



Issue 535

Fearnfile

Fearnfile - out every two weeks!

Headteacher's Message

Festive Feedback and Looking Ahead



▲ A happy new year to everyone – welcome back! I have been struck this week on my visits to classrooms by the huge variety of **exciting learning** that goes on at Fearnhill every day. In just one half hour tour I met Year 7 students playing a game of **grammar battleships in Spanish** to learn their verb endings, another Year 7 group **linking their art work to a novel**, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' as a source of inspiration, Year 10 **testing redox reactions using thermite**, Year 8 discussing **earthquakes** and Year 11 learning about **Elizabeth 1's court**.

▲ In this edition, we look back at the celebrations for Christmas, including the **Christmas lunch, House Day** and the **Christmas Bake Off winners** (all of them!). We reflect on the high achieving students of the term in **English** and **Performing Arts**, and we also look forward to future events, with information on the annual **A Level Art Exhibition**. The **library** offers recommendations and information on adaptations of books to film and TV shows to look forward to in 2019.

▲ As we are now into the cold weather season, I am writing to you separately to remind you of our **procedures for severe weather and possible school closure**; do sign up for the text and email alert system if you have not already done so.

▲ I am also taking this opportunity to ask you as parents, governors and friends of the school to let me know if you would like to get involved in some **film making** we are planning for early February. If you use **Facebook** you will be aware of some **short videos** we made last year, with students and staff talking about Fearnhill. These have been very well received and we would like to extend this work further, so if you are keen to be involved, please email me on head@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk or call the school and we can have a chat. Our profile is growing all the time and on **Saturday 19th January** we are hosting a **teacher recruitment event** for the whole of **North Hertfordshire**, where we expect up to 200 delegates to visit to find out more about a career in teaching. If you or anyone you know is thinking about a possible career in education, please encourage them to **pop along between 9am and 1pm**.

▲ Finally, an exciting development this term will be the start of our **£1m building improvement project**. The first meeting has taken place and I will keep you updated on plans as they develop!

With thanks as always for your support,

Liz Ellis
Headteacher

Please follow us on
Facebook or Twitter to
find out what is going
on in school.



Careers Corner

Useful Careers Websites

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 PSHCE time this academic year, it is advisable 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.

YC Hertfordshire (Youth Connexions) – YC Hertfordshire 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.

YC Hertfordshire enables young people to succeed. It provides youth work, information, advice, guidance, work related learning, outdoor education and support for young people. The majority of its work is with those aged 13 to 19 and up to 25 for young people with learning disabilities. It also provides support for young people leaving care, up to the age of 21, through the YC Hertfordshire One Stop Shops and work related learning in Primary Schools.

www.ychertfordshire.org



What are you waiting for? Get surfing!!!

Any questions please see me.

College Open Days/Evenings for Year 11 Students

BEDFORD COLLEGE
Part of the Bedford College Group

OPEN DAY
Tuesday 22 January
5.00pm-7.30pm

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

OPEN EVENT
5th FEB 2019
5pm - 7.30pm

What can you expect from a college? Find out at our Open Event on Tuesday 5th February 2019. We'll have a range of activities and information for you. Book your place now!

www.nhct.ac.uk/open-event/

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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE COLLEGE

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No.1 for you

SAVE THE DATE!

OAKLANDS COLLEGE

FEB 5 2019
ST ALBANS CAMPUS (5-8PM)

FEB 6 2019
WELWYN GARDEN CITY (5-8PM)

Open Events
#JoinOnTheHill

AT THESE EVENTS YOU WILL:

- LEARN ABOUT OAKLANDS
- MEET OUR STAFF
- FIND OUT ABOUT THE CAMPUS

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students go out on Work Experience from Monday 11th – Friday 15th March. Students will be issued with their placement details next week and are currently drafting their introductory letter to their employer!

