The Weekly Buzz

11 Sept 2023

New School Year!







WEEK TWO

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MONDAY

Classic Mac & Cheese served with topping (crispy onion, bacon bites, torn chicken)

Quorn, vegetable and basil ratatouille pasta

Crunchy coleslaw, roasted cauliflower

Mixed fruit jelly pots

TUESDAY

Beef chipotle chilli coriander with corn taco

Lentil, grated carrot, mixed bean chilli with corn taco

Taco toppers, shredded lettuce, pickled red onion, grated <u>cheese</u> and tomato salsa, Mexican dirty rice

Chocolate cheesecake

WEDNESDAY

The FUTURE of

Crispy chicken steak

Curry marinaded cauliflower steak

Wow butter Katsu curry sauce, Kimchi slaw pickled shaved carrots, steamed rice, green beans, bean sprouts and Chinese <u>cabbage</u>

Banana cake and custard

THURSDAY

Beef, oregano, grated carrot & red lentil lasagne Baked squash, spinach and white bean lasagne Garlic bread, glazed <u>carrots</u> and green beans Lemon yoghurt fruit fool

FRIDAY

Battered cod fillet with Tartare sauce and lemon

Tomato, roast garlic and basil risotto with Parmesan cheese

Oven chips, peas and beans

Fruit cobbler

EVERYDAY

Seasonal soup of the day with home baked bread (wheat)

Seasonal salads, tomato, cucumber, mixed leaf, coleslaw (egg) & grated cheese (milk)

Yoghurt pot (milk) with seasonal fruit

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE





DATES FOR DIARY

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - TUES 19 SEPT, PP HALL (NEW STUDENTS & STAFF ONLY)

HALF TERM - MON 16 OCT- FRI 27 OCT

NHS NASAL FLU (YEARS 6-11) - THURS 9 NOV, PP HALL

CAROL SERVICE - TUES 5 DEC, ST MARYLEBONE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - MON 11 DEC, REGENT HALL

END OF TERM - FRI 15 DEC

More details to follow





Parents Welcome Meetings

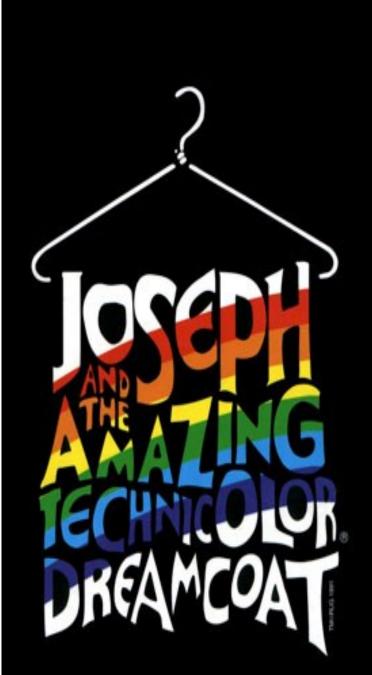
8.00AM START - 8.30AM FINISH @ PPS DINING HALL, 143 GREAT PORTLAND ST, W1W 6QN

DATES: MON 11 SEPT - HYBRID SCHOOL (ALL YEARS) TUES 12 SEPT - YEAR 7 WEDS 13 SEPT - YEAR 8 THURS 14 SEPT - YEAR 9 MON 18 SEPT - YEAR 10 TUES 19 SEPT - YEAR 11 EXTRA DATE IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE ABOVE: WEDS 20 SEPT - ALL YEARS

> COME FOR TEA, COFFEE & PASTRIES AND MEET OTHER PARENTS. NO NEED TO RSVP!







Open rehearsals for our next whole school production will take place in the Drama Studio 16:00-17:00 on Wed 27th September.

Auditions will then take place the week after on 4th October in the Drama Studio from 16:00.

All KS3 auditions will be finished by 17:00. KS4 auditions may run slightly beyond this.

