



FEARNHILL SCHOOL



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Student of the Week

1 - 5 July

Student of the Week	Summer B, 9H	19 points
Form of the Week	7G	211 points
House of the Week	Gorst	554 points
Teacher of the Week	Mrs H Lattimer 2nd in Maths	183 points

24 - 28 June

Student of the Week	Eliana N, 7H	23 points
Form of the Week	7H	268 points
House of the Week	Howard	736 points
Teacher of the Week	Mrs Armstrong 2nd in Science	205 points

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Congratulations to students Dash J (7G), Ella B (9P), Dylan L (8N) and Sophie R (7H) on being chosen to meet with Mr Spencer for hot chocolate and a chat on Friday 28th June. We're really proud of your excellent attitude to learning.

Mr Spencer's Update

ENDING THE YEAR WELL

This year the summer term ends on a half day on a Tuesday (23rd July). We have given some thought to how to make best use of the last day and a half. We want every day to be purposeful in supporting students to do their best.

Instead of normal school days, we have decided to conduct parent teacher interviews as part of our academic review days. We need your support more than anything else if we are going to help every child succeed. The review days are similar to the Ready to Learn day we conducted at the start of the year, except that we have taken on board your feedback and made some changes.

There will not be any parent teacher interviews on the first day of the autumn term, instead we will use these academic review days to look back at what students have achieved this year and to look forwards to what students need to do next.

The focus will be personalised to the student. For some students the focus will be on attitude to learning, for others it will be on academic progress in certain subjects or we might focus on study skills. The emphasis is on helping each student as an individual reflect on what they have done and set personalised targets for next year.

I sincerely hope you will be able to attend and that you find the meeting beneficial. I also want to reassure you that we always find these meetings to be helpful because we cannot do our job well without your input.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher



FEARNHILL MOCK GENERAL ELECTION



As the public went to the polls to vote in the General Election on July 4th, Fearnhill School held its own mock election. Students spent two weeks in the build up to the event learning about the British political system, our local candidates, and studying the party manifestos. Most importantly, they discussed amongst themselves what they thought about the election and reached their own conclusions on who to vote for.

The emphasis on the day was on understanding how the British political system works. A replica polling station was constructed in the Sixth Form Cafe and students voted for the local candidates in the North East Hertfordshire constituency, placing their folded ballot paper into the ballot box. Guiding them through the process was Head of History Mr Cordwell, who congratulated students on exercising their democratic right and reminded them of the millions of lives and hundred of years that went into gaining, and then keeping, those rights.

The results were then presented to students over google meet at the end of the day, Mr Cordwell delivered the analysis.

"The overall winner was Labour with 140 votes. So if Fearnhill School was a single constituency, then Chris Hinchliff would be the MP returned to Parliament. However, particularly interesting are the results if we consider each form group as a separate constituency. With 21 seats granted, 11 were needed for a majority. Reform managed to turn their 120 votes into 9 MPs, whilst Labour returned just 8. Neither having enough to form a majority government, but the peculiarities of First Past the Post elections giving Reform more seats, even though they had less votes. An interesting inversion of the impact of First Past the Post on the real election."

Mr Cordwell, Subject Lead in History

SCIENCE CLUB

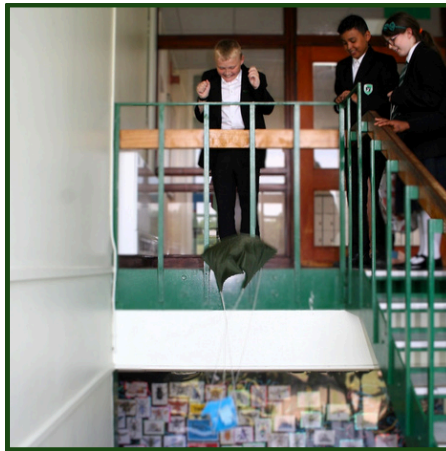
CAN YOU DROP AN EGG FROM 3 METRES AND HAVE IT "SURVIVE"?

This was the challenge science club faced this week, they were given limited time and resources to create something to land their egg safely after being dropped off the language stairs balcony.