2019 MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Ms Balchin & Ms Charter
Careers Dept

Performing & Expressive Arts

Students of the Month - December 🙌

Natalie 9Q



Excellent progress, outstanding attitude & independent working

Ruby 7U



Two high grading assessments since start of Yr 7 & excellent piano skills shown

Abhinoor 9U



Outstanding effort & achievement in PE since arriving at Fearnhill

Ben 10H



Excellent progress, outstanding attitude & independent working

Aliyah 11Q



Passing grade 5 singing exam with a merit

Kiera 10P



Outstanding performance in Unit test & consistently excellent attitude in all lessons

Have you got what it takes to be Student of the Month? Try your best in all lessons and extra-curricular activities and you could find yourself nominated and crowned!

*Mr Marsh
Head of Performing and Expressive Arts*

English Department News

English Students of the Term

We are delighted to award certificates and Amazon vouchers to our English Students of the Autumn Term.

Year 7

Rebekah for approaching tasks with enthusiasm and developing leadership skills in English lessons.

Year 8

Tia for proving to be hard-working and ambitious in English lessons.

Year 9

Tyler for proving to be a dedicated lover of literature and making excellent progress.

Year 10

Sajinth for consistently high standards in homework and classwork.

Very well done to all of you. Keep up the good work!



Mrs Nunneley
Head of English

Lister Hospital Christmas Donation



A very big thank you to all the staff, students, friends and family for helping to collect toys, games and books for the annual Lister Hospital children's ward Christmas donation.

Five big bags of lovely Christmas cheer were delivered to the children's ward at The Lister just before Christmas for those who needed it the most!

Mrs Fullard
Teacher Technology

Christmas Lunch Festivities

At the end of last term students and staff gathered in the canteen for a Christmas lunch together. The tables were set with tablecloths, drinks, cutlery and crackers and Christmas songs were played. Mrs Ellis welcomed the students at the door and some of our teachers served the delicious Christmas lunch which was cooked by Mrs Hatch, Catering Manager and her wonderful team. There was a real festive feeling in the dining room especially since everyone was wearing their Christmas jumpers. To add to the excitement every student was given a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize of a chocolate selection box. The winners were Tyler Faulkner (7Q), Jude Hurn (7U), Lewis Park (8R), Jofani Hasan (10G) and Gurakaash Singh (10G).



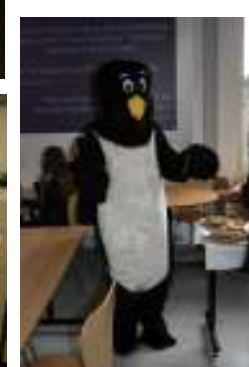
Christmas Jumper Day 2018

We are delighted to announce that we have raised a grand total of £315.18 for our house charities. This was from donations from staff and students for wearing their own clothes, together with a Christmas jumper, at the end of last term.



Christmas House Day 2018

Great fun was had and many laughs were enjoyed by students and staff on the final day of last term. Instead of lessons staff and sixth formers organised a Christmas House Day. A range of festive themed activities took place throughout the school for the students to participate in. There was a Christmas quiz, an elf problem solving challenge, winter Olympics and a giant house Christmas card challenge. Students worked together to gain points for their houses. At the end of the morning the points were tallied up and the winning house declared during the final assembly. The house with the most points was Neville. The events were rounded off with hot chocolate and biscuits for all in the canteen. The morning was a fantastic success and a great way for students to start the Christmas holidays!



Food Technology Department News

At the end of last term students across all ages groups collected Christmas song titles from Mrs Fullard and Mrs Davies to participate in the Fearnhill Christmas bake off. The magnificent entries were brought to T1 and proudly displayed for photos and judging. As they were all outstanding in their own way, we took the only decision that felt right and awarded them all with equal standing in their field.

Year 7 twins, Ella and Mia Jefferson created an unmistakable likeness of Rudolph out of icing with a fabulous cake underneath. Fantastic work girls! They have been rewarded with the 'Best Likeness to an Iconic Christmas Character'.