We look forward to seeing you all there!





DRAMA PERI LESSONS AT PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL

We are delighted to share that spaces are now available to all year groups for NEW LAMDA speech and drama, as well as Public Speaking tuition. This exciting opportunity is being provided by Artisan Theatre School, who are professional actors and directors and fully qualified LAMDA teachers. This means that Portland Place School pupils will have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular drama lessons, developing their communicational skills through the spoken word.

LAMDA lessons are designed to equip candidates, whatever their age or aspirations, with a range of skills that will serve them throughout life and allows students the opportunity to develop their drama skills, diction/clarity, communicational skills, public speaking, and confidence! As well as the skills developed in acting, pupils will also learn various methods in performance, which in turn boosts self-esteem. You can decide whether you'd like to attend lessons without taking a graded exam, or if preferred there is an option to take LAMDA graded examinations across the academic year. the higher grade LAMDA qualifications carry UCAS points which can help with University Applications. If candidates achieve a good mark at Grade 8 it carries the same UCAS points as an A grade AS level.





Tuition is available one to one or as a pair (depending on preference). 30 lessons are generally given throughout the course of the academic year. This may mean that a different number of lessons may be given per term, depending on the length of the term.

Tuition fees will be invoiced directly from Artisan Theatre School, prior to the term commencing and must be settled within seven days of the term commencing. **APPLICATIONS:** If you wish your child to have LAMDA lessons, please complete the application form and return it to the Portland Place School office as soon as possible: <u>LAMDA</u> application Form

Please Note: Applications are not normally acknowledged, but in due course the LAMDA coordinator Samantha Blackwell from Artisan Theatre School will contact you to let you know when the lessons will commence. When no vacancy is available, you will be informed that your child's name has been put on a waiting list. If you have any further questions or enquires please direct them to:

sam.blackwell@artisantheatreschool.com







WHEN 30th June - 4th July, 2024

WHERE LAKE GARDA, ITALY











CONCERTS 2 to be confirmed

Hotel with pool and by the biggest lake in Italy

TRIPS Gardaland Theme Park Venice Tour

OPEN TO Attendees of PPS Choir & Chamber Choir

Open to all year groups

<u>Compulsory</u> Choir rehearsals every Tuesday, 13:15-13:45, PPS Hall

See Mr Hill or Miss Boyle for a letter



ACTORATIONS WEEK SUNDAY 2ND-6TH JULY 2023

this!

Photos in new issue of newsletter

Residentials, day trips and activities

Barcelona Music Tour, London Zoo, BBC, Ice Skating, Globe Theatre, National Army Museum, Bloomsbury Bowling, Stubbers, Thorpe Park, Go Karting, British Library, Kayaking and much



It was very, very early on Sunday 2nd July when 26 students and 4 staff met at Heathrow Terminal 5 to begin a truly memorable few days on Music Tour. On arrival in Barcelona, we were coached to our amazing hotel, with a much-used pool and great food, and within a short 10-minute walk of a gorgeous beach with shops and restaurants. We enjoyed a very hot but enjoyable day in Barcelona itself visiting (after much circumnavigation) La Sagrada Familia before heading to the port where we sampled a wonderful lunches in various waterside eateries.

As we prepped for our first concert in our hotel town of Callafel, the sky turned ominously dark; thunder was heard, followed by lightning and then torrential rain!! As our concert was outside on the beachfront the phone started ringing and unfortunately, we had to take the decision to cancel the concert: rain and electrical equipment were not a combination we wanted to risk. Inevitably, 30 minutes before the concert was due to start the sun made a reappearance but sadly just a little late.



Not to miss an opportunity, we used the time for a rehearsal and performed the concert at the hotel to some very exclusive visitors!

Port Aventura was our theme park destination for Music Tour 2023 and we arrived to also meet the other PPS Barcelona trip. Much fun was had on rides on another hot day despite Mrs Judd and Miss Boyle screaming all the way to the top and around 'Shambhala' before heading back to cool down by the hotel pool and spend an evening at the beach with ice creams!

