



FEARNHILL SCHOOL



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Student of the Week

11-15 March

Student of the Week	Derya, 9G	15 points
Form of the Week	9P	204 points
House of the Week	Pearsall	590 points
Teacher of the Week	Miss Straughn, Head of PE	249 points

4-8 March

Student of the Week	Tilly-Rose. 9G	15 points
Form of the Week	7G	247 points
House of the Week	Gorst	687 points
Teacher of the Week	Mrs Lattimer, 2nd in Maths	154 points

STUDENTS HAVE THEIR SAY

It is easy to feel powerless in the world and unable to bring about change. However, we live in a country where citizens can and do have a say in how the country is run. I want every student to understand that they can make a difference in the world and understand the power of uniting many voices in a single cause.

School council reviews school uniform

We teach students how to advocate for themselves effectively through the school council. Mr Cordwell has worked with the school council all year to review our school uniform policy. The purpose of the uniform is to help students demonstrate their pride in belonging to the school community and to promote equality amongst students. The uniform should also be functional and comfortable.

Students identified that the uniform is uncomfortable during the hot summer months and that this is especially true when there are up to 30 students in one classroom. With this in mind the school council received feedback from all form groups and then worked together to draw up a list of proposals.

Students present proposal to senior leadership team

The school council then met with the senior leadership team to present their proposals for changes along with the rationale for these changes. The council then invited questions from the senior leadership team and we discussed the feasibility of each proposal.

The main proposal related to the summer term. Students asked for polo shirts without ties to be optional uniform items. We all agreed that polo shirts would help students to cope better in hot weather and there was no reason for us to oppose this proposal.

New uniform rules agreed for summer term

As a result I have agreed with governors that students can wear white polo shirts without ties from the start of the summer term. This is great news for students: they now have a uniform which is more comfortable and they have learned something about how to affect change in their community. The school council will continue to meet to discuss important school issues that affect students. I look forward to listening to their ideas and working with the school council to make Fearnhill better.

Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher

Year 9 Day of the Dead Artwork

Our very talented Year 9 students have been creating some fabulous artwork as part of their end of Key Stage 3 assessments. They designed a skull inspired by Mexico's Day of the Dead Festival and then spent time creating the skulls using clay. They painted the skulls with designs using vibrant and vivid colours.





Easter Reading Challenge,

Borrow a book, read it, write a review and take a photo of you reading in an interesting location.

Reviews win an edible prize, best photo wins a crochet rabbit.

Easter Reading Challenge

Join the Easter Reading Challenge! Read and review a library book and snap a photo of you reading it somewhere interesting, bring your reviews and photos to the library after Easter to be in with a chance of winning an edible prize or a crochet rabbit!



Competition Winners

Congratulations to the ten students who successfully named all 30 of the books in jars.

Alesha 7H
Damla 7H
Willow 7G
Yury 7G
Mia 7P
Brooke 7P
Aariya 8G
Serbroop 8G
Tiannah 9N
Chenai 13ABN



Well done to the nine students who correctly identified the reading teachers.



Phoenix 7G
Aariya 8G
Serbroop 8G
Gabriella 8G
Lyra 8P
Willow 9G
Alvin 9N
Tiannah 9N
Testimony 10H

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!)

Mrs Thurlby, Library & Literacy Assistant

Reading for Pleasure

With Mrs Whelan, Science Technician

Do you consider yourself a reader?

Yes!

Did you enjoy reading as a child? Did you have any favourite books?

I loved it. My favourite books were The Famous Five, The Secret Seven and ghost stories.



Do you read for pleasure now? What do you like to read? Do you have a favourite genre/author?

I still love reading for pleasure. I enjoy reading horror, in particular Stephen King. I love Scandi crime, Jo Nesbo being my favourite and fantasy/horror, especially Clive Barker, a fellow Scouser!

How long would you say you spend reading for pleasure each week?

10 - 15 hours.



Does your current reading include any teen/young adult books?

No, not currently.

If no would you be willing to read a teen/young adult book from our library and then let us know if you enjoyed and would recommend it?

Yes

Is there any thing else you would like to share with us about reading?

I have passed on my love of reading to my son who is currently studying for his Masters Degree. We spent many happy hours when he was young reading books and stories at bedtime.

