



# FEARNHILL SCHOOL



## Fearnfile

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## New year, new start!

Welcome to the first Fearnfile of 2023. We are just one week in to the new term and this edition is slightly slimmer as a result.

However, there are some key points to share with you. As you know, the cast and crew of 'The Addams Family' have been working hard for several months preparing for the performances taking place on 31st January, 1st and 2nd February at 7pm, here in the school hall (**page 4**). Do get your tickets if you have not already booked; there will not be any available on the night! You may have caught a glimpse of the pleasures in store if you attended the Christmas Concert, where some of the songs were performed. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Library's Advent Reading Challenge winners are listed inside on **page 3**. Congratulations to them!

This is also a good opportunity to remind everyone of the clubs and activities students should be signing up for this term. A full calendar is inside (**page 6**), featuring a new Psychology Club as well as highlighting what History Club has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers of students with English as an additional language to a welcome meeting, postponed due the snow closure last term. Details are inside on **page 5**, along with information about this term's Knowledge Organisers for different subjects, now available on the website. These are a really helpful tool to support students' learning; do take a look!

Year 11 students also received their mock results this week and are focusing on ways to prepare really well for the summer exams (**page 3**).



We have a busy term ahead and I would just like to thank everyone for the high standard of uniform and positive attitude of students. We have high expectations and your support is crucial for students to succeed (**page 7**). Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns; we are able to help with uniform items in many cases if there is an issue.

Wishing everyone a positive and fruitful 2023.

Liz Ellis

### Spring Term Dates 2023

**Half Term** Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023

**Return to school** Monday 20th February 2023

**End of Term** (early closure) Friday 31st March 2023

Term dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 are now available on our website:

[www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/about/term-dates/](http://www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/about/term-dates/)

**Week beginning 16/1 - week 1**

**Week beginning 23/1 - week 2**

# Student Awards

## w/e 9 December

Student of the Week	Bruna 8P	30 points
Form of the Week	7R	264 points
House of the Week	Pearsall	775 points
Teacher of the Week	Mr T Cordwell, History	289 points

## w/e 16 December

Student of the Week	Dylan 7S & Logan 7Q	13 points
Form of the Week	7Q	143 points
House of the Week	Gorst	383 points
Teacher of the Week	Miss Bossley, Art	236 points

## w/e 21 December

Student of the Week	Dylan 9H & Taylor-Jane 9P	19 points
Form of the Week	11U	121 points
House of the Week	Gorst	495 points
Teacher of the Week	Mrs Landsman, Music	230 points

## Student of the term

Gorst	Daniel 7Q	175 points
Neville	Daniel 10N	211 points
Howard	Dylan 9H	242 points
Pearsall	Ella 8P	185 points

## Performing Arts Student of the Month (November & December)

Chloe	10P	KS4	PE	Excellent ATL in Sport Studies.	Nov
Skye	8G	KS3	Art	Excellent range of tones & detail on mountains painting study using impasto painting techniques.	Nov
Sonny	11R	KS4	Art	Excellent ATL in art, built up great confidence in using watercolours on animal paintings.	Nov
Lola-Rose	8P	KS3	Music	Excellent work in class & commitment to school production.	Nov
Nahlya	10P	KS4	Music	Working hard on composition & excellent progress in singing lessons.	Nov
Tilly-Rose	8G	KS3	PE	Great ATL & kindness shown in all lessons.	Dec
Robertas	10G	KS4	PE	Great improvement in ATL in Sport Studies.	Dec
Saschi	9P	KS3	Art	Always willing to hand out or collect in books & resources, produced some lovely work exceeding expectations.	Dec
Emily	10P	KS4	Art	Joined the school with a can do attitude & exceeding expectations.	Dec
Antoni	9P	KS3	Music	Excellent work in class & commitment to school production.	Dec
Lacey	11U	KS4	Music	Hard work on controlled assessment & good improvement on mock grade.	Dec

## Year 11

Year 11 pupils received their GCSE mock grades in a special assembly this week. In December students sat GCSE papers, which were marked using the exam board mark schemes and graded using the expected grade boundaries for 2023. This gives teachers, pupils and parents a helpful snapshot of current performance.

