



FEARNHILL SCHOOL



Careerfile

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Calling all Former Fearnhill Students - we need you!

Did you once walk the Fearnhill corridors, learn in a Fearnhill classroom and wear a Fearnhill uniform? Then I would love for you to get in touch! We need former students to join us to share their career stories to inspire our current students.

It doesn't matter what your journey has been since leaving school, we'd like to represent a wide cross-section of careers that might be available to our students.

If you'd like more information on how you can be involved in our Careers event early next term please email: admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

I am excited at the prospect of seeing some familiar faces! Spread the word!

GCSE Mock Exams

The GCSE mock exams are approaching fast. Students should be putting the skills into practice and using the advice given to them during PSHE lessons and at the Study Skills & Revision Techniques session that took place at the start of the month.

6th Form Applications

The 6th Form applications window is now open! The application form can be found [here](#). The application deadline is Friday 2nd December. Even if you are unsure as to your next steps, you can make an application and keep your options open to other possibilities. To help you with your choices, please take the time to read through the Sixth Form Prospectus [here](#). If you have any questions at all please see myself or Mr Marlow.

Ms Balchin, Careers & PSHE Lead



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



CALLING ALL FORMER FEARNHILL STUDENTS... **WE NEED YOU!**



Miss Balchin, our Head of Careers, would love former students to share their career stories to inspire our students.

It doesn't matter what your journey has been since leaving school - bank manager or basketball player, barista or barrister - come and let our students talk to you about your career path.

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Important dates for your diary

Year 11 6th Form Applications

deadline - Friday 8th December

Year 11 Mock Exams

4th-8th December

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Year 10 Work Experience

Unfortunately the Year 10 students will not have the opportunity to go out on Work Experience this academic year due to the effect the pandemic has had on businesses, and also the current cost of living crisis, but we are investigating other options for them in order to give them a taster of the world of work.

Although the students will miss out on physically going into the workplace we aim to give them the chance to prepare for, be involved in and feedback on a virtual work experience. We also encourage students to seek work experience through family and friends during their free time in order to gain knowledge of the work place.

We pride ourselves on our work experience successes over the years and the invaluable opportunity that serves to develop their employability skills. In whatever format work experience takes, it will continue to be an experience that opens the students eyes to the opportunities available, the skills required and participation in the event able to be added to their cv.

Special Mention - November

Kenzie has been thinking carefully about his post 16 options. He is looking at various A Level subjects and the combinations that are best suited to his future study and career choice. Most importantly, he is asking questions, talking to his teachers and attending all career events in order that he can make informed decisions about his next steps. Kenzie also makes the most of the information and advice shared in his PSHE lessons and has investigated the suggested career options that recently arose from the personality quiz completed in class. Doing so has opened his eyes to other options that he would not have otherwise thought of or indeed known about.

Well done Kenzie you are a superb role model and are destined to be a huge success in your future career. I hope any students reading this take note and follow suit by taking their next steps more seriously and exploring that big wide world of careers that is theirs for the taking if only they would make more effort to engage...



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Young People's Health & Wellbeing Survey 2023

Hertfordshire's Young People's Health and Wellbeing 2023 Survey is now open. Services for Young People (SfYP) is working in partnership with Public Health Hertfordshire to deliver the survey to capture the health and wellbeing needs of young people in the county.

The link to the survey is [here](#)

The survey only takes about 20 minutes to complete and the information received helps to shape support and services for young people across the county, as well as plan for Just Talk's campaigns and resources.

The survey results will be published at the beginning of next year.

The link to more information in the CYPMHS newsletter is [here](#).



In November Hertfordshire County Council and partners are running a **20 minute anonymous online** survey across secondary school aged pupils in the county to help us plan services and support for young people. This is the fourth year of running the survey with more than 11,000 responses recorded last year.

The link to the survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code above or by visiting the link at the bottom of the flyer. The survey will close on Wednesday 20 December 2023.

For more information please contact yphws@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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Hertfordshire CYPMHS system newsletter

Bringing mental health and emotional wellbeing news and information to professionals working with Hertfordshire's children, young people and their parents and carers.



#JUSTTALK



Youth Council

YOUTH COUNCIL



Is it **YOU** we're looking for?

We're giving 20 new members the chance to join our Youth Council to amplify the voices of young people across a range of topics relating to careers education and future careers.

Our Youth Council makes a huge difference - and you can too!

Click [HERE](#) to apply.

Apply to be a YOUTH COUNCIL member

It's time to introduce yourself properly!

Now's your chance to tell us all about you and explain why you'd like to join our Youth Council! Please make sure you answer all questions in full before you click 'Submit' as we are unable to process incomplete application forms.

You must submit your application by midday on the 1st of December 2023.
Any applications received after this deadline, will not be considered.



SPEAKERS
for schools

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Year 11 Post 16 options Evening Feedback

"The evening was informative and engaging." Parent

"It was a very useful event. From the general introduction, being able to speak with subject teachers and understanding the minimum required GCSE levels to get into 6th form." Parent

"I liked meeting the teachers and seeing what options are available at Key Stage 5. More space around the stands would have been good. More student work & opinions on courses. We would have liked a summary of all the curriculums." Parent

"I loved the taster sessions! I would have liked them to be slightly longer as there was lots of interesting content to pack into a short time slot. It was really interesting with audience/student participation." Parent

