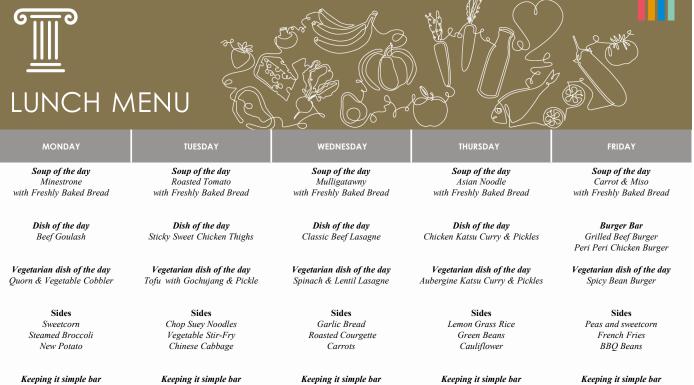


Lunch Menu

w/c 4th December



Pasta & Jackets with a choice of 2 Homemade sauces

> **Dessert** Apple & Berry Crumble with Custard Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

Keeping it simple bar Jackets with a choice of 2 Homemade Toppings, Baked Beans and Cheese

Dessert Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt **Dessert** Vanilla Shortbread Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

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> **Dessert** Eton Mess Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

For allergen information, please ask a member of the team.





DATES FOR The diary

TUES 5 DEC - CAROL SERVICE, ST Marylebone Church, 11.15AM

TUES 5 DEC - LOWER SCHOOL XMAS Party, PPS Hall, 4.00PM

THURS 7 DEC - LANGUAGES DAY & CAKE SALE, PPS HALL

MON 11 DEC - CHRISTMAS CONCERT, REGENT HALL, 6.30PM

WEDS 13 DEC - CHRISTMAS LUNCH, DINING HALL

FRI 15 DEC - END OF TERM

TUES 9 JAN '24 - SPRING TERM STARTS (INSET DAY FOR STAFF MON 8 JAN)



Children, Parents & Carers in years 7-9 Please join us at Somerset House for an evening of Ice Skating 4th December the 6pm session Meeting at Somerset House at 5.30pm Please book tickets direct from Somerset House More Details Somerset House More details on Classlist! We look forward to seeing you there!

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IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Our school uniform store and online/warehouse service will close from 22nd Dec -1st Jan 2024. Any online orders will be fullfilled upon our return on 2nd Jan. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas!





Science Christmas Chemistinee Competition

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Science Christmas Chemistree competition will be taking place in lessons during the last week of the termofor Years 7.08 & 9.

We are looking for creativity and the prettiest, merriest Christmas Chemistrees. With house points up for grabs!







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I had a great day.







December Kindness

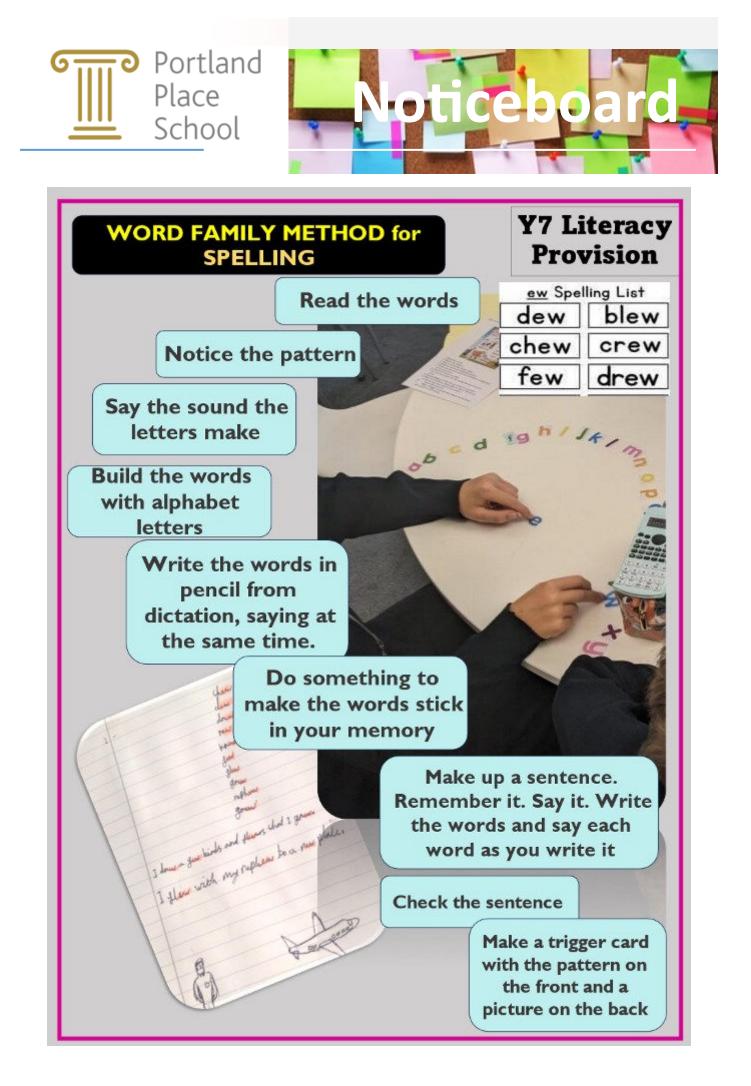
Engaging in acts of kindness during December is a wonderful way to spread cheer, warmth, and goodwill during the holiday season. They don't have to be grand gestures; even small acts can have a significant impact on someone's day.

