



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Fearnfile

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Looking back and moving forward

Welcome to the first Fearnfile of the new year, with the news of HM Queen Elizabeth's death still at the front of our minds. Hers was a remarkable life and she was part of key historical events for this country and around the world; students and staff honoured Her Majesty's memory at a whole school assembly and minute's silence this morning (*photo below*).

As events unfold over the next week or so, we will be ensuring our students have the chance to learn about her legacy and reflect on the principles of duty and service that she embodied so powerfully. Taking our first steps into the new academic year, I hope that Fearnhill students will continue to grow in their understanding of these two qualities.

This first edition of Fearnfile shares our delight at some of the new and upgraded facilities in school.

Over the summer we have refurbished and reopened our **dance studio** (*page 4*), set up a new media suite, moved our inclusion and student support centres to improved accommodation and refurbished some classrooms to deal with the increased number of students joining us.

Our new Year 7 and 12 students are very welcome and have had a great start to their term. For those students



already here, there is still a little time to complete the **summer reading challenge** for the library (*page 6*), if you have not already done so.

With our **exam results** (*page 3*) this summer so strong and a large increase in students choosing to join us, we are feeling very positive about the year ahead. Our **Open Evening** (*page 2*) is next Thursday, 15 September from 6-8.30pm and all visitors are welcome to come and see the wonderful work we do. There are full details inside!

We look back at the wonderful legacy of Her Majesty and it is an inspiration for building our future.

Education is right at the heart of that task; thank you as always for your support.

Liz Ellis, Headteacher



Confused over which timetable week it is? Wk bg 12/9 - week 2 Wk bg 19/9 - week 1

Open Events



FEARNHILL
SCHOOL

GROWING EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY



**OPEN
EVENING**

THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER @ 6PM



This is the time of year we love best – when we have the chance to throw open our doors and show you just what a wonderful school Fearnhill is.

We have Open Morning and Open Evening events planned for prospective families to come and see us in action. Our main Open Evening is from 6pm on Thursday, 15 September when families can tour the school. Headteacher Liz Ellis will give her welcome talk in the main hall at 6.30, 6.55, 7.20 and 7.45pm. No booking is required.

The school is also open for prospective families to visit between 9-10.30am the following Monday-Friday, 19-23 September. Again, no booking is required.

Fearnhill School strives to be a caring and dynamic community, with a focus on high standards of teaching and learning and the highest expectations of all. We look forward to sharing our ethos with you.

Please pass on these details to any prospective families who might be interested in joining us.

Can you help?

I run a crochet/knitting club after school in the Library, but I need resources to help make this happen. If you have any unused hooks, needles or wool in your loft we would really appreciate them. Please hand into the Library or School Office. Thank you!

Mrs Thurlby, Library & Literacy Assistant

We are always looking for ways to engage our students in work-related learning experiences and through employer interaction. If you feel you could offer work experience, a talk or a number of sessions regarding your business, employability skills and/or how to be successful in the work place, please get in touch by emailing admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk and writing 'employer engagement' in the subject line.

Do you have piles of newspapers cluttering up your house? Our Art department is looking for newspapers (not magazines) for forthcoming projects—please hand into the Art department or School Office. Thank you.

'Excellent' Exam Results

There were celebrations and a deep sense of pride at a job well done at Fearnhill during the summer holidays as students received their long-awaited ALevel and GCSE results.

Joy, relief and a growing realisation of just how well they had done ensured smiles all round.

Headteacher Liz Ellis confirmed: "Our GCSE results were excellent across the board, confirming that even with the challenges of the pandemic, Fearnhill students and their teachers stayed focused on their learning and progress.

"Whatever their starting point, our students matched, and in many cases exceeded, their targets. They deserve our warmest congratulations. I cannot emphasise enough how their dedicated hard work and the support they have received from their teachers and families during the past two years has made a real difference to their life chances.

There were many success stories. To select a few, Franciszek swept the board with nine GCSEs at grade 9 and one 8, Aaron secured three 9s, six 8s and a 6, Lisa achieved one 9, three 8s, five 7s and a 6, Leo scored highly with one 9, five 8s, two 7s and a 5.

Ms Ellis added: "We are also very happy with the achievements of Fearnhill students in their A Levels this summer. Like all young people across the country, they have faced the challenge of learning through the pandemic in very difficult circumstances. They have shown determination, commitment and sheer grit to succeed as they have today.