We had a cracking time quite literally with only one egg surviving the drop, James was the undefeated champion of the day. His design was eggs-traordinary and not one that I have seen before. All designs looked to slow down the descent of the egg but didn't necessarily have the padding to soften the landing.

Olivia said: "That went much better than I thought!"

James said "I really liked dropping the egg off the language stairs. When it hit the ground I definitely thought my egg had broken, but then when I had a look it was perfectly in good order. If I could make an improvement I would try to make it glide and not just plummet to the ground. Afterwards we un-shelled the egg and fed them to the birds, which was amazing and a very good idea. If we did the experiment again I would wonder if hard boiled eggs are heavier than just normal ones that have not been boiled."



Mrs Jennings, Science Teacher

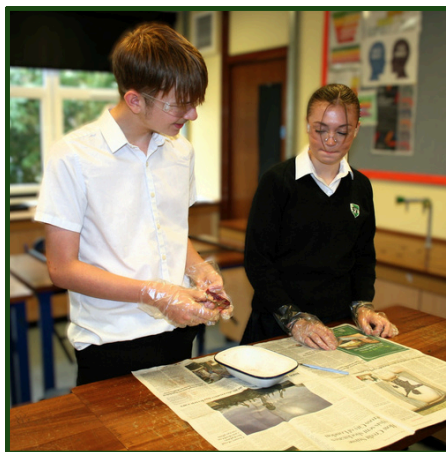
SPACE CAMP

A group of our year 11s were lucky enough to be invited to attend Space Camp at the National Space Academy at Cambridge University last week! Over the week long experience, they enjoyed attending lectures, learning about telescopes, viewing some exciting equipment, scuba diving and more! Tune in next week for more details on this exciting trip.



HEARTS

Our Year 9s have been studying hearts and this week were given some pig hearts to dissect. They were able to cut open the hearts and see for themselves the valves and arteries that make up the heart. Thanks so much to the wonderful local farmers at Lower Wilbury farm for kindly donating the hearts to our school.



Mrs Armstrong, 2nd in Science

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO LETCHWORTH TOWN CENTRE

On Friday 5th July the Year 7 Geography students undertook the enquiry question: **Is Letchworth a high or low order shopping centre?**

Year 7 have been studying settlement and shopping and with the challenges our town centres face struggling with internet shopping, out of town shopping centres and the cost of living crisis, we were keen to get into Letchworth town centre to see how resilient to change Letchworth is.

Students set about completing their four experiments. They completed a traffic survey on East Cheap Street, a shopping survey and environmental quality survey (EQS) on Leys Avenues and questioned various people within the town centre. We were keen to find out what the people had travelled into Letchworth to shop for, how far they had travelled and how often they came in.

The majority of students completed their experiments within the allotted time so had time to 'experience' the Letchworth shopping centre first hand. The students' behaviour was exemplary and they were all a credit to the school. We return with lots of data to now present and analyse to answer the question and see how resilient Letchworth town centre is to change. A massive thank you must go to the accompanying staff and teachers: Miss Cheeseman, Mr Sheridan, Mr Ogendenbe, Mrs Boulter and Miss Wright.



Mr Fowler, Head of Humanities

SIXTH FORM CELEBRATION EVENING

Year 12 and 13 enjoyed a super evening of dancing and celebration at The Cloisters in Letchworth on Friday evening. More photos to follow in the next Fearnfile, but we did enjoy this lovely snap of lots of the students together with Mr Marlow and Mrs Mackrell.



Library

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



MUSIC LESSONS

Please see the below information regarding music lessons that are provided by Hertfordshire Music Service at Fearnhill. Visit their website at www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk for more information.



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- ▶ Music lessons are available during the school day at hundreds of schools in Hertfordshire.
- ▶ We also provide lessons in the afternoon, evening and on the weekends at our 12 music centres across the county.
- ▶ We offer various lesson types and durations. Please visit our website for more information.
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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 scanning the QR codes, or by clicking on the wording beneath.