Below are a few ideas, one for each day of the month, that we can incorporate into our routine to spread joy.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

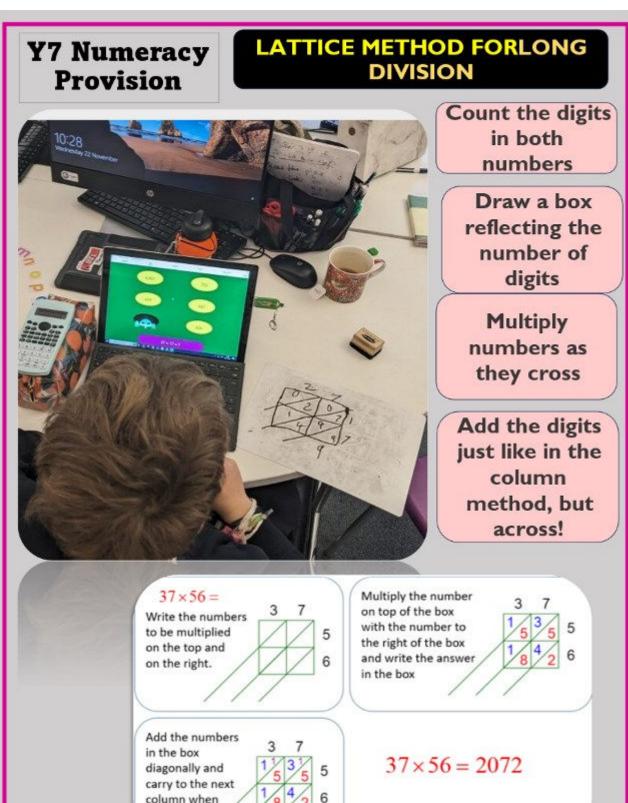
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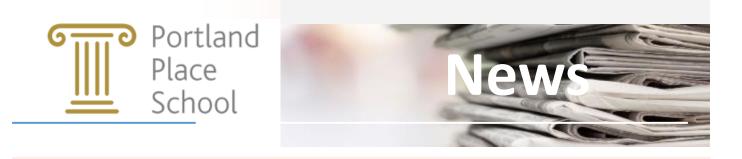
This Languages Day we are going for the theme, Dress up as a Word! Choose a word in a foreign language and be creative with it! The idea is that students can learn new words and exchange words from their own vocabulary. You will be allowed to dress up in the colours of a flag from your country. Dressing up is mandatory for Y7, but of course all years are strongly encouraged to take part, too!

There will be an **International Cake Sale** in PPS Hall during break time so feel free to bring your own cake from your own country! Cakes may also be that of the colours of your flag as well! Note they must be <u>nut free</u> (**please pay in advance via Parent Pay, £2.00 per piece of cake.** No cash can be accepted on the day).