Concert Day #2 arrived and after a relaxing day in and around the notel, we loaded up to head to the town of Cunit a few minutes up the road. After getting some food from the lovely small restaurants and cafés around the town square we began the set up on the pre-erected stage. We were so pleased to welcome a few parents who were in Barcelona and so many of the locals who came out to support.

Music Tour 2023 Barcelona









































As the first words of 'Adiemus' by Carl Jenkins reverberated around the town square.....so did the first drops of rain.....as the volume grew.....so did the amount of rain, to monsoon proportions!

Despite this we were so pleased that all the locals of Cunit, including the Mayor, took shelter under umbrellas and awnings with Mayor saying at the end "the people of Cunit would always stay and show their support". Some residents requisitioned large umbrellas from nearby bars to shelter us performers; Mrs Judd did a sterling job of holding an umbrella over the keyboard and iPad (the rain was making the pages turn automatically) even though the rainwater poured off the edge all over Mr Hill for an hour. Miss Boyle kept everyone going from the front and, despite the weather, maintained and even surpassed the energy levels of the performers we had previously seen! Soloists and choir members continued, unfazed, to perform to the audience, which included Mr Alexander donning a fetching bin bag as he sat front and centre in the audience.



As we finished, and the rain behaved likewise, the crowd roared their appreciation and all the choir gathered together on the stage for a group hug and were presented with a plaque by the Mayor. Truly an unforgettable experience, if not quite the one we planned for a July evening in Barcelona.

Dried out and ready to explore again, the final day took us back into Barcelona for a glorious walk around Park Guell before heading to Las Ramblas for lunches and souvenir shopping before heading to the airport.

A huge thanks to Miss Boyle, Mrs Judd and Mr Alexander who gave so much support during the trip but primarily to the students who were perfectly behaved, a credit to the school and who, when it mattered the most, did a fantastic job and made everyone extremely proud. Well done everyone......

......Music Tour 2024......Italy!

Mr Hill





Year 10 Pizza Making

Year 10 were pizza partying at Pizza Express Baker Street. Chef Rick taught us how to shape, stretch and sprinkle our delicious dough with all the best Pizza Express ingredients!









Y7-10 ZOO TRIP-MONDAY 3 JULY









Year 9 Visit London Transport Museum

and had a not just at

idents visited London Transport Museum a really enjoyable morning discovering it's built buses!

musering is a fantastic trove of exhibits exposents for the engineering, design, cultured ributine and historic significance of transport

In particular the students appreciated viewing the Windrush Generation section, the WWII section, the sustainability and environment area and the interactive tube tunnel simulator.

Well done to Jude in Year 10 who unexpectedly accompanied us and was a really enthusiastic trip team member!









Activities Week - Visit to the BBC

On Monday, 3 July 2023, a group of students from our school (Ahlam, Arad, Zack, Towa, Nathan, Enzo, Jazz and Amelia) made a very successful visit to the BBC Westminster Studio in London. They were accompanied by Mrs Zalesny and Mrs Florea.

After watching the last fifteen minutes of Politics Live, we enjoyed a great tour of the studio and spoke to presenter Jo Coburn.

During our Q&A session with Mr Steve Walker and Mr Richard Moss, we learned about the different career opportunities within the BBC. Next, we visited the MMA, the Multi Media Area, where the students recorded a short item each about Portland Place School and our visit to the BBC's political operation.

We continued our day with a lovely picnic inside Victoria Tower Gardens, next to the Houses of Parliament, where we basked in the sun and enjoyed scenic views of the Thames.

Before heading back to school, we stopped by Westminster Abbey and Trafalgar Square and learned about the history of these two important London landmarks.

Thank you to all of the students for their enthusiasm and participation.

