



### Happy New Year!

Welcome to the spring Term and the first edition of 2025.

### Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams

The GCSE mock exams took place in December. Students received their results at the end of the Autumn term. This was a wake up call for some of our cohort that need to knuckle down and make these next few months count. It is not too late to improve and meet, or even exceed, target grades. See page 2 for revision tips.

### Year 11 Sixth Form Interviews

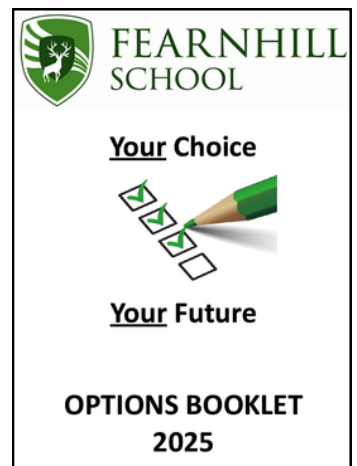
Sixth Form Interviews are taking place between 22nd-31st January for students who have applied to join our Sixth Form in September. Applicants have been invited to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Students who are not planning on joining Fearnhill Sixth Form will be invited to an Information and Guidance meeting at a later date, to discuss their initial plans. It's not too late to apply to join our Sixth Form, please email [sixthform@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk) if you would like further information.



### Year 9 Options Process

The Year 9 Options process is well underway. Our Year 9 Options Afternoon took place on Tuesday 14th January where students and parents/carers had the opportunity to visit subject areas and discuss the courses available at key stage 4. Students will now complete an initial survey of their top subject choices in order for us to build the options blocks. Letters will be sent to the Year 9 cohort this month with information on their option pathways. The next stage of the options process will include selecting their options choices and 1:1 interviews, more information will follow about this.

A copy of the Year 9 Options booklet can be found on the school website [now](#).



### 6th Form Prefect Applications - opening soon!

Applications for 6th form prefects will soon be open for this year! Watch this space!

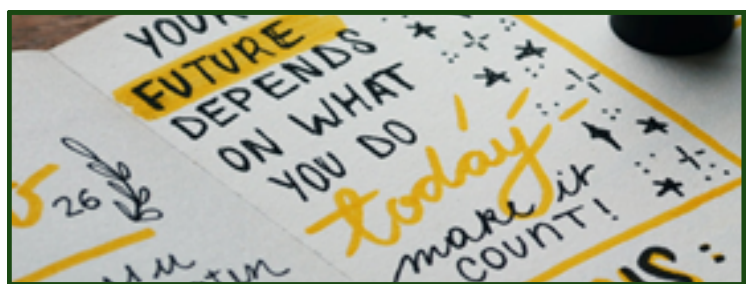
### Careers Alumni Event - final call!

Last chance to sign up to take part! Full details on page 2.



*Ms Balchin, Careers & PSHE Lead*

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



# We Need You!

I have been inundated with responses regarding this event and cannot wait to welcome familiar faces back to Fearnhill to share their career stories!

It is so lovely to hear what ex-students are doing now in their career and what it has taken to get to where they are. I am excited to see them inspire our current cohort in choosing their future pathways.

Don't worry, there is still time to get in touch! 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 on Friday 7th March, please email:

[admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk)

Spread the word!

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



Ms Balchin, our Head of Careers, would love former students to share their career stories to inspire our current 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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## Services for Young People

Over the course of the next few weeks we will be providing you with details on some interesting and informative websites that students may find beneficial when deciding their future plans. As well as during PSHE lessons, it is advised that students put some of their free time aside to access some of these and navigate their way around the different options available to them.

Services for Young People is a website for all young people in Hertfordshire where they can find a wealth of information about jobs and careers, and can also register for an account; they can then prepare their CV online as well as saving job searches.

Services for Young People enables young people to succeed. It is part of Hertfordshire County Council and provides youth work, information, advice, guidance, work related learning, outdoor education and support for young people. The majority of its work is with young people leaving care, up to the age of 21, through the Services for Young People One Stop Shops and work related learning in Primary Schools.

[www.servicesforyoungpeople.org](http://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org)

What are you waiting for? Get surfing!!!

Any questions please see me.



## Work Experience

During PSHE lessons, Year 10 students are learning the importance of virtual work experience and preparing for the world of work.

