



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

GROWING EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY



We would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers for helping my daughter settle in so well in Year 7 and for doing a great job in ensuring that she is constantly pushed in trying to do her best.

Mr and Mrs C, Parents

Head's **welcome**

Welcome to Fearnhill School, where we pride ourselves on being a small, happy community - the Fearnhill Family. At our school every student is safe, supported and cared for, and we work tirelessly to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels like they belong.

Strong relationships are at the heart of everything we do. By creating a supportive and nurturing environment, we help our students to achieve their full potential. We have high expectations for behaviour and academic ambitions for every pupil and our track record of achievement is a testament to our commitment to excellence.

High quality teaching is our priority in every lesson, and we are proud to have knowledgeable teachers who are dedicated to helping our students succeed. The school is judged to be 'Good' in all categories by Ofsted. Our exam results are also testament to our commitment to excellence, with our students making better progress than in most schools at GCSE. In our sixth form, our results are equally impressive, with 66% of all A levels graded A*-B.

Every student is unique with different interests, skills and talents; we build on these and support them to achieve and find a pathway onto higher education, training or employment. We care about developing character. It is our aim that every student embodies the values of the Fearnhill Student: someone who is kind, confident, resilient and self-aware.

I am delighted to welcome you to Fearnhill, where we strive to create an environment that fosters a love of learning, encourages self-discovery and supports every student in achieving their full potential. Join us and become a part of the Fearnhill Family.

Tim Spencer, **Headteacher**





Caring and community

Happy and safe students

The Fearnhill community is nurturing and inclusive. It is important to us that each student is able to grow and feel safe to explore, take risks and express their ideas. Students benefit from a strong pastoral system with an allocated form tutor, a Head of Key Stage, and an experienced pastoral support team; this enables each new student to quickly become a part of the Fearnhill Family. The Fearnhill community is built upon the holistic development of the Fearnhill Student who is kind, confident, self-aware and resilient.

OFSTED: *“Pupils at Fearnhill School are happy and safe. Pupils describe the school as being ‘like a family’. They value the positive relationships they have with staff and each other. Pupils learn important values such as tolerance and compassion. In their experience, it is fine to be different. Pupils say that bullying is not an issue. If any incidents were to occur, they feel that staff would deal with them effectively.”*





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OFSTED, 2022



Thank you for constantly encouraging my child and keeping them motivated. Thank you for always being kind, friendly and helpful.

Mrs S, Parent

Academic excellence

The curriculum at Fearnhill is designed to develop students' character whilst also fostering academic excellence. We nurture creativity and promote active participation in sports as well as traditional academic subjects. The curriculum at Fearnhill is at the cutting edge of educational research and is carefully designed to meet the needs of every student. Our unwavering belief in the transformative power of excellent teaching is central to our approach at Fearnhill. Our teachers are committed to inspiring a love for learning, developing critical thinking, and empowering students to become lifelong learners. As a school, we prioritise our teachers' professional development to ensure that we have the best team of experienced subject specialists in front of our students every day. Our teachers are dedicated, knowledgeable, and highly effective.

OFSTED: "Pupils benefit from the high expectations that leaders have for what they can achieve. Classroom routines are well established to support all pupils to participate fully in their lessons. Pupils are engaged in their lessons and learn effective strategies for remembering new information. This helps them to achieve well."



OFSTED: “Pupils enjoy school. They speak positively about the extra-curricular and enrichment activities that they take part in, such as sports and performing arts... These activities build pupils’ confidence.”

The diversity of our curriculum - **inclusivity** Sport, **extracurricular** & trips

At Fearnhill, we understand that every student is unique, with their own talents, interests, and aspirations. We embrace and celebrate diversity, fostering a culture of respect and understanding among our student body. Our inclusive ethos ensures that every individual feels valued, supported, and empowered to flourish in their own way. Our curriculum across school is also carefully planned to represent the diversity of culture within our school and our community.



We believe that education extends far beyond the classroom walls. Fearnhill offers a vibrant array of extracurricular activities, clubs, and societies, providing students with opportunities to explore their passions and develop leadership skills. From sports to arts, competitions to entrepreneurship, our diverse range of activities encourages teamwork, personal growth and a well-rounded education. Our students excel on the sports field as well as the stage and enjoy the thrill of matches, concerts and theatrical productions. Fearnhill students make the most of every day, they grow their sense of belonging, build strong relationships, and through a variety of national and international trips, they grow their understanding of the world.

OFSTED: “Leaders have high ambitions for all pupils and students at Fearnhill School. They have prioritised curriculum development and high-quality staff training to ensure that all students and pupils achieve well. Leaders have put in place an ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum in all subjects.”



My time here has been incredible. The teachers have always been really supportive... their door was always open.

Daniel, Year 13 Student

Recognition & Rewards

At Fearnhill, we recognise the incredible achievements of our students in and outside the classroom. We value hard work and celebrate students that embody our core values. Students are rewarded for their effort, achievement, diligence and positive contribution to the school community through the student of the lesson award and the opportunity to enjoy hot chocolate with the Headteacher. Families are also invited to celebrate with us in our reward breakfasts in the school canteen.