BBC















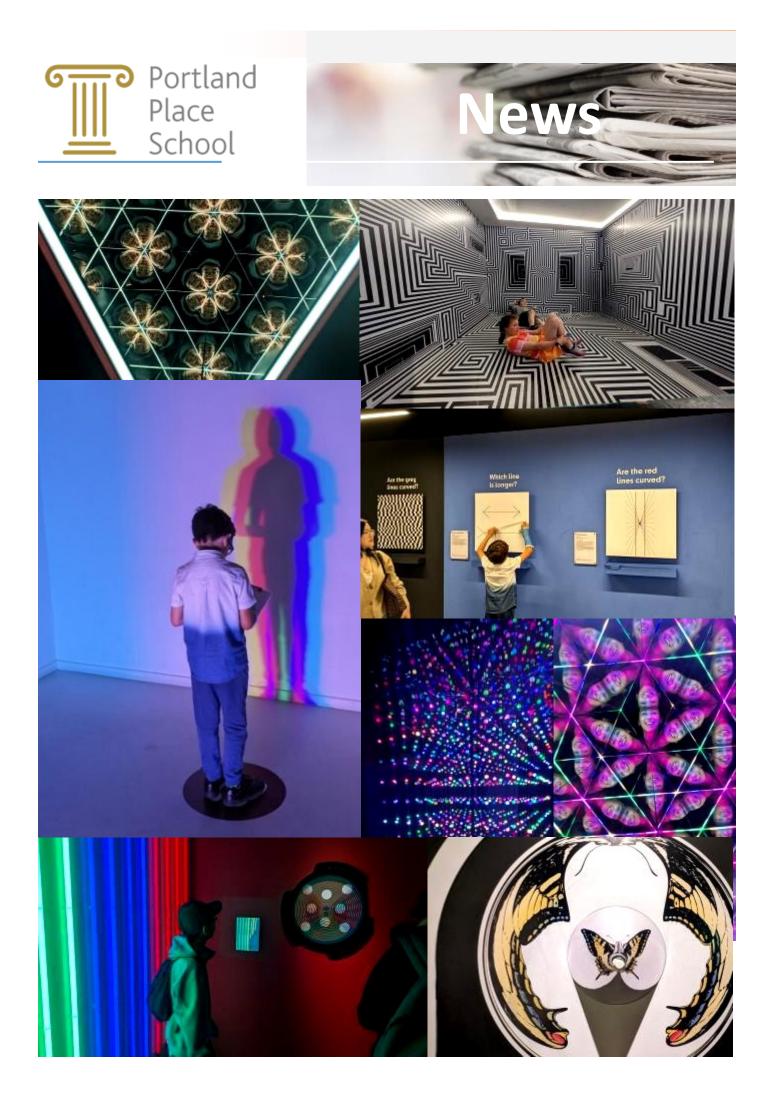


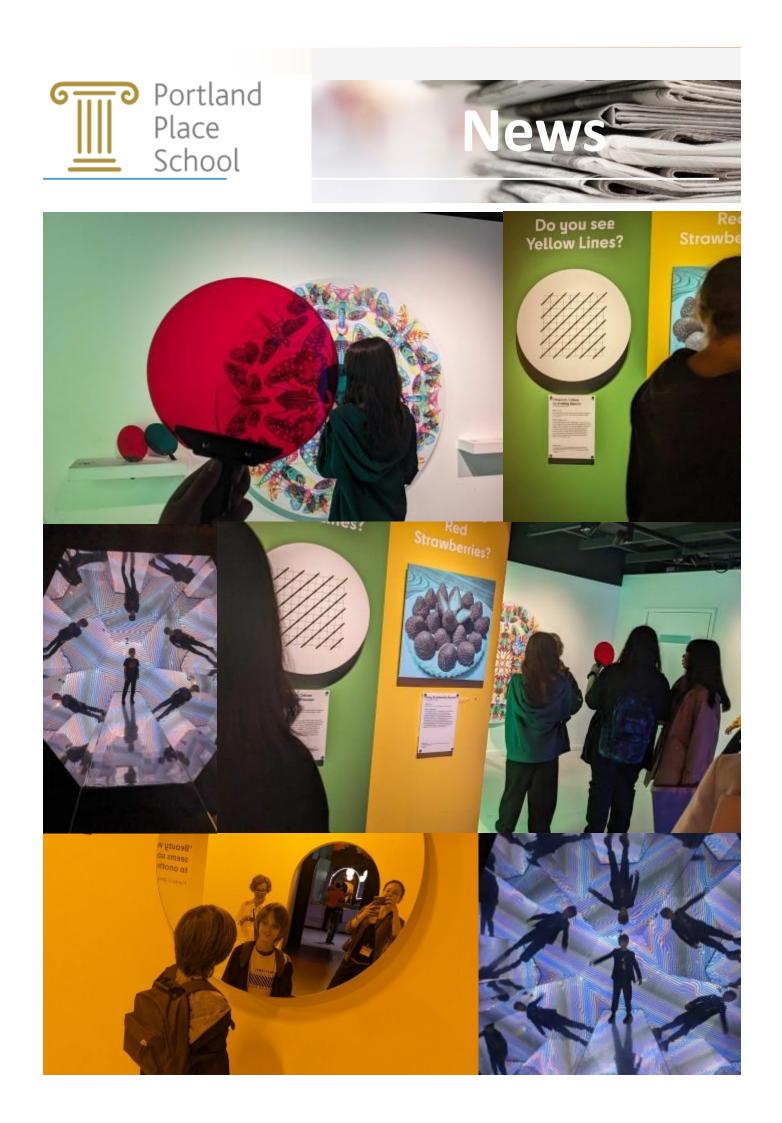
