



FEARNHILL SCHOOL



Fearnfile

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MR SPENCER'S UPDATE

Welcome to the last Fearnfile before the Easter break. We want to make school unmissable for students and there has been lots taking place this term to help students enjoy school.

Attendance affects quality of life

There is a really clear link between attendance and exam grades. It's simple: the lower your attendance the worse your exam grades will be. New research shows that every extra day off school has an average impact of £750 on a person's lifetime earnings in the UK. A child who has 90% attendance throughout their school career will earn about £200,000 less on average than a child with 100% attendance.

Better attendance

I am pleased to see that attendance has improved significantly in the last half term. It is still the case that too many Fearnhill students miss too much school but it is a step in the right direction.

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MR SPENCER'S UPDATE ...CONTINUED

New Behaviour Policy

In January we introduced a new behaviour policy because we wanted to reduce disruption and focus more on rewarding students. The new policy has resulted in a big decrease in disruption in lessons:

- 22% reduction in suspensions
- 71% reduction in students being removed from lessons
- 51% reduction in the number of negative incidents reported by teachers
- 74% reduction in after-school detentions

Teachers have also given out over 10,000 merits and there have been 12 students who have won Proud Table prizes, with the big end of term iPad draw taking place on Friday.

Better behaviour

Overall, there has been a clear improvement in student conduct in lessons. Things are not perfect - they never are - but I am pleased to see how well students have responded to raised expectations. We will continue to work together to ensure that every student is able to enjoy school and achieve.

As we approach the end of term, let me wish you a relaxing and restful Easter break.

Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher

PROUD TABLE

Our Proud Table continues to go from strength to strength with students bringing work they are proud of to the maths block on Friday lunchtimes, along with tickets they've received for completing homework and 100% attendance. So far Joseph U (8G), Rex D-E (7G), Thomas H (8G), Lucy K (9N), Jack H (8G), Faith B (7G), William B (7H), Brooke H (8P), Mia E (8P) and Harry P (7P) have won £10 in our weekly draw and Yazan B (8H) has won £50 in our half termly draw. This week is the big one! Who will win the iPad? Due to the early finish, this week Proud Table will be Friday break time, not lunchtime. Students should bring their work and proud table tickets to the maths block to be in with a chance of winning.



HEAD STUDENTS

We are delighted to announce our new Sixth Form Prefects as follows. Head Students: Anna C & Riley M. Deputy Head Students: Mary H, Kenzie G, Emily L & Daniel K. All the candidates were fantastic, making it really difficult to choose the team. They all spoke clearly in the interviews and were very positive about their experiences at Fearnhill School, with thought provoking ideas for improvements. They are all excellent representatives for our community, congratulations to you all!



Mr T Marlow, Director of Post 16 Studies

ARBOR

A reminder that from Tuesday 1st April, all school online payments are to be made via [Arbor](#). Please see the [Arbor letter here](#) for more information.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



3. Social Growth and Relationship Building

Attending school regularly gives students the opportunity to engage in social interactions. Whether it's group work, participating in class discussions, or making new friends, being present helps students develop important social skills. These interactions can boost self-esteem, improve communication skills, and contribute to a sense of belonging and community.

Note to parents/guardians: Expected attendance is 97%, meaning students who miss more than a day per half term are likely to underachieve and be at a significant disadvantage to their peers. Please support your child in attending school.

Mr M Phillips, Assistant Headteacher

STAFF V STUDENTS FOOTBALL MATCH


On Friday our year 11 boys took on the teachers in a staff vs students football match. In a thrilling game, both sides played with superb speed and skill, fast-paced attacks and brilliant teamwork. With goals scored by Luke B and Mr Spencer, the final score was 1-1!



GCSE AND A LEVEL REVISION SESSIONS

A reminder that Year 11 & 13 Easter revision sessions will be running during the holidays.

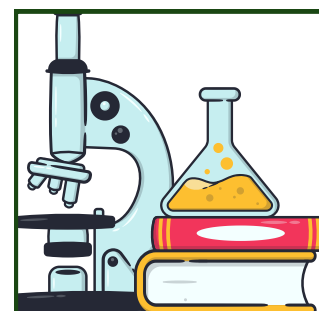
Easter 2025 Revision Workshops - Year 11 and Year 13

