

# FEARNHILL SCHOOL



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#### The secret to a longer and happier life?

September means back to school and - for many teachers and students - it's also when we catch our first cold of the new school year. Try as we might, dodging colds seems like a futile exercise at this time of year - I certainly haven't escaped!

In truth catching a cold is an inconvenience, but nothing more. To some extent it helps improve our immune system. Covid is also doing the rounds at this time of year and government advice to school children is to avoid school for the first three days after a positive test.

When we feel unwell there is always the temptation to take time off school. But, if in doubt, we should always get into school if we can. Why? Because the evidence shows that students who attend more days of school usually, get better grades, earn more money and live longer and healthier lives.

That may sound overly simplistic, but the pattern is well established. At Fearnhill in Y11 last year, the students with over 95% attendance achieved on average one grade higher in each subject than students with under 90% attendance. This mirrors what happens nationally. More days off school results in lower exam grades.

Research has been carried out in various countries on the link between exam grades and lifetime earnings. In the UK, a study of students who took their GCSEs between 2002-2005, showed that achieving one grade higher in each subject earned them, on average, an additional £200,000 over their working lives. Again, a similar pattern repeats all over the world.

Finally, there is a well established link between educational achievement, lifespan and health.



Students with better grades, go on to earn more money and live longer healthier lives. A simple Google search allows you to find examples of this research for yourself.

As parents we all want the best for our own children, and often the best thing we can do for them when they feel under the weather is to encourage them to keep going and get to school anyway, because - silly as it may sound - it really will make a longer and happier life for our children more likely.

#### Tim Spencer, Headteacher

Inside you'll find ...

- Student Awards
- Library winners
- Art Gallery
- Clubs timetable
- Bon travail Yr 7!

Week beginning 02/10 WEEK 1 Week beginning 16/10 WEEK 2

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## **Student Awards**

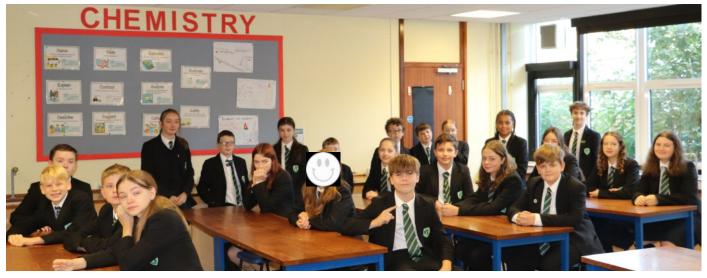
#### Student winners - Summer term

Gorst Oliver 8G 55 points
Howard Osama 8H 35 points
Neville Faye 8N 41 points
Pearsall Eliza 8P 47 points

#### Student winners - academic year 2022-23

Gorst Oliver 8G 325 points
Howard Dylan 10H 299 points
Neville Faith 9N 289 points
Pearsall Ella 9P 322 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!



A special mention for 8P from Ms Balchin: "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!"



Congratulations to former Fearnhill student
Harriet Wade who has been invested as the Lord
Lieutenant's Air Cadet for Hertfordshire in a
ceremony at Hertford Castle.

Harriet was given this award - the highest award an Air Cadet can achieve - for her outstanding work and dedication to Air Cadets.

As the LLC she will attend Royal visits and any functions attended by the Lord Lieutenant for Hertfordshire throughout the county for the next 12 months.

Well done Harriet - your Fearnhill family is very proud of you!

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## Library





Congratulations to the new year 7 students who read their copy of Fever crumb and completed a question sheet. The names of those who took part were entered into a raffle with the winners collecting a hand-made crab from Mrs Thurlby.

Winners were: Noah 7G, Alleyah 7H, Ivie 7H, Alesha 7H, Damla 7H, Phoebe 7H, Eliana 7H, Sophie 7H, Amy 7N, Freya 7N, Emma 7N and Olivia 7P.

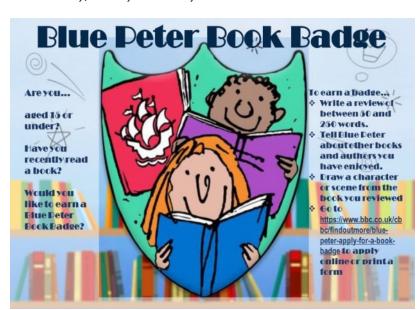
The Library is open before school from 8am and after school until 4pm.

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

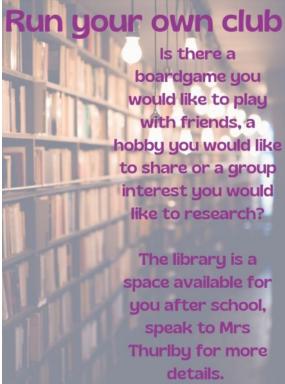
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### Art

Artists in Years 9 and 10 have produced some striking work. These building artworks were inspired by Marc Allante. They sketched out their own buildings, first using photos of buildings as inspiration then applied the water-colour on top. Students were taught different watercolour skills which they could use in their final outcome which was inspired by an 'urban landscapes' theme. The Year 9's also researched and replicated Agnes Cecile's work, again practicing and using watercolour skills that can support them to create their artworks. With the main theme being portraiture but looking at more abstract work.