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ICE LOLLY SALE

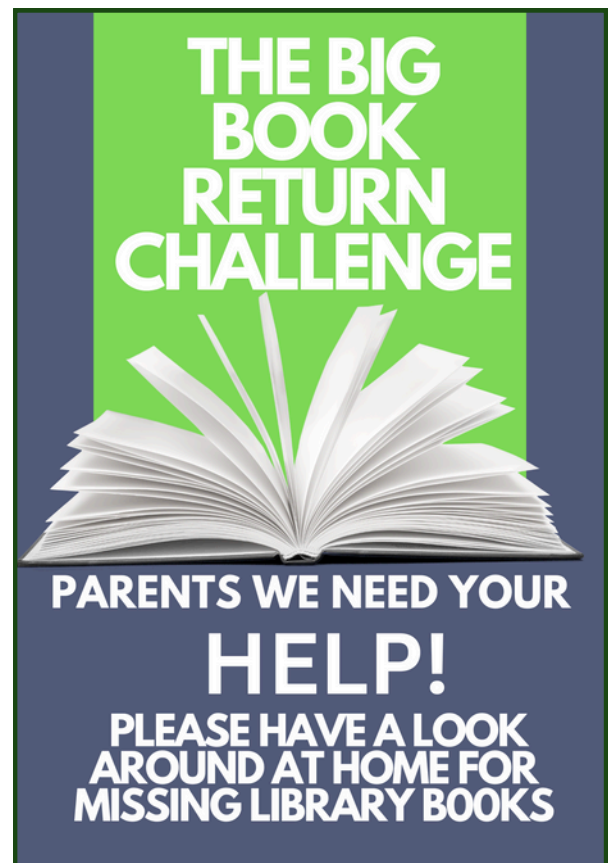
We'll be holding an ice lolly sale at lunch time on the field every Friday this term! Proceeds help fund the school prom. Can students please remember to bring cash with them on Fridays if they would like to buy an ice lolly or ice cream.



HOMEWORK CLUB



LIBRARY



Dates For Your Diary

Summer Term 2024

Wednesday 10th July	Year 7 Celebration of Achievement - 2-3pm
Thursday 11th July	Year 8 Celebration of Achievement - 2-3pm
Friday 12th July	DofE expedition
Friday 12th July	Year 10 Celebration of Achievement - 2-3pm
Tuesday 16th July	Years 10 and 12 reports issued
Thursday 18th July	Sports Day
Monday 22nd July	Academic Review Day Year 7-10 & 12
Monday 22nd July	GCSE Preparation Study Skills Morning - Year 10
Tuesday 23rd July	Academic Review Day Year 7-10
Tuesday 23rd July	Volunteering Day Year 12
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term for students
Thursday 15th August	A Level Results Day
Thursday 22nd August	GCSE Results Day

Autumn Term 2024

Wednesday 4th September	Induction Day Year 7 & 12
Thursday 5th September	Start of Autumn Term All 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.

Social Media

For more frequent information, updates and news, please follow us on social media. Please note our Instagram page has recently changed. Links to our three social channels are below:



[@FearnhillSch](https://www.facebook.com/@FearnhillSch)



[@Fearnhill_School](https://www.instagram.com/@Fearnhill_School)



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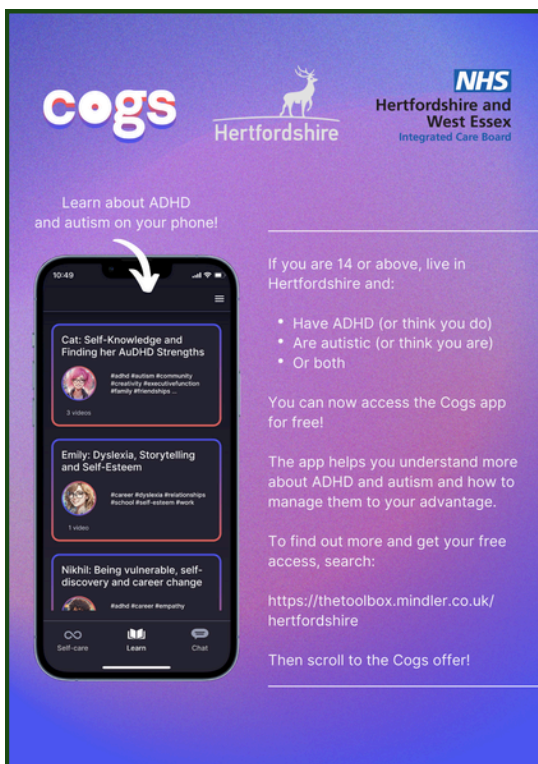
DSPL (Delivering Special Provision Locally)