Mr Spencer spoke to the students about the importance of revision in the lead-up to the actual exams in the summer and introduced sixth formers Franciszek and Ikenna who shared their GCSE experiences with the Year 11 students. In his GCSEs Franek achieved 10 grade 9s, 1 grade 8 and also completed an AS level in Spanish (Grade A) in his spare time in Y11! Franek shared his study habits and conveyed how important persistent study is for achieving well. Ikenna is currently training to pursue his dream to be a heavyweight boxer. Ikenna discussed his habits for training, sleeping and managing his diet in the lead up to fights. Ikenna also reflected on how he approached his GCSEs and shared advice for Year 11 students. Both Franek and Ikenna were completely inspiring and students were enthralled hearing their stories.

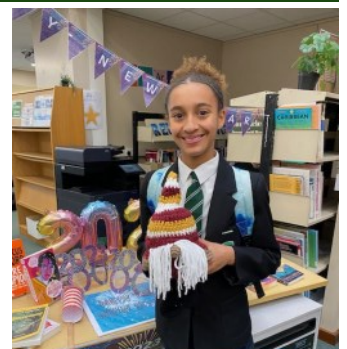
In the coming weeks we will share more details of how we plan to support students in Y11 to revise purposefully and diligently in the coming months so that they can also achieve beyond their expectations.



## Library



Congratulations to the first three students to complete the Library Advent Reading Challenge: Mary-ellen, Camelia and Tiannah. Each student won a gonk made by Mrs Thurlby.



**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!)**



FEARNHILL SCHOOL PRESENTS....

# The ADDAMS Family

THE MUSICAL COMEDY

TUES 31ST JAN, WED 1ST FEB, THURS 2ND FEB

7PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL GATEWAY

ADULTS £7

CONCESSIONS £5



# School News

## For Parents/Carers: English as an Additional Language Welcome Meeting

Mrs Kendall and Miss Christie would like to invite all parents of students who speak English as an Additional Language to a welcome meeting at Fearnhill School. It will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2023. Please come to the school reception at 1.30pm. The meeting will last until about 2.30pm.

We will try to answer any questions you have about the school or supporting your child.

If you would like to attend, please email [rachel.christie10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:rachel.christie10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk)

Thank you very much, *Mrs Kendall and Miss Christie*

## 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/](http://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](mailto:head@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk), or our chair of governors, Nye Hathway, on [nye.hathway10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:nye.hathway10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk) to arrange a chat.

# Knowledge Organisers

At Fearnhill, we believe in the power of knowledge. Teachers in every subject have put together a Knowledge Organiser which has all the key knowledge students need to learn to understand that topic.

In school, they are used in lessons to support learning as a reference and as a way of checking answers. Knowledge Organisers are also an excellent homework tool for self-quizzing and revising.

knowledge organisers have been updated on our website for this half term and can be accessed by clicking on the QR codes below:



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



Year 12



Year 13



# Extracurricular Activities



**FEARNHILL  
SCHOOL**

## Extracurricular Activities Spring Term 2023

Day	Club	Year Group	When	Where
<b>M o n d a y</b>	Badminton/Table Tennis	7-13	Lunch	PE
	Dungeons & Dragons	7-13	After school	Lib
	Fearnhill Boys Choir (FBC)	7-11	Lunch	MU1
	History	7-11	Lunch	H2
	Homework	7-11	Lunch & after school	Inclusion
	Netball	7 & 10-13	After school	PE
	Sport Studies Elevate Theory Session	11	Lunch	PE
<b>T u e s d a y</b>	Craft	7-11	After school	Lib
	Gardening	10-13	After school	Library
	Homework	7-11	After school	Inclusion
	GCSE PE Elevate Theory Session	11	Lunch	PE
	Rugby	7-9	After school	PE
	Science	7-9	Lunch	S3
<b>W e d n e s d a y</b>	Art/Photography	7-9	After school	T5
	Basketball	8 & 9	After school	PE
	Dance	7-11	After school	PE
	Gymnastics	7-11	After school	PE
	Homework	7-11	Lunch & after school	Inclusion
	Reading	7-11	After school	Lib
	Sustainable Society	7-13	Lunch	H1
	Ukulele Jam	7-13	Lunch	MU2
<b>T h u r s d a y</b>	Badminton/Table Tennis	7-13	Lunch	PE
	Debating Society	7-13	Lunch	English
	Fearnhill Voices	7-13	Lunch	MU1
	Football	7-9	After school	PE
	Homework	7-11	After school	Inclusion
	Jigsaw Puzzle/Lego	7-11	Lunch	Inclusion
	Netball	8 & 9	After school	PE
<b>F r i d a y</b>	Basketball	7	After school	PE
	Chess	7-13	Lunch	M4
	Christian Union	All	Lunch	H4
	GCSE PE Elevate Practical Session	11	Lunch	PE
	Homework	7-11	Lunch & after school	Inclusion
	Psychology Masterclass	10-13	Lunch	H5
	Relax it's Friday (Colouring & audio)	7-11	After school	Library
	Sixth Form Activities	12 & 13	Lunch	PE



