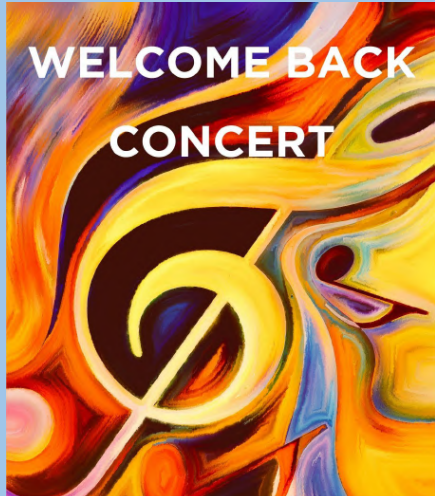


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Open Evening and Open Mornings 2026 To any parents who have Year 6 children a reminder that our Open Evening is taking place from 4pm on Wednesday 30 September. Also, there is the opportunity to book a place on one of our Open Mornings for those parents who would like to visit during the school day. Tours have limited spots and are likely to fill up quickly so please do book a spot. Booking will open on Monday via our website here. End of Day Safety Reminder To ensure the safety and security of all our students, please remind your children that they must leave the school site promptly at the end of the day unless they are attending a supervised, organised after-school activity. Students are not permitted to remain on site unsupervised after hours. If your child is taking part in a club or extra-curricular session, they are expected to head straight home as soon as their activity finishes. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school site safe. Student Enrichment - Lunchtime & After School Activities Please see <i>attached</i> to this week's Newsletter a copy of our Student Enrichment Timetable. We'll be adding this to the website soon and sharing more details in the Newsletter. Please have a look at it with your child. Annual Behaviour Policy Update Governors have reviewed and approved our Behaviour Policy for September 2026. As part of our annual requirement to share this policy with parents and carers, please be advised that it is available to view on the school website here.	Headteacher's Message School & Departmental News & Notices Safeguarding Information Calendar <table> <tr> <td>23/09</td><td>Welcome to Year 7 Event</td></tr> <tr> <td>23/09</td><td>Welcome to Year 12 Event</td></tr> <tr> <td>30/09</td><td>Open Evening for Y6 Children & Families</td></tr> </table> Leave Feedback at Fortismere here  WELCOME BACK CONCERT THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026 at 6.00 PM FORTISMERE SCHOOL CONCERT SERIES DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MATT WATSON MUSIC CONCERT HALL, FORTISMERE SCHOOL, N10 1NS STANDARD TICKET £10 FUNDRAISER £15 STUDENTS £5 TICKETS: www.fortismerecentre.co.uk Book tickets here	23/09	Welcome to Year 7 Event	23/09	Welcome to Year 12 Event	30/09	Open Evening for Y6 Children & Families
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Headteacher's Message

Following on from our Year 11 evening last week, it was a real pleasure to welcome our Year 10 parents and carers on Wednesday evening. Meeting tutors and setting out expectations as students embark on their GCSE journeys is such a pivotal moment. Year 10 have made a brilliant start to the term, but building strong school-home partnerships from Day 1 is key to keeping this momentum going.

During the evening, we highlighted the importance of establishing steady revision habits early on, such as building incremental knowledge, using central Google Classroom revision tasks, and implementing a daily tech amnesty for social media during study sessions. While academic rigor is vital, we also want our learners to approach Key Stage 4 in a healthy, measured way. We discussed managing stress, recognising when pressure builds up, and ensuring study is balanced with regular breaks, sleep, and physical activity.

We are very much looking forward to our formal welcome to Year 7 and Year 12 parents next Wednesday!

Preparations are underway for our Open Evening events as we prepare to welcome prospective families. This year, we are hosting three Open Mornings on 6th, 7th, and 8th October, offering interested Year 6 parents the chance to book dedicated slots to tour the school in action. Booking details are shared on the front page of today's Newsletter.

It has also been wonderful to see our Autism ARP (Additionally Resourced Provision) fully up and running. Students are enjoying engaging with their learning in a tailored, supportive hub, while also stepping confidently into mainstream classrooms and integrating into the wider school community.

In other news, look out for more opportunities to come into school this term. We are hoping many of you will be able to attend the Music Department's Welcome Back Concert. If you haven't experienced a Fortismere Music event before, do come. They are joyous events and the talent on display is always incredible.

I hope you enjoy all the news this week's update brings you from Fortismere and wish you all a lovely restful weekend!

Friends of Fortismere

Fortismere Funfair & Laser Show - Thursday 5th November 5pm-9pm

Save the date! We're excited to announce that Fortismere's annual Funfair is back with a brand-new Laser & Quiet Fireworks Show! It's all happening on the Field from 5pm, with the show starting at 8pm.

