

The Weekly Buzz

08 May 2023



Scales of a Koi Carp by Eric Y11



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Lunch Menu

WEEK COMMENCING: 8th May 2023

The FUTURE of
FOOD

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE

MONDAY

Happy Bank Holiday!

TUESDAY

Chilli and soy glazed pork strips
Tomato & hidden vegetable ragu

Rice
Steamed new potatoes,
green beans & honey roasted carrots
Chocolate & raspberry cheesecake

WEDNESDAY

BBQ glazed chicken
BBQ glazed roasted Quorn

Roast potatoes
Steamed carrots & broccoli
Sautéed potatoes
Corn on the cob

Pineapple cake

THURSDAY

Chicken curry
Spinach & Lentils

Basmati rice
Raita
Sweetcorn, cauliflower & roasted peppers

Chocolate chip cookies

FRIDAY

Battered fish of the day with lemon & tartare sauce
Crispy homemade veggie nuggets

Oven baked chips, steamed peas & baked beans

Zesty lemon shortbread

EVERY DAY

Seasonal Soup of the day with
home baked bread

Seasonal salads, tomato, cucumber, mixed leaf,
coleslaw & grated cheese

Yoghurt pots with seasonal
fruit

Gluten-free options available each day



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DATE FOR THE DIARY

More details to
follow

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 & GCSE Art &
Design Exhibition - Thur 29 June**
Regent Hall & GPS

Carol Service - Tues 5 Dec
St Marylebone Church

Christmas Concert - Mon 11 Dec
Regent Hall



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Coronation Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 8th May

School
closed!





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cookery school

SUSTAINABLE LEARNING

at Little Portland Street, London

Activities Week

Monday

3rd

July

Do you want to improve your cooking and baking skills?

Bread-making – granary bread rolls

A seasonal soup – minestrone

Roast crispy chicken with roast potatoes

Roast seasonal vegetables

Fruit salad – cutting up well and choosing fruits that work together is the secret here

Brownies

**Please
reply by
Friday 12th
May**

Cost to attend: £189

email: daciana.florea@portland-place.co.uk

We will use a well-equipped kitchen, located 5 minutes away from PPS, and the training will be delivered by professional chefs who have been teaching the skills for over 20 years.





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THE PARENTS NETWORK THEATRE CLUB



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...WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING SHOWS
AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE TO STUDENTS, PARENTS,
FRIENDS & FAMILY. THESE DISCOUNTED TICKETS
ARE WITHIN BAND A/B SO ARE FANTASTIC VALUE:

**'HAMNET' 12TH
OCTOBER 2023
CUT OFF DATE TO
BUY: 8TH MAY
£55.00**

**'AINT TOO PROUD'
23RD JUNE 2023
CUT OFF DATE TO
BUY: 17TH MAY
£47.50**

**'THE CRUCIBLE'
5TH JULY
CUT OFF DATE TO
BUY: 11TH MAY
£45.00**

**'MY NEIGHBOUR
TOTORO'
28TH NOVEMBER
CUT OFF DATE TO
BUY: 11TH MAY
£55.00**

If you would like further information or would like to
buy tickets for any of these shows, please email
joannafb@me.com.



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Literacy Corner

Literacy across the curriculum

With the exams approaching, please, have a look at the most common command words. Some common errors in tasks are directly linked to misunderstanding of the instructions.

Analyse separate information into components and identify their characteristics	Assess make an informed judgement	Consider review and respond to given information	Criticise assess worth against explicit expectations
Comment present an informed opinion	Define specify meaning	Describe set out characteristics	Discuss present key points
Deduce draw conclusions from information provided	Examine investigate closely	Explore investigate without preconceptions about the outcome	Evaluate judge from available evidence
Explain set out purposes or reasons	Illustrate present clarifying examples	Interpret translate information into recognisable form	Outline set out main characteristics



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Summarise Present principal points without detail	State Express in clear terms	Relate Demonstrate connections between items	Review Survey information
Argue present a reasoned case	Debate Present different perspectives on an issue	Give Produce an answer	Justify Support a case with evidence
Estimate Assign an approximate value	Calculate Work out the value	Suggest Present a possible case	Prove Demonstrate validity on the basis of evidence
Compare/Contrast Identify similarities and differences	Complete Finish a task by adding information	Develop Take forward or build on given information	Identify Name or state





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The conventions of literate talk –

Literacy Corner

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

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



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TO OUR EXAM
STUDENTS...

