

FEARNHILL SCHOOL



Fearnfile

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Moving on and moving up!

Welcome to the last edition of Fearnfile for this academic year and the last message from me as headteacher.

Mr Spencer is co-writing this with me as he prepares to take on his new role leading the school from September. There is a great deal to pack into this last edition as Fearnhill students have been out and about celebrating their achievements, enjoying the summer weather and showing their understanding of wider global issues.

Sports Day, Celebrations of Achievement, the Year 13 Leavers Party, geography trips far and wide, Fearnhill Dragons Den, Culture Day, House Day and for those who enjoy

quieter pursuits, the library's Summer Reading Challenge (one for me - I have a pile of books I can't wait to start!). All of these activities demonstrate just what a thriving, happy and outward-facing school Fearnhill is.

We raised over £400 for Herts Welcomes Refugees during our Culture Day and celebrated the differences that make us all special and all part of the Fearnhill Family.

As I look back over the last eight years leading the school it is the sense of community and welcome that is my strongest and proudest memory. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and continues to bring their commitment, warmth and hard work to the amazing place that is Fearnhill. I will stay in touch and look forward to hearing about the next exciting adventures! Over to you, Mr Spencer!



On behalf of staff and students, I would like to say thank you to Liz for her outstanding service to our school over the last eight years. In that time, the school has been transformed.

More students are choosing to come to Fearnhill, outcomes at GCSE and A Level are comfortably above national averages and our Ofsted report confirms that the School is in a strong position moving forward. I am very grateful to be taking over with everything going so well. We are indebted to Liz for her hard work, good humour and commitment to every student. I very much look forward to working with you all in the new academic year.

On behalf of us both, thank you for your ongoing support and we wish you a happy and restful summer break.

Liz Ellis & Tim Spencer

Ready to Learn Day - 4th September

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New term starts - 5th September. Week 1.

Weekly Awards

w/e 9 June		
Student of the Week	Oliver 7U	13 points
Form of the Week	8G	112 points
House of the Week	Gorst	344 points
Teacher of the Week	Mrs Lattimer, Maths	115 points
w/e 16 June		
Student of the Week	Henry 7R	13 points
Form of the Week	7R	176 points
House of the Week	Pearsall	406 points
Teacher of the Week	Miss Cotter, science	152 points
w/e 23 June		
Student of the Week	Mason 7 S	11 points
Form of the Week	7 S	148 points
House of the Week	Neville	316 points
Teacher of the Week	Mrs Armstrong, Science	179 points
w/e 30 June		
Student of the Week	Eliza 7R	13 points
Form of the Week	7R	164 points
House of the Week	Pearsall	274 points
Teacher of the Week	Mrs Cross MFL	130 points
w/e 7 July		
Student of the Week	Thomas 9G	4 points
Form of the Week	9G	27 points
House of the Week	Gorst	58 points
Teacher of the Week	Mr Ogedengbe, Maths	29 points
w/e 14 July		
Student of the Week	Tilly-Rose 8G	10 points
Form of the Week	8N	122 points
House of the Week	Neville	240 points
Teacher of the Week	Mrs Lattimer, Maths	135 points

Have you got what it takes to be Student of the Week? Try your best in all lessons and extra-curricular activities and you could find yourself nominated and crowned!

Winner of Summer House Day - NEVILLE!

Year 10 Celebration of Achievements

3D Design	Anna	Absolutely smashing it. Dedicated, creative and focused resulting in amazing work.
Art	Chloe	Always working hard with creative and outside of the box ideas, making an effort to hit deadlines and working beyond the classroom!
Business Studies	Anna	Amazing! Working hard every lesson, always consistent, focussed and engaged. A joy!
Catering	Bella	Determined, focused and always on task.
Child Development	Rajveer	Consistent dedication and focus in lessons.
Dance	Megan	Despite a difficult few months with an injury, drive to keep going and dedication to improve.
Drama	Amy	Excellent attitude and commitment to the subject.
English	Isla	Persistently working hard to get fantastic results, and never settling for second best.
French	Emily	Showing great resilience and continuing to try to improve.
Geography	Ahmed	Consistent hard work and excellent questions around the subject.
History	Carter	Consistent hard work and enthusiasm for the subject.
Maths	Grace	Consistently doing lots of extra work. Really wants to achieve at GCSE. Done nearly all the boosts and targets in the homework. Works hard in class, supports other students.
Media	Sam	For his resilience and growth in confidence with media knowledge and skills.
Music	Riley	Excellent progress and involvement in extra curricular activities.
PE (Core)	Nahlya	Consistently great ATL in lessons with good level of skills showed in a range of sports.
PE (GCSE)	Kacey	Excellent progress and attitude to lessons.
PSHE	Anna	Making the most of all the career opportunities sent her way and for being an excellent role model.
RE	Pakeeza	Consistently working hard and taking on board the help given to her to continue to improve her marks and subject knowledge.
Science	Jasroop	For continuous hard work and making an effort to learn all of the facts then applying them during lessons.
Spanish	Peter	Excellent effort in all lessons and working hard throughout the term.
Sport Studies	Terry	Suberb effort, attainment and contribution in all lessons and doing extra outside the classroom to improve his knowledge of the subject.
HOY Award	Anaise	For her patience, kindness and continued dedication throughout a challenging year.
HOY Award	Daniel	Outstanding student all year.