The Benefits of WEX:

1. Employability skills
2. Insight into the work place
3. Increases your knowledge of our chosen industry
4. Maximises your chances of finding employment
5. Improves communication skills
6. Optimises your CV



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# Top Tips for Revision

As we start the new year and following on from the Year 11 mock results assembly, it is important that you take the necessary steps to ensure you continue to maximize your learning potential. BBC Bitesize have some top tips for studying and revision:

## 1) Get organised

Organisation in Year 11 is so crucial. There'll be homework, deadlines, coursework, assessments, exams, prom planning, as well as everything else that comes with being a young person and enjoying life. In short: it's busy. Having your time planned is really important, so that you can make sure everything gets done, you do it justice and you also give yourself time to enjoy what you like to do outside of school. Use your personal planner, phone calendar or a piece of paper to plan what you need to do, when for, and how it's going to get done. Think about exactly where you are in each subject, what you need to work on, and how you're going to go about it. Talk to teachers, school staff, mentors and anyone else who's there to help, and use the advice and support that's available. You can do this, and you're the one doing it, but you can't do it all by yourself!

## 2) Understand perfection is not practical

Get this: you aren't going to get everything correct in every assessment. You still have a way to go, and mistakes are part of the process of learning. If something goes wrong, that's fine; look at what went wrong, think about why, and consider how you can make sure you learn so that it doesn't go wrong again.

## 3) Revision starts early!

The earlier it starts, the longer you have to re-revise information. And the more time you allow that to move to your long term memory, the easier it is to recall in exams. Plan your evening's revision out and bank that knowledge for the future.

## 4) Look after yourself

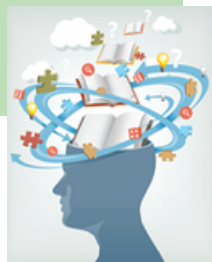
The most important thing about you is your physical and mental health, and Year 11 can be a stressful time for everyone. If you're struggling, if you're not well, if it's getting you down... tell someone. Only by talking can anyone help anything, so don't soldier on letting it get worse. Talk to someone who you trust and start to make things better.

## 5) Be yourself... and don't compare

All anyone wants from you is your best. Not your friend's. Not your sister who left school three years ago with top grades in everything – YOURS! Run your own race and don't compare yourself to anyone else. It's sometimes hard when your friends are all getting exams back and talking about what they got, but your future is not about them, it's about you, doing your best, and being the very best version of yourself.

## 6) Enjoy it!

Massive things will happen this year which, right now, you're in control of. Take control of your future and own it. Enjoy the highs, get help through the lows, and make sure, when you reach the end, you've done the best you can.



**BBC**  
**Bitesize**

Do you have any tips or advice that aren't mentioned above, that you feel would be beneficial to share with your peers? If so please email [admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk) with 'Top Revision Tips' in the subject bar.

## Special Mention - January

This week's recognition for excellence in careers goes to TJ (Taylor-Jane) 11P.

TJ has shown great maturity in the pursuit of her next steps after Yr 11. She has listened to advice, emailed when unsure and covered every aspect to ensure she makes the choice that is right for her. She has made applications to both sixth form and college and attended the open evenings so that she can now make informed choices.

I was really impressed with the questions TJ had put together prior to her college interview, so much so that I signed them and put them forward for the Proud Table. I am not just proud of TJ's preparation, I am also proud of the confident young person that she has become and the maturity she has shown in taking control of her future. Great job TJ!



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## Key Word/Phrase of the Fortnight

**EMPLOYER**



**A PERSON OR COMPANY THAT HAS PEOPLE WHO DO WORK FOR WAGES OR A SALARY: A PERSON OR COMPANY THAT HAS EMPLOYEES.**

## Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



**litor**

a gardener who maintained the kitchen garden, or potager. The kitchen garden was used to grow food for domestic consumption.

## Apprenticeship FAQs

**Public services apprenticeships help make our society a better and safer place to live**

Public services are all about people, businesses and communities, covering education, fire services, police and many more besides. Many people who work in public services want to make a difference and they go home at the end of the week with more than just a pay cheque. They know their work helps other people and makes our society a better and safer place.

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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. Chris is in their 5th year at Bristol University. Click [here](#) for Chris' story.



# Career of the Month - December

Introducing **Unifrog's** 'Career of the Month' and 'Subject of the Month'!  
Students watch a video interview with a professional or university student and answer reflection questions.