**GOOD
LUCK
WITH YOUR
GCSEs!**

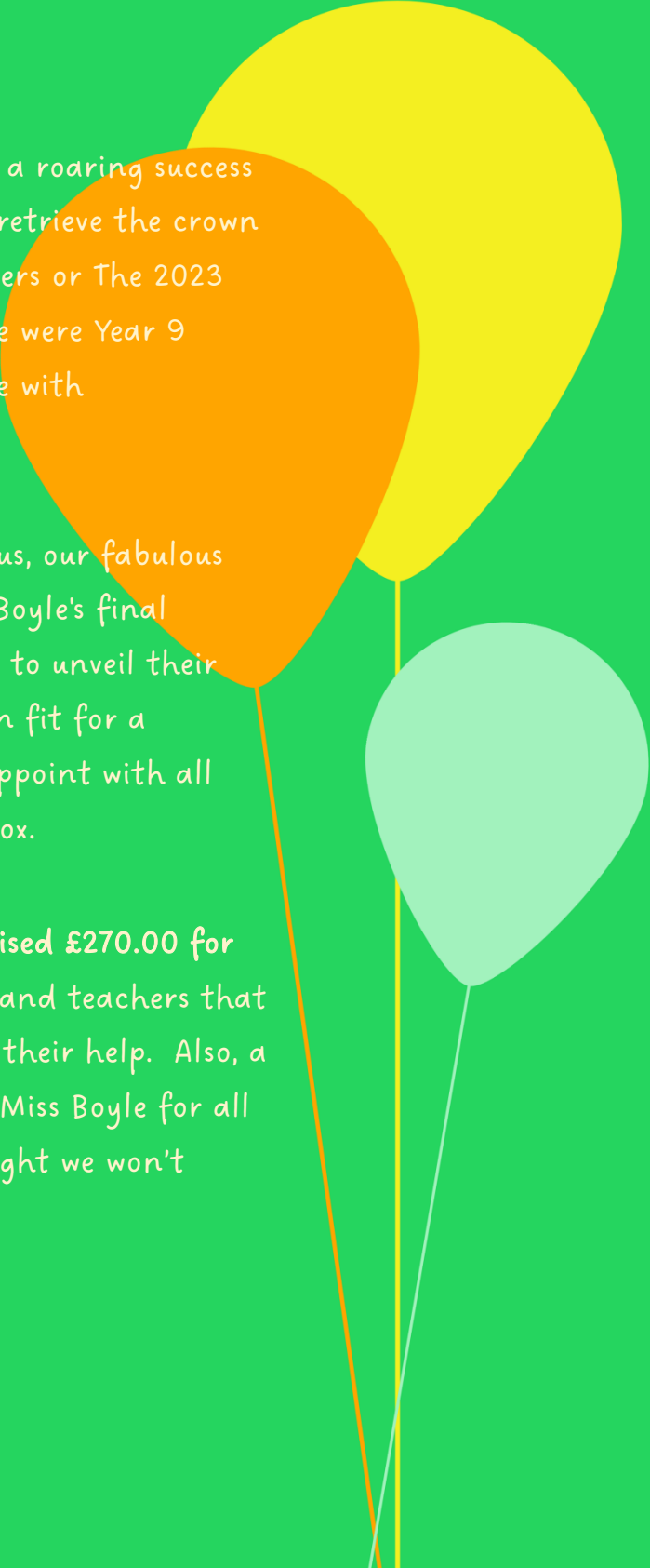




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The Parent/Teacher Quiz Night was a roaring success with 45 parents battling it out to retrieve the crown from the teachers. This year's winners or The 2023 winners of this prestigious accolade were Year 9 parents who rose to every challenge with enthusiastic determination.

With the Coronation almost upon us, our fabulous Quiz Masters, Miss Dever and Miss Boyle's final challenge was for parents/teachers to unveil their artistic talents by creating a crown fit for a King. Their creations did not disappoint with all teams thinking outside the royal box.