Performing Arts Student of the Month

June				
Dylan	9H	KS3	Art	Answers lots of questions, offers to hand out resources and always does his best.
Taylor-Jane	%10 9P	KS4	Art	Always goes above and beyond, tries her hardest and succeeds.
Lilith	8G	KS3	Drama	Positive contribution to the school production and effort in class.
Amy	10P	KS4	Drama	Positive contribution to the school production and effort in class.
Erin	7R	KS3	Music	Great work with dictation
Sophie	10P	KS4	Music	Fabulous piano work this half term
July				
Bruna	8P	KS3	PE	Hard work & full commitment to Dance.
Ayla	10N	KS4	PE	Consistent hard work & applying herself to theory component of GCSE Dance.
Chloe	8H	KS3	PE	Great ATL in lessons and commitment to athletics this year.
Sian	10N	KS4	PE	Outstanding mock grade and excellent commitment to her role as Sports Leader.
Mason	7Q	KS3	Art	Thinks outside the box and is very creative, always wants to do well!
Michelle	9N	KS4	Art	Her work is wonderful as she is always trying her best
Skye	8G	KS3	Drama	Positive contribution to the school production and effort in class.
Antoni	%10 9P	KS4	Drama	Positive contribution to the school production and effort in class.
Alexander	%10 9P	KS3	Music	Really growing in confidence with music making this term. Keep on singing!
Nahlya	10P	KS4	Music	Singing so beautifully in celebration assembly.

Year 7 Celebration of Achievements

Art Mason 7Q Creative, takes initiative, wants to succeed and inquisitive. Excellent contributions to the lesson Computing Ellis 7T Always striving to learn more and push himself. Happy to help out others if struggling and good overall attitude 3d Design Madison 7S Excellent attitude to all elements of working within the design studio and workshop. Drama Ben 7U For his excellent contribution to drama this year. 7R Sophia A studious, mature and hardworking young lady. **English Food Studies** Kitson 7R Dedication to preparing quality food **French** Mason **7S** Excellent attitude to learning and an example to his peers Orla **7**S Fantastic classroom contributions and excellent attitude to learning throughout the Geography academic year. History Braeden 7T Outstanding achievement all year. **Maths** Exemplary student. Always tries 100% and takes such pride in her work. Faye 7R Music Ben 7U Excellent progress and involvement in extra curricular activities PE (Core) **Thomas** Outstanding commitment to improving his athletic ability. Overall, great ATL. 7U **PSHE** Gabriella 7T Excellent contributions in class and will work hard to learn something new. **PSHE** Faith 7T Very compassionate and offers well thought out opinions in a sensitive way RE **Thomas** 7U Fantastic contributions to lessons, always willing to do that little bit extra and an excellent attitude to learning. Science Isla Consistently brilliant in science lessons and always willing to engage in lesson. 7R Consistent hard work, Excellent progress and attitude to learning. Spanish Jake 7S 7U Outstanding work all year achieving a fantastic number of achievement points and **HOY Award** Oliver kindness. **HOY Award** Serbroop 7Q Outstanding work all year achieving a fantastic number of achievement points and



