



# FEARNHILL SCHOOL



## Careerfile

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## The Year Ahead in Careers Education & Guidance

Welcome back to a new year at Fearnhill School. I hope you are settling in well and are focused on achieving your full potential throughout the next 3 terms.



### Key Stage 3

Year 7s will take part in a PSHE Day on Achieving Economic Well-being – this is a fun filled and enlightening event which has been a real success over previous years. It concentrates on Personal Finance Education and introduces students to managing their money and looking at their future career options as well as discovering the personal skills and qualities necessary to get there.

Year 8s will be given the opportunity to experience a 'World of work' day which introduces them to the skills required in the work place and how their curriculum subjects help to develop these.

Year 9s will be choosing their subjects for KS4 as part of the options process. These are decisions that will shape their future so they must choose wisely.

### Key Stage 4

Year 10s will be preparing for and taking part in a virtual Work Experience programme – a fantastic opportunity with rewarding outcomes. Work Experience continues to be a vital part student development and teaches them numerous skills that will be crucial to their future success. We do encourage all students to source their own work experience in the actual work place and obviously where possible in the school holidays. This will be a significant asset on their C.V.

Year 11s, aside from navigating their next steps choices post 16, will learn how to write an impressive CV and take part in an Interview day standing them in good stead for their higher/further education and future work choices. They will also be involved in an Enterprise Day whereby teams compete to win the tender for the end of year prom. This involves, team work, initiative, problem solving, literacy, numeracy and artistic flair in order to be successful.

### Key Stage 5

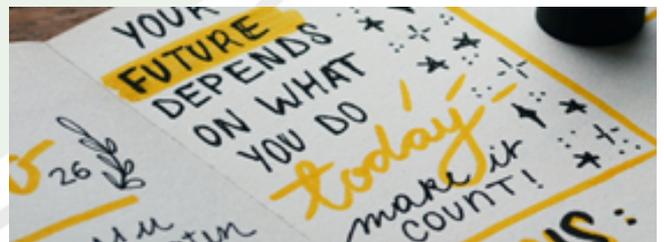
Students will be writing their personal statements and applying for universities and degree apprenticeships and preparing for life after their 7 years in secondary education.

*Ms Balchin, Careers & PSHE Lead*

## Summer Work Experience

If you took part in any work experience over the Summer holidays I would love for you to tell me about your experience to be shared in the next edition of Careerfile...

I will be sharing some stories of current Year 13 students' work experience that they took part in during the Summer term.



Look out every fortnight for new features - all things career related!



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# Services for Young People

Services for Young People is part of Hertfordshire County Council and delivers youth work projects and programmes, information, advice, guidance, work-related learning, outdoor education and other services to young people in Hertfordshire.

Our Personal Advisers and Youth Workers are professionally trained to provide the highest level of support and work closely with partners to provide counselling, mentoring and access to other services.

We run a wide range of youth work projects across the county in which young people can get involved. Through these projects they meet new people, learn new skills and take part in challenging opportunities. They are encouraged to develop their personal and social skills by taking part in activities including sports, drama, dance, music, workshops, outdoor education, DoFE, forums, residential and volunteering.

We help young people with the issues which are important to them such as jobs, careers and education, relationships, sexual health, confidence, self-esteem, substance misuse, staying safe, housing and independent living skills. Please explore this website to see the diverse range of opportunities and support we offer to young people of different ages and needs.

For full details of all the projects for young people available in your local area, please visit the Youth projects in your area section. One-to-one advice and support for young people is available at our Access Point Projects.

If you have any questions or would like contact details for local teams or individual staff, please contact us.

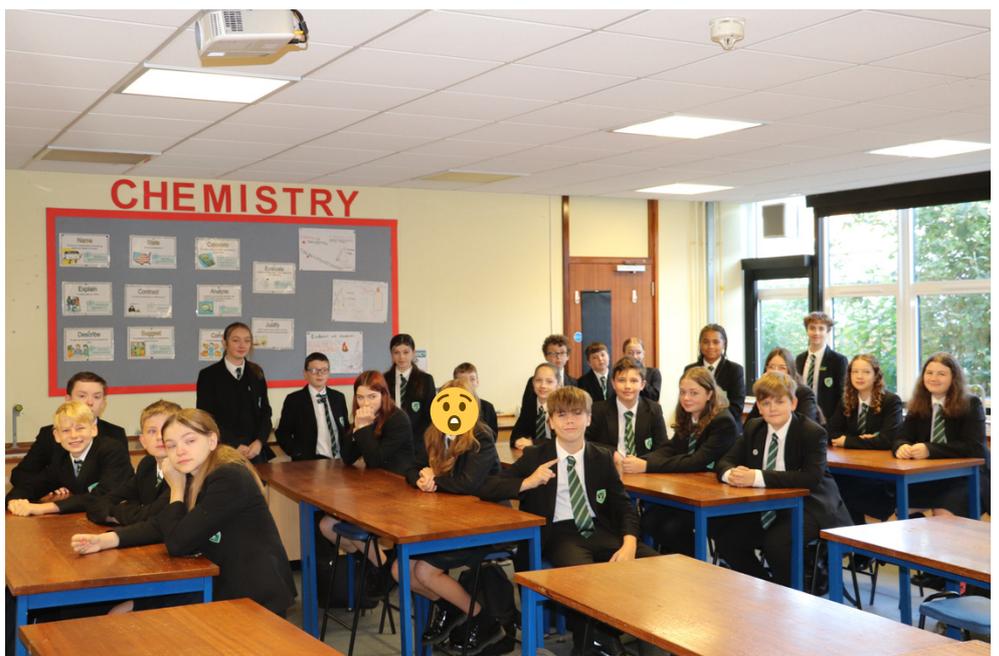
Parents/carers, professionals who work with young people and young people themselves can make a referral to SFYP.