The Parents Network Quiz Night raised £270.00 for UNICEF. Thank you to all parents and teachers that joined in the fun and the reps for their help. Also, a huge thank you to Miss Dever and Miss Boyle for all their hard work giving us a Quiz Night we won't forget!

Jo Francis-Baum



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Thank you to all the parents and staff who came to support the annual Parent/Teacher Quiz.

Another very successful evening which saw the Year 9 parents rise to glory with the most magnificent coronation speech & crown. The teachers came close second with the King of Drama/Grease/The North conceding defeat.

Massive thank you to Jo F-B who is in her final term as chief parent rep! We really appreciate everything you've done to support the school.

Miss Boyle & Miss Dever





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[Literacy]

NOUNS

BY MAXWELL POWELL



WHAT IS A NOUN?

A NOUN IS THE NAME OF A PERSON, PLACE OR THINGS



COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS

COMMON

A Common noun is a name of a person place or thing

Examples:

- Book
- Dog
- House
- Mother
- Apple
- Pen



PROPER

A proper noun is a name of a particular person or things

Examples:

- London
- Stratford
- Ned
- Kit
- Theo
- Ella
- Parliament



COLLECTIVE AND ABSTRACT NOUNS

COLLECTIVE

Words used to refer to a group of persons or thing.

Examples:

- Team
- Family
- Flock
- Crowd
- Nest
- Class



ABSTRACT

Name of things that cannot be touched

Examples:

- Wisdom
- Health
- Joy
- Height
- Air
- Love





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**ZSL
LONDON
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Enrichment



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So far, we have had two workshops: an introduction to what ZOOs do and illegal hunting. Thank you for your contributions, Haofeng, Towa, James, Will, Talia and Cecile!

Ms Coates

ZSL- CONSERVATION AND STUDY

History of the London
ZOO

ZOOs Breeding
Programmes

Threats to
Biodiversity

Health and Welfare

ZOO's Engagement

Working for
Wildlife

ImpaCts on
Humans

Conservation-
UK- Based

Week 1+2

Endangered
Animals

Research



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Documenting:
Looking at
devices used
for animal
photography.
Identifying
animals on the
photos

Enrichment:
exploring man-
made tools
that encourage
the animals to
play and
challenge their
environment

**Threats to
Biodiversity:**
exploring the
levels of
acidity which
are
dangerous to
water-based
animals

Research:
exploring
various
types of
animal cells



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THE WALL OF KINDNESS

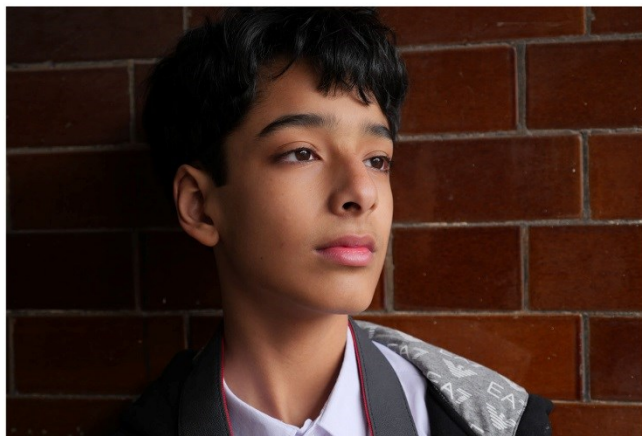
Hybrid School would like to thank PE for taking them to Westminster Athletic, Ms O'Leary for her extra support during the Geography field trip, Mr Lalande for being extra flexible around Language exams and Ms Dever for her help this week too.

I would like to thank Freddie for being cool and a good friend to me—Lucas Year 8

To Year 8 students who I saw being really welcoming and helpful to our new starter, Kiyan. It was lovely to witness — Mr Huebsch

Thank you to Koby in Year 9 who said Good Morning and asked me how my day was going—Beckett

I would like to thank Miles in Y10 who shared his food and drink with me at the Westminster Athletics event when I forgot to bring my own—Charlie



SEEING LIGHT

PHOTOGRAPHY ENRICHMENT





REALLY SEEING LIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME





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The science Easter Egg Drop event was a smash hit!