Year 7––9 Twist Museum

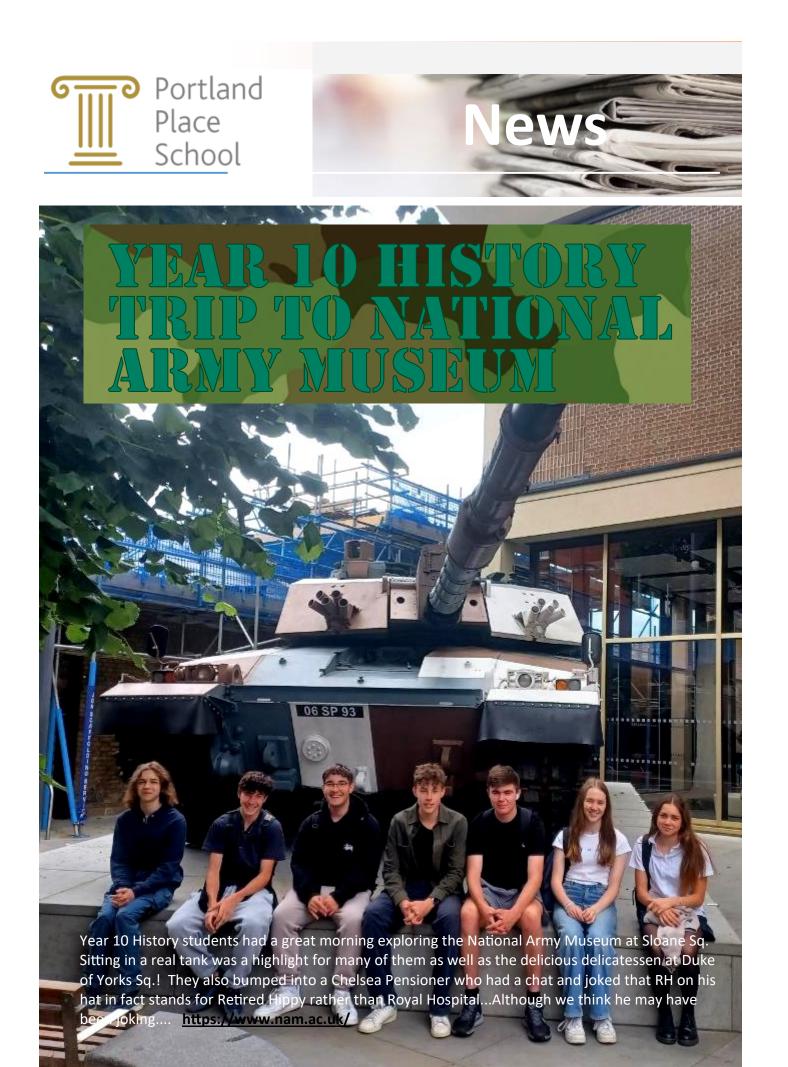
A visit with a TWIST.

