmore kept holding out the Cavendish attack, but a fantastic solo move saw Miles make the breakthrough from the mid court for a great lay-up.

Wigmore were not ready to lay down and let Cavendish have it all their own way with Sacha and **Luke** continuing to attack the Cavendish net but a fantastic shot from **Maxim** saw the game slip away in the dying moments.

Langham 2	Devonshire 4
Felix (2 Points)	Gabriel (4 Points)

Sports report

It was all about the speed of the attack from Langham who took it to Devonshire from the first minute. Everything was done with purpose pushing the Devonshire team further and further back, but it was Devonshire who took the lead as Isiah who dribbled through the Langham defence and handed it off to **Gabriel**, hit a perfect two pointer. The score shook the Langham team who started to struggle to put passes together. Ethan and **Felix** were unable to break down the fierce defence of the reds and Albert, clear on the net, was unable to capitalise on some poor defence. The game was back and forth for the whole match and it was thought that the game was going to be a draw after a great lay up from Albert but with seconds remaining Gabriel won the game with the final shot.

Wigmore 2	Devonshire 4
Saarp (2 Points)	Gabriel (2 Points) Doruk (2 Points)

Tiredness was a key to this game. Both teams found it hard to get a hold of the match, but it was still continuous play. Both teams went from each end of the court, but the gates were not to be opened until a foul against **Doruk** saw him take advantage and score a superb shot. The game was back and forth throughout the game and with Gabriel coming on during the second half, Dev were ready to upset the milk cart as they managed to double the lead. Wigmore were not to be zeroed and after a number of shots just missed the target, a free **Saarp** was able to gain the elusive points that they had been looking for.

Cavendish 4	Langham 5
Charlie (2 Points) Todd (2 Points)	Ethan (2 Points) Albert (3 Points)

The final game of the tournament was the decider, if Cavendish drew or won, they would win the tournament, and if they lost, but by fewer points, they would win. The whole tournament was on the line and boy was it a match up. The match was end to end with Cavendish trying to break down a resilient defence from Langham. With Miles, Maxim and Charlie all trying to break down the Green door, Ethan, Albert and the rest of the Langham team did everything they could to stop any points from going into their net. This was a hard task as both Charlie and Todd were able to capitalise on Langham mistakes.

Sports report

It looked like it was going to be a runaway score with Langham finding it hard to put passes together and Cavendish putting everything behind their attack. This is where the downfall began, Langham started to get into the game more and with Felix and Ethan running the game the yellows started to become more defensive and then it became a battle. First Ethan was able to throw a layup and then Albert was able to finish off a great team build up to gain the drawing points. Both teams started to make changes and the game was to come to a nail-biting end, the game went back and forth but it was a team foul that led to Albert heading to the key. The first....miss.....the second...miss...the third....the ball lifted into the air, everyone bashed into each other getting ready for the rebound, but SWISH the ball flew through the net. Mr Rider, shouted '1 minute to go'. Everyone went to action stations, Cavendish, all-out attack, Langham, full defence mode. Time started to decrease, nails became non-existent and cheers were heard from the side-line. The whistle went and it was adding up time for Mr Steward and Mr Rider.

Team	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Points
Cavendish	W	W	L	+10
Langham	W	L	W	+8
Devonshire	L	W	W	+4
Wigmore	L	L	L	

Top Point Scorers

Albert (6 Points)
Gabriel (6 Points)
Miles (4 Points)
Charlie (4 Points)
Ethan (4 Points)
Todd (4 Points)
Tymur (4 Points)
Felix (2 Points)
Maxim (2 Points)
Jackson (2 Points)
Saarp (2 Points)



Rain Won't Stop Some Strong Cross Country Running

The term was coming to an end, with House Event after House Event. The **Year 8's** were no exception with House Rugby, House Basketball, and on a cold and miserable Friday afternoon, they were competing in the House Cross Country.

The weather was horrible, the rain clouds covering Regents Park and the pitches caked in mud, it was not the greatest day for the House Event but the spirit of the students was high and the team moral was good. It was go time for Cross Country.

Breaking away into their houses it allowed them to warm up together, stretching to make sure that there were no pulling of muscles, pulse raising and all round comradery with some of the leaders pushing each other. It was an amazing sight to see as all of the students started getting themselves ready for the run that was to come.

The rain started to ease, the clouds started to part and the race was about to start. The whistle went, the timer was on and the racers began. The pace was brilliant, the leaders were coming through the first lap at a great time, and the rest of the groups closely followed them, with Humphrey leading the pack and Spike just behind, the group saw 4 different houses in the top four.

Who was to win? With the leaders coming through in under 8 minutes it was the average time throughout the houses that gave the winner for us.

Lead Runners	House
Humphrey	Langham
Spike	Wigmore
Tyler	Devonshire
Nate	Devonshire
Dexter	Wigmore
Bibi	Langham
Maya	Langham
Haofeng	Cavendish
Taishi	Cavendish

House	Position	Av Time
Langham	1 st	9:10
Devonshire	2 nd	9:19
Wigmore	3 rd	9:74
Cavendish	4 th	10:53



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NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS & FIXTURES

Mon 24th April:

Inset day (Staff only)

Tue 25th April:

Weight Training Club, PPS Changing Rooms,
12.50—1.20pm

Cricket Club, Lord's Indoor Cricket Academy,
4.00—5.15pm

Wed 26th April:

Table Tennis Club, PPS Hall, 1.10—1.45pm

Thu 27th April:

Weight Training Club, PPS Changing Rooms,
12.50-1.20pm

Fri 28th April:

Enrichment—Second Half of Spring Term 2023

Activity	Staff	Room
Advanced Maths	TTO	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	MTH	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

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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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