# Extracurricular Activities

## INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY



**Psychology is the study of mind and behaviour  
This means psychology is about everything and is everywhere!**

Each week we will look at a current issue or case study and explore the psychology around it, as well as looking how psychology can be applied in everyday life.

For example :

- Why are people prejudiced?
- Why are people aggressive?
- What is a psychological disorder?
- Why are there riots?
- Why do we dream?
- Why are some people happy?



In History club, the students decide what we learn and this half term we are getting hands on with history.

We will be looking at different sources of evidence and asking 'what can we do with this?' We've looked at Horrible Histories magazines and decided to use them to make our own!

Later we will be getting hands-on with genuine objects from the Roman Empire.

Everyone is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you in H2 at 1.30pm on Mondays.

# Student Expectations

**Please support your child by helping ensure the '7 a day' shown below are in place.**

All students will be asked to show that they have the following every morning:

- 1. Pen**
- 2. Pencil**
- 3. Ruler**
- 4. Calculator**
- 5. Reading book**

*Sanctions will apply immediately where these are missing.*

## **6. Uniform**

Students are expected to comply fully with our uniform policy for daily uniform and PE kit. There are no exceptions. Students with unnatural hair colour, nose piercings, leggings, non-school shoes, false eyelashes, fake nails and other items not complying with the school requirements will be sanctioned and in some cases may be sent home to resolve those issues. If you have concerns about getting hold of the correct uniform or have any questions about our policy, please do get in touch so that we can help you.

## **7. Positive attitude**

Fearnhill Students are Kind, Confident, Self-aware and Resilient.

Part of being resilient is turning up, on time, every day. Students with below 96% attendance will be subject to our strict attendance procedures. We know that students who don't turn up don't make progress.

All students are expected to follow instructions from members of staff without question, in a polite manner.

All students are expected to be kind to and about others at all times, including online.

## PE SPORTS CLUBS/PRACTICES Spring Term 2023



	Netball	Basketball	Rugby	Football	Badminton/ Table Tennis	Other
<b>Mon</b>	Yr 7 SSN Yr 10-13 LBN				All Yrs 1:25-1:55pm SSN	Yr 11 Sport Elevate in I3 1:25-1:55pm LBN
<b>Tues</b>			Key Stage 3 GMD			Yr 11 GCSE Elevate in B2 1:25-1:55pm SSN
<b>Weds</b>		Yr 8&9 OSD				All Yrs Dance JMN All Yrs Gymnastics SSN
<b>Thurs</b>	Yr 8&9 LBN			Yr 8&9 Boys AWS Yr 7 MTR	All Yrs 1:25-1:55pm OSD	
<b>Fri</b>		Yr 7 MTR				Yr 11 GCSE Practical Elevate in Sports Hall 1:25-1:55pm SSN/OSD

SSN = Ms Straughn LBN = Ms Balchin OSD = Mr Shepherd MTR = Mr Turner JMN = Mrs Martin AWS = Mr Williams GMD = Mr McLeod

All Clubs/Practices will take place after school, unless stated otherwise, from 3:00 – 3:45pm



Congratulations to Year 11 student Kacey Butler who has been presented with her black belt in karate. Kacey started training when she was just 8 and trains with Bushido Karate Dojo UK in Letchworth and Harpenden.

Kacey is photographed above with her karate tutors Brian and Danni.

### Diversity



**IT'S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT AT FEARNHILL**

DIVERSITY RUNS EVERY WEEK 1 WEDNESDAY LUNCH IN 11  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

We aim to provide a safe place to talk about our differences,  
learn about each other and to discuss how diversity can be celebrated at Fearnhill

For further information or questions contact:  
hills.mphillips@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk



# Student Support

Students can find Mrs Tollervey & Ms Brown and their teams upstairs next to Homework Club.