Also in Year 7, Astra Lown produced an ingenious version of ten drummers drumming from the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' from both a large centre piece cake with supporting cupcakes. For this Astra has been rewarded with the certificate for 'Best Use of the Chosen Theme'.

Harrison Pill produced the tastiest cake of them all. Also in Year 7, Harrison's 'We Three Kings' cake was stunning to look at in its simplicity of design but the chocolate cake underneath was exquisite. Great baking Harrison. He was awarded the prize for the 'Best Sponge Baked in the Competition'.

Year 8 student, Ella Dougherty picked 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree' and produced a wonderful gingerbread wonderland with icing snowmen dancing around her well structured Christmas treat. Ella has been awarded the prize for 'Best Use of Non-cake Bases Building Structure'.

Zack Wake in Year 8 made a nest and eggs to represent his theme of 'Six Geese a Laying'. This was a later entry but well thought out and an excellent, creative and interesting design. Zack is a key part of these competitions and has been awarded the 'Late Entry Prize' and a special mention for always participating in the whole school competitions.

Sixth formers, Shannon and Luke took their challenge one step further and created vegan cupcakes in the theme of Rudolph. Well done for thinking outside the box. They have been awarded the 'Best Cakes Made with Allergy Safe or Alternative Ingredients'.

Thank you so much to the parents and carers who have supported their children in taking part. It was a great competition and we look forward to many more to come.



***Mrs Fullard, Teacher Technology
Mrs Davies, Subject Leader Modern Foreign***



Have you got any empty sweet tubs, biscuit tins or unwanted Tupperware containers you don't want cluttering up your cupboards and drawers anymore? If so, the Food Technology Department would be very grateful for them. Students can bring them in directly to Food Technology or leave them at Reception.

Many thanks.

***Mrs Fullard
Teacher Technology***

Art Department News

A Level Art Exhibition

From Saturday, 2nd February our A Level Art students, together with A Level Art students from Highfield, will be exhibiting their art work at The Letchworth Community Museum in Letchworth Garden City.



The Museum is located in The Arcade, Letchworth's historic shopping arcade located in the town centre, between Station Road and Leys Avenue.

The exhibition runs until Saturday, 23rd February and is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 9am and 12 noon.

The exhibition is free to enter so do call in when you are next in town.



FEARNHILL
SCHOOL

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PART TIME CLEANING JOB?

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic and reliable **cleaners** to join our team.

The hours of work are Monday to Friday 3.45pm—5.45pm term time only.

If you would like to apply for this post please contact Mrs Rainbow, School Business Manager on:

01462 621200, ext 210

hazel.rainbow10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Read to Succeed

New Games for a New Year

Here are the new games we have in the Library for use during break and lunch.



New Films and TV Shows for 2019 Based on Books

The children's books below will become movies and TV shows in 2019, so borrow them from the Library first before you see the screen-time version.



Email us at library@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk



Follow us on Twitter [@FearnhillLib](https://twitter.com/FearnhillLib)

Mrs Hunt
Librarian and Resources Manager

Message from the Finance Office

Please remember that trip instalments are due in January for the following:

Kingswood Geography Trip: **14th January 2019**

Battlefields Trip: **25th January 2019**

Andalucía Trip: **31st January 2019**

Thank you if you have already made these payments. If not, please do make a note of the dates to ensure payments are made by the deadline.

Herts for Learning

GCSE Maths and English 2019 revision workshops

Help your child get a head-start on their GCSE exam preparation this spring

Our GCSE Maths and AQA GCSE English workshops are designed to motivate and challenge students in an engaging, focused and active learning environment. Subject experts provide additional tuition with one goal – to help your child perform to their full potential in the summer examinations.