All money will go to the "**Make a Wish"** Foundation for children diagnosed with critical conditions who can have a wish come true (**£2.00 as a minimum suggested donation**).

Mr Lalande





HOUSE 'HARVEST HAMPER' COLLECTION

Over the next few weeks the Student Leadership team are collecting items for a House Hamper competition.

It is the time of year where we spend time with our families eating food and celebrating each other. Unfortunately not everyone can celebrate in the same way, so the Student Leadership team are asking you to donate to those who are in need at this time.

Donations can include non-perishable items of food (tins, tea, coffee, UHT milk, long-life juice, pasta sauce, jams and spreads) and nonfood items such as nappies, shower gel, deodorant and shampoo.

Items and hampers will be donated to local food banks.

Please drop your donations to Mr Lee in the Science office in GPS 2nd Floor so he can record your name, items and House to allocate your points!

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Last day for donations is Tuesday 12th December.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity!

Mr Lee



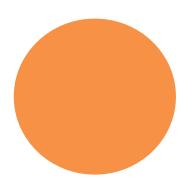
The Student Council thank all of you for your donations for **Muffi Day** this week!

Our grand total raised for **Children in Need** will be shared next week after it has been counted.

We urge you now not to forget the **Harvest House Hampers**!

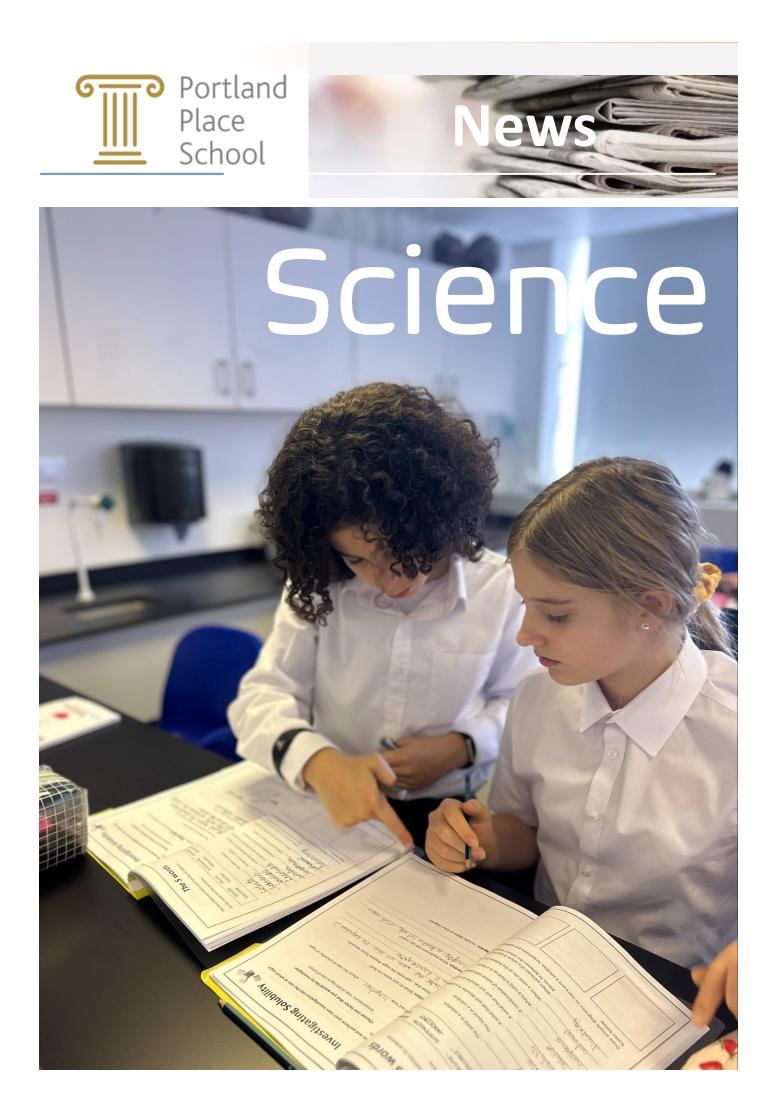
Thank you very much for your generous contributions and support,

