



FEARNHILL  
SCHOOL

GROWING EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY



## Head's **welcome**

Welcome to Fearnhill School, where we pride ourselves on being a small, happy community - the Fearnhill Family. At our school every student is safe, supported and cared for, and we work tirelessly to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels like they belong.

Strong relationships are at the heart of everything we do. By creating a supportive and nurturing environment, we help our students to achieve their full potential. We have high expectations for behaviour and academic ambitions for every pupil and our track record of achievement is a testament to our commitment to excellence.

High quality teaching is our priority in every lesson, and we are proud to have knowledgeable teachers who are dedicated to helping our students succeed. The school is judged to be 'Good' in all categories by Ofsted. Our exam results are also testament to our commitment to excellence, with our students making better progress than in most schools at GCSE. In our sixth form, our results are equally impressive, with 66% of all A levels graded A\*-B.

Every student is unique with different interests, skills and talents; we build on these and support them to achieve and find a pathway onto higher education, training or employment. We care about developing character. It is our aim that every student embodies the values of the Fearnhill Student: someone who is kind, confident, resilient and self-aware.

I am delighted to welcome you to Fearnhill, where we strive to create an environment that fosters a love of learning, encourages self-discovery and supports every student in achieving their full potential. Join us and become a part of the Fearnhill Family.

Tim Spencer, **Headteacher**





## Caring and community

### Happy and safe students

The Fearnhill community is nurturing and inclusive. It is important to us that each student is able to grow and feel safe to explore, take risks and express their ideas. Student benefit from a strong pastoral system with an allocated form tutor, a Head of Key Stage, and an experienced pastoral support team; this enables each new student to quickly become a part of the Fearnhill Family. The Fearnhill community is built upon the holistic development of the Fearnhill Student who is kind, confident, self-aware and resilient.

**OFSTED:** *"Pupils at Fearnhill School are happy and safe. Pupils describe the school as being 'like a family'. They value the positive relationships they have with staff and each other. Pupils learn important values such as tolerance and compassion. In their experience, it is fine to be different. Pupils say that bullying is not an issue. If any incidents were to occur, they feel that staff would deal with them effectively."*





## Academic **excellence**

The curriculum at Fearnhill is designed to develop students' character whilst also fostering academic excellence. We nurture creativity and promote active participation in sports as well as traditional academic subjects. The curriculum at Fearnhill is at the cutting edge of educational research and is carefully designed to meet the needs of every student.

Our unwavering belief in the transformative power of excellent teaching is central to our approach at Fearnhill. Our teachers are committed to inspiring a love for learning, fostering critical thinking, and empowering students to become lifelong learners. As a school, we are committed to prioritising our teachers' professional development to ensure that we have the best team of experienced subject specialists in front of our students every day. Our teachers are dedicated, knowledgeable, and highly effective.

**OFSTED:** *"Pupils benefit from the high expectations that leaders have for what they can achieve. Classroom routines are well established to support all pupils to participate fully in their lessons. Pupils are engaged in their lessons and learn effective strategies for remembering new information. This helps them to achieve well."*



## The diversity of our curriculum - **inclusivity**

At Fearnhill, we understand that every student is unique, with their own talents, interests, and aspirations. We embrace and celebrate diversity, fostering a culture of respect and understanding among our student body. Our inclusive ethos ensures that every individual feels valued, supported, and empowered to flourish in their own way. Our curriculum across school is also carefully planned to represent the diversity of culture within our school and our community.



**OFSTED:** *"Pupils enjoy school. They speak positively about the extra-curricular and enrichment activities that they take part in, such as sports and performing arts. Many pupils are also involved in the 'Fearnhill Flyers' programme which partners with Balliol College, Oxford. These activities build pupils' confidence."*

## Sport, **extracurricular** & trips

We believe that education extends far beyond the classroom walls. Fearnhill offers a vibrant array of extracurricular activities, clubs, and societies, providing students with opportunities to explore their passions and develop leadership skills. From sports to arts, competitions to entrepreneurship, our diverse range of activities fosters teamwork, personal growth and a well-rounded education. Our students excel on the sportsfield as well as the stage and enjoy the thrill of matches, concerts and theatrical productions. Fearnhill students make the most of every day, they grow their sense of belonging, build strong relationships, and through a variety of national and international trips, they grow their understanding of the world.

**OFSTED:** *"Leaders have high ambitions for all pupils and students at Fearnhill School. They have prioritised curriculum development and high-quality staff training to ensure that all students and pupils achieve well. Leaders have put in place an ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum in all subjects."*



If I could give advice to a younger student, I would honestly say your school years are the best years of your life. You make so many new friends and learn an awful lot. The teachers at Fearnhill are all very caring and supportive which made my journey very pleasant. For me the key to a successful journey is based around that support system and accepting the fact that all teachers want the very best for you, even if you don't see it. My journey especially was a rollercoaster of emotions however I am now writing this as Fearnhill's Head Girl, which proves you can achieve anything you put your mind to, even after a rocky start! The teachers here really helped me reach my full potential and allowed me to express my personality in the best way possible.

