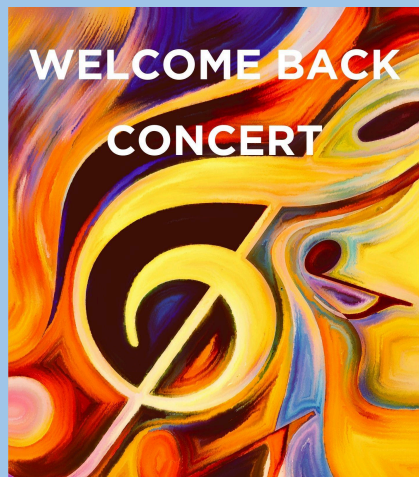


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Headteacher's Message

It was a real pleasure to welcome our Year 7 and Year 12 parents and carers to school this week for our welcome evenings. I hope you found it a valuable opportunity to spend time with your child's tutor and gain a clearer insight into what the coming year will bring, both academically and as part of the wider school community. Strong parent partnership is extraordinarily powerful; I firmly believe that this close collaboration between home and school is at the very heart of why our students go on to achieve such wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who attended. We very much appreciate your continued support.

I also want to express my gratitude for your understanding and backing this week while we implemented partial school closures to manage an issue that arose in North Wing. I am meeting regularly with the local authority to monitor progress on the necessary works, and we have put contingency plans in place through to the end of next week to ensure stability for everyone. We will continue to send full written updates directly to you, so please do keep a close eye on your email inboxes and ParentMail so we can keep you fully informed of progress and any potential tweaks to arrangements. There is a further update being sent to parents today.

Finally, I must praise our exceptional students. They have adapted to these sudden shifts with complete calm, flexibility, and maturity. Their conduct has been exemplary, though entirely what we have come to expect from our amazing young people.

I wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend.

Year 7 Notice

A Warm Welcome to our New Families

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Welcome to Year 7 event this week. With nearly 300 of you in attendance, it was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout! We hope you found the tutor group meetings informative, enjoyed hearing from Ms Judge, Ms Fox, Ms Brooks, and the Friends of Fortismere PTA, and appreciated the chance to connect with key staff and fellow Year 7 families. A special thank you to Friends of Fortismere and our canteen team for providing the delicious afternoon tea and cake.

It was lovely to meet so many of you, and we look forward to working together to support your children as they settle into life at Fortismere.

Ms Fox & Y7 Team

Year 12 Notice

Welcome to Year 12

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday for our Year 12 Welcome Evening. It was wonderful to meet so many of you and to see such a strong start to the year supporting our students as they begin their Sixth Form journey. During the afternoon, parents and carers had the opportunity to meet their young person's tutor and fellow Year 12 families. This was followed by a presentation from Mr Lewis (Deputy Director of Sixth Form – Year 12) and Ms Common (Director of Sixth Form).

You can view the presentation shared at the event [here](#)

Music Notices

Harp Lessons

Fortismere is now offering harp lessons! We are the only school in all of Haringey offering this amazing opportunity and our new harp teacher has space for new students this term. Anyone interested, please email Ms Morgan at mmorgan@fortismere.org.uk.

First Music Concert of the Year! Thursday 1st October 6.00pm

You are all warmly invited to come and see the amazing range of musical talent at Fortismere in our first concert of the school year. There are performances from the Junior and Youth Choirs, Big Band, Samba, vocal and instrumental soloists and more. **Tickets are now on sale from the Fortismere Music Centre website [here](#) or just pay on the door.** The bar will be open from 5.30 pm for pre-concert refreshments. All ticket and bar proceeds help to support our music making activities and music equipment.

School Ensembles

Please see the revised schedule of music activities below.

One of our new drum teachers Mr Blee will be running a new **Percussion Ensemble** so students are welcome to come to the first session and try it out on **Thursday 1.15-1.45 pm in Mu1**. No previous experience is required, just the ability to shake things and hit things with sticks (in a controlled sort of way!).

Guitar Ensemble is also beginning again next week, run by Mr Klimiuk, on **Tuesdays at 1.15 -1.45pm in Mu2**. All Year 7 and 8 students learning guitar should come along to the first session - it's a great way to supplement their lessons and join in some ensemble playing.