Mr Lee and the Student Leadership Team











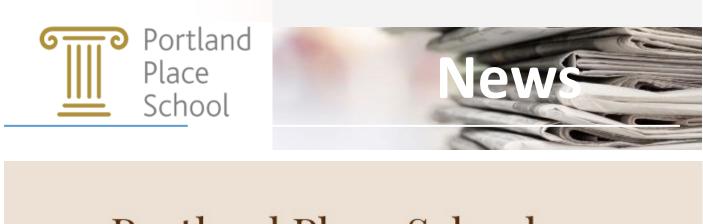


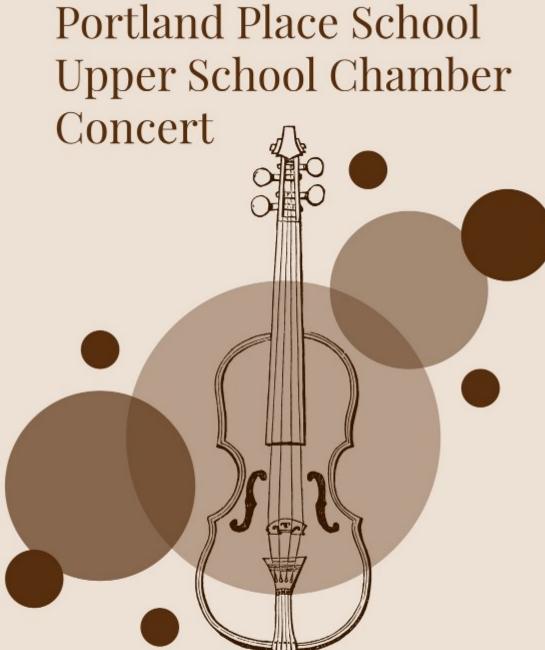
Well done to Year 7 who worked so well together whilst planning a practical! Super stars!





Ms Silcocks





Thursday 23rd November



On Thursday 23rd November we presented the first main Music event of the academic year with the **Upper School Chamber Concert**.

Students from Years 10 and 11 stepped up to perform and the quality of each one was fantastic.

We had students studying GCSE Music and also those who just wanted to participate, and they demonstrated their skills and proficiency to a packed PPS Hall.

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part, and thanks to the parents, family, friends, students, and staff who came along to support.