The famous celebrity grid drawings were drawn for Year 10 assessments which they had been preparing for by using the grid to get an accurate drawing and applying tonal shading skills to make them look as realistic and 3D as possible. Look out for more artwork on the Gallery pages of the Fearnhill website: https://fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/learning/fearnhill-art-gallery/

Ms Bossley, Art







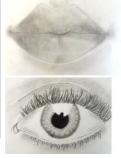


















## French

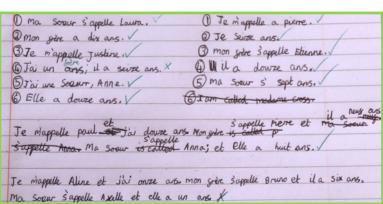
The new Year 7 students have been working well in their French lessons. They are learning to say what they are called and how old they are and can also do this to talk about other people, such as their siblings.

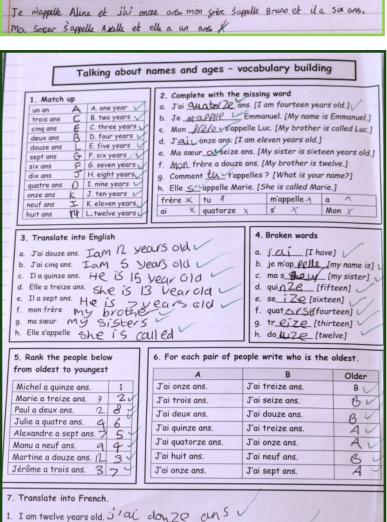
Excellent effort was made on getting all the vocabulary known, spoken and written correctly (worksheets) and the hard work paid off, as shown in the short paragraphs that were produced.

What a fantastic start to secondary school!

Bon travail! Je suis très fière de vous tous!

**Madame Cross** 





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3. He is eighteen years old. il a dix-huilt ans.
4. My sister is fourteen years old. Ma soeur anatoize ans

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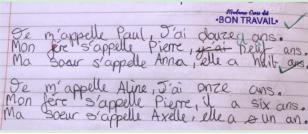
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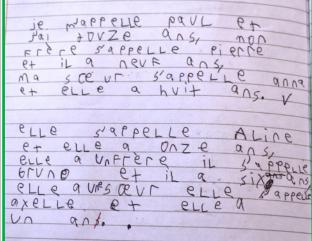
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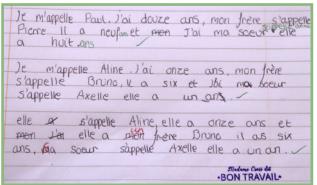
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# Extra Curricular Activities



## Extracurricular Activities Autumn Term 2023-2024

Day	Club	Year Group	When	Where	
M o n d a y	Badminton/Table Tennis	All	After school	PE	
	Choir	All	Lunch	MU1	
	Football	8 & 9	After school	PE *	3
	Homework	7-11	Lunch & after school	Inclusion	- 4
	Netball	7-9	After school	PE	
	Rugby	7	After school	PE	
	School Production	All	After school	Hall	No.
	Students Own	All	After school	Lib	AN AN
Т	Crime Club	10-13	Lunch	H5	
u e	Dance	7-9	Lunch	PE	A V
s	Homework	7-11	After school	Inclusion	<b>( )</b>
a y	GCSE PE Elevate Theory Session	11	Lunch	PE	
	Rugby	8	After school	PE	
	School Production	All	Lunch	Hall	
	Students Own	All	After school	Lib	
	Sustainable Society (Wk 1)	7-13	Lunch	H1	
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W	Basketball	8 & 9	After school	PE	
d	Creative Writing	All	Lunch	E5	
n e	Football (Boys)	7	After school	PE	E .
s d a y	Football (Girls)	7 & 8	After school	PE	
	Homework	7-11	Lunch & after school	Inclusion	
	Netball	10-13	Lunch	PE	
	School Production	All	After school	Hall	2 & a
	Science	7-9	Lunch	S3	
	Sewing	All	Lunch	Т9	
	Students Own	All	After school	Lib	<b>*</b>
	Students Sport Choice	All	After school	PE	

## **Extra Curricular Activities**

Day	Club	Year Group	When	Where
T h u r s d a y	Basketball	7	After school	PE
	Cooking	All	After School	T1
	Football	10-13	After school	PE
	History	All	Lunch	H2
	Homework	7-11	After school	Inclusion
	Jigsaw Puzzle/Lego	All	Lunch	Inclusion
	GCSE PE Elevate Practical Session	11	Lunch	PE
	Students Own	All	After school	Lib
	Wind Band	All	Lunch	MU1/2
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F	Basketball	10-13	After school	PE
r d a y	Christian Union	All	Lunch	H2
	Composition	10 & 11	Lunch	MU2
	Homework	7-11	Lunch & after school	Inclusion
	Students Own	All	After school	Lib