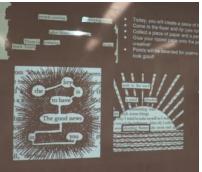
Year 8 Celebration of Achievements

Art	Holly	8G	Always hard working, producing creative outcomes that are of high quality
Computing	Lilith	8G	Always good quality work and even better attitude to working
3d Design	Mya	8N	For persevering and making the necessary changes to improve her practical outcome
Drama	Lola-Rose	8P	For her excellent contribution to drama in school this year.
English	Max	8P	For continuous hard work, always pushing himself a little further, and 100% Sparx completion.
Food Studies	Harry	8N	Dedication to preparing excellent food
French	Ella	8P	A budding linguist, always focused on work and ready to help other students
Geography	Defne	8P	Excellent focus and hard work throughout academic year.
History	Lillith	8G	Outstanding achievement across the full academic year.
Maths	Tilly-Rose		Always contributes well in maths and tries her hardest and took part in the maths team challenge.
Music	Derya	8G	Excellent progress and involvement in extra curricular activities
PE (Core)	Rohan	8P	Graet progress in lessons, representing the school year above in Cricket and competing in a high standard at athletics.
PSHE	Tilly-Rose	8G	Excellent attitude, maturity and contribution in class.
RE	Maria	8N	Excellent effort in all lessons and working hard throughout the term
Science	Em	8P	For continuous hard work and always wondering what if, or what would happen next.
Spanish	Toby	8H	Consistent hard work, contributing in lessons and showing enthusiasm for the subject.
HOY Award	Defne	8P	Brilliant achievement in lessons all year. An outstanding number of achievement points
HOY Award	Toby	8H	Great attendance, excellent number of achievement points. Always super kind,



House Day









Students - and staff! - enjoyed a fun-filled morning of events and activities to celebrate the end of the summer term. Thankfully the weather stayed bright and warm for the traditional House Day which saw students enjoying many outdoor activities - tug of war, Vortex, poetry in the park, football and ... ice cream!

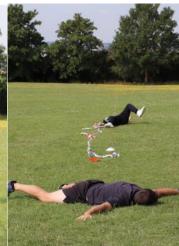
Those who escaped indoors created poetry from old books, using the blackout technique to great effect.











Culture Day

Over £400 was raised during Fearnhill's first ever Culture Day which saw students wear national dress, take part in quizzes and make some amazing cakes and biscuits during the day. Even the weather joined in with us, with all events held indoors because of typical British rainy weather!

Thanks to our lovely lunch ladies from HCL Catering for some amazing lunch dishes from across the world.











Veronica Raymond, of Herts Welcomes Refugees, spoke to students about the charity's work ahead of the school's Culture Day.

Herts Welcomes Refugees has a network of over 150 volunteers who support refugees and people seeking asylum across Hertfordshire. They provide practical support to these new arrivals, helping them to connect with their communities and adjust to life in the UK.

Money raised during Fearnhill Culture Day will be donated to the charity.

Veronica is photographed below (far right) with Ms Ellis, Headteacher, Mrs Kendall, English as an Additional Language tutor and year 7 students.

Geography

This summer term has seen the Year 7 Geography students studying the topic of settlement. Within this topic we study shopping centres and their sphere of influence, i.e. how far people are willing to travel for goods from a particular area.

The Year 7 geographers investigated the question: **Is Letchworth a high order shopping centre?** A high order shopping centre is an area with plenty of comparison good shops, such as furniture, clothes, TV and electrics...

On Tuesday we left Fearnhill School to walk into the town centre. The students, working in small groups, had four experiments to complete. They had to: Complete a traffic count on East Cheap Street; Complete a shopping survey - mapping all the shops in town; An Environmental Quality Survey (EQS); and a questionnaire - asking members of the public - how far they had travelled and what they were shopping for.

The students had a fun time completing the tasks and asking the members of the public their thoughts on Letchworth as a shopping centre. It was great to see the Fearnhill students handle themselves with great maturity asking the public questions about their shopping habits. The majority of students finished their tasks in time and found they had time to spare so they could experience the shops for themselves and for some well earned cold drinks and sweets.

A massive thank you goes to all the staff that helped out on the trip: Miss Ellis, Ms Holloway, Mr Williams, Ms Sobotie, Ms Fleet, Ms Hughes, Mr parsons, Ms Cheeseman and Ms J Ellis.

Earlier this month it was the turn of 66 Year 10 Geography students to take part in a GCSE fieldtrip. We went to Walton on the Naze, Essex, to investigate 'How successful are the coastal management strategies at Walton on the Naze'. GCSE Geography requires all students to complete some physical and human geography fieldwork - this is the physical fieldwork.

When we arrived at a sunny Walton on the Naze, students were broken into 3 sets of 22 students who then took turns in completing the three areas of study.

Miss Hughes had the students measuring the groynes on the south protected beach to investigate the impact of the groynes on longshore drift. Miss Cheeseman took the students to both the north and south beaches to measure the gradients of them, using the ranging poles and the clinometers. Mr Fowler took the students on an observational walk and measured the rate and direction of longshore drift.

