



FEARNHILL SCHOOL



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MR SPENCER'S UPDATE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A Happy New Year from all the staff at Fearnhill. I hope you were able to enjoy a peaceful and happy Christmas break.

New Year, New Behaviour Policy

We have welcomed students back to the New Year and a new behaviour policy. This is designed to reduce disruption in lessons, but also recognise the fantastic efforts of many students.

Introducing the Proud Table

The Proud Table is open every Friday lunchtime. Students can bring work that they are proud of and receive stamps on their Proud Cards. Six stamps qualifies for an entry into the weekly, half-termly or termly prize draw. Last Friday was the first opportunity for students to bring their work and it was brilliant to see so many students enthusiastically bringing along their best work.



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MR SPENCER'S UPDATE ...continued



Prizes

If students choose to enter into the weekly draw they can win a £10 voucher if their ticket is pulled out. The half-termly draw prize is a £50 voucher and the prize for the termly draw is an iPad.

Attendance, Homework and Merits

Students also get a stamp every time they have 100% attendance for a week. Students with 6 stamps get an entry into the draw. Students who complete 100% of their homework for a half term get an entry into the draw. Finally every time students get 50 merits, they get an entry into the prize draw.

Celebrating success

We believe that we get the best out of students when we recognise and celebrate their achievements. We want students to be proud and excited about excelling at school. I hope the Proud Table helps them to do just that.



Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher

HISTORY TRIP

Students who participate in History Club, along with our year 12 and 13 A Level History classes went on a school trip in December to visit some local sites of historical significance. Members of Historic England and the Letchworth Heritage Foundation took us to visit an ancient hill fort, located at the top of Icknield Way, and a burial ground just off the Greenway. Students were fascinated to hear their expertise on the subject as well as learn some techniques that historians use when visiting such sites. We then returned to school where students were given the chance to see and hold a some historical artefacts, including a 4,000 year old burial urn that was excavated from beneath the Fearnhill sports hall!



Mr T Cordwell, Subject Lead in History

CHRISTINGLE

Rev Liz Guest visited us at Fearnhill before Christmas to give year 10 and 11 PRE students a lesson about Christingle. Students enjoyed using oranges and electric candles to recreate this Christian celebration.



Ms L Chilton, Subject lead PRE

TEXTILES

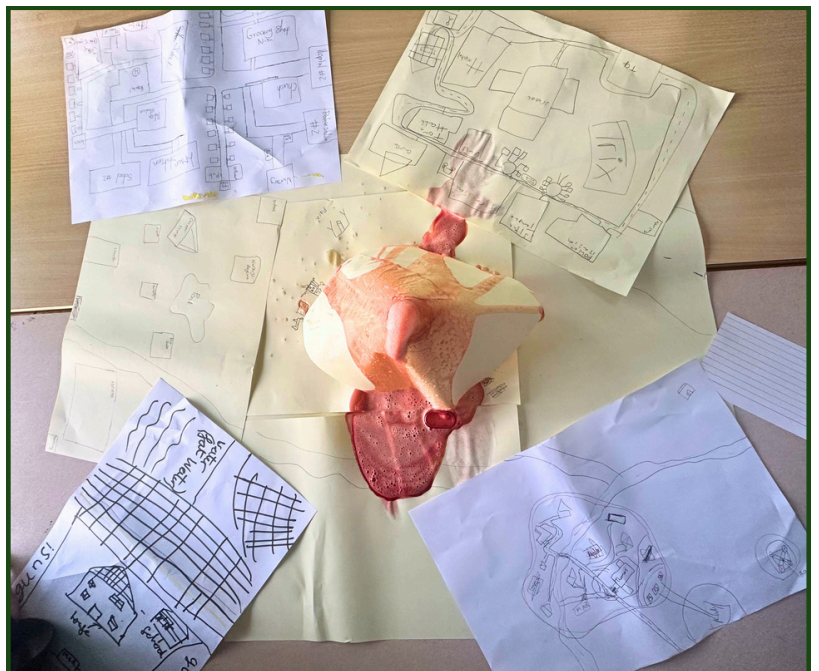
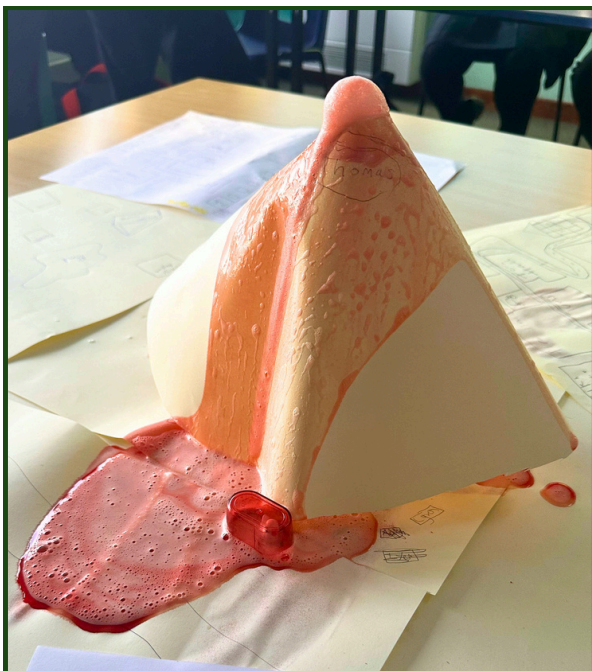
Year 8 created these beautiful Haori jackets for their textiles lesson before Christmas. They were displayed in the library and students could vote for their favourites.



