

FEARNHILL SCHOOL OF



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MR SPENCER'S UPDATE

June 19th was national 'Thank a Teacher Day'. I have always believed that the best way to improve education for children is to ensure they have good teachers. Great facilities, a well planned curriculum, challenging assessment, additional support and wider opportunities all help, but in the end teachers make the difference. We probably all remember the difference a great teacher made to us.

The quality of teachers at Fearnhill is - in my opinion - one of its greatest strengths. We have subject specialists in almost all lessons, something which is increasingly rare in most schools.



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MR SPENCER'S UPDATE ... CONTINUED

We have new teachers joining us in September in English, maths, science and social sciences who will only add to the strength of the team.

I witness every day the commitment and kindness of staff. I am constantly inspired by the relentless warmth and encouragement Fearnhill teachers show towards their students. Similarly, teachers take pride in delivering carefully planned lessons, ensuring students get the support they need and going the extra mile to help. I see teachers regularly give up their own time to support clubs, revision, events and coursework, amongst other things. Teachers are ambitious for their students and support them to improve in many ways.

I feel a great sense of pride to work alongside the teachers at Fearnhill. Through their hard work and kindness they are improving the life chances of all students who attend the school. It is a privilege to work with them and I would like to use this opportunity to say a public thank you for all that they do.

If you would like to share a message of thanks with a teacher, please complete **this online form** and I will ensure the message is passed on.

Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



7. Promoting Mental and Emotional Well-Being

School is a place where students not only learn but also grow emotionally and mentally. A structured routine provides stability and helps students develop coping mechanisms. Regular school attendance helps students maintain a sense of routine, which is important for mental health, especially during stressful times.

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

UKMT JUNIOR MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2025

On Thursday 1 st May 2025 many of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge, which is a national mathematics competition run by the United Kingdom Mathematical Trust. The Challenge comprised of students independently answering 25 challenging mathematics problems.

Congratulations are in order to our students who performed really well in this competition; with a very special mention to our students who achieved Silver and Bronze Awards.

Silver Certificates were awarded to: Alfons B (7H), Chloe Clarke (7G), Eliana, n (8H), Dash J (8G), Joseph U (8G), George S (8P), Archie F (7N), and Evelyn J (7G).

Bronze Certificates were awarded to: Finn B (7P), Sienna C (7P), Hope C (7P), Ronnie G (7G), Lottie H (7G), Niall M (7P), Rudy M (7G), Madeline P (7P), Libby P (7P), Joseph R (7G), Leo S (7P), Tommy B (8G), Valery C (8H), Lucy C (8N), Sam C (8N), Damla E (8H), Logan G (8H), James L (8P), Cohen O (8G), Ainhoa V-A (8N), Ruben W (8H), Eva W (8P).

Special mention must be made to Alfons B (7H) for his brilliant 'Best In School' achievement.

Very well done to all our students who took part.

Mrs J Lee, Teacher Maths





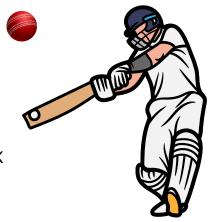
SCHOOLS OF SANCTUARY AWARD



We are delighted to announce that we are now officially a School of Sanctuary! Schools of Sanctuary is a national network of almost 600 primary and secondary schools, nurseries, and sixth forms all committed to creating a culture of inclusion for refugees and people seeking asylum. This award recognises Fearnhill as a welcoming and supportive environment for young people of all backgrounds as well as raising awareness of the issues facing people in the asylum system. We are the first school in Hertfordshire to be recognised in this way and we can't think of a better way to celebrate Refugee Week! Congratulations to everyone who worked hard to make this happen, to all staff for helping make our school the warm and welcoming place that it is, and especially to all our wonderful students!

YEAR 9 CALYPSO CRICKET TOURNAMENT

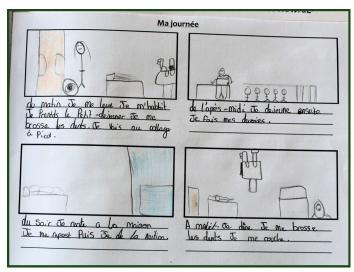
Our Year 9 cricket team took part in the Calypso Cricket
Tournament at Hitchin Cricket Club last Monday. We won 2
matches and lost one, narrowly missing out on the final. Joel S
scored 68 runs across 2 innings without getting out in the
tournament. Sam P and Josh B had to retire scoring over 25 in
different games. Braeden M bowled an over with 3 wickets that
set us on course for victory in our final game. Connor N and Lucy K
contributed well to the team performance throughout. Well done
everyone for an excellent performance all round!