"Their work and the support of their teachers, families and community have been rewarded with excellent results, ensuring they can all move to their next step with confidence and pride."

Among many success stories, Riya secured A*A*A to study dentistry at Kings College London, Kiera secured A*A*A to study medicine at Southampton, Silvio achieved AAA to study finance at the London School of Economics, while Rhys is off to Manchester to study astrophysics with A*A*A.

In 2019 when results were last reported, 47% of students achieved GCSE level 4 or better in five subjects including English and maths. This year, 72% of Fearnhill students achieved that benchmark.

At A Level, we continued the excellence from 2019, when we were in the top 3% nationally for 'added value' for students and 51% of them achieved A*/B grades. This year a remarkable 68% of ALevel grades were at A*/A/B.

We are confident that these results will keep improving and clear about our priorities and focus this year. Our students are now settling into their new courses and we are excited about the future.



New Staff

As the school continues to grow in popularity, this year we are pleased to welcome a number of new colleagues to our team:

Mr Marlow *Director of Sixth Form*

Mr Fox *English*

Ms Lyons *English*

Ms Armstrong *Science*

Mr Ogedengbe *Maths*

Mr Parsons *Maths*

Ms Lattimer *Maths*

Ms Hughes *Geography*

Ms Bettinson *Psychology*

Ms Bossley *Art*

Mr Wall *Design and Technology*

Ms Moreno *Spanish*

Wall of Fame

We know we have some pretty amazing students who get up to all sorts of different endeavours out of school – and we'd like to hear about them!

Do you know of any Fearnhill students who have won an award out of school for their endeavours? It could be baking the best cake, being awarded a medal for bravery, first in a ballroom dancing competition, performing in a show or achieving a top grade in a music exam. We would like to celebrate our students by having a Wall of Fame to give recognition to pupils who go that extra mile to embrace excellence out of hours. The ideal Fearnhill Student.

We are not looking for students who get lots of recognition IN school ... although being exceptional in school obviously doesn't preclude them getting recognition for what they do out of school.

If you'd like to nominate anyone, please send their name and brief details to our media administrator Ann Lynn and she'll take it from there. Ann.lynn10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Governor Opportunity

Have you ever considered supporting the school by joining our Governing body?

As students leave us each year, vacancies arise for the role of parent governor. School governors play a key role in the community and can shape the direction of a school, supporting the development of Fearnhill in all kinds of ways.

The time commitment involved is not huge and it is a great opportunity to become part of something worthwhile and rewarding. Further information about the governing body can be seen on our website:

www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/about/school-governors/

Ms Ellis will be delighted to talk to you in more detail about what the role involves; please email her on head@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk, or our chair of governors, Nye Hathway, on nye.hathway10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk to arrange a chat.

Word of the Week



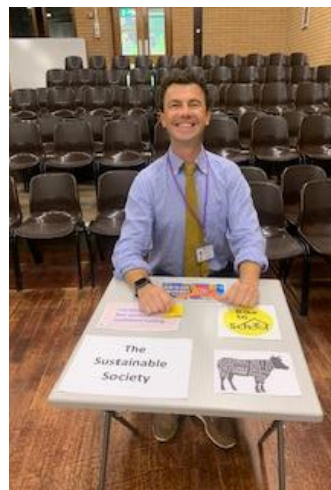
Zenith - the best or most successful point in time. A perfect choice for the first week of term!

Extracurricular Fair

Our annual Extracurricular Fair took place this morning (Friday) in the school hall.

Students from all years were encouraged to look round and chat to staff about the different activities on offer. They can then sign up (during tutor time next week) to at least two clubs per week (Year 11 should choose a minimum of one club). Choosing shouldn't be too hard as we have a range of clubs on offer including Debating Society, Science club, Sports (netball, football, basketball, badminton, table tennis, dance, rugby), History Club, Architectural Modelling, Photography club, Ukulele Jam, Fearnhill Boys Choir (FBC), Fearnhill Voices, School Production, Christian Union, Sustainable Society, D & D, Craft Club, Reading Club, Relax it's Friday (Colouring in and audio book), Gardening Club, Homework Club, Jigsaw Puzzle & Lego, Chess Club.

We are very fortunate to have such talented staff willing to share their passions with our students.



Library Summer Reading Challenge

In the last week of term select two books from the library and two review book marks.

Over the summer holidays read the books and then complete a review for each book telling us why we should read it.