Monday 7th April	Tuesday 8th April	Wednesday 9th April		Thursday 10th April
9.00 - 12.00 (MU2) GCSE Music with Mr Marlow Coursework surgery	9.00 - 11.00 (H1) GCSE Geography with Mr Fowler Exam revision	9.00 - 11.00 (L3) GCSE PRE with Ms Chilton Exam revision	9.00 - 11.00 (Drama studio) GCSE Drama with Mr Sheridan Practical exam prep and revision	9.00 - 12.00 (MU2) GCSE Music with Ms Landsman Coursework surgery
11.15 - 1.15 (S13) GCSE Science with Mr Spencer Exam revision	11.15 - 1.15 (H1) A Level Geography with Mr Fowler Exam revision	11.15 - 1.15 (S13) GCSE Science with Mr Spencer Exam Revision	11.15 - 1.15 (Drama studio) A Level Performing Arts with Mr Sheridan Practical exam prep and revision	9.00 - 11.00 (room S11) GCSE Child Development with Ms Rouse Coursework catch-up
10.00 - 12.00 (H4) A Level History with Mr Jenkins Exam revision	11.15 - 1.15 (H4) GCSE History with Mr Jenkins Exam revision			10.00 - 1.00 (T5) GCSE Art with Miss Bossley Coursework support
				10.00 - 1.00 (T7) GCSE 3D Design with Mr Rayner Coursework support
Monday 14th April	Tuesday 15th April	Wednesday 16th April	Thursday 17th April	
9.00 - 11.00 (E5) A Level English Lit with Ms Christie Exam revision	10.00 - 12.00 (L5) GCSE French with Ms Cross Exam revision	9.00 - 11.00 (room S11) GCSE Child Development with Ms Rouse Coursework catch-up	9.00 - 11.00 (L2) GCSE Geography with Ms Cheeseman Exam revision	 <p>FEARNHILL SCHOOL</p> <p><i>Please ensure you sign in at reception when you arrive and sign out when you leave.</i></p>
9.00 - 11.00 (S10) GCSE Science with Ms Caroll Exam revision	9.00 - 11.00 (H5) A Level Psychology with Mx Bettinson Exam Revision	10.00 - 1.00 (T5) GCSE Art with Ms Bossley Coursework support	11.15 - 1.15 (L2) A Level Geography with Ms Cheeseman Exam revision	
9.00 - 12.00 (MU2) GCSE Music with Ms Landsman Coursework surgery	11.15 - 1.15 (H5) A Level Criminology with Mx Bettinson Exam Revision	10.00 - 1.00 (T7) GCSE 3D Design with Mr Rayner Coursework support	11.15 - 1.15 (S10) GCSE Science with Ms Caroll Exam revision	
11.15 - 1.15 (E5) GCSE English with Ms Christie Exam revision	10.00 - 12.00 (Media suite) A Level Media Studies with Ms Nunneley Exam revision	11.15 - 1.15 (E4) GCSE English with Ms Burr Exam revision		

SCIENCE REVISION

A reminder to all Year 11s that Mr Woosey is offering science revision lessons in his classroom, S9, every lunch time at 1.15pm. All Year 11s are strongly encouraged to attend - bring your lunch and learn while you eat.

Mr J Woosey, Head of Science



COMIC RELIEF

On Friday 21st March, we had a cookie sale at break time in aid of Comic Relief, raising money for this excellent cause. Over 200 delicious red nose day cookies were sold, plus one giant one was awarded to Rex in 7G for his kindness and respect. Huge thanks to Ms Bennett for all her hard work in making the cookies, and to Emily, Kenzie and Daniel in year 12 for running the stall.



We are pleased to announce that we raised a total of £440 for comic relief, through our cookie sale, football match and dress down day.

WIND CHIMES

Students made wind chimes in DT last week. The students measured and cut the metal chimes, filed them and threaded them onto the top piece. The hung them from trees on the school field to get the full effect of the fantastic tinkling noises.



Ms A Holloway, Student Teacher

3D PRINTER

We're very pleased with our shiny new 3D Printer in DT. Students have been starting to use the printer in lessons to create a variety of objects. We look forward to seeing what they will print next!



LETCHWORTH COMIC CON

In a collab with Fearnhill and other local organisations, **Letchworth Comic Con will run on 27-28 June**. As part of this, there are a number of exciting competitions that students may be interested in entering. Please see the below posters for details.

Letchworth COMIC CON Needs you!

We Made this poster USING AI

Do you THINK you can do better?

Enter our art competition!

Sign up here

This poster features two anime-style characters, a girl in a green jacket and a boy in a yellow and purple suit, pointing towards the viewer. The background is a vibrant purple and yellow with stars and a large, stylized letter 'L'.

Letchworth COMIC CON Needs you!

Enter the COSPLAY COMPETITION!

