



FEARNHILL SCHOOL



Fearnfile

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Celebrating summer

Welcome to this edition of Fearnfile. We are at the time when the calendar is really full with trips, outside activities and celebrations of the wonderful work that has gone on throughout the year.

The work developing the school was celebrated a week or so back when we were visited by Catherine Tallis (right), Director of Business Services at HfL Education, the local authority's schools' team. She popped by to congratulate us on the excellent progress we continue to make, and we took the opportunity to thank HfL for their unwavering support over the last eight years.

Our Year 11 finished the year with their leavers' assembly (page 4/5) and a wonderful prom, where they all looked beautiful (page 6/7)!

Sport has a high profile at this time of year, and we had great success at the District Athletics tournament this week (page 8). Sports Day is next Thursday, 6th July and we look forward to all our students being involved; remember they need to come to school in PE kit that day. The field events are already under way at lunchtimes with the competition heating up between the houses.

We have also been helping one of our primary partners, Purwell School, with their involvement in national cheerleading championships (page 8). The Fearnhill minibus came to the rescue!

Year 9 students visited the University of Hertfordshire (page 2) to learn about life as a student and start their future planning. They have just started GCSEs but it is never too soon to start preparing. Year 8, meanwhile, went to the British Library and had an amazing time – you can read all about it on page 3!



Armed Forces Day took place recently and Fearnhill cadets, as always, performed superbly (page 10).

We have been focusing with our younger students on our uniform and behaviour expectations as they look ahead to next year and their progress up the school. They have seen how wonderfully our Year 11 and sixth form students carry themselves and they are keen to follow the tradition, so some brief reminders and guidance have been helpful for everyone.

In terms of future events, we are currently planning our first Culture Day, on Friday 14th July. I will write to you separately about the arrangements; our student leadership team have put together all the plans and it will be a major celebration of our community.

Thank you as always for your support.

Liz Ellis, Headteacher

Week beginning Monday 19/06 - week 1

Week beginning Monday 26/06 - week 2

Widening Access Day

60 Year 9 students had a very enjoyable trip to the University of Hertfordshire to take part in a Widening Access Day.

Our students met current undergraduate and postgraduate students who acted as their ambassadors for the day and were happy to answer all sorts of questions ranging from what course they were studying to what is their weirdest habit. Our Y9s then presented to the rest of the group what they had learned about their ambassador and we discovered that Jenson was born to be an MC!

On the campus tour, Y9 got to investigate the different university buildings devoted to particular subjects and the different types of accommodation that universities offer, find out more about what an undergraduate's timetable might look like and experience what lectures are like.

Tension mounted during the day's quiz activities and students were astounded to find out that there is no maximum age that you can attend university at. Lots of information on tuition fee and maintenance loans was presented with lots of students being surprised that this may be a more affordable option than they had realised.

The day finished with creative performances and exhibition of various pieces of artwork the Y9s had created about their experiences during the day. Some standout pieces were Dylan's artwork, Charlie's rapping, Arvin's impersonation of a vending machine (costume included!) and Alana's library in a book. Lastly, no school trip would be complete without the obligatory sugar fix and selfies!



Attendance Matters

Fearnhill School is committed to working in partnership with families to ensure students attend school every day, on time. A new tab has been added to our website to explain our approach in more details:

<https://fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/student-wellbeing/attendance-matters/>

Why does school attendance matter?

Attending school, on time, is THE biggest factor in being successful at school. Why? Just as a house is built brick by brick, so learning is built up learning hour by learning hour, with each lesson building on the last. If you miss too many bricks out of a house, it will fall down. If a student misses too many learning hours they will struggle to catch up on their missed learning and face significant struggles.

Life and school can be hard sometimes. Relationship issues and other challenges can cause issues that test our resilience. However, the solution to this is never hiding. These issues will always exist and it's vital we learn to deal with them now, whilst there is pastoral help and support available.

British Library Trip

A lucky group of Year 8 students, accompanied by Mrs Thurlby and Miss Christie, visited the British Library in London for the day. These students were chosen for their fantastic Sparx Reader and Accelerated Reader scores.

Students engaged in a creative writing workshop in the morning, and then went to see the Animals exhibition in the afternoon. Every student was brilliant, and their creative writing efforts impressed the British Library staff so much, they've been told to start entering competitions!

"The British Library was an amazing place to visit. The exhibition was fantastic, and the Treasures Room kept so many amazing objects that I could look at all day and not get tired. The creative writing was exciting and a perfect way to express my ideas!" Bruna

"The British Library was a very fun trip. I really enjoyed the Treasures Room and doing the creative writing. The Animals exhibit was really cool. It was a really fun trip and I would go again if I could." Lucas

"The British Library was a new and interesting place to visit. The King's Collection was incredible! It was super tall and had thousands of books in it. It was very fun and exciting." Max



Year 11 Shirt Signing



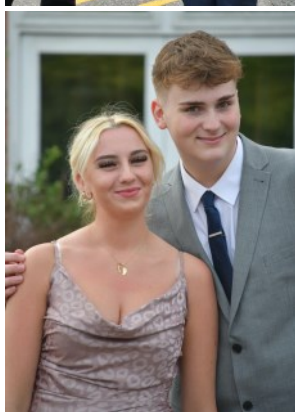
Year 11 Leavers' Assembly



Prom



Prom



Sports

Well done to the Fearnhill sports stars who travelled to Stevenage this week to take part in the Junior District Athletics Championship.