-  Adrenaline rides & family rides
-  Candy floss & sweets
-  Food trucks
-  Hot chocolate, mulled wine a fully stocked bar
-  A spectacular laser and quiet fireworks show set to music - a first for Fortismere!

The new show is in response to feedback from neighbours over the years, and we're excited to try something different. We think it's going to be very impressive! Please put the date in your diary as we'll be looking for volunteers to help on the night.

You can get involved now and earn £15 for the school by signing up for a Martyn Gerrard board.

We're incredibly grateful to Martyn Gerrard for supporting the event once again. They're offering the school £15 for every Fortismere family or friend who signs up to display an event advertising board outside their property. **Sign up using [this link here](#) by Thursday 24 September**

And our poster competition is also underway! If they haven't already started, encourage your children to get designing - two free funfair rides for the winning poster! Entries to Art teachers by 24 September

Year 7 Notice

Year 7 Welcome Afternoon - Wednesday 23rd September 4pm-6pm

Join us on Wednesday to meet your child's tutor and the Key Stage 3 team. **Arrival at 4pm** via the Tetherdown Gate and **Walk to South Wing Reception** for directions to your child's tutor room.

Please make a note of child's tutor room:

7X1 Mr M Broadbent - Lab 3	7Y1 Ms S Depala - Lab 2	7Z1 Dr L Obosi - Lab 7
7X2 Mr T McRill - Lab 5	7Y2 Dr L Charalambous - Lab 8	7Z2 Ms N De Freitas - Lab 1
7X3 Ms A Hall - Lab 6	7Y3 Mr A Hasan - S22	7Z3 Mr M Hawkes - Lab 4

Programme:

4pm-4.45pm: Tutor session in tutor rooms	Tutors will share essential information about Fortismere and how we'll support your child's transition to secondary school.
4.45pm-6pm: South Wing Hall	Come to the Hall for free refreshments (tea and cake baked by the Canteen), meet other Y7 parents/carers and hear brief presentations from: Ms Fox (Head of Year 7), Ms Brooks (Assistant Headteacher) and the Friends of Fortismere PTA

Please note: This event is for parents/carers only. Please arrange childcare if needed.

Music Notices

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

Well done to all the students who attended their first music lesson of term this week. Next week all instrumental and vocal lessons will be running. Parents/carers will receive an email today confirming that timetables have been added to the teacher's Google Classroom. Check your junk mailbox if you can't see it. Students must accept the invitation to the Classroom to see their timetable and messages about lessons.

School of Rock Saturday Instrumental Lessons

These are starting tomorrow, Saturday 19th September.

Junior and Youth Choirs - Music Concert Hall

Students can still join - Youth Choir Monday lunchtimes, Junior Choir after school Mondays.

Welcome Back Music Concert - Thursday 1st October 2026 at 6pm

Tickets are now on sale from our website [here](#)!

This concert is a fabulous way, especially for new parents and carers, to see the amazing musical talent of our students and hear the Junior and Youth Choirs.



Sport & PE Notices

Year 10 Boys Football - What a Great Start to the Season!

Congratulations to our Year 10 Boys Football team for an outstanding **4-2 victory** against Wren Academy Enfield in a thriller of a match last Thursday!

The game got off to a high-tempo start after a delayed arrival by the visitors. Wren Academy started confidently and scored within the first few minutes. But Fortismere were calm under pressure and Teddy responded almost immediately - scoring a clinical equaliser before doubling his tally shortly after to put us ahead. Wren fought back hard in the second half to level the scores at 2-2. Fortismere stayed disciplined and let their football do the talking and reclaimed the lead at 3-2. A decisive fourth Fortismere goal followed to seal a well-deserved 4-2 victory. Fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork from every player - well done!



PE & Sports Clubs

All after-school clubs have now started. Have a look at the timetable on the website [here](#) and encourage your child to come along and take part. There is a huge choice and participating is great for their mental and physical wellbeing. We select our teams to represent the school through club attendance.

A couple of changes to the timetable - Y7 Boys Football now on Mondays (not Tuesdays). GCSE Revision and Coursework Club now in S05 on Thursday lunchtimes (not after school on Thursdays)

PE Kit

PE Kit is looking very smart overall in lessons. A reminder that students need black or dark blue bottoms or shorts. Trainers must be worn. PE Kit is also required for all after school clubs.

Student Volunteers for Open Evening 30th September

We are looking for students who would like to come and play some sport on the afternoon of Open Evening while Y6 children and families tour the school. If your child would like to help with this please tell them to come to the PE office to enquire.