I have been at Fearnhill both as a student and (for the last 9 years) a teacher. The reason I kept coming back and have stayed is because of the unique friendly feel of the school and wider environment. Other schools don't come close. Our students are kind and keen which makes serving them and our community a pleasure.

Michael Turner, **Head of Key Stage 3**



Fearnhill Sixth Form

The Sixth Form is a source of great pride here at Fearnhill; it represents the very best of our ethos and approach and we are proud of the high quality teaching and the excellent results our students achieve.

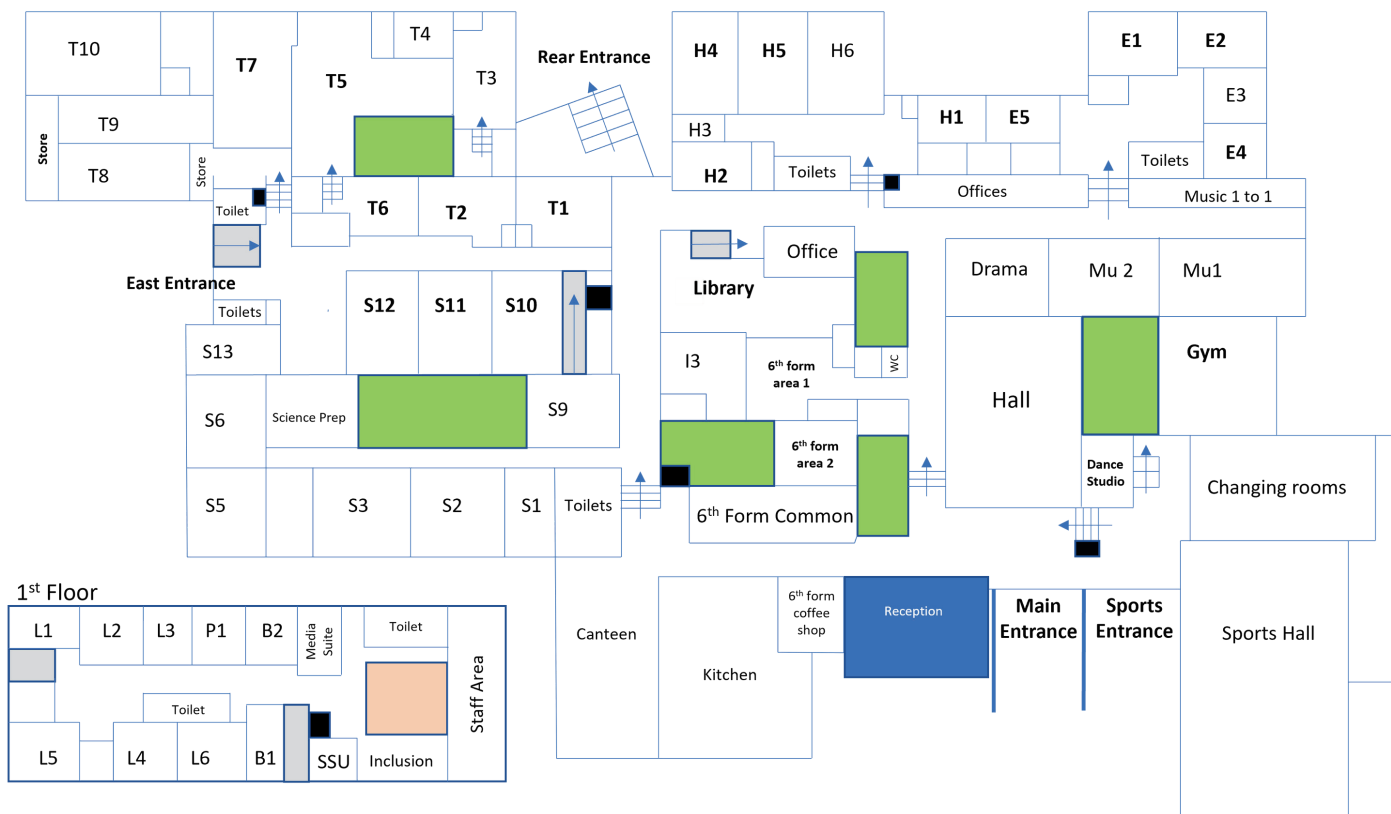
Students at Fearnhill consistently achieve well and secure places at Russell Group universities, colleges, apprenticeships or in the workplace. What they all have in common is that they are well-rounded, confident and articulate young adults who are ready to make their contribution to society.

At Fearnhill Sixth Form we will support and guide students to be ambitious and achieve their very best. Whatever their plans for the future, at Fearnhill they will be known, valued and supported for who they are and what they bring.

At the centre of what is special about Fearnhill, is the community of bright and caring young people and the nurturing environment created by teachers. Joining a new school is probably one of the biggest things you will experience so far in life, and Fearnhill will be here to support you through your journey, not only at the beginning, but all the way through to the end of it too. The teachers you will meet and the friends you will make here will become some of the most important people to you. To begin with in year 7, I was shy and reserved. Being the Head Student isn't something I'd have been able to do at any other school. Thanks to the encouragement of my peers and teachers, I've been able to take on this role - something that was almost unthinkable to start with. This school has helped me realise my potential not only as a student, but as a person too, and I believe that Fearnhill can do the same for you.

Lily, **Head Student 2024**





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