Winner was **Arlo** with his russian doll of boxes! **Maxwell** 2nd place with his creative helium balloon design. Tied third was **Freddie** with his slick silver box and **Bibi** with her intuitive tights mechanism!

Well done all!



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Baking Enrichment



The past two weeks we have been preparing lovely, tasty goods with our new group of new bakers. The first week we make cookies and this week was scrumptious Churro Cupcakes! A huge thank you to Miss Patten for organising us all and Miss Ansah for some much needed support! Watch this space for more tasty updates next week.

Mr Lee



Westminster Borough Athletics Championships—10 Golds for Portland Place!

Portland's boys' athletics team took part in the annual borough competition at Battersea Park's Millennium Arena on Wednesday and produced one of the best performances from a Portland Place team in the school's history.

Winning a total of 10 gold medals, Portland's entire medal haul, including silvers and brozes was 24! In sunny, but quite chilly conditions, the PPS squad performed superbly, producing many personal bests and showing tremendous grit and determination to compete to the very best of their ability.

Roman got the day off to a good start by qualifying for the Year 7 100m final with a 5th place run in his heat, which put him through by virtue of his time. **Zane** placed 7th in his heat before Y8's **Humphrey** also qualified on time with a 5th place finish in his race. **Obajuwon** went one better with a 4th place finish, and **Max** (Year 9) qualified by right with a 2nd place run. Year 10's **Charlie** looked to be in excellent form as he clocked 12.7 sec to win his heat and progress to the final.

Whilst this was going on **Eddie** claimed his first gold medal of the day in the Year 8 shot with a winning toss of 8.68m. **Taishi** managed 6.16m for 6th. In the Year 9 event **Yaqoub** took 6th with a throw of just beyond 7m, whilst **Max** was 7th with 6.69m. Later, in the discus, Eddie completed the heavy throw double with a 23.33m winning effort that earned him a second gold! **Dexter's** throw was good enough for 8th. **Tec** was 4th for the Year 9's with a decent throw of 17.40m and Yaqoub was 7th with 14.03m.

In the longer sprint Tec's 300m race had to be re-run due to an error with the stagger. Poor Tec was forced to run one of the toughest track events twice, with a 200m heat in between – not an envious task! He was able to place 3rd both times to claim bronze. Meanwhile, **Olly** also placed 3rd with an excellent run of 46.0 sec.

Miles ran a personal best of 58.6 sec to win gold in the 400m, with teammate **Ethan** just behind in 3rd place. Miles led from gun to tape and looks capable of going quicker this year, with perhaps a chance of breaking the school record.

Sports report





Sports report

Back in the field, **Max** produced a medal-winning jump of 4.74m and Charlie was able to leap to an impressive 5.70m to win the Y10 competition. Year 8's **Henry** claimed silver with a 3.64m effort and Dexter took 5th with 3.41m

In the 200m heats Y6 & Y7 runners **Ted** and **Zane** were both 7th, whilst Obajuwon and Dexter claimed 6th and 7th respectively in the Year 8 races. Portland's Year 9's fared slightly better with Max Dawson qualifying for his second sprint final, taking 4th in the first heat, whilst a tired Tec finished a creditable 6th in the second. In the Year 10 race **Miguel** fell in the closing stages denying him what looked like a possible 3rd place finish.

Over two laps of the track Roman placed 6th whilst Ted was able to claim 10th in a big field. Two medals were taken by the Year 8 runners as **Spike** came home in 3rd, a single place behind Humphrey who won silver with a 2:39.4 sec run. In the Year 9 race **Hazuki** ran an excellent race and had to sprint hard to hold onto the bronze. **Arad** also produced a solid run, finishing just behind, in 6th. Ethan added to his medal tally with a gold in the 800m, holding off his closest rival with a sprint down the home straight, recording a time of 2:37.

The high jump was a source of yet more success for Portland's athletes with several medals being won. Olly took 3rd and a bronze with 1.36m. Arad was able to place 5th, completing a strong showing from the Year 9's. Spike cleared 1.25m to win silver and Charlie, for the Y10's, went one better, winning the competition in a new personal best of 1.60m.