Apply For one of the three categories
SKILLS - PERFORMANCE - Eco- cosplay

Whether you're a MASTER builder, a CAPTIVATING PERFORMER, or an ECO CONSCIOUS creator, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE to SHOWCASE, create and INSPIRE!

Sign up here by 16th JUNE

@LetchworthComicCon

This poster shows a group of diverse characters in various costumes, including a knight, a wizard, a girl with a sword, and a superhero, gathered around a table with art supplies. The background is a vibrant purple and yellow with stars and a large, stylized letter 'L'.

SCHOOL CANTEEN - SUMMER MENU

Our school canteen's summer menu is below, or [click here to read it in full](#).

Menu Week 1	Menu Week 2	Menu Week 3
<p>Menu Week 1</p> <p>Caribbean Monday</p> <p>Mexican Tuesday</p> <p>Roast Wednesday</p> <p>Gastro Grub Thursday</p> <p>Hello Friday</p> <p>Signature Menu Offer</p> <p>Main Option</p> <p>Side</p> <p>Drinks of the Day</p> <p>Grab 'n Go</p> <p>Jacket Potatoes</p> <p>Meal Deal</p>	<p>Menu Week 2</p> <p>Middle East Monday</p> <p>Mediterranean Tuesday</p> <p>Roast Wednesday</p> <p>Nice as Pie Thursday</p> <p>Hello Friday</p> <p>Signature Menu Offer</p> <p>Main Option</p> <p>Side</p> <p>Drinks of the Day</p> <p>Grab 'n Go</p> <p>Jacket Potatoes</p> <p>Meal Deal</p>	<p>Menu Week 3</p> <p>Summer Monday</p> <p>Nice 'n Spicy Tuesday</p> <p>Roast Wednesday</p> <p>All Greek Thursday</p> <p>Hello Friday</p> <p>Signature Menu Offer</p> <p>Main Option</p> <p>Side</p> <p>Drinks of the Day</p> <p>Grab 'n Go</p> <p>Jacket Potatoes</p> <p>Meal Deal</p>

WORLD BOOK DAY WINNERS

All students who completed the person and place match competition on World Book Day were put in a hat and Rogan H (7N) won. Sasha C (7N) won from all those that completed the Book Jar competition. Congratulations Rogan and Sasha, who won a Mini Eggs Easter Egg for their hard work.

Mrs R Thurlby, Library and Literary Support Assistant



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



Easter Challenge
visit the library
to find out how you
could win Easter
treats!



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.
- ▶ 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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CLUB
IN I3

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 3rd April

Year 11 reports issued

Friday 4th April

Term ends

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April

Terms starts

Tuesday 29th April

Student Finance Information Session - Sixth Form

Monday 5th May

May bank Holiday - School closed

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

Half term

Monday 2nd June

Year 12 Mock exams start

Monday 2nd June

Year 8 Assessment week starts

Thursday 5th June

Year 12 University of Hertfordshire Taster Day

Monday 9th June

Year 7 Assessment week starts

Tuesday 17th & 24th June

Year 12 Volunteering Day

Monday 23rd June

Year 10 Mock exams start

Wednesday 25th June

Year 8 Reports issued

Wednesday 25th June

Year 9 Reports issued

Wednesday 2nd July

Year 7 Reports issued

Wednesday 9th July

Sixth Form Induction Day

Wednesday 16th July

Year 10 Reports issued

Wednesday 16th July

Year 12 Reports issued

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!



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



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EXTERNAL INFORMATION



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AND PLAY RUGBY**

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GET INTO RUGBY

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

OPEN TO SCHOOL YEAR 10
WHEN: WEDNESDAY'S 6.30-7.30PM
WHERE: LETCHWORTH RUGBY CLUB, LEGENDS LANE, BALDOCK ROAD SG6 2EN

INTERESTED?
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TUES 8TH-THURS 10TH APR
WEEK 2:
TUES 15TH-THURS 17TH APR

9.30AM-3.30PM
£25 PER DAY /
£60 PER 3 DAY WEEK
LATE PICK-UP AVAILABLE

HTFC PRIZES & CERTIFICATES

BOOK ONLINE: WWW.NORTHERTSARENA.CO.UK

EXTERNAL INFORMATION

Information for Parents

Did you know that pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children?