Stand-out performances were:

Daniel Mavro - Gold in 70m Hurdle and Silver in Long Jump

Chloe Major- 2nd in 300m

Y8 Girls Relay reached the finals



Community Support

When we heard that a local primary school needed assistance in getting to a national cheerleading competition, we were delighted to step in and help by lending the Fearnhill minibus. We were even more delighted to hear that the team came third!

Richard Cano, Headteacher of Purwell School, said: "I just want to express my sincere gratitude for the kindness you have shown us by lending us your minibus for our cheerleading squad, on Friday. Your act of kindness is a testament to your school values. It is heartwarming to see schools like yours willing to lend a helping hand to other smaller schools, especially when it comes to supporting students' extracurricular activities.

"Our cheerleading squad was thrilled to have the opportunity to represent our school at the national competition, and your contribution played a significant role in making this possible. The minibus was in excellent condition, and our team was able to travel comfortably and safely to the event."



Year 12 Induction



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YEAR 12 INDUCTION

5 & 6 JULY 2023

Our Sixth Form provides a safe and stimulating environment where students can thrive academically and personally.

A limited number of places are available for entry in September 2023. Please get in touch for further information.

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Library

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!)

Crochet Club is running out of wool so if you have any you no longer need it would be much appreciated.

Mrs Thurlby, Library & Literacy Assistant

What can I read in a library lesson?



- ❖ Any book in the library or from home
- ❖ Any of the papers/magazines in the library
- ❖ Young Editors Google Classroom
- ❖ Read on the computers, do some research, find out what is in the news or play word based games.
<https://wordlewebsite.com/wordle-unlimited>
or
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Armed Forces Day

Cadets from all the armed forces took part in a parade in Letchworth on Saturday to celebrate Armed Forces Day, when all of the forces were celebrated, both current and retired.

Throughout the course of the day there were numerous events including performances from the Corps of Drums division and various competitions. 8 of our Fearnhill students were in attendance on Saturday, manning a stall and taking part in both Drill and Tug of war events. Both of these events were won by the army cadets and the Drill competition was won for the 8th year in a row. Well done to all the cadets involve who represented themselves, their detachment and the school to a very high standard.



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 (KO's) are also an excellent homework tool for self-quizzing and revising.

KO's 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



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Extracurricular Activities Summer Term 2023

Day	Club	Year	When	Where
M o n d a y	Cricket	7-9	After school	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
	Sport Studies Elevate Theory Session	11	Lunch	PE
T u e s d a y	Craft	7-11	After school	Lib
	Dance	7-9	Lunch	PE
	Gardening	7-9	After school	Library
	Homework	7-11	After school	Inclusion
	GCSE PE Elevate Theory Session	11	Lunch	PE
	Science	7-9	Lunch	S3
W e d n e s d a y	Art/Photography	7-9	After school	T5
	Athletics	7-13	After school	PE
	Drama	7-13	After school	Drama
	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
T h u r s d a y	Badminton/Table Tennis	7-13	Lunch	PE
	Debating Society	7-13	Lunch	English
	Fearnhill Voices	7-13	Lunch	MU1
	Football	9	After school	PE
	Homework	7-11	After school	Inclusion
	Jigsaw Puzzle/Lego	7-11	Lunch	Inclusion
	Rounders	7-11	After school	PE
F r i d a y	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
	Running	7-13	After school	PE

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



DIVERSITY GROUP



WEEK 1
WEDNESDAY
LUNCHTIME
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Let's help the school feel more welcome and diverse! We talk about:

- Class
- Religion
- Race
- Gender identity
- Sexuality
- Mental and physical ability
- And much more!




External Opportunities

ORAL HEALTH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT IS TOOTH DECAY?



Tooth decay is when the hard outer surface of a tooth is broken down or damaged by bacteria and acid making holes in the teeth, called cavities. Tooth decay can cause pain, and infections, and problems with eating, speaking, playing, learning, smiling and socialising.



Tooth decay occurs when foods and drinks with sugars and starches are left on the teeth.


REDUCE THE RISK OF TOOTH DECAY

- Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste - no rinsing
- You should see a dentist at least yearly
- You should have fluoride varnish at each visit, this is free to all young people
- Use fluoride toothpaste containing between 1,350 ppm and 1,500ppm of fluoride
- Clean in between your teeth every day using floss or interdental brushes


WHERE TO ACCESS A DENTIST

Scan the QR code or search "Find a dentist" for the NHS website.




Dental care is free for children and young people aged 0-19.

HOW TO BRUSH



TOP TIPS

- Brush teeth morning and bed-time for 2 minutes with fluoride toothpaste
- Only use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste
- Spit out after brushing and don't rinse - if you rinse, the fluoride won't work as well
- Fizzy drinks, fruit juices and sugary snacks should be limited to meal times
- Brush to the beat - why not download the Brush DJ app and brush to your favourite song?
- Set reminders and timers on your phone
- Go electric with an electric toothbrush






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Thought of the Month

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

June 2023



“Don’t ever be afraid to show off your true colours”



Calendar

Summer Term 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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