Services for  
Young People

All Year 11 students will have a 1:1 interview with Jo Bains, our Personal Adviser, starting after October half term. If any students wish to be seen as a priority please come and see me to secure an early slot. In addition students from years 8-13 will have the opportunity to drop-in to discuss anything careers-related with Jo during lunch-time. More info to follow...

## Special Mention - September

I have the pleasure this year of teaching every student in the school across Key Stage 3 and 4 for PSHE/Careers Education. I taught 8P for their first lesson this week and was blown away by their maturity, use of initiative and the way they conducted themselves throughout the lesson. We had a great 60 minutes with every individual contributing something useful and meaningful... I didn't want it to end! Each one of them presented qualities of the perfect Fearnhill student. They have set the bar high for how all lessons should be. Keep shining 8P-you certainly knew how to shine in more ways than one... Mrs Armstrong, you should be proud to be their form tutor!



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## Key Word/Phrase of the Fortnight

**WAGE**



**VERY SIMILAR TO SALARY: AN AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT A WORKER IS PAID BASED ON THE NUMBER OF HOURS, DAYS, ETC. THAT ARE WORKED.**

## Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



### **Rag and Bone Man**

traditionally drove a horse-drawn cart around the city collecting junk. Old rags were used for papermaking. Animal bones could be used to manufacture glue. Other items could be traded.

## Apprenticeship FAQs

### **It's all hands on deck for a life at sea with marine apprenticeships**

Marine apprenticeships provide an opportunity to work in a unique and ever changing environment. Working with people from all over the world and enjoying exciting experiences not offered by any other career.

The marine industry continues to play a key part in our lives. Huge swathes of international trade come and go by sea, while millions of passengers leave and arrive every year. Boats play a part in leisure too—from rowing to sailing.

Any questions [contact us](#)

**Marine Apprenticeships**



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## 6th Form Pastoral Evening

On Wednesday 27th September our Sixth Form Pastoral Evening is being held here at Fearnhill.

Parents/carers are invited along with their son/daughter to provide them with information about our expectations of the students as they work towards their A Levels/BTECs and how they can be supported at home during this crucial period in their education.

All who attended will receive information about the procedures and systems that are in place in the Sixth Form.

The following areas will be covered:

- Expectations
- Enrichment
- 16-19 bursary
- Consortium arrangements
- Future paths
- Academic and pastoral support Assessment
- Sixth Form procedures



## Year 7 Pastoral Evening

We invite Year 7 parents/carers and students to join us on Tuesday 10th October. This is an opportunity to spend time with form tutors, reviewing work and discussing the transition from primary to secondary school. In addition, we will be sharing some key information on helping students to thrive at Fearnhill school. The formal element of the evening starts at 5pm but if you are experiencing any issues using any of our schools online platforms we encourage you to arrive from 4:30pm where we will try and support you to resolve these.

Your attendance at this evening is important and greatly appreciated. Staff and parents/carers working together in partnership will enable your child to achieve his/her full potential.

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating the students' successes.