Return the books and reviews in September for an edible prize and a chance to win a Scraps the Seagull.

You earn an entry with every two books read and reviewed, so to double your chances read four books, or to triple them read six, one a week!



Students joining us in September can also enter. Read two books from home and complete a book review or, why not join and complete the Letchworth Library Summer Reading Challenge and come and tell us about it in September.



The Library is open before school from 8am and after school until 4pm.

You can also visit the library during break and lunch times to read a book, do some homework on the computer or play a card or board game (sorry, no computer games!)

Mrs Thurlby, Library & Literacy Assistant

Student Support

Student Support and Inclusion have moved!

Our new home is now in the main school building - students can find Mrs Tollervey & Ms Brown and their teams upstairs next to Homework Club.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2022



**“One small positive thought in the morning
can change your whole day”**



Self-Care September 2022

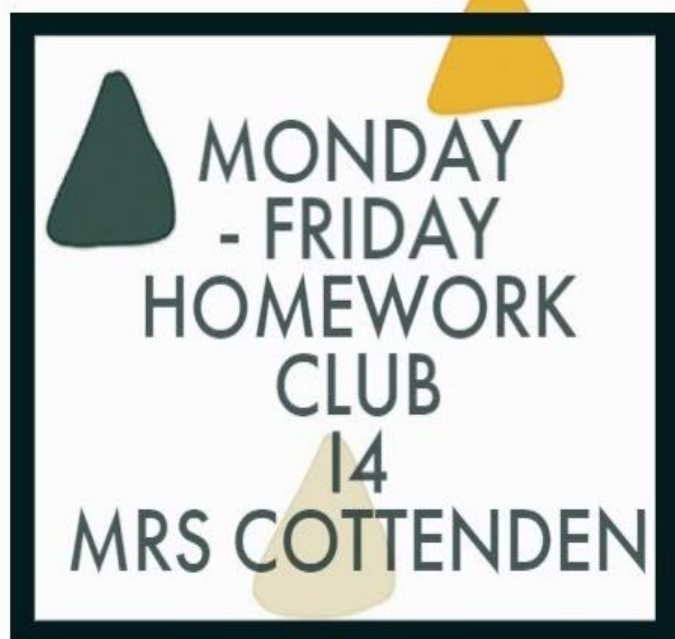
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it
12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy
19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you
26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing
29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are			

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



Student Clubs



KS3&4



We are proud to offer the National School Breakfast Programme at our school, come and enjoy a healthy breakfast with us.

Where to get free brekkie?

Breakfast Club in the canteen every morning from 8am

Or collect your free bagels from the SSC



**HITCHIN
RUGBY CLUB**

mnp
mason navarro pledge



HITCHIN RUGBY CLUB IS RECRUITING

Come along to our Mini and Youth Open Morning

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

9:30am - Reception to Year 7 girls and boys

11:00am - Year 8 to Year 13 boys

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

4:30pm - Year 7 to Year 11 girls

Rugby for girls and boys, all abilities and ages

www.hitchinrugbyclub.co.uk

MYChair@hitchinrugbyclub.com

Hot Drinks  Refreshments





- *Eddie Jones signed England rugby shirt
- *Full squad Scotland signed rugby shirt
- *Rugby ball signed by Eddie Jones, Manu Tuilagi, Freddie Tuilagi & Vavae Tuilagi
- *4 Tickets for a tour of the principality stadium tour Cardiff
- *Wasps signed team sheet
- *Bath signed team sheet
- *2001 signed London Irish rugby shirt
- *2003 signed London Irish rugby shirt



Letchworth
Rugby club,
Legends
Lane,
Baldock
Road,
Letchworth,
SG6 2EN

Letchworth RFU u15's fundraiser

Join us on the 10th September 2022 for the 1st team first home game where the U15's will be holding a BBQ, raffle and auction