Back on the track, it was time for the 100m finals – the blue ribbon event – and Roman was able to finish a highly creditable 7th. He is only a Year 6 and would have been the youngest in the field. He will get to compete at this same age group again next year. Straight after that, Humphrey sprinted hard for a 6th place finish, whilst Max Dawson was able to take the bronze in the Year 9 final, recording a time of 12.8 seconds. Charlie, with two golds already in his bag, won a third as he triumphed in the Y10 final, which was, weirdly, a repeat of his heat.

In the 1500m finals Spike won gold with a time of 5:43. Taishi placed just out of the medals with a brave effort that saw him cross the line in 4th.



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With just the relays remaining the athletes moved to the 200m finals, with some very tired legs contesting the half lap. Max was our only qualifier and his 27.6 second effort was good enough for 4th.

On the in-field, the javelin saw a few medals go Portland's way as Hazuki won the Year 9 event with a throw of around 24m. In the Year 7 contest, **Joe** took a well-deserved bronze medal.

The day's athletics was rounded off in the usual style, with the 4x100m relays. Our Year 7 and 8 quartets were able to claim 7th and 6th respectively, but our Year 9's narrowly missed out on a medal with a fatiguing Max, who had run two sprint heats and finals already, being narrowly pipped on the line to finish 4th. In the Y10 race, Charlie anchored his team to claim his 4th gold of the day – an extraordinary performance. He was aided by a superb first leg from Miles and very solid runs from both Ethan and Miguel, who maintained the considerable lead Miles had established.

It was the perfect way to round off a fantastic day of athletics. Many of our medallists and all our winners will now be given the opportunity to represent Westminster borough at the London Schools Athletics Champs later this month. This is the qualifying meet for the English Schools Championships, which is the most prestigious contest in the country. Good luck to all our qualifiers at the London's!





Unofficial Results

(We are still awaiting official timings and results from the Westminster Sports Unit, so these results are not comprehensive) :

Track

100m heats

Y7: Roman 5th, Zane, 7th
Y8: Humphrey 5th, Obawujon 4th
Y9: Max 2nd, Hazki 6th
Y10: Charlie 1st

300m finals

Y9: Tec 3rd, Olly 3rd

400m finals

Y10: Miles 1st, Ethan 3rd

200m heats

Y7: Ted 7th, Zane 7th
Y8: Obawujon 6th, Dexter
Y9: Max 4th, Tec 6th
Y10: Miguel 4th

800m finals

Y7: Roman 6th, Ted 10th
Y8: Humphrey 2nd, Spike 3rd
Y9: Hazuki 3rd, Arad 5th
Y10: Ethan 1st

100m finals

Y7: Roman 7th
Y8: Humphrey 6th
Y9: Max 3rd
Y10: Charlie 1

1500m finals

Y8: Spike 1st, Taishi 4th

200m finals

Y9: Max 4th

4x100m relay

Y7: Roman & Jacob, Joe, Zane 7th
Y8: Humphrey, Spike, Dexter, Obawujon 6th
Y9: Max, Tec, Hazuki 6th
Y10: Miles, Miguel, Charlie, Ethan 1st

Field

Shot	Y7: Jacob Moby 5 th Y8: Eddie 1 st , Taishi 6 th Y9: Yaqoub 5 th , Max 6 th
Discus	Y7: Jacob 4 th Y8: Eddie 1 st , Dexter 8 th Y9: Tec 4 th , Yaqoub 7 th
Javelin	Y7: Joe 3 rd Y8: Henry 5 th Y9: Hazuki 1 st Y10: Miles 5 th
Long jump	Y8: Henry 2 nd , Dexter ? Y9: Max 3 rd ? Y10: Charlie 1 st
High jump	Y8: Spike 2 nd Y9: Olly 3 rd , Arad 5 th Y10: Charlie 1 st