Mr Hill



























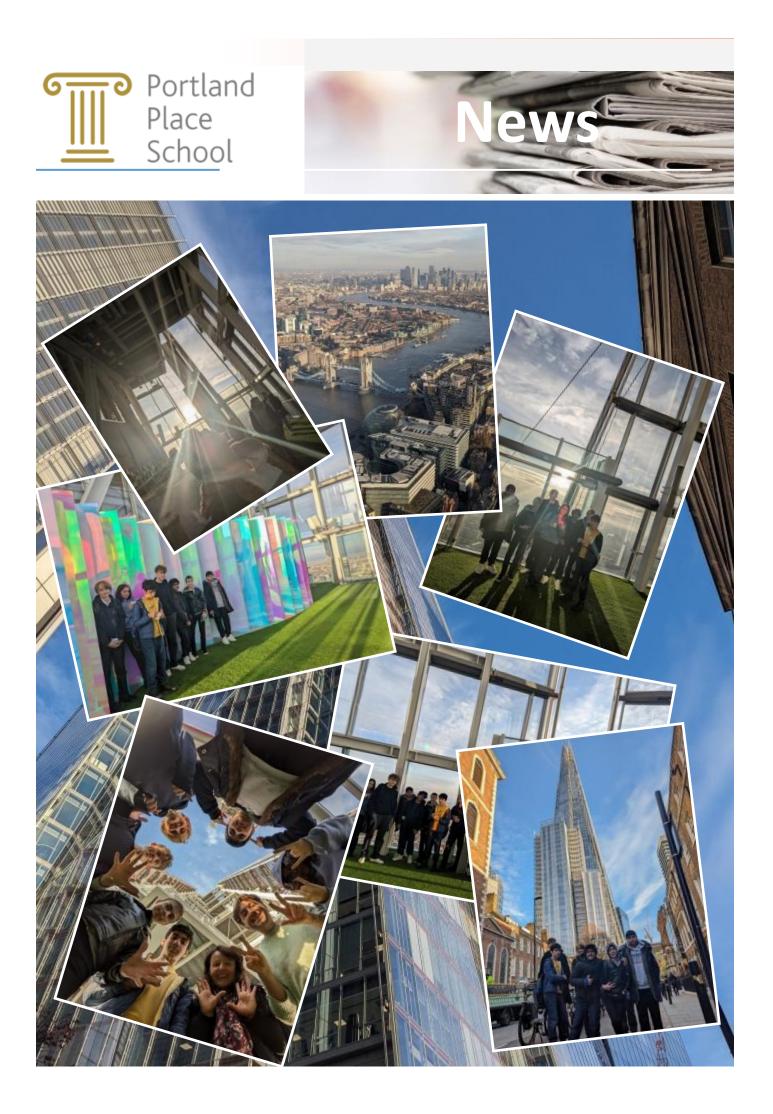




This week we visited the iconic Shard! This building is not only the highest in Europe (similar to the Eiffel Tower, 310m high) but it's also such an impressive example of modern architecture. The two lifts that we had to take took us to the 32nd and then 68th floor in less than a minute! Once at the top, the sun was beaming and "the view from the Shard" really lived up to its name. What an incredible view of London and it's surroundings. All the buildings that had climbed this week looked so small around us- who would have thought that Tower Bridge could look so small from up there?! We bought ice cream and finished our climb via the stairs, reaching the final outdoor platform. Fun fact: the toilets on the top floor have no curtains and are open onto the sky, so it's quite an experi ence tool

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On 16 and 22nd November, our 9 students took part in two workshops: 1) CLIMATE CHANGE AND ANIMALS 2) OBSERVING ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR Enjoy watching!

Effects of the CLIMATE CHANGE

- Draughts Rising sea levels
- Floods Extreme weather
- events Land degradation

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Global Warming an increase in the average temperature of the Earth





Personal choices to reduce your contribution to climate change







Thank you to Ray for saving the Year 7 English lesson by sharing his Century Tech Know how with all :-) Ms O'Leary

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Would like to thank Mr Akhtar for helping me when was confused and also for being loads of fun. Christian – Hybrid Y9

Thank you, Idrees, for your wonderful participation and positivity during the Touch Typing Club. You are a superstar!

Mr Horsley was very kind to me. He was kind to me as in the last week of term I will not be here. But, we had a History project to do, so I spoke to him and he said that I could just message it to him separately which was kind.





Y11 House Football

After the first attempt to run this tournament had to be abandoned due to a monumental downpour, the Y11's finally got their house football competition played at Regent's Park. The boys took part in a round-robin, with each match lasting 14-minutes. It was a very high scoring contest, despite being played on small-sided pitches, with smaller goals.

The quality of play improved steadily throughout the rounds, and the final two games were by far the best of the tournament.

Round 1

Cavendish v Devonshire – this was an 8-0 demolition job from Cavendish with **Miles** scoring 4 times, **Todd** 3 times and **Maxim** once. Devonshire were caught out by the pace of movement and passing of the yellows, and it was plain that Cavendish were hot favourites to win the whole contest.

Langham v Wigmore – Langham got their campaign off to a strong start with a 4-0 defeat of Wigmore. Albert looked strong up front, receiving plenty of ball from Ethan S and Sonny S. Albert and Sonny scored once, with Ethan claiming a brace.







Round 2

Cavendish vs Wigmore – It was more of the same from Cavendish as they swept Wigmore aside. Both Miles and Todd claimed a hatrick each, with Maxim adding the final goal of their 7-0 victory.

Devonshire vs Langham – This match-up provided the first draw of the afternoon though Langham looked the most likely to take the win for much of the game. Ethan's opener was nullified by **Lucas**, whose equaliser earned Devonshire their first point.

Round 3

Devonshire v Wigmore – This was an exciting and close match for these two houses. Both had lost heavily to Cavendish but were evenly matched in this encounter. Sonny's opener looked as if it might earn them the full three points, but **Isaiah's** equaliser reduced it to just one.

Cavendish v Langham – In the final game of the tournament, Langham knew they needed nothing short of a win to prevent a rampant Cavendish side from running away with the title. For most of the first half the match looked finely balanced, but Todd's opener for Cavendish was soon capitalised on as Miles and Maxim both found the back of the net and Todd added a second.











