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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 08 Year 9 Options Evening  
(5.30 - 7.30 PM. Atrium)
- 09 Student Photographs  
- All Year 9s  
(9 AM, Atrium)
- 12-16 Half Term Week
- 22 Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 28 Friends of Forest Hill Event - Quiz Night

### MARCH

- 29 Last day of Spring Term

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are enjoying the content of our weekly newsletter. We aim to include articles which reflect the wide range of activities which go on in school in the curriculum and beyond. We are always keen to receive your ideas and feedback and so please do get in touch about ways we could improve the newsletter.

On another issue, I wanted to write to reassure you regarding some newspaper articles you may have read last week relating to the publication of the 2017 School Performance Tables. Forest Hill was named, along with other schools in Lewisham, London and across the country as having a low Progress 8 score. This is one of the new school accountability measures. I acknowledged in the letter I sent with the recent Ofsted report that following a very difficult year our performance in these measures was below where we would like it to be. The information about these measures has been with schools in provisional form since last term and consequently our improvement plans have been focussed completely on improving student outcomes for the whole of this academic year.

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## Message from the Headteacher continued...

It is also worth saying that Ofsted were aware of this data when they inspected the school last term. It was part of the information they used in coming to their judgement which I must say, once again, I think is fair. As a school we knew before the inspection what our key improvement priorities were and raising outcomes is at the top of the list. The inspection team acknowledged in the report that a lot of work has already been done to address these priorities and that they could see achievement in the school is improving.

You have my assurance that we have an unwavering commitment to ensure this improvement is rapid and sustainable, and that every Forest Hill student is supported to reach for the stars.

Best wishes  
**Mike Sullivan**

## LIBRARY

### - CLBA (orange) certificates

Well done to Xander Yr7 and Archie Yr8, the first boys to complete the 5 titles in the 2018 Lewisham Book Award. More than 30 other boys are undertaking the challenge and all who complete it gain 25 e-praise and the chance to attend a special event, as well as the joy of reading 5 new books from a range of genres.

### - Library Monitors:

In assembly this week we belatedly awarded certificates to the library helpers (recruits, monitors and guardians) who faithfully assisted the library staff last term, with bonus e-praise for those who worked the hardest! At Christmas they were offered a choice of book and a chocolate bar to express our thanks. They shelve books, tidy the shelves and the library, issue books and release printing at the counter and look after the lunchtime queue when the library is full.

We definitely could not do it without them

- thank you so much gentlemen.



# THE FOREST HILL COLLECTIVE 🎵

Do you enjoy playing and trying out different instruments?

Do you enjoy working in a band and composing, improvising and remixing?

## The newly-formed Forest Hill Collective needs you!

*Wednesday lunchtimes in 244*

Bring your lunch and see Ms Heerey for a pass