Duke of Edinburgh



Congratulations to our students who completed their first Duke of Edinburgh practice walk on Sunday! They walked 15km around South Hitchin, perfecting their navigating and map reading skills as part of their bronze award. A big thank you to Mr Fox and Mr Fowler, who organised this, and to all the staff who accompanied them around the walk.

Random Act of Kindness

A big well done (and some reward points) to two Fearnhill students, who were spotted in uniform last week helping push a broken down car. They stopped on their way to school in the pouring rain to assist the driver in pushing his car, helping him stop somewhere safely and allowing waiting traffic to move on without too much delay!



Thank you to our talented year 10 students who led a fantastic PE lesson at Northfields Infant School last week! This was our third visit to the infant school and a fun morning was had by all as our students planned, organised and ran 3 activities for the Northfields' reception children, who particularly loved playing greedy granny. Well done Mia, Evelyn, Aaliyah, Ruby, Faith, Erin, Nuqi, Mishka and Sophie!



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 can be accessed by clicking on the QR codes below:



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11

Chroming



Parents should be aware that the TikTok craze of 'Chroming' is currently trending amongst young people. Chroming involves inhaling deodorant or other aerosols to get a "high" but it is incredibly dangerous and can lead to some very serious consequences, including heart attack and suffocation. Parents and carers are advised to talk to their young people about the dangers of chroming. For more information, please [read this article](#).

Dates For Your Diary

Spring Term 2024

Wednesday 27th March	Year 9 options afternoon - 4-6pm
Thursday 28th March	End of Term (early closure)

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April	Summer term begins for students
Wednesday 24th April	Years 11, 12 & 13 reports issued
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday - school closed to students
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 11th June	Year 9 reports issued
Wednesday 12th June	Year 10 GCSE PE Uni trip
Thursday 13th June	Year 8 HPV immunisations
Friday 21st June	Year 11 Prom
Monday 1st July	Inset Day - school closed to students
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 7 reports issued
Friday 5th July	Year 12 Celebration of Achievement - 2-3pm
Friday 5th July	Sixth Form Celebration Evening
Wednesday 10th July	Year 7 Celebration of Achievement - 2-3pm
Thursday 11th July	Year 8 Celebration of Achievement - 2-3pm
Friday 12th July	Year 10 Celebration of Achievement - 2-3pm
Tuesday 16th July	Years 10 and 12 reports issued
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term for students

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Please ensure that we have your current address, mobile phone number and email address.

Any updates can be sent to the school office on the email address above.



You're Invited!

Autism in Schools Coffee Morning in conjunction with

Angels

When?
Wednesday
1st May

Where?
Fearnhill
School

Time?
9am

Parent Carers of autistic children (both diagnosed and undiagnosed) are welcome.
No need to book!

Why not come along and find out more about:

- What Herts Parent Carer Involvement (HPCI) does in the Autism in Schools project.
- What that means for you as a Parent Carer.
- How it will help your child.
- Meet other Parents of autistic children and young people.

If you would like further information, please email liaison@hertsparentcarers.org.uk

SPRINGBOARD (SEND) COURSES

For young people aged 16-24 who require additional support before progressing to a vocational course or employment.

A full-time personalised course which provides students with the support, knowledge, skills, and confidence to become more independent, make informed decisions and to progress into a cross college vocational course and work.

North Hertfordshire College is pleased to announce our open afternoon at Springboard Letchworth on: Thursday 25th April 2.30pm – 5.30pm at Letchworth Town Hall

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Mickaela Windsor mwindsor@nhc.ac.uk or Rebecca Lewis rebecca.lewis@nhc.ac.uk or call 07943526089.

Students need to meet our assessment criteria in order to access the provision but individual needs are always considered

Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

at The Knights Templar School,
Baldock

Join us this Easter
Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 April 2024
2-6pm each day

For young people aged 13-16

Priority booking for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals

- Fun physical activities such as sports, dance and team games
- Creative activities such as cooking, arts and crafts.
- Informal healthy lifestyles workshops
- Meet and socialise with other young people
- Free healthy food every day

Use the QR code below or contact SfYP North Herts Team to sign up.

Area Team Manager: Lucy Davis
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