- ✓ Earache (children aged 1-17)
- ✓ Sore throat (over 5s)
- ✓ Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- ✓ Impetigo (over 1s)

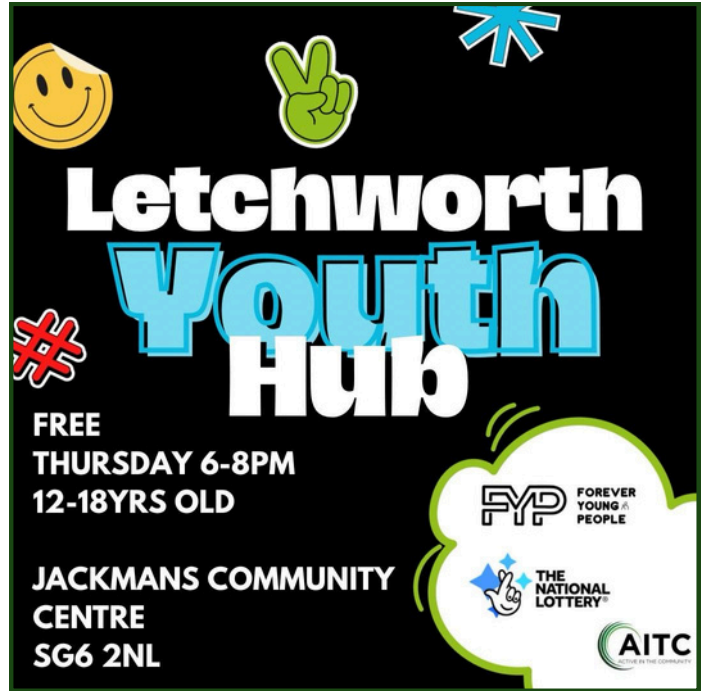
Think 'Pharmacy First'

GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery and back at school as soon as possible.

For more information speak with your local community pharmacy.

To find your nearest pharmacy see: <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy>
Or scan the QR code:





Letchworth Youth Hub

FREE THURSDAY 6-8PM
12-18YRS OLD

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REM BY STIPE • SHAPE OF YOU - THE MUSIC OF ED SHEERAN
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THE POLICE ACADEMY • JUST LUTHER BY HARRY CAMBRIDGE
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EXTERNAL INFORMATION

TALKING ASD & ADHD WORKSHOP: RESPONDING to ANGER



Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Supporting Links
Promoting Strong Family Relationships

**Wednesday
2nd April 2025
9.30-11.15am**

We will help you to learn about:





- The difference between healthy & unhealthy anger.
- The pattern that anger takes and how to spot the non-verbal signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

An online parent workshop delivered to your home via Zoom.

FREE for parents and carers living or with a child in school in Hertfordshire

Booking essential via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-responding-to-anger-714-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1085128535139>

Or contact Supporting Links
QUOTING REFERENCE SL714
 01442 300185
info@supportinglinks.co.uk
www.supportinglinks.co.uk

Funded by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund

"Tackled some complex areas really well. Helpful visuals, full of information to use in the real world. Can definitely use some of the concepts immediately."

Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.

September 2024

Hertfordshire CYPMHS system newsletter

Herts Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Health and Care Partnership

Bringing mental health and emotional wellbeing news and information to professionals working with Hertfordshire's children, young people and their parents and carers.

HOME NEWS & INFORMATION CYPMHS REDESIGN UNDERSTANDING CYPMHS ASK THE CYPMHS SYSTEM CYPMHS SERVICE DIRECTORY EVENTS and TRAINING SUBSCRIBE

World Mental Health Day Newsletters and new resources from The Sandbox

Complete Herts CYPMHS short surveys: deadline extended to 30 September

With Youth online groups restart this month and new Herts Haven Cafe opens

How is Nessie's (Herts CYPMHS NHS funded) service helping parents/carers?

CYPMHS Service Directory

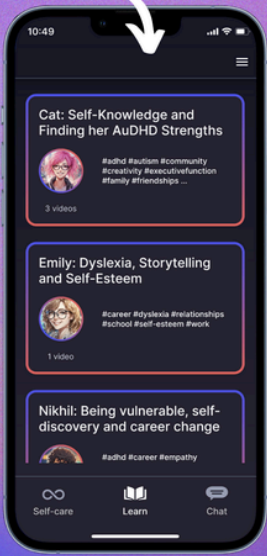
Welcome to the September 2024 edition of Hertfordshire's CYPMHS newsletter, for professionals working with the county's children and young people. Find out how to pin the latest CYPMHS newsletter to the home screen of your mobile device, so you can quickly access all the latest news and updates [here](#). Please send your news for the next edition in October by Monday 7 October 2024.

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

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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](https://thetoolbox.minder.co.uk/hertfordshire)



Are you a family with children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities looking for local activities?

The SEND community activities directory promotes a wide range of local activities and support groups, some activities will also include discounts for families registered on our Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database (HAND).

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDdirectory

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