# **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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# PE SPORTS CLUBS/PRACTICES **Autumn Term 2023**

	Netball	Basketball	Rugby	Football	Badminton/ Table Tennis	Lunchtime 1:25-1:55pm
Mon	KS3 SSN/LFD		Year 7	Year 8&9 SMY	All years	
Tues Weds	Year 10-13	Year 8&9	Year 8 GMD	Year 7 Boys		KS3 Dance  JMN  Year 11 Intervention in B2 SSN  Student Choice
weas	SSN	OSD		Year 7&8 Girls		SMY
Thurs		Year 7		Year 10-13 AWS		Year 11 Practical Intervention OSD
Fri						Year 10-13 Basketball

SSN = Ms Straughn OSD = Mr Shepherd SMY = Mr Manley MTR = Mr Turner JMN = Mrs Martin GMD = Mr McLeod AWS = Mr Williams LFD= Ms Fullard

All Clubs/Practices will take place after school, unless stated otherwise, from 3:00-4:00pm

## External Events





#### DANCE AND PHOTOGRAPHY TASTER WORKSHOPS

#### **TAKE PART**

Join our 4 FREE dance and photography workshops in collaboration with Wilbury Community Cafe

(Suitable for families and adults / children must be accompanied by an adult)

#### WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?

You will try some dance and photography skills with two professional artists:

- Choreographer and dancer Kasia Truefitt
- Photographer Sam Ivin

Learn about the PERFORM TRANSFORM project in 2024 at Letchworth Museum and how to join.



#### WHEN?

Saturdays from 11:00am - 1:00pm:

- 10 June, 14 October
- 11 November, 9 December

#### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact BEEE Creative.

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## **Student Support**

At the National College, we provide everything educators and trusted adults need to strengthen, manage and evidence their professional, and personal development, in one place, on one platform.

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Data collected for ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) shows an increase in 11 to 17-year-olds experimenting with vaping: from 7.7% in 2022 to 11.6% in 2023. It's concerning that these age-restricted products are getting into the hands of under 18s as most contain nicotine, which can be detrimental to brain development and cause long-term addiction. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings; vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### NICOTINE ADDICTION

POTENTIAL TOXICITY

UNCLEAR LONG-TERM

ATTRACTIVE PACKAGING

CONSEQUENCES

#### WHAT IS VAPING?

#### LACK OF AWARENESS

A proportion of young people tend to view vapes as harmless, mainly because of the products' appearance and the perception (often strengthened on social media) that "vaping is cool" and on trend. In many instances, young people don't fully appreciate the concept of addiction: that is, they aren't adequately aware of the risk of becoming hooked on nicotine before trying a vape.

#### WIDER HEALTH CONCERNS

## **UNREGULATED VAPING**

#### SCARCE INFORMATION

#### VAGUE INGREDIENTS LISTS

# ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

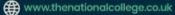
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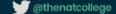




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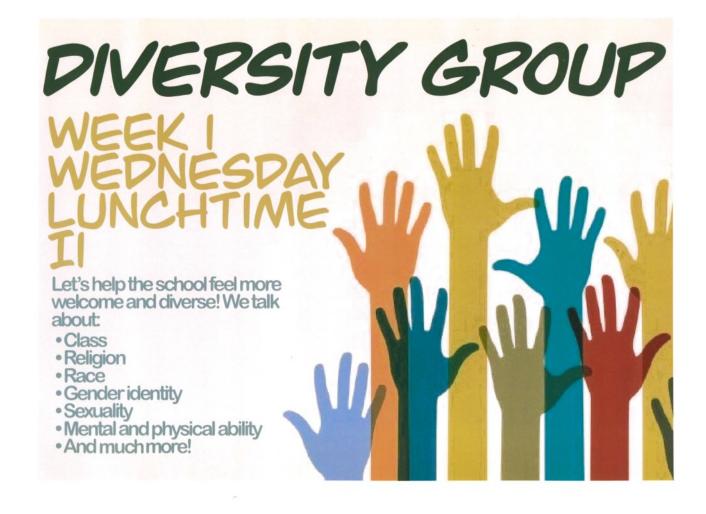
## Student Support



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





# Thought of the Month



"One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day"

## **External Opportunities**





### Calendar

#### **Autumn Term 2023**

Half Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Return to school Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Inset Day (disaggregated) Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Occasional Day Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

End of Term (early closure) Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Inset day for staff

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Spring Term begins for staff and students Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Half Term Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Return to school Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

End of Term (early closure)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Good Friday Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Easter Monday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

**Summer Term 2024** 

Summer term begins for students Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

May Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Return to school Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Inset Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

End of Term for students

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

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