Final Standings

Position	Points	Goal Difference
Cavendish	9	+18
Langham	4	0
Devonshire	2	-7
Wigmore	1	-11

Congratulations to Cavendish who were the outstanding side in this tournament! Cavendish team: Ethan K, Miles, Todd, Maxim, Max and Charlie.

Top Goal Scorers

Albert (Langham) 1 Ethan (Langham) 3 Isaiah (Devonshire) 1 Lucas (Devonshire) 1 Maxim (Cavendish) 3 Miles (Cavendish) 8 Sonny (Wigmore) 2 Todd (Cavendish) 8



U15 Football vs Thames Christian College

On a chilly Friday afternoon, Portland's Year 10's, with help from some of the Year 9's, hosted TCC at the hybrid pitch on Regent's Park. The Thames squad looked to be a strong one, with some confident, pacy players that looked good on the ball and began the match with some confident passing from the back. Portland had a strong defensive line-up with **Max D** and **Harrison** at centre back, **Max C** at right back and **Sachin** at left back. They pressed and tackled strongly right from the start, and with **Olly** at defensive midfield, looked to be a tough unit to break down. Winning the ball back from a TCC attack, they hit the visitors on the break. The combination of **Humphrey** on the right and **Tec** up the middle seemed more that their defence could cope with, and Portland were able to continually send both players through, behind the defence. Tec opened the scoring from Humphrey's ball from the by-line and within seventeen minutes Tec and scored a hatrick! With **Rafer** also finding the back of the net, PPS were leading 4-0 and the away side were in disarray. TCC hit back just before the break after a high, long ball was not dealt with and PPS knew they would need to withstand an all-out attack in the second half.

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TCC started the half brightly and looked determined to sustain possession in the PPS half, but a combination of their own impatience and Portland's defensive work meant that they soon relinquished the ball and were once again forced to retreat as PPS counter attacked. Nevertheless, it was the visitors who scored first in the second half after being awarded a penalty from a corner.

Only a few minutes later, Tec, who had already made two appeals for a penalty, was clipped from a reckless challenge and given the opportunity to shoot from the penalty spot. He claimed his 4th and TCC knew their comeback was not going to materialise. In the dying seconds **Jake** received the ball on the edge of the area and hit a sweet, curling right footed shot into the top right corner. The keeper had no chance and Portland congratulated Jake on a wonderful goal as the final whistle blew.

This was a superb performance from Portland, with every player making a massive contribution. The whole squad remained focused and displayed tremendous physicality throughout. Tactically, the boys showed great decision making, identifying weaknesses in the TCC back four and continually exploiting them.

Man of the match: **Tec**: he scored four goals and wreaked havoc in the TCC defence with his strong running and shooting.





Cagey Moments Didn't Stop Seniors From Victory

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It was a tight and tense affair when Portland Place Senior football team came up against a valiant Maida Vale team. It was a bright start by the PPS squad who came out of the blocks at a rate of knots. The weather was cold but crisp and so was the passing between **Todd** and **Ethan S** in the middle of the park. With **Maxim** and **Lucas** playing in the wider areas of the pitch, Portland Place looked to stretch the opposing defence, and this is something that created the first goal.

After a strong and powerful tackle by **Leo B, Max**, who slid the ball forward to Ethan, picked up the ball. Taking full control, he looked up and spotted a fantastic run by **Miles**; the pass inch perfect, Miles didn't have to break stride running on the retreating goalkeeper and with a slice of the right boot, the ball soared over the keeper and into the goal.

The squad needed the opening; it was with this that PPS started to gain more confidence with both Maxim and Lucas enjoying some success down their wings. With both **Ethan K** and **Max C** providing some needed support, PPS were playing some of the best football that had been seen this year. The concentration was high with very little ball being misplaced and it seemed that this could be a large win for the home side but the half time whistle came at the wrong time, a time when PPS were on top.

The second half started a bit cagier with Maida Vale coming out strong. It was the away side who scored the first goal: a fantastic sprint through the back line where **Charlie** and **Leo** were unable to intercept the pass and the attacker took full advantage as he chipped over **Sam** in goal. This spurred Portland on with captain, Ethan S screaming at their team with encouragement. It worked; PPS were on full attack, breaking down the defence with considerable ease, forcing the keeper into some fantastic saves.