**3pm
start**



- *2 x Mixed beer sets
- *2 x Bottles of whiskey
- *2 midweek tickets balley ballerson
- *5 x auto glym sets
- *£25 voucher Toby carvery
- *Meal for 2 wilbury
- *3 months gym membership anytime fitness lechworth
- *2 tickets Shepreth
- *Guinness T-shirt
- *Grow your own gin botanicals
- *Grow your own mojito cocktail kit
- *Witches lab skincare set
- *Brow kit
- *£20 sweet o clock voucher
- *2 x 7 day sll passes
- *4 x laser tag tickets
- *£25 voucher snow centre Hemel
- *2 x church farm entry for up to 5 people
- *Team sport go karting 1 adult or child 13+ 30 minutes session
- *Top golf one game, 30 day playing card, free bay reservation
- *5 bottles of wine
- *Bayliss and Harding set
- *Champneys set
- *Donut bath bomb set
- *Candle
- *Amazon Firestick
- *£15 pots of art voucher
- *4 x £50 vouchers for The Rusty Gun
- *2 x complimentary weekend car - Norton way group
- *2 x complimentary valets - Norton way group
- *2 x complimentary MOT's - Norton way group
- *Sponge cake from Days bakery Baldock
- *Meal for 2 (excluding drinks) Sunday - Thursday from The Grapevine Turkish restaurant, Letchworth
- *2 tickets for the 99 comedy club Leicester Square (Tues-Thiurs, Excluding December)
- *set of Friends hot chocolate syrups
- *Any treatment free (excluding micro blading)
- *Cafe Nero voucher
- *Well being experience for 5 people - Meadow field Alpaca
- 2 x haircuts from Brethren Barbers
- 1 x gift set from scents by KC

External Opportunities

SAMOSAS

PLANTS & MORE

HENNA TATOOS

Charity Sale

10AM - 12.30PM

SAT 10TH SEPTEMBER

ST THOMAS CHURCH BEDFORD RD

a helping hand for Orphanage

In aid of orphanage
"masjed anwra nabbi" in Rajanpur, Pakistan

Price List

	Adult	Conc.
Entry Price <i>Spectators pay the listed entry fee Under 4 years of age go free</i>	£6.40	£3.20
Books of tickets x 10	£57.60	£28.80
Books of tickets x 20	£115.20	£57.60
Season Ticket	£160.00	£80.00
Pool Parties <i>Please email for further details</i>	£190.00	
Saturday Morning Yoga <i>Free for season ticket holders</i>	£10.00	

Opening Times

28 May - 11 Sept		12 Sept - 30 Sept
Mon	07.00-18.00	CLOSED
Tues	08.00-18.30	CLOSED
Wed	07.00-18.30	07.00-11.00, 15.00-18.30
Thu	08.00-18.30	07.00-11.00, 15.30-18.30
Fri	07.00-18.30	07.00-11.00, 15.30-18.30
Sat	08.30-18.00	09.00-17.00
Sun	08.30-18.00	09.00-17.00

Please note, the pool will be unheated from 18 sept

Botanical INVASION

AN INFLATABLE INSTALLATION HAS TAKEN OVER THE GALLERY

Marvel at the **exotic plants**
Crawl through the **cactus tunnel**

North Hertfordshire Museum

9 July - 2 October 2022

ADMISSION FREE

Fully accessible
Open Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am - 4.30pm, Sunday 11am - 3pm

North Hertfordshire Museum, Brand Street, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 1JE
Email: northherts@northherts.gov.uk 01462 474534

WILBURY COMMUNITY CAFE

Please join us for FREE:

- Food Rescue, and our Community Pantry
 - o Giving families a little helping hand with free kitchen cupboard essentials.
- Letchworth Pre-Loved Uniform Shop
 - o Genene uniform
 - o Icknield & Wilbury uniform from WISPA
 - o Highfield & Fearnhill uniform
- Cuppas and Cakes
- Family Play
- Computer Fix-it with Peter Clark
- Pennies and Pounds stall

Also: Charity sale to support an orphanage in Pakistan

Everyone Welcome

Saturday 10th September 10:00 - 12:30

Wilbury Hall (Opposite Tesco) Bedford rd

facebook.com/Wilburycommunityforum

Calendar

12 September	Week 2
13	School photographer
12-14	CAT tests
15	6pm Open Evening
19	Week 1/Geography field trip to Letchworth
19-23	Open Mornings
22	Year 7 Pastoral Evening
26	Week 2
28	Guest speaker in school
30	Theatre trip pm
3 October	Week 1
10	Week 2
17	Week 1
18	Year 9 parents evening
24 – 28 October	Half Term
31 October	Week 2 / Return to school Monday / Year 13 mocks start
10 November	District Cross Country
25 November	Inset Day
Monday 28 November	Occasional Day
21 December	End of Term (early closure)
Spring term 2023	
6 January	8.30am term starts
13-17 February	Half term
31 March	End of term
Summer Term 2023	
17 April	8.30am term starts

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