Students in years 6-9 visited the Twist Museum - a funky place with interactive exhibits that play with how you understand the world around us.

We explored wonders of illusion: immersive rooms, colours that suddenly weren't there, mind-altering and confusing endless corridors, unexpected interactive trickery... Our brains learned to interpret reality in a brand new way.









Year 7/8/9—British Library

Year 7, 7 & 9 took part in a work shop at the British Library on Sacred Texts on We ednesday. The students also had a general tour of the library and were really surprised to hear that the library has a copy of anything published in Britain including newspapers, cartoon comics, etters, stamps and maps. It receives over 2000-3000 published or produced texts arrive at the library each week. The library is 3 times the size underground as it is above ground and holds 20million books. All the students engaged really well and asked insightful questions.





Condover

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Hall

On Monday July 3, 20 students from years 6-9 travelled by bus to Condover Hall in Shrewsbury, the third most haunted mansion in Shrewsbury (according to our instructor Harry). The group was split in two and took part in a variety of activities including: climbing, a campfire (with S'mores courtesy of Miss McBain), high ropes trapeze (where some students faced their fears to reach the top of the pole), zipwire (where some students decided to try going upside down), laser tag, raft building on the lake (where the majority of students fell into the water, as Miss Zepeda, Mr. Tomlinson, and Miss McBain laughed from their dry canoes), a film night inside the mansion, and archery tag (where there was some questionable reffing).

Between sessions, there were games of helicopter and football - where some of the 6/7 boys played against another school into the evening. All around, everyone had a great time - students and teachers, and most wanted one more day! Maybe next time!!



The teachers were super impressed with the acts of courage and kindness shown on this trip, but here are some special shout outs!!

- Most Enthusiastic Nico
- Most Courage Sara and Ted
 - Most Resilient Eesa
 - Best Rafters Beckett and Koby
- Best Climbers Nate and Tess
- Best Trapeze Artists Mark and Paula
- Best on the Zipwire Maxwell and Zane
- Best Laser Taggers Felix and Roman
- Best Helicopter Player Jacob and Tyler
- Best Duo Avalon and Bibi
- Marshmallow Fiends Annabelle and Esther
- Biggest Snorer Mr. Tomlinson
- "Best" (*cough* questionable *cough*) Archery Tag Ref - Miss Zepeda

Ms McBain











Welcome back from the PE department

Everyone in the PE department would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students and parents! PE lessons are already in full swing with matches starting this week and really kicking into gear next week, along with our after-school clubs and lunch clubs. Portland's pupils had an excellent year in physical education and sport last year with many successes and superb performances in lessons, fixtures, and house events. We trust that this year will be just as positive, and we look forward to seeing what successes the academic year will bring.

Fixtures and Clubs

Each week these will be published in the Weekly Buzz, but can also be found on Firefly, in the Physical Education section. Parents of pupils selected for teams will be notified in advance and we ask that they make the PE department aware of any circumstances by which their child cannot attend the match. Please be aware that fixtures with other schools are organised a term in advance and non-attendance, especially last minute, can negatively affect our teams and therefore the enjoyment and performance of the whole squad.