We stopped for lunch at 12.30 to enjoy either a packed lunch, or something from the cafes found by the sea. We completed our experiments after lunch, leaving the Naze just before 3.00pm to return to school. Sadly we caught up with some rubbish traffic on the way home and were quite delayed, however it did not take the shine off a great day by the sea.

A great time was had by all - not too many sunburnt but many tired on the return journey. A massive thank you to Mrs Cottenden, Miss Hughes, Miss Holloway and Miss Cheeseman for helping out on the trip and well done to the Year 10 geography students whose behaviour was exemplary and credit to the school.

Mr Fowler, Head of Geography



Geography

The A-Level Geography specification requires students to complete 2 pieces of physical field work and 2 pieces of human field work. On Monday 17th June the Year 12 geography students travelled down to Kew gardens to investigate the impacts of globalisation and the continued changes to the carbon and water cycles.

Our morning investigations saw the students studying the impact of globalisation on the natural worlds, specifically the tropical rainforests. The students took part in group discussions considering the Amazon Rainforest and the use

of both the services these ecosystems offer and the goods too. With many ecosystems in developing worlds there is the need for balance between using the goods offered and conserving the services provided. The students spent time in the beautiful Palm Glass House designing a Fair Trade Product using Tropical Rainforest Plants sustainably. It was excellent to hear the students pitch their ideas to the Kew members of staff - well done Loona and Sukhveer for their pitch on biodegradable fishing nets from rubber trees and pineapple plants.

We spent the afternoon sessions investigating the impacts of the carbon and water cycles on the Tropical Rainforests, once again in the beautiful Palm Glass House. The students investigated the impact of commercial farming in these biologically sensitive areas. It was great to see the students struggle with the balance of the need for development in these developing countries while reducing the negative impacts of many of the development projects in place - real geography in action!!

A massive thank you to Miss Hughes and Miss Cheeseman for their support on the trip.

Nick Fowler, Head of Geography



Business Studies

Our new Year 10 Business students are already a step ahead for next year having formed their own companies and pitched their business ideas to senior Fearnhill staff this week.

The Dragons' Den event was the culmination of their research into developing their own business ideas and working in small teams.

Ms Corden, Business teachers, said: "The students are working hard to try and gain a place in a national competition in September, where they have the chance to get funding to start their business. They will then

compete against other schools for the chance to win further funding to make their business permanent and a trip to Buckingham Palace for the awards ceremony.

"They have all worked really hard and it has been lovely to see their creativity - and competitiveness!"

Winners were:

Dahlia - Self Care Boxes. Saschi, Juhi, Rosie and Michelle (photographed right)

Runners Up:

Gym Gorilla - designing their own gym kit. Mason, Dylan, Ryah, Charlie L and Xhenaro

Clarch's - upselling waffles and sweet treats. Antos, Charlie M, Charlie G, Luke B, Rai and Harry



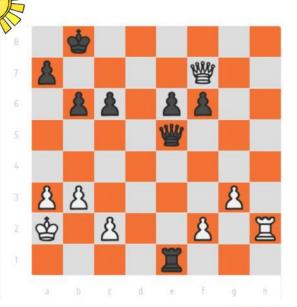
Library

Checkmate in One Move competition

This year we have had 237 correct answers for the Checkmate in One Competition, each correct answer earns a raffle ticket and this year the raffle has been won by Jack in 8H who has won an Amazon voucher.

Why not try it for yourself? Answer at the bottom of the page!





Can you get to Checkmate in one move?

(you are playing the white pieces)

Summer Holidays 2023



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

Sixth Form

Fearnhill Sixth Form welcomed the new intake of students with a Year 12 Induction Day.

Students met tutors and were welcomed by Tom Marlow, Head of Post 16 Studies, who gave them an introduction to what they should expect from sixth form at Fearnhill before they moved onto a series of taster lessons.

All students reported back that they had enjoyed the taster lessons and had found them very useful in choosing

what to study in sixth form.

They said:

'As well as giving me an idea of what's to come, it made me feel more excited to discover new things about the subject.'

'It was a very good introduction to what we will be doing when we return in September.'

'The sessions for which I applied were very helpful. It answered all my doubts.'

'The lessons were well laid out.'

'The lessons reassured me to take the subjects I have chosen.'

'Biology and Chemistry lessons were really fun.'

Year 12 students photographed with Mr Marlow (right).

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Anyone considering sixth form study at Fearnhill should email *headsofsixth@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk* for further information.

