

# ams

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 24** Forest Hill Rocks - Friends of Forest Hill Event
- 25** Year 11 Parents' Evening
- 26** Student Photographs - All Year 11s (9 AM, Atrium)

### FEBUARY

- 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



## FOREST HILL ROCKS - This Wednesday!

Friends of Forest Hill School are calling on all parents to show the world that Forest Hill really does rock!

This is going to be a fantastic event showcasing some of the incredible music talent that the school has, and to raise money to keep that brilliant work going.

There will be a great cash bar on the night, plus a raffle with some fantastic prizes, including one of Ed Sheeran's shirts, tickets to some amazing shows, a personal, director-led guided tour of one of London's top galleries, and loads more besides! Raffle tickets will be on sale during the event.

**Date:** Wed 24 Jan

**Time:** 7 - 9.30pm.

**Venue:** Main Atrium, FHS

Tickets for the event available on the Parent Pay shop on the [FHS website](#), or on the door on the night.

Adults £5, Concessions £3, with a range of family tickets available too. All ages welcome!



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## OFSTED REPORT

Stakeholders will have received the Ofsted report published on 18th January – please click on school website link for full details:

<http://foresthill.lewisham.sch.uk/ofsted-report/>

## Student Photographs

Parents/carers of Year 11 and Year 9 students, please be aware that student photographs will be taken on the following dates:

**Year 11 – Friday 26th  
January at 9 AM**

**Year 9 – Friday 9th  
February at 9 AM**

## ENGLISH

### - Year 7 English Ambassadors

Congratulations to the Y7 boys who were successful in being selected as new Year 7 English Ambassadors:

- Jared Charman Jones
- Alex Caseley
- Charlie Walker
- Ahmed Diakidis
- Jaden James-Roden

They are already working hard on an exciting and creative competition for Year 7s, so watch this space!

### - Christmas Short Story Comp

The Christmas Short Story competition resulted in a variety of very entertaining and original entries but the overall winners were:

- 1st place – Nathan Gidley D9F
- 2nd place – Joaquin Villa-Mackenzie R8G
- 3rd place – Nana Boahene D10F

CONGRATULATIONS! Prizes will be handed out soon!

### - War Poetry Comp

The War Poetry competition was incredibly popular with many entries from all year groups. The overall winners were:

- 1st Place - Tim Lieu H11G
- 2nd Place - Oscar Miller R10F
- 3rd Place - Yusef Santaniello D8G

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL and you will be receiving your prizes soon!

*You loved the Comedy Night... now  
Friends of Forest Hill School present...*

# Forest Hill

# ROCKS

# HISTORY - Holocaust Memorial Day

On January 16th, a group of boys from Forest Hill went to Clapham Picturehouse to see a short film on those who survived the Holocaust and to listen to a talk by a Holocaust survivor, Zigi Shipper, to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

We got off at Clapham station and entered the nearby cinema. Many other schools had also come to stand to bear testimony to the powerful stories of those who survived the horrors committed by the Nazis. We first saw a short film called 'Children of The Holocaust'. It showed the stories of the people who survived or escaped the Holocaust when they were only young. The stories were accompanied by animations depicting the survivor's journeys. After the film had ended, we listened to Zigi Shipper, a man who survived these events and has now devoted the rest of his life to telling people of the atrocities committed during the reign of Hitler.



An image from short film 'Children of The Holocaust'.

Zigi was born on 18th January 1930, to a Jewish family in Łódź, Poland and attended a Jewish school. His story began when his father left Poland for Russia when the war broke out, believing he would be persecuted. When the Nazis quickly conquered Poland, Zigi and his grandparents were kicked out of their home and sent to the Łódź Ghetto and forced to stay in a single room between the three of them, without running water or a toilet. He and his grandmother were put to work, but his grandfather was unable to work due to sickness. He would die

shortly after their arrival in the ghetto. In 1942, all children, including, Zigi were rounded up in lorries and deported from the ghetto. Zigi managed to jump out without any guards noticing and ran back to the ghetto where he worked in the metal factory. In 1944, the ghetto was liquidized due to the oncoming Soviet forces, Zigi was forced to move once again. He and fellow inhabitants of the ghetto were forced into crammed cattle trucks, unfit for any human, and sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau. On arrival, they were sent to the 'sauna building' where they were stripped, shaven and showered. When an individual was classed as unfit to work, they were slaughtered without remorse. The people who had worked in the metal factories in Łódź, such as Zigi, were transported to Stutthof concentration camp near Danzig but not before facing the dread of starvation, cold and suffering felt in those camps. After their arrival at Danzig, despite the fact they could walk no longer, they were sent on a death march due to the advancing Soviets. They were expecting to arrive in Denmark but on their journey they were soon abandoned by German troops due to approaching British forces. When the British tanks came, Zigi crawled up to one and only said "wasser" (German for water) the British tank operator gave him the first water he had had in seven days. After the war he found out his mother was in London and moved to the city in 1947, where he would marry and have a family, though still scarred by the horrors that happened over those unsettling years.

After he had given his story he received and answered questions from the audience. His answers were full of emotion and the values that we can apply to our own lives.

To this day the Holocaust remains one of, if not the most, brutal and remorseless act of genocide in history and the horrors of what happened in those camps remains fresh in the memories of those who lived through it. I believe that the tragedies told to us today fill all our hearts with grief and hope that history will never again embrace an event like the Holocaust as long as the earth still spins.

**- James Casey D9F**