Sign-up letters are being sent out currently for the after school and lunchtime sports clubs and there has been an excellent response with our club places filling up fast! Please ensure your child is aware that they have been signed up and that they have the necessary kit with them. They will still have the opportunity to have their lunch and in some instances, we will provide a packed lunch of their choice.

Sports Kit

The PE kit details can be found on the school website and on Firefly, in the PE department section. Pupils who are still awaiting their kit delivery should wear appropriate sportwear of their own. Correct footwear is especially important, and we highly recommend that pupils bring football boots to school every day. We are outside at Regent's Park for most of our lessons and studded boots, which are essential for football and rugby, offer better grip and therefore performance in nearly all our activities.

Your child's half termly PE timetable can be found on Firefly under their year group page in the PE department section.







Rm11 in Portland Place Main Building

Open to boys and girls of all years! Beginners welcome! If you'd like to sign up, speak to a member of the PE Team



BUS TRANSPORT THERE AND BACK





SIGN-UP TO COMBAT KARATE AT PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL

Combat Karate' is a specially designed syllabus to encompass the best of traditional and modern martial arts into a system that can be used for competition and self-defense.

As students progress through the grades they add more techniques to their repertoire while learning the code of martial arts; Respect, Honour and Integrity. The aim is to be strong in mind and body.







SIGN UP TODAY BY RETURNING YOUR PERMISSION SLIP LL AGES WELCOME



Regent's Park Tennis Club Transport provided Dismissed from PPS mainbuilding at 5.5pm Please see Miss Boyce or Mrs Hare for more info







Mon 11 th Sept:	Year 9 football vs Fairley House, 2.00pm, Archbishop's Park
	Football club, Regent's Park, 3.50-5.15pm
	Netball club, Regent's Park Tennis Club, 3.50-5.15pm
	Karate Club, PPS Hall, 4.00-5.00pm
Tue 12 th Sept:	Table Tennis Club, PPS Hall, 1.10-1.45pm
	Y10 netball vs Thames Christian College, away (Caius House, Battersea), 2pm
Wed 13 th Sept:	Year 10/11 football vs Fairley House, Archbishop's House, 2.00pm
	Fencing club, PPS hall, 4.00pm-5.00pm
Thu 14 th Sept:	Y9 netball vs Thames Christian College, away (Battersea
	Sports Centre), 2pm
	Running Club, Regent's Park, 12.50-1.30pm
	Weight Training Club, PPS changing rooms, 12.50-1.30pm
Fri 15 th Sept:	Year 9, 6-a-side football tournament, Ibstock Place School,
	1.30pm-5.00pm





Enrichment — First Half of Autumn Term 2023		
Activity	Staff	Room
Climbing	AZE & LVW	Offsite. Meet Room 1 at 1.30pm
Digital Drawing	LDE & CHU	Art Studio 1
F45 Fitness	CBY & EKA	Offsite—meet outside PP at 1.50pm
Fencing	PZA & JVA	Change in PE at 1.50pm then R11
Glee Club	CBO & AJU	Room1
Horse Riding	AIS	Offsite—meet PE changing rooms at 1.20pm
Museum Investigators	PLE	Room 10
Netball	ННА	Offsite—meet PE corridor at 1.50pm
Polymer Clay	CFL & FSY	Room 35
Robotics	MMC & TTO	Room 33
Senior Football	SRI, JKU & LST	Offsite—meet PE corridor at 1.50pm
Strive & FPQ	SSA	Room 22
Table Tennis	RAL	PP Hall
Table Top Gaming	DBL	LAB1
Ultimate Frisbee	JWH & RLE	Offsite—meet outside PP at 1.50pm
Velo Park	TTC, HIS & WBR	Offsite –meet outside GPS at 1pm