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After-School Cricket Club

**All ages and abilities
welcome!**

PPS CRICKET CLUB

**Tuesdays 4-5.15pm
at Lords Indoor Academy**

Session 1: Tuesday 25th April
Session 2: Tuesday 2nd May
Session 3: Tuesday 9th May
Session 4: Tuesday 16th May
Session 5: Monday 22nd May
Session 6: Tuesday 6th June
Session 7: Tuesday 13th June
Session 8: Tuesday 20th June

Improve your batting and bowling!
Meet at the changing rooms at 3.45pm
Bring whites and any of your own playing kit

Lords Indoor Academy

NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS & FIXTURES

Monday 8th May:

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May:

Westminster Schools Athletics Championships,
8.30-4.15pm, Battersea Park

Weight Training Club, 12.50-1.25pm, PPS
changing rooms

Cricket Club, 3.50-5.15pm, Lord's Indoor
Cricket Academy

Wednesday 10th May:

Running Club, 12.50-1.25pm, Regent's Park
Karate Club, 4-5.00pm, PPS Hall

Thursday 11th May:

Weight Training Club, 12.50-1.25pm, PPS
changing rooms

U15 Cricket vs Maida Vale, 2.00pm,
Regent's Park

U13 Rounders vs North Bridge House, 2.00pm,
Regent's Park

Friday 12th May:

GCSE PE Moderation Day, 8.00-3.45pm,
Latymer School, Edmonton

Enrichment — First Half of Summer Term 2023

Activity	Staff	Room
Advanced Maths	TTO	G21
Athletics	SRI, LST & JKU	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.40pm
Baking Club	KPA & RLE	Dining Hall & Kitchen
Carnegie Book Club	JWO & GBL	Library
Climbing	AZE & LVW	Offsite. Meet Room 1 at 1.30pm
Debating Club	ABA	Room 22
Digital Drawing	LDE & CHU	Art Studio
EPQ	SSA	Room 36
F45 Fitness	CBY & TLA	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Fantastic Beads	CFL	Room 34
Fashion & Styling	FSY	Room 35
Horse Riding	AIS	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.20pm
Kayaking	MMC & JVA	Offsite. Meet Room 10 at 1.30pm
London Zoo	ECO	Offsite. Meet Library at 1.30pm
Park Sports	RAL, AJU & CBO	Offsite. Meet Room 1 at 1.50pm
Street Photography	PZA & DFL	Room 24
Tennis	BSO	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Velo Park	TTC, HIS & WBR	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
Y11 Independent Study 4	PLE	LAB 3

Clubs for Summer Term 2023 (more to come)

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	MJO	B1	10 & 11
Mon	12:50-13:45	String Ensemble (Friday for first 3 weeks)	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	MJO	B1	10 & 11
Mon	16:00-17:00	Karate Club	PE	PP Hall	All
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	12:50-13:30	Weight Training Club	PE	Changing Rm	All
Tues	13:15-13:45	Physics Revision Club	WBR	Lab 3	10 & 11
Tues	13:15-13:45	English Language Surgery (until 5 May)	JHU	R43	11
Tues	15:50-17:15	Cricket Club	PE	Lords	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	MJO	B1	10 & 11
Wed	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	MJO	B1	10 & 11
Wed	12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club	ZBO	R42	All
Wed	12:50-13:45	Percussion Ensemble	J Morrison	R2	All
Wed	12:50-13:50	Running Club	PE	Regents Park	All
Wed	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	MJO	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	12:50-13:30	Russian Club	PZA	R24	All
Thurs	13:10-13:45	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	PE	Boys C/ Rooms	All

Clubs for Summer 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	13:15-13:45	Y6 Design Club	JVA	B1	6
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 **
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	MJO	B1	10 & 11
Fri	13:15-13:45	Science Exam Skills	DBL	Science Lab 1	10 & 11
Fri	13:15-13:45	Music Tour Choir	SHI	PP Hall	Invited
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

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

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 25 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May (school closed)

Coronation Bank Holiday: Monday 8 May (school closed)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June

End of Term: Friday 7 July

Autumn Term 2023

Staff Inset: Thurs 31 August (closed to students)

New Student Induction Day & Staff Inset:
Friday 1 September

Term Starts: Monday 4 September (all other students)

Half Term: Monday 16 October—Friday 27 October

End of Term: Friday 15 December



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