The image displays a grid of 11 Unifrog 'Subject of the Month' cards for January. Each card is purple and white and includes the Unifrog logo, the title 'SUBJECT OF THE MONTH', the month 'JANUARY', a year level (Y7 to Y13), the subject name, a video interview thumbnail, and a QR code. The subjects are: Japanese Studies (Y7), Business and Management (Y8), North and South American Studies (Y9), Chinese Studies (Y10), Criminology (Y11), Chemical Engineering (Y12), and Nursing and Midwifery (Y13). Each card also contains instructions to check out the subject on Unifrog and scan the QR code to watch the video, read about the study and how to get in, and see where graduates end up and how much they earn.

# External Opportunities

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## Championing Apprenticeships

Tuesday 11th February | 6 pm | Virtual

Don't Miss This Exclusive Webinar!

**REGISTER TODAY**

## FRESHFIELDS

INSIGHT TO FRESHFIELDS  
VIRTUAL EVENT (VIA ZOOM)  
WORK FOR ONE OF THE WORLDS  
ELITE LAW FIRMS  
MONDAY, 27TH JANUARY  
5PM -6PM  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

**INVESTIN THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE**

### How much will I get paid?

A free student & parent event series on compensation in careers

#### Free Student and Parent Event Series Let's Discuss Pay

Talking about pay can feel like a taboo topic and yet, "how much will I earn?" is one of the most common questions students ask the professionals on our programmes. With rising costs of living and an ever-evolving but often unpredictable job market, compensation and job security have become a top priority for young people today.

That's why we're running a series of free events aimed at demystifying salary expectations, so students and parents can navigate this widely misunderstood subject with confidence.

**STUDENT WEBINARS** If you are unable to attend live please still register to receive the recording of the event and follow up resources.  
6-7PM (UK TIME)

<b>CAREERS IN FINANCE</b> How much could I really earn? 10TH FEBRUARY	<b>CAREERS IN MEDICINE</b> How much could I really earn? 10TH FEBRUARY	<b>PARENT WEBINARS</b> 7-8PM (UK TIME) SALARY, STATUS AND STABILITY Navigating your child's future career in today's job market 5TH FEBRUARY 
<b>CAREERS IN ENGINEERING</b> How much could I really earn? 11TH FEBRUARY	<b>BE YOUR OWN BOSS</b> Everything you need to know about being self employed 11TH FEBRUARY	
<b>CAREERS IN LAW</b> How much could I really earn? 12TH FEBRUARY	<b>Explore All Events</b>	
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## The Hertfordshire Virtual Careers Fair

Wednesday 29th January 17.30 - 19.00

this FREE event is specifically for parents, carers and students who would like to explore apprenticeship and T Level options available.

- 1 Register for your free ticket by [clicking here](#).
- 2 Once registered, you will receive information to help you prepare for the event.
- 3 Please have access to the Zoom app before the event.
- 4 Log on and join the event online on Wednesday 29th January 2025 17:30 - 19:00

**BOOK NOW**

#### Employers and Providers attending:

Align JV	MBDA
BAM UK&I	MGroup Services
Bowmer and Kirkland	Morgan Sindall Construction
BT Group	North Hertfordshire College
Cell and Gene Therapy	Oaklands College of Further Education
Catapult	Quantum Care Ltd.
Celtic Harmony Camp	Skillnet Ltd
Computacenter	Solveaway Apprenticeships
Debut Academy Hertford	Tesco
Educational and Sporting Futures	The Chidbase Training Academy of Excellence
Enali Ltd	TON&GUY Apprenticeships
Hertford Regional College	UCAS
Herts and West Essex ICS / NHS	Warner Bros. Discovery
Hertfordshire Building Control	West Herts college
Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)	
iSales Academy	
John O'Conner GM Ltd	
KEITS Training Services Ltd	
Lowell Partnerships Ltd	

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**Dates for your Diary**

<b>Wednesday 22nd - Friday 31st January</b>	<b>Friday 31st January</b>
Year 11 6th Form Interviews	Year 11 CV & Interview Prep
<b>Tuesday 21st January</b>	<b>Thursday 23rd January</b>
Year 11 Parents Evening	6th Form Insight Session
	<b>Thursday 23rd January</b>
	Year 11 Period 6 sessions start
	<b>Friday 2nd February</b>
	Year 11 Interview Day