We are proud to offer the National School Breakfast Programme - offering all students a free, healthy breakfast.

Breakfast Club is in the Canteen every morning from 8am or you can collect your free bagel from the SSC

## Homework Club



Years 7-11  
Monday-Friday  
In Inclusion  
With Mrs  
Cottenden

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>BOREHAMWOOD</b>  Allum Hall <b>WD6 3PJ</b> 17:00 – 19:00	<b>STEVENAGE</b>  Barnwell Middle School <b>SG2 9XT</b> 17:30 – 19:00	<b>HODDESDON</b>  St. Cuthbert's Church <b>EN11 0PU</b> 17:30 – 19:30	<b>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD</b>  Hobletts Manor Junior School <b>HP2 5JS</b> 17:30 – 19:30
<b>WELWYN GARDEN CITY</b>  Ridgeway Academy <b>AL7 2AF</b> 17:00 – 19:00	<b>WATFORD</b>  St Meryl Primary <b>WD19 5BT</b> 17:00 – 19:00	<b>WALTHAM CROSS</b>  Hurst Drive Primary <b>EN8 8DU</b> 17:30 – 19:30	<b>LETCHWORTH</b>  Jackmans Community Centre <b>SG6 2NL</b> 17:30 – 19:30

**12 week BeeZee Families courses starting in Hertfordshire from January 16<sup>th</sup>**



**FREE event**

**could you help a child feel safe, loved and supported?**

**YOU can make a difference**

Join us on Saturday 21st January 10am - 12pm at 7 Doolittle Mill, Froghall Road, Ampthill, MK45 2ND. It's the perfect opportunity to find more about becoming a foster carer and how you can help a child in your area. Enjoy some refreshments while having an Informal chat with our carers and team.

 **special guest safari stu** 

 to reserve your space call  
**0800 389 0143**  
or email Rebecca on  
[rebeccar@nexusfostering.co.uk](mailto:rebeccar@nexusfostering.co.uk)

**can't join us?**  
enquire at [nexusfostering.co.uk/oneday](https://nexusfostering.co.uk/oneday)





## External Opportunities

### Letchworth Garden City Eagles need you!



At **LGCE F.C** we have over **450** registered players between the ages of 6 and 18, both boys and girls – That's a lot of teams and A LOT of matches!

We **urgently** require more volunteers to help in our busy clubhouse, providing food and drinks during and in-between matches

Volunteering gives you the chance to meet new people, learn new skills and help your local community!

The clubhouse is open 8.30am - 5pm Saturday and Sunday, and occasionally 6pm-10pm during the week. However, if you have limited availability we still want to hear from you - however much time you have and whatever your experience, we need you!

Fancy joining our team? Please contact [gem.boreham@gmail.com](mailto:gem.boreham@gmail.com)

Back to the  
**80's**

80's Themed Disco  
Fancy Dress Encouraged  
Saturday 4th March  
8pm onwards

Letchworth Rugby Club,  
Baldock Road,  
SG6 2EN

Tickets:  
£5 each  
Under 12's go free!  
£8 on the door

email: [RUFC.Jo@gmail.com](mailto:RUFC.Jo@gmail.com) for booking link or scan code

## External Opportunities



Join us at Wilbury Community Café for:

Natter tables

Free food rescue

Community pantry

Pre loved school uniform for infant, junior and both Letchworth secondaries.

Pennies and pounds.

Raffle

Wreath returns for re use next Christmas

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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 2pm to 4pm  
Hitchin Town Hall

### Free Women's Safety Talk

STAY  
SAFE

Risk awareness  
Safety on the street  
Stalking  
Conflict management  
And more...

 [safe.cst.org.uk](https://safe.cst.org.uk)





## Thought of the Month



*"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves."*

## Calendar

### Spring Term 2023

Half Term Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023

Return to school Monday 20th February 2023

End of Term (early closure) Friday 31st March 2023

### Summer Term 2023

Summer term begins for students Monday 17th April 2023

May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

Return to school Monday 5th June 2023

Inset Day Monday 3rd July 2023

End of Term for students Friday 21st July 2023

**Term dates for 2022/3 and 2023/4 are available on our website**

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