It wasn't long until Portland got the goal that they deserved. A lovely cross-field ball from Todd got Maxim on the run. A fantastic first touch pushed the ball past the defender before he laid the ball on a tee for Miles to get his right foot round it and into the top corner.

With the minutes running down, tensions were high, tackles were flying in, and Portland were holding on to their small lead. Hold onto it they did and it was celebrated with huge cheers.

It was a fantastic performance by the senior team who will now play North Bridge this week in a fixture seen as a revenge after their loss in the first game of the season.



U13 & 14's Battle to the End

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On a very cold evening just outside of the Emirates, Portland Place's U13/14 girls were unlucky to be defeated by Northbridge Canonbury.

The students who were sporting the new football kit for the first time, started off extremely well, putting pressure on their opposition, pushing them to pass the ball back to the keeper a number of times with both **Mia** and **Leila** putting a number of shots at the goal.

It was a great start with the team passing the ball round nicely between each other and creating some problems for the Canonbury defence, who were chasing the ball like lost sheep. With all this attack, it was inevitable for there to be a goal and it came through a fantastic long distance shot from **Bibi**, who took the ball in the middle of the pitch and struck the ball into the bottom corner. This seemed to wake up PPS's opponents who started to break a bit more past our defence and it started to show. Some tired legs began to miss the chances they had before, and PPS became second to the ball on a number of occasions. Even after going a number of







goals down there was no letting up by the Portland Place squad, who continued to pile on the pressure. With a couple of subs coming on, there was immediate impact as **Helena** took the ball through the scrambling defence and slid it past the keeper.

It wasn't the final goal for either team. With **Lucy** holding her own at the back, helping **Farida** in goal and being supported by **Kansas** in midfield, Portland Place definitely finished the game the better team. With the final whistle coming ever closer it was a fabulous goal by Mia that ended the scoring. A team goal, which saw **Zaya** dribble past her defender before squaring it to Mia who slammed the ball in the net.

It wasn't the result that the girls wanted but it most definitely was a fantastic performance by the squad who continue to improve with every game.



U14's Perform Spectacularly to Take Victory

The sun was shining, the cold air was freezing the faces, and it was a perfect performance by Portland Place's U14's team who came out victors against Maida Vale 3-0. It was a grudge match of massive proportions as this was a 3-3 thriller earlier in the season, and with Humphrey as captain, Portland Place were itching to get the victory.

The game started at a furious pace, which caught ref, Mr Steward, off guard as Portland Place went for the jugular straight from the start. With **Tom, Spike, Finn** and **Humphrey** controlling the midfield, PPS were happy to break down the sides and fling balls into the middle for **Oba** and **Tyler** to connect with. The attacking two wee continuously on the move and looked to break down the goalkeeping door but it was Humphrey who took the ball from Spike on the edge of the box and hit the ball with his left foot, round a defender and into the top corner.

There was no let off for Maida Vale, who occasionally made progress up the field only to be stopped by **Eddie** and **Harrison** in the middle of the defence. The back four held strong and it allowed **Henry** and **Mohammad** to push forward. After a great break down the left from **Finn** and Mohammad it was the resulting corner that saw joyous celebrations come as Harrison stuck his head on the ball and netted the second goal.

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The half time whistle came and there were some very happy faces in the PPS huddle. **Taishi** was to come in for Spike and he made an immediate impact. After a lovely piece of goalkeeping from **Dexter**, Taishi broke down the right before opening up the defence with a pass to Tyler in the clear. Tyler couldn't miss and broke Maida Vale hearts with a low drive past the keeper.

This wasn't the final piece of goalkeeping the Maida Vale player had to make as Portland carried on with their attacks, constantly knocking on the door but Maida Vale were able to barricade the gates and stop any more going in.

It was possibly the best game of football that the U14's had played and it was a fantastic result for the students.