Ms Amy Holloway, Student Teacher

VOLCANOES

Year 9 brought their plate tectonics lesson to life in Geography by making volcanoes!



Ms J Cheeseman, Teacher Geography

STAFF CHANGES AND VACANCY

We say goodbye this week to Mrs Walker, who leaves her role on reception to go travelling. We welcome Ms Flett to the office team as she takes up her new role as Receptionist.

We are currently looking for a Teaching Assistant/Learning Support Leader and a cleaner to join our friendly team. **Please see our website for more details.**

Are you looking to make a real difference to young people's lives? We have the following staff vacancies:

Teaching Assistant/Learning Support Leader

27 hours per week term time plus 5 inset days

Cleaner

10 or 20 hours per week, am and pm shifts available

Visit our website for details:

fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/staff-vacancies



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



THE BIG BOOK RETURN CHALLENGE



PARENTS WE NEED YOUR
HELP!

PLEASE HAVE A LOOK
AROUND AT HOME FOR
MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

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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Start your musical journey today →

Making Music Improving Lives



Registration now open for music lessons

Instrumental and vocal lessons

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Financial support is available to pupils receiving certain benefits, to help with the cost of lessons.
- ▶ As your child progresses on their musical journey, they will be invited to join ensembles or music groups that perform regularly.



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HOMEWORK CLUB



Homework CLUB IN 13

MONDAY- FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES

1.25- 1.55PM

MONDAY- THURSDAY AFTERSCHOOL

3.00- 4.00PM



SPARX Homework

SCIENCE DUE TUESDAY

ENGLISH DUE WEDNESDAY

MATHS DUE THURSDAY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2025

Thursday 16th January	Year 12 University of Hertfordshire Wayfinder Trip
Tuesday 21st January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Monday 27th January	Year 9 Assessment Week Starts
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February	Half term
Wednesday 26th February	Year 9 DTPM Immunisations
Wednesday 26th February	Year 8 and Year 10 reports issued
Wednesday 5th March	Year 9 reports issued
Thursday 6th March	Year 12 parents' evening
Wednesday 12th March	Year 7 reports issued
Tuesday 18th March	Year 10 parents' evening
Tuesday 25th March	Year 7 parents' evening
Thursday 3rd April	Year 11 reports issued
Friday 4th April	Term ends

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April	Terms starts
Monday 26th – Friday 30th May	Half term
Friday 4th July	INSET DAY - School closed to students
Wednesday 23rd July	Term ends

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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

Please follow us on social media for more frequent information, updates and news!