Half day workshop
£45.00
Full day workshop
£90.00
per student incl. VAT*



These revision workshops will:

- boost your child's confidence and enable them to feel 'exam ready'
- be delivered by highly experienced subject experts, following the very latest guidance and advice from the exam boards
- provide each student with exam strategies and guidance on how to succeed in specific questions and exam papers
- share high quality examination responses to support their own learning
- give your child the opportunity to complete a range of revision activities, addressing the skills needed with immediate feedback

In addition, your child will receive:

- high quality, targeted revision resources to take away to support their independent study

*'She now feels a lot more confident in herself and this subject.
For that I cannot thank you enough.' (Parent)*

With over 20 workshops to choose from this spring, book your child onto the workshop(s) they need to help them succeed in their Mathematics and AQA English GCSEs this summer on Eventbrite.

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GCSE Maths and English 2019 revision workshops

Revision Session	Dates and times
The following Saturday revision sessions will all take place at Samuel Ryder Academy in St. Albans:	
AQA GCSE English Literature: Paper 1: Macbeth	Saturday 12th January 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: Paper 1: Romeo and Juliet	Saturday 12th January 2019, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
GCSE Mathematics – Foundation Tier: Number	Saturday 19th January 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics – Higher Tier: Number	Saturday 19th January 2019, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: Paper 1: Jekyll and Hyde	Saturday 26th January 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: Paper 1: A Christmas Carol	Saturday 26th January 2019, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
GCSE Mathematics – Foundation Tier: Algebra	Saturday 2nd February 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics – Higher Tier: Algebra	Saturday 2nd February 2019, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: Paper 2: An Inspector Calls	Saturday 9th February 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 2: Cluster Poetry: Love and Relationships	Saturday 9th February 2019, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
GCSE Mathematics – Foundation Tier: Ratio & Proportion	Saturday 23rd February 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics – Higher Tier: Ratio & Proportion	Saturday 23rd February 2019, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 2: Cluster Poetry: Power & Conflict	Saturday 2nd March 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature: Paper 2: Unseen Poetry	Saturday 2nd March 2019, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
GCSE Mathematics – Foundation Tier: Geometry and Measures	Saturday 9th March 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics – Higher Tier: Geometry and Measures	Saturday 9th March 2019, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
AQA GCSE English Language: Paper 1	Saturday 16th March 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics – Foundation Tier: Fractions, probability and statistics	Saturday 23rd March 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm
GCSE Mathematics – Higher Tier: Graphs, probability and statistics	Saturday 23rd March 2019, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
AQA GCSE English Language: Paper 2	Saturday 30th March 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm

The following Easter English revision sessions will all take place at Townsend School, St. Albans:

AQA GCSE English Language: Papers 1 and 2	Monday 8th April 2019, 9.30am – 3.30pm
AQA GCSE English Literature – Paper 1: Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet, A Christmas Carol and Jekyll and Hyde	Tuesday 9th April, 2019, 10.00am – 2.30pm*
AQA GCSE English Literature – Paper 2: An Inspector Calls, Love and Relationships Poetry, Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry	Wednesday 10th April 2019, 10.00am – 2.30pm*
Eduqas: GCSE English Language: Papers 1 and 2	Monday 15th April 2019, 9.30am – 3.30pm

*Discounted cost of £65 incl. VAT

Book now on Eventbrite to secure a place for your child.

For further information regarding these workshops, please contact: training@hertsforlearning.co.uk or call 01438 845 111 (option 2)

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GET INTO TEACHING EVENTS 2018/19 Your Future. Their Future.



Come and meet Hertfordshire Teaching School Alliances face to face at either of these events in 2018/19. You will be able to find out in workshops about 'Training to Teach and How to Apply' and also listen to personal experiences of recent graduates in 'My School Direct Journey'.

Teaching Schools and the University of Hertfordshire will be able to advise on next steps for your career.