"The 'taster' sessions were a good insight for the students. Very useful 'taster' sessions, well pitched (so credit to the teaching staff) it must have been very difficult to provide meaningful insights in only 15 minutes, but they made the sessions interesting. The interaction in the Criminology session particularly was very interesting (well done to that teacher, quite the saleswoman!) To stimulate a room full of strangers into debating the finer points of the US penal code in only 15 minutes, very impressive - Kudos to her! Though I remain convinced that the Death penalty represents the best value solution for managing mass murderers... and people that cut me up on the roads!! Well done Fearnhill, I'm quick to point out the schools flaws but credit where it's due, a good and useful evening. Well done too to Mr Marlow, an enthusiastic teacher is often the cornerstone for student academic success." Parent

"Excellent delivery and engagement. Some students on the stands did not speak to us, possibly they felt a bit shy!" Parent

"Very informative and interesting being able to talk to the teachers and find out more about the subjects." Parent

"The introduction was good, we enjoyed trying lessons from psychology and criminology." Parent

"The evening was set out well." Parent

"The information was very useful and helpful." Parent

"I just wanted to say how reassuring and enlightening I found the open evening. Leading into the meeting I felt quite nervous for my child as there is a big leap into sixth form and he seems quite unsure of the decisions he wants to make. All the staff portrayed genuine enjoyment of their jobs and I left feeling like Fearnhill is the choice for him. It was the first opportunity I've had to hear Mr Spencer and it's a great achievement that the 6th form are performing in the top 3%. Mr Marlow's enthusiasm and care for students shone through and the sixth forms speakers spoke of their personal experiences making this much more relatable to my son. A special mention to Ms Balchin who spoke of my son's achievements throughout Fearnhill and the progress he had made. She spoke directly to him about potential career paths and signposted a sixth form in a similar position to talk to him directly. Her knowledge and experience seem invaluable and I feel my son would be in safe hands continuing his higher education at Fearnhill sixth form. Thank you to all your teachers for their continued efforts as always." Parent

"It was good to meet the sixth form stakeholders. It would have been useful to have timeline and more detail on the A level application process." Parent

"I found the evening very helpful to see what the curriculum looks like and hearing the current sixth formers talk about their subjects was reassuring. I liked the taster sessions but they could have been a little longer." Isla

"I thought the evening was really good, I found out a lot of information that I needed to know. Ms Balchin, Miss Straughn, Mrs Armstrong and Miss Cordon were all very helpful! Thank you." Anaise

"All the teachers were amazing, they answered all my questions and gave me all the information I needed to a good insight to the subjects, and the speeches from the Head Boy and Girl were really useful and insightful also." Anna

"I found out about subjects I'm interested in and about subjects I didn't know I would be interested in." Amy

"I really enjoyed the 6th form open evening, it really opened my eyes on what subjects I can take so I get can get the qualifications I need for university." Emily

Key Word/Phrase of the Fortnight

TO BE ON THE DOLE

TO BE CLAIMING **MONEY**
THAT A GOVERNMENT GIVES
TO PEOPLE WHO DO NOT
HAVE JOBS.



Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



Inager

Examined woollen goods for quality control.

Apprenticeship FAQs

Increase our understanding of the world through research and innovation with a science and R&D apprenticeship

Science and research and development (R&D) are not only critical to furthering our understanding of the world around us, but to develop tools and techniques that reduce hazards, improve processes and overcome challenges. Being able to more precisely measure meteorological patterns helps us to know exactly when to batten down the hatches as a storm approaches, and developments in laboratory science have radically improved criminal investigative techniques. The food we eat is safer, the drugs we take to combat illness more effective—the list of improvements made thanks to science and R&D is endless.

Any questions [contact us](#)

[Science & R&D Apprenticeships](#)



**Science and R&D
apprenticeships**

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Rate My Apprenticeship

RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk is the UK's leading job resource for young people seeking apprenticeships. Our mission is simple: to empower students and educators like you with the tools needed to kickstart careers.



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Medic Mentor

Real Students. Real Journeys. Honest Reviews.

Pursuing your dream of becoming a doctor may feel overwhelming, but remember that countless successful doctors have faced similar challenges and doubts. Believe in yourself and your abilities, focusing on your strengths and passion for medicine. Medic Mentor and its community of supportive students and mentors are here to guide you. Embrace the journey, knowing that success comes from resilience and learning from setbacks. Trust in your intelligence, drive, and passion, taking it one step at a time and seeking support when needed. Never lose sight of your dreams, for you have what it takes to achieve them.

The Medic Mentor website has numerous videos of med students sharing their journey.

Tabitha is at the University of Nottingham in their 3rd Year. Click [here](#) for Tabitha's story.

MEDIC MENTOR
YOUR MEDIC FAMILY



Amazing Apprenticeships

What Next?

What Next Magazine was launched to help school leavers navigate the ever-increasing range of options when school and/or college has come to an end. Read the latest and previous editions [here](#).



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External Opportunities

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.



**University of
Sunderland**

WE'RE EXCITED TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT TWO FANTASTIC ONLINE EVENTS THAT COULD BE A GAME-CHANGER FOR STUDENTS ASPIRING TO BECOME PARAMEDICS OR PHYSIOTHERAPISTS.

OUR INTERVIEW PREPARATION EVENTS ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO GIVE STUDENTS A WINNING EDGE IN SECURING A SPOT ON OUR COURSES. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY SHINE DURING THEIR INTERVIEWS AND SECURE A PLACE IN EITHER OUR APRIL 2023 (PARAMEDIC ONLY) OR SEPTEMBER 2024 COHORTS.

**PHYSIOTHERAPY INTERVIEW SKILLS PREPARATION
WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 6PM - 7PM, ONLINE.
> [FIND OUT MORE](#)**

**PARAMEDIC SCIENCE INTERVIEW SKILLS PREPARATION
MONDAY 4 DECEMBER, 5PM - 7PM, ONLINE.
> [FIND OUT MORE](#)**



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