Clubs for Autumn Term 2023

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
Monday	12:50-13:15	Y11 Chemistry Revision	HSI	Science Lab 2	11
Monday	12:50-13:45	String Ensemble	R H'white	R1	All
Monday	12:50-13:45	Russian Club	PZA	В3	All
Monday	12:50-13:45	Italian Club	TLA	R23	All
Monday	12:50-13:45	Rock Band	DMC	R2	All
Monday	12:50-13:45	Mandarin	TLA	G34	All *
Monday	13:20-13:45	Board Games	DFL & ECO	R11	6 – 9
Monday	16:00-17:00	Karate Club	PE	PP Hall	All
Monday	16:00-17:15	Football Club	PE	Regents Park	All
Monday	16:00-17:15	Netball Club	PE	Regents Park	All
Tuesday	12:50-13:50	GCSE Art Club (Hybrid only)	LDE	Art Studio 1	HS 10 & 11
Tuesday	12:50-13:15	Y11 Biology Revision	RLE	Science Lab 2	11
Tuesday	12:50-13:45	Spanish Club	CFL	G34	All
Tuesday	13:10-13:45	Table Tennis Club	PE	PP Hall	All
Tuesday	13:15-13:45	PPS Choir	SHI & CBO	R1	All
Tuesday	15:45-16:45	French Club	TLA & CFL	R36	All
Tuesday	16:00-17:00	Macbeth Rehearsals	RAL & AJU	Drama Stu- dio	Invite only
Tuesday	16:00-17:00	Design Club	MJO & JVA	B1	All
Wednesday	12:50-13:30	Y7 Haunted House Rehearsals	RAL	Drama Stu- dio	7
Wednesday	12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club	ZBO	R42	All
Wednesday	12:50-13:50	GCSE Drama Club	AJU	Drama Stu- dio	10 & 11
Wednesday	12:50-13:45	Percussion Ensemble	J Morrison	R2	All
Wednesday	13:10-13:45	GCSE PE Revision Club	PE	GPS tbc	10 & 11
Wednesday	16:00-17:00	Fencing Club	External Coach	PP Hall	Sign up with PE





Clubs for Autumn Term 2023

Day 1	ime	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
Thursday	12:50-13:45	Woodwind Ensemble	S Sarvamaa	R1	All
Thursday	12:50-13:40	Weight Training Club	PE	Changing Rooms	All
Thursday	12:50-13:40	Running Club	PE	Regents Park	All
Thursday	12:50-13:15	Y10 Science Revision (Combined & Triple)	FKH	Science Lab 2	10
Thursday	12:50-13:50	GCSE Art Club	тмо	Art Studio 1	10 & 11
Thursday	12:50-13:45	Digital Hub	SEN Dept	R33	All
Thursday	12:50-13:15	Y11 Physics Revision	WBR	Science Lab 3	11
Thursday	16:00-17:00	PPS Chamber Choir	СВО	R1	All by audition
Thursday	16:00-17:00	Design Club	MJO & JVA	B1	All
Thursday	16:00-17:15	Girls Basketball Club	PE	Church St Sport Centre	All
Thursday	16:00-17:00	Art Club	TMO & LDE	Art 1 & 2	Invite only **
Friday	08:30-09:00	LGBT+ Club	TLA	R23	All
Friday	12:50-13:45	Brass Ensemble	W Brown	R2	All
Friday	12:50-13:45	Japanese	TLA	G34	All*
Friday	12:50-13:30	Y10 Science Revision (Combined & Triple)	DBL	Science Lab 1	10

** Art Scholarship holders must attend

Autumn Term 2023

Staff Inset:	Thurs 31 August (closed to students)
New Students:	Fri 1 September
Term Starts:	Mon 4 September (all other students)
Half Term:	Mon 16 October—Friday 27 October
End of Term:	Fri 15 December
Christmas Holiday	Mon 18 December—Fri 5 January 2024

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