Register on our website for one of these events: teachinherts.com



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10, 9:30AM – 1PM
Watford, South and West Herts

SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 9:30AM – 1PM
Letchworth, North and East Herts

Check out the Get Into Teaching website, read and watch video clips about eligibility, scholarships and how to apply for teacher training: getintoteaching.education.gov.uk

Further information is available on the UCAS website: <https://www.ucas.com/teaching-in-england>

Take a look at the teachinherts.com website where you can see the number of schools with teaching vacancies and where you can manage your own job applications in Hertfordshire in the future.

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for Learning**

Teach in Herts

5 days ago

Wednesday Pic-n-Mix

Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at

Letchworth Library
10:30am – 12 noon

**Drop in for tea and biscuits, have a chat and
make new friends**

Various activities and themed sessions

Wednesday 9 January
Wednesday 13 February
Wednesday 13 March

A warm welcome awaits



www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



Tennis Coaching at HBS Lawn Tennis Club!

Hitchin Boys School Lawn Tennis Club, Hitchin.

Coached by Professional Tennis Coaches for Adults & Juniors

Courses available for all ages and abilities, from tots to adults

We also welcome those returning to the sport!

w/c Monday 14th January – w/c Monday 1st April 2019

(no sessions during half term week. Participants can join at any time)

Free taster sessions available - email for more information

BOOK NOW!

Go to www.uplaysports.co.uk for more information on a course and how to book



If you require more information please email office@uplaysports.co.uk or call 07932 246309

All coaches are qualified LTA tennis coaches and DBS checked. First Aiders on site

Tennis Coaching at Offley Tennis Club!

Offley Recreation Centre
Kings Walden Rd, Offley, Hitchin SG5 3EA

Coached by Professional Tennis Coaches for Juniors

Saturdays
Ages 5 - 14: 5pm - 6pm

Course dates:
Saturday 19th January – Saturday 6th April 2019

(no sessions during half term week. Participants can join at any time)

Cost: £88 per term

BOOK NOW!

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If you require more information please email office@uplaysports.co.uk or call 07932 246309

All coaches are qualified LTA tennis coaches and DBS checked. First Aiders on site

Get Back into Netball!

Spring 2019

11 weeks of netball coaching, fun, fitness and friends! Ideal for those who haven't played for a while and more experienced players too!

Qualified UKCC netball coaches and DBS checked
First Aiders on site

**at The Priory School,
Bedford Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire
SG5 2UR**

**Tuesday evenings; 15th January to
2nd April 2019
7.30pm - 8.30pm**

(No session at half term – w/c 18/02)

**Cost: £55 for 11 weeks if booked
online or £6 /week PAYG**

BOOK NOW!

Go to www.uplaysports.co.uk to secure your place on this course and for more information



If you require more information please contact office@uplaysports.co.uk or call 07932 246309

Tennis Coaching at St. Paul's Walden Lawn Tennis Club!

Bradway, Whitwell, Hitchin. SG4 8AP

Coached by professional tennis coaches for Adults & Juniors

Tuesdays
Ages 4 - 8: 5pm - 6pm
Ages 9 - 13: 6pm - 7pm
Adults: 7pm - 8pm

Course dates:
Tues 15th January – Tues 2nd April 2019
(no sessions during half term week. Participants can join at any time)

Cost: £88 per term

BOOK NOW!

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If you require more information please email office@uplaysports.co.uk or call 07932 246309

All coaches are qualified LTA tennis coaches and DBS checked. First Aiders on site



Student of the Week

Student of the Term

W/e Friday 21st December

Student of the Week



Tia 8Q
– 45 points

Form of the Week

7U – 268 points

House of the Week

Gorst – 552 Points

Staff Member of the Week

Mrs Kilbey – 407 points
(Maths Teacher)

Student of the Autumn Term



Gorst
Ruby 7U
289 points

Howard
Natalia 8U
359 points



Neville
Sarah 8Q
315 points

Pearsall
Scarlett 8Q
310 points

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Thought of the Month - January