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# Amazing Apprenticeships



*“The Parent Perspective” is an exciting podcast series for parents and carers, helping to support their children with careers advice and guidance. Series 3 is bigger and better than ever, led by our brilliant new host, Rachel Burden!*

*Together with Not Going to Uni, we want to make sure that we are supporting parents to feel informed and confident in providing careers support and guidance to their child, so they ultimately make the best decisions for them.*

*Through the podcast Rachel and guests offer a fun and informative space for listeners to:*

- Explore which careers are available today
- Showcase experiences of interesting & diverse role models
- Provide real-time insights into how the world of work is changing

*Each episode Rachel speaks to a diverse mix of parents, bringing their burning questions to expert speakers from the careers world. Together they uncover practical solutions and informative answers, to help make informed decisions on those all important next steps.*

*Listen via your preferred platform now or listen below!*



- [Episode 1](#)
- [Episode 2](#)
- [Episode 3](#)
- [Episode 4](#)
- [Episode 5](#)
- [Episode 6](#)
- [Episode 7](#)

### 3 WAYS TO USE THE PARENT PERSPECTIVE PODCAST

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- Discuss hobbies and interests that could lead to career ideas.**
  - Don't just focus on what they like about their academic subject, try asking these questions too:
    - What hobbies do you have?
    - What do you like to do in your spare time?
    - What clubs do you take part in and enjoy?
    - If you could pick one thing to do right now, what would it be?
- Discuss what options are available.**
  - Make a list of all options to start to create plans.
  - Start to think about and research what needs to be done next for each option.
  - <https://amazingapprenticeships.com>
  - <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>
  - your school website.
- Think about all the different options.**
- Get a feel for different roles and industries.**
  - Try and get some work experience. Going behind the scenes of a company can help you see what they do and rule in/ out choices.
  - Speak to people you know and hear their stories.
  - Do some independent research online.
- Find out what different jobs are like.**

### YOUR 4-POINT CHECKLIST

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- ENGAGE WITH YOUR CHILD**
  - Do they know what they want to do?
  - Do they have a dream? Is it realistic?
  - What skills do they have or want to develop?
  - What hobbies and interests do they have that could lead to a career?
- ENGAGE WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL**
  - Look at the careers section on your school website.
  - Attend careers fairs or other events (on the school calendar).
  - Make contact with the careers leader.
  - See the careers leader at consultation evenings.
- ENGAGE WITH YOUR LOCAL AREA**
  - Research local opportunities
  - Think about which sectors are crucial to your local economy.
  - Be aware of any work experience opportunities
  - Ask people their career stories.
- ENGAGE WITH INFORMATION**
  - Look at websites recommended by your school.
  - Do independent research into areas of interest.
  - Start by looking at the National Careers Service website <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

**Remember**

- It's not all about life choices now, it's also about skills development.
- You have the right to access free support and guidance for your child.
- There will be amazing employers and opportunities in your local area.
- Parents don't have to have all of the answers. It can be helpful to research together.

## External Opportunities



Scan here to sign up!



**FLYING START  
KICK OFF EVENT**

2ND OF OCTOBER  
5PM - 6PM

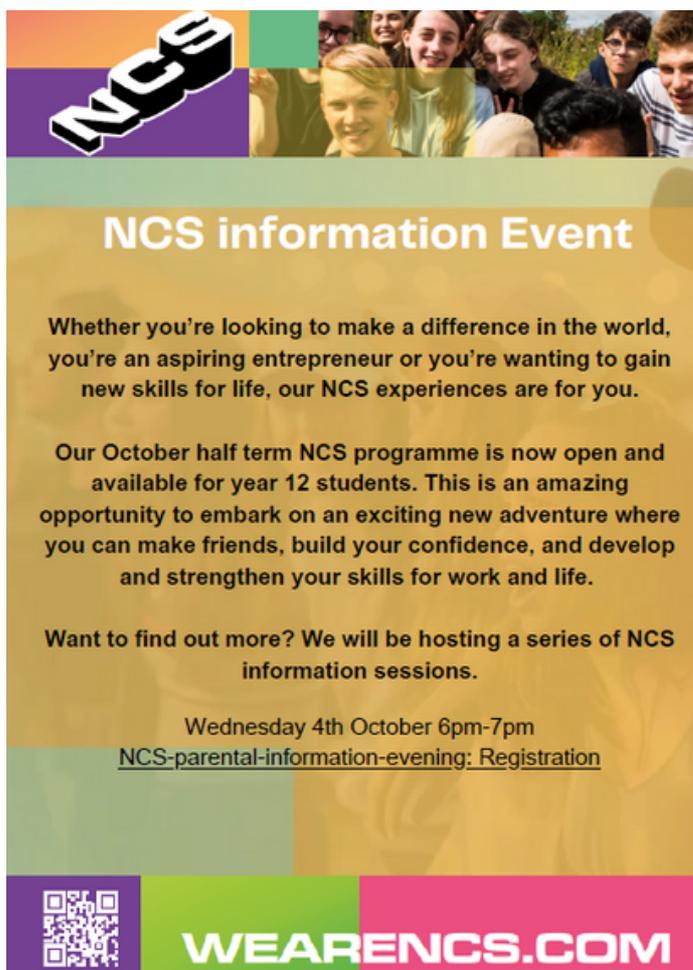
**Insight to PwC - Flying Start Degree Programs,  
Work Experience & Apprenticeship /  
Internship Opportunities  
Business, Accounting & Technology  
Opportunities with PwC!**

*Students are advised to check their school email accounts weekly, if not daily!*

*Careers information and opportunities are sent regularly and we wouldn't want them to miss the deadlines.*

*These are copied to parents/carers as well for reference.*

*A few of these opportunities are listed here.*



**NCS information Event**

Whether you're looking to make a difference in the world, you're an aspiring entrepreneur or you're wanting to gain new skills for life, our NCS experiences are for you.