Year 13 students said goodbye in style this week with a special celebration evening in Letchworth. Year 12 joined their peers for an evening of fun, awards and dancing. Good luck Year 13 - we look forward to seeing you again for A level Results Day on Thursday, 17 August.



Sports Day



Sports Day

The annual sports day took place on the 6th of July when the whole school community came together to compete in a variety of physical activities and sports, from field events to rounders and relays. It also provided an opportunity for students to showcase their athletic abilities, break from their academic routines, and spend some quality time with each other.

Field events took place in the morning, which consisted of a wide range of activities, from the throwing events, such as javelin and shot-put, to the jumping events, which included the long jump, triple jump, and high jump. Lastly, the strenuous 1500m race. Heats for these took place throughout the week, allowing students to gain extra points for their respective houses.

Rounders took place in periods 3 and 4, a fun field game that requires teamwork, skill in battling and fielding, and strategic decision-making. Students from all year groups participated with great enthusiasm and everybody gave their all, despite with the hot weather. There were some outstanding performances, with some great catches and consistent hits. One example of this is undoubtedly Rohan in year 8, who came up with a magnificent display: not only did he serve as the bowler of his team, but also struck some phenomenal long-range hits.

The day finished with 100m sprints and relays, It was lovely to see the crowd enthusiastically encouraging and supporting their peers, and despite the competitive nature of the event, a sense of mutual respect was maintained. An all-Italian relay also took place amongst our visiting students. The very final event of the day was the teacher and sixth form relay, it was fiercely competitive, with the latter eventually coming at the top.

The winners of the competition were... Pearsall (536), securing the victory with a narrow difference of just 2 points over Neville (534). Fine margins...

Sukhveer Singh



Vacancies



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:



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Year 13

Student Support



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





External Opportunities



The Letchworth
Family Support
Team will be at Play
Wild Soft Play North Herts Leisure
Centre.

When: 24th August Time: 10am- 12pm

Come along and say hi. We will be running a colouring competition. Take part with a chance to win a family hamper of goodies:-)







Norton Common junior parkrun

A free weekly timed 2km timed run for 4-14 year olds

9.00am every Sunday

Norton Common, Letchworth – meet on the tarmac path in the middle of the park towards Icknield Way

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Register and more info at www.parkrun.org.uk/nortoncommon-juniors



External Opportunities







Want to know more about the Public Health School Nursing team in Hertfordshire?

Check out our platforms:



https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/info-and-advice/ parents-and-mums-to-be/school-nurses.aspx#

www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing



07480 635 050

Confidential text message service ran by the school nursing team for 11-19 year olds. Text in any health and wellbeing concerns



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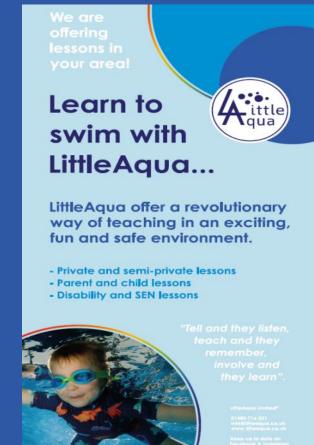


www.healthforkids.co.uk/hertfordshire www.healthforteens.co.uk/hertfordshire



School nursing duty number

0300 123 7572 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays)





External Opportunities



re Herts Summer Parks is coming to Stevenage this August!

For children aged between 12-16 years, free activities include:

- Bubble football
- A climbing wall
- Arts and crafts
- Basketball and much more.
- King George V Playing Fields
- 1, 8, 15 and 22 August
- 4-7pm

Please register your interest here: https://forms.office.com/e/VKSGFazi3W





Calendar

Autumn Term 2023

Inset Days Friday 1st and Monday 4th September 2023

Ready to Learn Day (Individual appointments with tutors) Tuesday 5th September 2023

School opens for all Year groups Wednesday 6th September 2023

Half Term Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2023

Return to school Monday 30th October 2023

Inset Day (disaggregated)

Occasional Day

Friday 24th November 2023

Monday 27th November 2023

End of Term (early closure) Wednesday 20th December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Inset day for staff

Thursday 4th January 2024

Spring Term begins for staff and students Friday 5th January 2024

Half Term Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February 2024

Return to school Monday 26th February 2024

End of Term (early closure) Thursday 28th March 2024

Good Friday Friday 29th March 2024

Easter Monday Monday 1st April 2024

Summer Term 2024

Summer term begins for students Monday 15th April 2024

May Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2024

Return to school Monday 3rd June 2024

Inset Day Monday 1st July 2024

End of Term for students

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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