Chenai, **Head Student 2023**



We would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers for helping my daughter settle in so well in Year 7 and for doing a great job in ensuring that she is constantly pushed in trying to do her best.

Mr and Mrs C, **Parents**

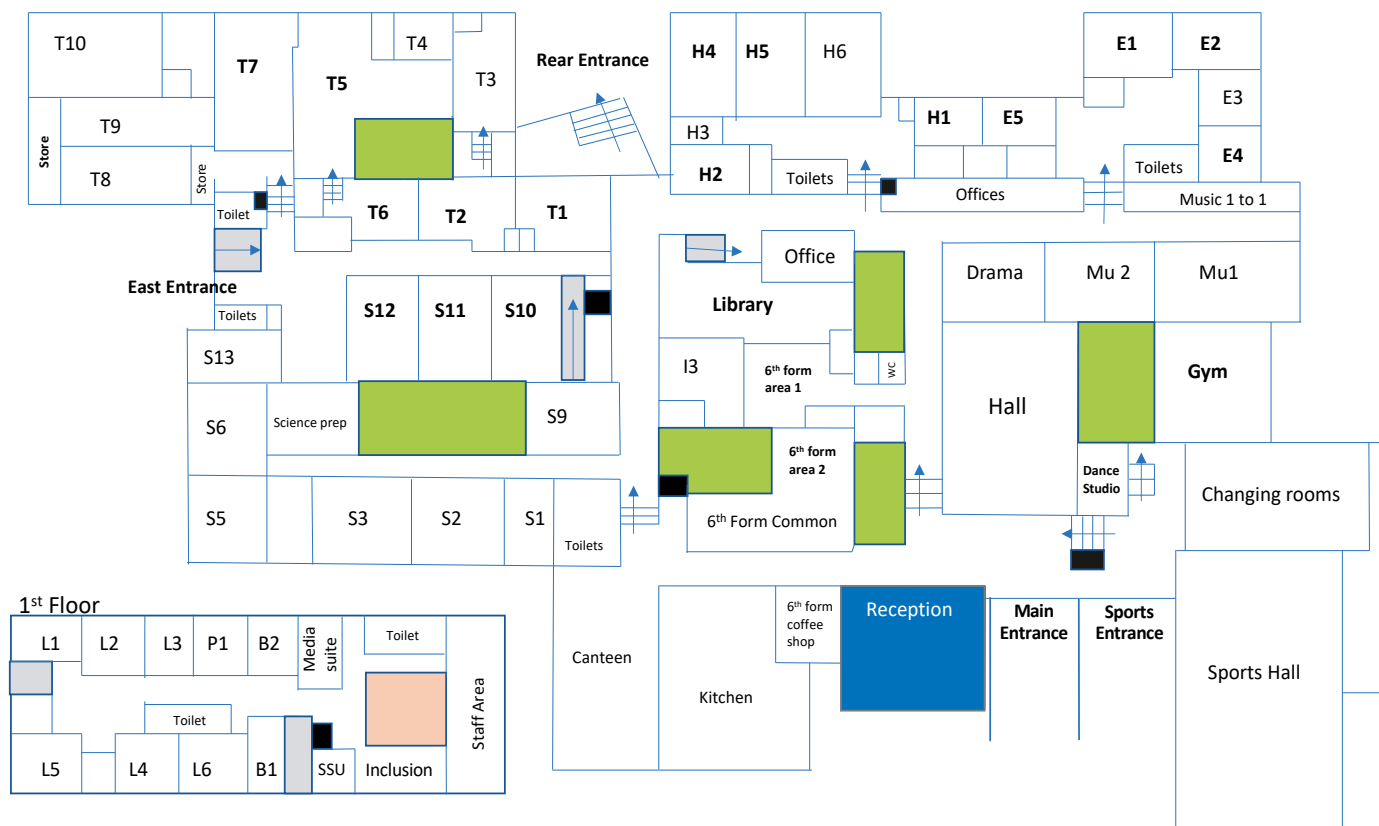
Thank you for constantly encouraging my child and keeping them motivated. Thank you for always being kind, friendly and helpful.

Mrs S, **Parents**



I have been at Fearnhill both as a student and (for the last 9 years) a teacher. The reason I kept coming back and have stayed is because of the unique friendly feel of the school and wider environment. Other schools don't come close. Our students are kind and keen which makes serving them and our community a pleasure.

Michael Turner, **Teacher**



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