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 22nd September	Fortismere U16 Girls Middx Cup v Latymer (Home) 3.30 KO
Thursday 24th September	Fortismere U14 Girls Middx Cup v Queens Park (Home) 3.30 KO

Drama Department Notices

School of Rock: Rehearsals Week 2



Highlights from rehearsals this week: wonderful singing with some lovely harmonies from our performers, led by our brilliant music team: Charlie - Musical Director and Noa - Singing Coach, and our first dance rehearsal with our brilliant choreo team: Holly and Beatrice, who brought great energy into the room.

We are so grateful to have so many students on board and leading the way with positive energy, kindness, and their incredible skills and talents. There was a good atmosphere in the rehearsal spaces across the week and fantastic dedication and enthusiasm overall from the rehearsing cast.

Well done everyone!

School of Rock: Backstage and Tech Team



Students interested in being part of the School of Rock backstage team (who are not already performing in the show) should fill out this form with their preference for the production team:

<https://forms.gle/Si3BGQ23ASZBrjQp7>

Students must be logged into their Fortismere school account to access and complete the form.

Anyone interested in applying should read the roles carefully and apply for the ones they like the sound of. No experience is necessary, as we'll teach everyone what to do! Today (Friday 18th Sept) is the last day for signing up!

Inter-School Drama Festival: Weds 30th Sept, 3-6.30pm (Open Day)



We are back with our annual Inter-School Drama Festival, taking place on Wednesday 30th September 2026 (Open Day) from 3pm-6.30pm.

We are looking for at least 3 students from each form (except Y8) that will spend part of the day devising a performance with students from across the school. At the end of the evening, teams will take part in a friendly performance competition and the Headteacher will present a trophy to the winning play.

It is a great way for students to get creative, have fun, and meet students from across the school. Interested students should sign up with their form tutor or Drama teacher. We look forward to having everyone take part!

Art & Photography Notices

Fortismere Funfair & Laser Show Event - Poster Competition

The Friends of Fortismere are putting on a Funfair & Laser Show event in November and want students to create a design for the **Fortismere Funfair and Laser Show poster!** The winning design will be used to help promote the event and will WIN TICKETS FOR TWO FREE FUNFAIR RIDES!

Designs must include: *Friends of Fortismere presents Fortismere Funfair and Laser Show Thursday 5th November*

Email your design to Ms Powell (mpowell@fortismere.org.uk) or give it to your Art teacher **by Thursday 24th September**



LINC Notices

Parent & Carer Events

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent online **KS3 SEND Information Event**. It was nice to meet you all and I really valued the thoughtful questions and engagement throughout the session. A copy of the Powerpoint presentation will be made available in due course.

Year 7 Welcome Event - I will be attending the Year 7 welcome event next week, on 23 September. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you if you are also attending.

SEND Parent Drop-In Sessions - We are pleased to invite parents and carers to two drop-in sessions designed to provide information and support regarding SEND provision at Fortismere School.

Drop-In Session for Parents of Students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Date: Monday 28th September 2026. Time: 8:40am–9:30am

Location: Conference Room, Fortismere School

Drop-In Session for Parents of Year 7 Students on the SEND Register

Date: Monday 5th October 2026. Time: 8:40am–9:30am

Location: Conference Room, Fortismere School

These drop-in sessions will provide an opportunity to:

- Meet with the KS3 SENCo
- Learn about the support and provision available to students at Fortismere School
- Connect with other parents and carers within our SEND community
- Share experiences in an informal setting

We anticipate that these sessions will provide a supportive environment for parents and carers to feel informed and connected to our wider SEND community.

Please note: To ensure these sessions are beneficial for all attendees, we respectfully request that individual circumstances are not discussed and that children are not referred to by name. Parents and carers wishing to discuss their child's specific needs are invited to contact me separately to arrange an individual appointment.

To attend either of these events, please email LINC Admin at LINCAdmin@fortismere.org.uk, who will ensure that the gate and reception are aware of your attendance.

We look forward to welcoming you. Many thanks.
Ms Nankervis

Co-Curricular Notices

JSOC Notice: Dates for the Autumn Term



JSoc sessions are in North Wing Hall
at 1:05pm on Week 1 Tuesdays!

COMMUNITY / CULTURE / FRIENDSHIP

Tuesday 15 Sept	Welcome back and Rosh Hashanah celebration with honey cake. <i>Speaker – Abraham Effect.</i>
Tuesday 29 Sept	Sukkot celebration with Eden Primary school.
Tuesday 13 Oct	Speaker
Tuesday 10 Nov	Festival of Lights Session looking at Diwali.
Tuesday 24 Nov	Speaker – Habonim.
Tuesday 8 Dec	Hanukkah celebration with UJS.
Thursday 10th Dec 4pm	Hanukkah Candle lighting at Eden.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead about any safeguarding matters or concerns please contact Ms Sullivan on safeguarding@fortismere.org.uk

Alternatively you can make a safeguarding referral using *My Voice* [use this link](#) or the QR code. You can also contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Support Manager.