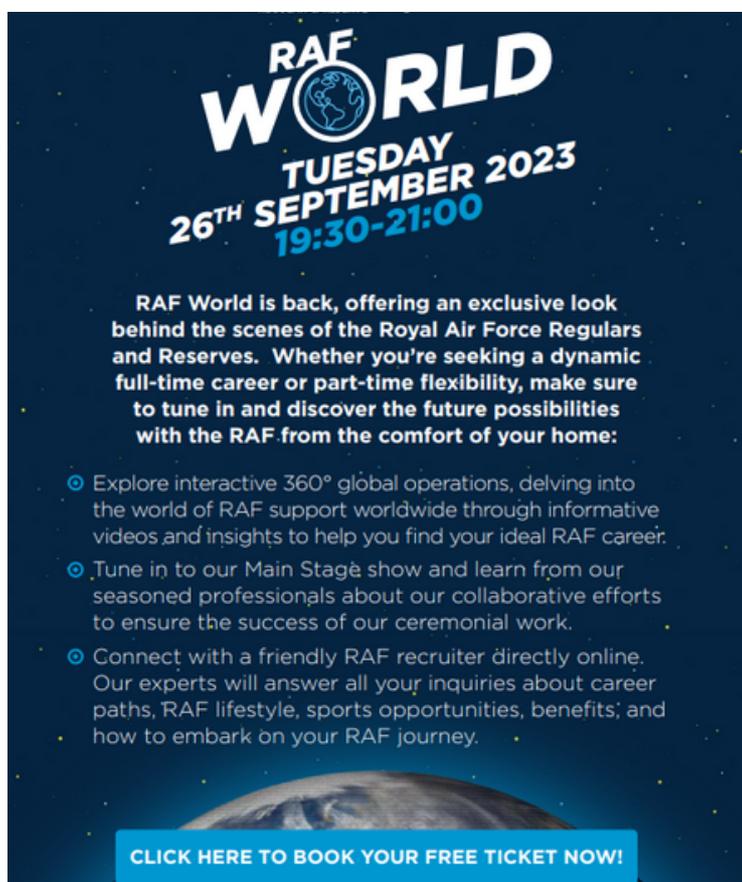
Our October half term NCS programme is now open and available for year 12 students. This is an amazing opportunity to embark on an exciting new adventure where you can make friends, build your confidence, and develop and strengthen your skills for work and life.

Want to find out more? We will be hosting a series of NCS information sessions.

Wednesday 4th October 6pm-7pm  
[NCS-parental-information-evening: Registration](#)



**WEARENCS.COM**



**RAF WORLD**  
TUESDAY  
26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023  
19:30-21:00

RAF World is back, offering an exclusive look behind the scenes of the Royal Air Force Regulars and Reserves. Whether you're seeking a dynamic full-time career or part-time flexibility, make sure to tune in and discover the future possibilities with the RAF from the comfort of your home:

- Explore interactive 360° global operations, delving into the world of RAF support worldwide through informative videos and insights to help you find your ideal RAF career.
- Tune in to our Main Stage show and learn from our seasoned professionals about our collaborative efforts to ensure the success of our ceremonial work.
- Connect with a friendly RAF recruiter directly online. Our experts will answer all your inquiries about career paths, RAF lifestyle, sports opportunities, benefits, and how to embark on your RAF journey.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET NOW!](#)

# World Mental Health Day



LIKE EVERY YEAR  
OCTOBER 10, 2023 IS  
**WORLD  
MENTAL  
HEALTH  
DAY**  
AND WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING TO SUPPORT  
YOUR COMMUNITY?

JOIN US FOR  
A CHANCE FOR  
HAPPINESS  
FOUNDATION  
LONDON  
MENTAL  
HEALTH  
WEEK  
OCTOBER 3-10, 2023

PRESENTING BRILLIANT  
TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS  
WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS  
MUSIC, ART AND FUN  
CONTACT: OFFICE@TORCONTEXT.COM

## Parents - We're Hiring!

**Fearnhill School is on an exciting journey with significant improvement across the school, recently rated GOOD by Ofsted and professional development that is second to none.**

**We are expanding and have a number of teaching and support roles available which could be just what you're looking for.**

**[www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/news-events/staff-vacancies/](http://www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/news-events/staff-vacancies/)**

**What are you waiting for!**



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