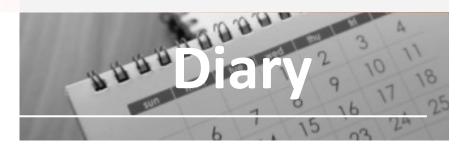




NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS & FIXTURES

Mon 4 th Dec:	Year 8 netball Maida Vale Mini Tournament, Wood Lane, 1.45pm
	Year 8&9 football vs North Bridge House Senior, Regent's Park,
	2.00pm
	Football club, Westway, 3.50-5.40pm
	Karate Club, PPS Hall, 4.00-5.00pm
Tue 5 th Dec:	Year 7 netball Maida Vale Mini Tournament, Wood Lane, 1.45pm
Wed 6 th Dec:	GCSE PE Revision Club, G21, 1.10 – 1.45pm
	Year 10 netball Maida Vale Mini Tournament, Wood Lane,
	1.45pm
Thu 7 th Dec:	Table tennis club, PPS Hall, 1.10-1.45pm,
	Running Club, Regent's Park, 12.50-1.30pm
	Weight Training Club, PPS changing rooms, 12.50-1.30pm
	Year 9 netball Maida Vale Mini Tournament, Wood Lane, 1.45pm
	Year 7&8 table tennis vs North Bridge House Canonbury, away,
	4.00pm
	Basketball Club, Seymour Centre, 4.00-5.15pm
Fri 8 th Dec:	





Enrichment — Second Half of Autumn Term 2023							
Activity	Staff	Room					
Additional Maths	ΠΟ	G21					
Climbing	AZE & LVW	Offsite—meet outside PP 13:30					
Digital Drawing	LDE & CHU	Art Room 1					
F45 Fitness	CBY & MJO	Offsite—meet outside PP 13:50					
Fencing	PZA & JVA	Change in PE at 1:50 then to PPH					
Final Cut Pro	SSA & SBI	G31					
Glee Club	CBO & AJU	Room 1					
Horse Riding	JWO & KOL	Offsite—meet in Dining Room					
London Zoo	ECO & FKH	Offiste—meet in Library 13:20					
Netball	ННА	Offsite—meet in PE corridor 13:50					
Polymer Clay	CFL & FSY	Room 35					
Robotics	MMC & RLE	Room 33					
Senior Football	SRI, JKU & LST	Offsite—meet in PE corridor 13:50					
Table Tennis	RAL & PLE	Drama Studio					
Table Top Gaming	DBL	Lab 1					
Tall Buildings of London	TLA & DFL	Offsite—meet in Library 13:50					
Velo Park	TTC,WBR & HSI	Offsite—meet outside GPS 13:00					
Yoga	MTH & KPA	Room 11					





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	R2	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	Woodwind Ensemble	S Sarvamaa	R1	All
Monday	12:50-13:45	Mandarin	TLA	G34	All *
Monday	13:10-13:45	Table Tennis Club	PE	PP Hall	All
Monday	13:20-13:45	Board Games	DFL & ECO	R11	6 – 9
Monday	13:20-13:45	Business Studies Clinic	JMA	G21	10 & 11
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	13:15-13:45	PPS Choir	SHI & CBO	R1	All
Tuesday	12:50-13:45	Guitar Group /Rock Band	DMC	R2	All
Tuesday	13:10-13:45	Speed Learning – GCSE Geographers	KOL	10	10 & 11
Tuesday	15:45-16:45	French Club	TLA & CFL	R36	All
Tuesday	16:00-17:00	Macbeth Rehearsals	RAL & AJU	Drama Studio	Invite only
Tuesday	16:00-17:00	Design Club	AVI & OIM	B1	All
Wednesday	08:00-08:30	Essay Building Skills	MTH	G33	10 & 11





** Art Scholarship holders must attend						
Wednesday	12:50-13:30	Y7 Haunted House Rehearsals	RAL	Drama Studio	7	
Wednesday	12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club	ZBO	R42	All	
Wednesday	12:50-13:50	GCSE Drama Club	AJU	Drama Studio	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	
Thursday	12:50-13:20	Y 11 English Language Intervention	JWO	G22	Y11	
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 (Combi & 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	13:10-13:45	History Revision	PLE	G21	10 & 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	08:00-08:30	Geography Revision	EWE	10	11	
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 (Combi & Triple)	DBL	Science Lab 1	10	

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