DSPL offer a range of useful tools for parents and carers, including:

- The Toolbox - courses for young people - understanding my Autism and/or ADHD (ages 7-16)
- Wellbeing Support for Parent Carers
- Coping with school when you are autistic

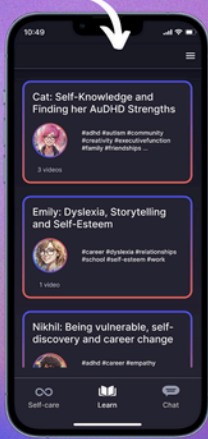
More information can be found here:

<https://nhdspl.org.uk/262-north-herts-dspl-1-weekly-a-roundup-of-training-information-and-events-in-our-area-15.html>



cogs Hertfordshire **NHS** Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

Learn about ADHD and autism on your phone!



If you are 14 or above, live in Hertfordshire and:

- Have ADHD (or think you do)
- Are autistic (or think you are)
- Or both

You can now access the Cogs app for free!

The app helps you understand more about ADHD and autism and how to manage them to your advantage.

To find out more and get your free access, search:

<https://thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk/hertfordshire>

Then scroll to the Cogs offer!

Book HAPpy Camps

Search and book a HAPpy Activity Camp.

2024 HAPpy Activity Camps will be launched throughout the year.

HAPpy Camps will be returning during the school summer holiday. Children and teens living in Hertfordshire who get benefits-related free school meals can attend HAPpy Camps for free. They offer physical activity, fun, and a free hot meal all in safe surroundings, with SEND provision also available. They're a great way to keep kids active and curious during the holidays, so they're ready to learn again in the new school year.

<https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy-activity-camps>



RUGBY FITNESS TRAINING
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS SCHOOL YEAR 3 UPWARDS

Women and girls are invited to join us every Wednesday throughout summer, for fitness, conditioning, skills, and drills sessions. And guess what? It's all FREE!

Mums and daughters, this is your chance to bond over some fun and fitness! Come along and get fit, have a blast, and make awesome new friends! Girls from school year 3 and upwards are welcome to join. No experience necessary - we welcome all abilities, shapes, sizes, and fitness levels.

WHEN:
Wednesdays 7.30-8.45pm

WHERE:
Letchworth Garden City RFC,
Legends Lane, SG6 2EN

INTERESTED?
Just come along! Or contact Karen on 07760 883170 if you have any questions.
We hope to see you there!

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PITCH UP AND PLAY RUGBY

GET INTO RUGBY

Join us! Meet new friends, have fun and learn new skills, no experience necessary and all abilities welcome.

IF YOU WILL BE AGED 16 OR 17 ON THE 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 AND ARE LOOKING TO BE A PART OF A FANTASTIC GROUP OF PLAYERS, WITH GREAT COACHES, THEN COME AND TRYOUT AT LETCHWORTH RUGBY ACADEMY.

WHERE: LETCHWORTH RUGBY CLUB, LEGENDS LANE, BALDOCK ROAD SG6 2EN

INTERESTED?
New or experienced players welcome, for any questions or further information email us on lgcrugbycolts@googlegroups.com

Address: Shefford Sports Club, Hitchin Road, Shefford, SG17 5JD

Free Mondays only sessions, until 15th July



SESSIONS START MONDAY 15TH APRIL 5-6PM



Head coach Hayden Gruby

Managed by 07866616574 - Michelle www.ebattprojects.co.uk

Age group 8-17 yrs

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