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



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



[@FearnhillSchool](https://www.twitter.com/@FearnhillSchool)

EXTERNAL INFORMATION



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>

A poster for "Pitch Up and Play Rugby". The background is a green field with a rugby ball in the foreground. The ball has "GET INTO RUGBY" written on it. In the top right corner is the Letchworth Garden City Rugby Union Football Club logo, which is a circular emblem with a stag's head and the text "LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY EST 1924 RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB". A black speech bubble with white text says "Join us! Meet new friends, have fun and learn new skills, no experience necessary and all abilities welcome." Below the field, a yellow banner contains the following text: "OPEN TO SCHOOL YEAR 10", "WHEN: WEDNESDAY'S 6.30-7.30PM", "WHERE: LETCWORTH RUGBY CLUB, LEGENDS LANE, BALDOCK ROAD SG6 2EN". At the bottom, another yellow banner says "INTERESTED?" followed by "New or experienced players welcome, just turn up or for any questions or further information email us on letchworthrugby@hotmail.com or Admin on 07741276516".



EXTERNAL INFORMATION



For information on how the Uniform Bank can support you with second hand uniform, and for news of their forthcoming events, please visit their [Facebook page](#).

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.minder.co.uk/hertfordshire>

Then scroll to the Cogs offer!

www.thetoolbox.minder.co.uk/hertfordshire



Herts Mental Health, Learning Disability & Autism Health and Care Partnership's monthly newsletter is [available here](#).

Families In Focus CIC
LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER

Hertfordshire
Funded by HCC
Targeted Parenting Fund

A complete guide to parenting children with Autism & ADHD

FREE, award-winning course is for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children with Autism or ADHD (inclusive of those with a diagnosis or awaiting assessment) aged two to 11 years.

Facilitated by founders, Lesley and Francine, our course will help parents:

- Meet other parents living in similar families and share experiences
- Gain a greater understanding of, 'Why does my child do that?'
- Learn a range of strategies to better manage behaviours that challenge
- Understand children's sensory world
- Increase understanding of children's common sleep issues
- Learn how to support siblings living with a neurodiverse sister/brother
- Communicate effectively to increase children's emotional regulation
- Learn techniques to manage stress, conflict and so much more....

Tuesday mornings 9.30am to 11.30am
or
Tuesday evenings 6.30pm to 8.30pm
January 7th 14th 21st 28th &
February 4th 11th 25th &
March 4th 11th

Email us: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk or visit our website to see all course information: www.familiesinfocus.co.uk

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

1 DAY CHAMPION COURSE FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF 8 TO 18-YEAR-OLDS FREE TRAINING 09:30AM - 16:00PM



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- AN UNDERSTANDING OF COMMON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND HOW THEY CAN AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE
- ABILITY TO SPOT SIGNS OF MENTAL ILL HEALTH IN YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUIDE THEM TO A PLACE OF SUPPORT
- KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE TO ADVOCATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
- SKILLS TO SUPPORT POSITIVE WELLBEING

COURSE STRUCTURE

SESSION 1- ABOUT, WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL ILL HEALTH, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION, DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE.
SESSION 2 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS: ANXIETY, SELF-HARM, EATING DISORDERS, PSYCHOSIS, RECOVERY, RESILIENCE

For further information please contact:
hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net




FOREVER YOUNG PEOPLE

LETCHWORTH youth HUB

STARTING THURSDAY 18TH JULY!

FREE THURSDAY 6-8PM 12-18YRS OLD

GAMES | MULTI-SPORTS | ARTS | TEAMBUILDING

JACKMANS CREAMERY LETCHWORTH SG6 2SB



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
ADAM.NNOCHIRI@AITC.ORG.UK




Mental Health First Aid Training Dates:
22nd January 2025 (Dacorum) - [Book here](#)
26th February 2025 (Bushey) - [Book here](#)



YPHWS Young People's Health & Wellbeing Survey




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 fifth year of running the survey with more than 16,000 responses recorded last year.

The link to the survey can be found below. The survey will go 'live' at 9am Monday 4th November, and close on Friday 20th December. A reminder will be sent to schools.

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

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