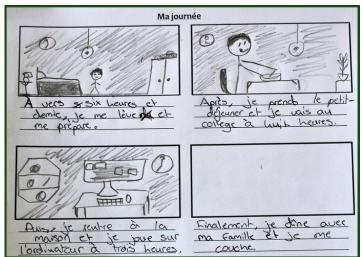


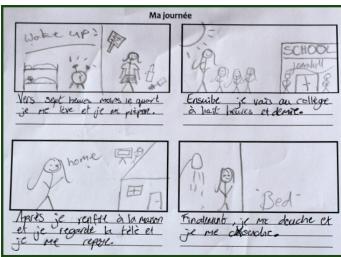
Mr M Turner, PE Teacher & Head of KS3

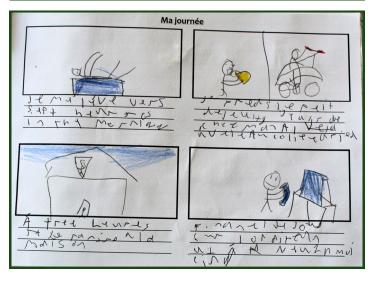
YEAR 7 FRENCH

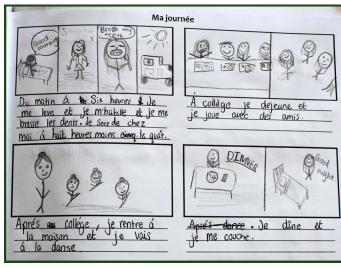
In their French lessons recently, the Year 7s have been talking about their daily routine. To put their writing into practice, they have created some lovely story boards, telling us what a typical day looks like for them. Well done Year 7!











Mrs K Cross, Head of Modern Foreign Languages

COOK & SHARE



We had a wonderful time last week hosting a 'Cook & Share' event in catering with some of our families. A small group of parents were invited in to cook a meal from their own culture, then sit down and enjoy eating together. Seven countries across four continents were represented at the event, with delicious dishes such as Maldivian Kulhimas, Colombian Shrimp Ceviche, Molokhia, Ugandan Chicken and Rice, Feijoada and Trinidadian Doubles. Thanks so much to all the families who came in, we all enjoyed your cooking so much!









PRIDE IN THE CANTEEN

Our School Canteen celebrated Pride Day on Thursday with a gorgeous selection of rainbow coloured food.













LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

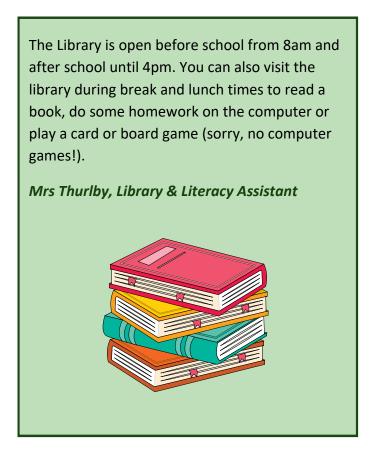
The Library currently has around 400 overdue books out on loan to students. As you can imagine, it is important that receive these back so that we have books available for other students to borrow.

With this in mind we will be having termly book return deadlines for these to be returned or renewed. Any books still overdue after this date will be considered lost and parents will be asked to contribute towards their replacement. The first of these return days will be Monday 30th June. Please encourage your student to have a hunt around and return any books to the library before this date.

Ms R Thurlby, Librarian



LIBRARY



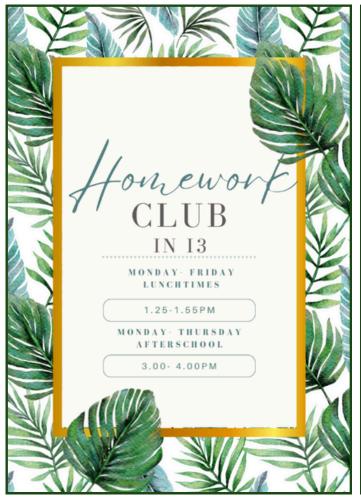
MUSIC LESSONS

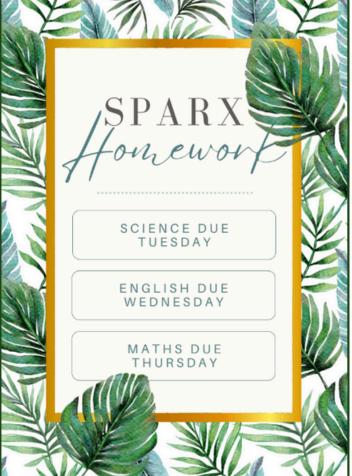
Please see the below information regarding music lessons that are provided by Hertfordshire Music Service at Fearnhill. Visit their website at www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk for more information.





HOMEWORK CLUB





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Term 2025

Year 10 Mock exams start Monday 23rd June

Year 8 Reports issued Wednesday 25th June Year 9 Reports issued Wednesday 25th June Year 7 Reports issued Wednesday 2nd July

INSET DAY - School closed to students Friday 4th July

Sixth Form Induction Day Wednesday 9th July Thursday 10th July Year 12 Activity Day Trip Wednesday 16th July Year 10 Reports issued Wednesday 16th July Year 12 Reports issued

Fearnhill Festival of Sports - details to follow Wed 16th-Fri 20th July

Wednesday 23rd July Term ends

Thursday 14th August A Level results day Thursday 21st August GCSE results day

Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3rd September INSET DAY - School closed to students Thursday 4th September **INSET DAY - School closed to students**

Friday 5th September Induction Day Year 7 & 12 Monday 8th September Terms starts for all students

CONTACT US

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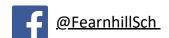
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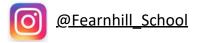
Address: Fearnhill School, Icknield Way, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 4BA

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!