	Lunch (1.05-1.50pm)	After School (3.10-4.20pm)
Monday	Youth Choir (Y9+) Music Hall Wind Ensemble Mu4	Junior Choir (Y7/8) Music Hall Senior Band (Y9+) Mu2
Tuesday	Samba Music Hall Junior Guitar Ensemble (Y7/8) Mu2	GCSE Coursework Mu3
Wednesday	Senior Strings Music Hall	
Thursday	Junior Band Music Hall Percussion Ensemble Mu1	GCSE Coursework Mu3 Music Theory Mu2
Friday		Music Tech Mu3 (2.30pm-3.20pm)

Piano Masterclass - Opportunity for our Pianists

The first masterclass of the year will be given by pianist Thomas Hoppe on **Friday, 6th November from 4.30 - 5.30 pm in South Wing Hall**. Any advanced pianist can apply to take part in this fantastic opportunity - just send in [this form](#) by Friday 9th October with your grade level and the piece of music you'd like to play.

Sport & PE Notices

Under 16 Girls Middlesex Cup Match Report

On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 10/11 Girls Football team kicked off their Middlesex Cup campaign against a strong Latymer School side. Playing in warm conditions on a very hard pitch, the team took some time to settle into the match and find their rhythm. Latymer started fast and were highly organised, taking an early lead. Fortismere created several promising chances as the game went on but Latymer held firm to secure a 3-0 victory and they advanced to the next round. Despite the result, our players showed great determination and spirit throughout. Well done to everyone who took part for their hard work and great positive attitude!



Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 28th September	Haringey Schools Cross Country (All Years) New River Stadium 2pm
Wednesday 30th September	Open Evening - Volunteers welcome to help in PE Dept
Thursday 1st October	Year 8/9 Netball vHighgate Wood School 3pm

Fixtures and Clubs Not Affected by North Wing Works

Please note that if you are representing the school in a fixture or attending after school PE clubs - everything is still going ahead as planned. The sports hall, the field and the gym are not affected.

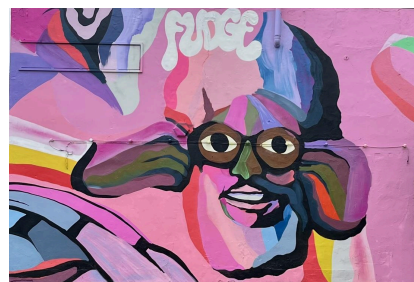
Local Community News

Art on Our Doorstep This Weekend

Local artist Ben Wilson is hosting an open studio event at his home and gardens this weekend.. For those unfamiliar with his work, Ben Wilson, also known as the "Chewing Gum Man" transforms discarded chewing gum left on pavements into detailed miniature paintings. Using a heat gun and acrylic paints, he turns gum into tiny, colorful works of art. You can spot his mini masterpieces around Muswell Hill and he is also a regular on the Millennium Bridge where he has painted hundreds of tiny creations right under people's feet. **On: 25-27th September 12-6pm at 78A Colney Hatch Lane N10 1EA**



Also keep an eye out for **a vibrant new artwork on Avenue Mews in Muswell Hill.** The stunning mural has been painted to celebrate the launch of *Fudge*, the upcoming album by musician and former Fortismere student Michael Kiwanuka. Michael grew up locally and attended Fortismere before going on to win critical acclaim for his truly extraordinary music. We were saddened to hear the news this week, that Michael is currently recovering from a stroke. The Fortismere community sends him our warmest wishes for a full recovery.



LINC Notices

Parent & Carer Events

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.

Co-Curricular Activities

Weaving Words Creative Writing Club

At the welcome event for Year 7 parents and carers earlier this week, I stood up to deliver a brief summary of the creative writing workshops I hold as an after school extra curricula activity in the library.

Looking out towards those friendly, expectant faces, I felt utterly tongue-tied and was unable to express my enthusiasm for this wonderful activity I facilitate to help young people write creatively. I have held these workshops for many years at Fortismere School and some Year 10s have been attending since they started in Year 7.

Creative writing can be an alternative, or an enhancement, to public speaking. The people who practice it enjoy the impact of expressing themselves with the written word. My students have told me that this activity has increased their self-confidence, their social skills and led to a greater writing fluidity in their academic work. In a world that relies heavily on technology, being in a room together writing and sharing ideas is an effective creative experience; a way to access and express our unique imagination and develop our own voice through the weaving of words. There is power in the pen!

Weaving Words takes place after school on Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on year group) from 3.20pm to 4.20pm. The cost is £170 per term. For more information please email: Weaving100words@gmail.com
Ms Massey

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 style 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 - we'll be starting ticket sales soon and looking for volunteers to help on the night.

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.