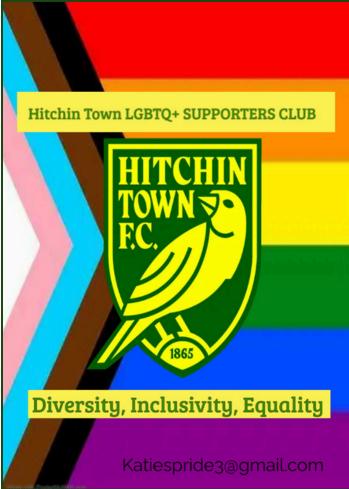






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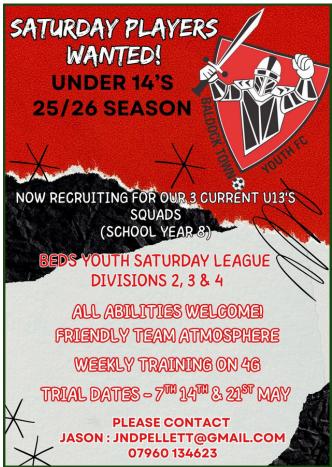


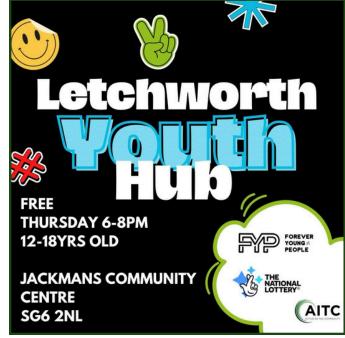
















For info please visit their Facebook page.

CARERS WEEK - YOUNG CARERS Caring about Equality • Could someone in your family be a young carer? • A young carer cares for a family member who, due to illness, disability, a mental health condition or an addiction, cannot cope without their support. • We are proud of our young carers and the care they provide. However, a young carer may miss out on extra support offered and opportunities in their education, careers and personal lives due to their caring role. • You can get them further support by contacting the Young Carers Service at Carers in Hertfordshire. THINK REFER SUPPORT

Visit: www.carersinherts.org.uk/voung-carers









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?







Sore throat (over 5s)

Infected insect bites (over 1s)

Impetigo (over 1s)

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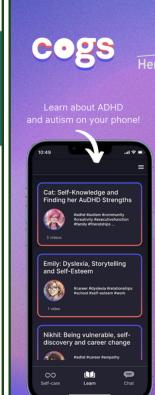
GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if 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/servicesearch/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy Or scan the QR code:





- If you are 14 or above, live in
- Are autistic (or think you are)Or both

Hertfordshire and **West Essex**

You can now access the Cogs app for free!

The app helps you understand more about ADHD and autism and how to

To find out more and get your free

Then scroll to the Cogs offer!

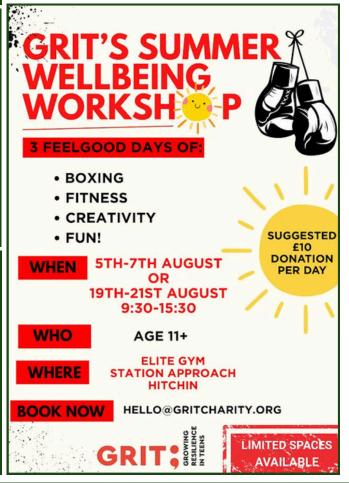


Are you a family with children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities looking for local activities?

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





Parent & Carer Support

Autumn Term 2025



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

TALKING TEENS

6. weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 12-19, covering:

- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture. How to negotiate and reduce conflict.

16th Sep – 21st Oct Online Course: ID 778

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm 6th Nov – 11th Dec Online Course: ID 777

ALKING ANGER in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 11-19, supporting you to:

- Understand why children and adults get
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger. Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.



4th Nov - 9th Dec Online Course: ID 775

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children 219, with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.

Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm 5th Nov - 10th Dec Watford, venue TBA

Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am 17th Sep - 22nd Oct Course ID 770

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 0.12 sharing tips on:

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries. Responding to tantrums and difficult
- feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.

Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm 17th Sep – 22nd Oct Online Course ID 774

Thursdays 9.45 - 11.15am 18th Sep – 23rd Oct Online Course ID 772

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm h Nov - 9th Dec Online Course ID 773

TALKING ANXIETY

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children 12-19, supporting you to: Understand why young people and

- adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety. Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.

ALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of children 0:19, sharing information on:

- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm 16th Sep - 21st Oct Online Course ID 776



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm 17th Sep - 22nd Oct

Online Course: ID 779 Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm 5th Nov - 10th Dec

Online Course: ID 780

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

07512 709556 or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

formation taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request









with strong interpersonal and listening skills?

We are looking for compassionate individuals to train as volunteers, supporting children, young people, and their parents or carers as they navigate grief and loss.

As a volunteer, you will:

- Receive training and ongoing support
- Develop valuable skill:
- Make a meaningful impact in your local community

To book your place please email: info@stand-by-me.org.uk