



Headteacher's Message

Welcome Back



▲ I hope everyone had a peaceful and restful Easter break and managed to make the most of the fine weather. During the break the **building improvement project** got under way in earnest and you can see the large amount of scaffolding now in place on the site. This project will unfold during the term and I will keep you updated. It is great news for the students and they will benefit from the much improved learning environment.

▲ Many of our students and staff came in during the holiday to take part in **revision sessions**, and they should be congratulated for their commitment. The exam season is now under way and we are especially keen that our Year 11 and 13 students get all the support they need. Where there are concerns, I have written to parents asking for you to **attend a short meeting** here at school with a senior member of staff. We will support students in every way we can and if you have any queries about exam preparation and how you can best support your child, do **contact us** and check the website under 'students – intervention timetables'. Here is the link: <http://www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/intervention-timetables/>

**May Day
Bank Holiday
Monday, 6th May**

The school is closed to students on this day.

▲ You will be pleased to hear that our **ducklings** hatched safely during the break and were taken to a sanctuary by the RSPCA, so that the building project could stay on track. You can see the pictures on this page! The springtime feel in school was also on display on the last day of term, when we had our **Spring House Day**. There are photos inside. At the end of last term we also held our **House Basketball Tournament**, which was very well attended and a closely fought competition; there is a report inside. We also took some students to the **Herts Health and Social Care Careers Expo** event; read all about it!

▲ Finally, some advance notice of an exciting **visitor** we have coming to Fearnhill on **Friday 10th May**. We have our **Year 11 and 13 Celebration of Achievement** and our guest speaker this year is **Aaron Phipps, paralympian and GB wheelchair basketball team member**. We are delighted that Aaron is able to attend this event that starts at **2pm**. Parents of Year 11 and 13 are welcome to join us; a letter will come to you soon and we look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks as always for your support,

**Liz Ellis
Headteacher**



Careers Corner



Herts Health & Social Care Careers Expo Trip

A group of Year 9 & 10 students attended the **Herts Health & Social Care Careers Expo Trip** at the University of Hertfordshire on Wednesday 7th March. Whilst there students were able to:

- try their hand at different career disciplines in the NHS
- talk to leading staff and hear about what working life is like
- sign up to work experience in different disciplines to make that all-important difference on application forms
- hear about different educational routes into NHS professions and get tips on how to make applications a success
- discover the Apprenticeships available in the NHS



As always, our students were impeccably behaved and a credit to the school. They came away with food for thought and inspiration for their future career options and found it a useful and rewarding day.

Thank you to Ms Brown for accompanying us on the trip.



*Ms Balchin
Head of Careers, WRL & PSHCE*

We are collecting used stamps for The Garden House Hospice



If you have any then please send them in to school in an envelope for the attention of the Main Office.

We have made 3 deliveries already and the staff at the hospice are very grateful.



Performing & Expressive Arts

Students of the Month - March 🙌



Ruby 7Q

Creative spirit & independent focus



Sarah 8Q

Helping other students with practical tasks & commitment to own learning in music



Madison 9R

Superb ATL across all areas & commitment to extra-curricular



Kaitlyn 10N

Exploring different media, taking risks & independent working on idea for portfolio unit



Charlotte 10N

Working hard in lessons & dedication to piano



Ellie 10P

Superb ATL & progress in sports studies

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 & Expressive Arts*

PE Department News

House Basketball Tournament

At the end of the Spring Term we had another successful week of sporting competition here at Fearnhill. It was great to see so many Fearnhill students and staff attend the House Basketball Tournament, either to play or support.



Well done to the following individuals for excellent performances.

Year 7: James Hart, Ruby Milligan, Wes Thompson, George Langford

Year 8: Ellis Overton, Adam Overton, Tia Martin, Sarah Mavromoustakis

Year 9: Daniel Higgins, Will Moore, Macie Martin and Ethan Scott

Year 10: Dom Robertson

As promised in the last edition of Fearnfile here are the final results:

Final Results

Position	Monday Year 7	Tuesday Year 8	Wednesday Year 9	Thursday Year 10	Friday Seniors (11-13)
1 st	H	H	N	P	N
2 nd	P	N	H	N & H	P
3 rd	G	P	G		H & G
4 th	N	G	P		

And the winner is...



HOWARD - 1st!!!!

Pearsall - 2nd

Neville - 3rd

Gorst -4th



Thank you to all the staff members who promoted the event and to the PE Department for helping run the tournament.

Next up we have House Rounders so hope to see high levels of attendance.

Miss Straughn
Teacher of PE & Science

Spring House Day

On the last day of the Spring Term all students and staff were involved in our end of term house day! There were lots of Easter themed activities throughout the morning which involved students and staff working in their houses. It required working together as a team, using initiative and supporting each other in order to gain the most points over the other houses. Activities included a STEM Kahoot, building towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows and designing and building a slope for a toy car to whizz down. Gorst were extremely pleased and very proud to be crowned the winner. It was a great way to end a busy term.



Read to Succeed

Annual Chess Simul

We are delighted to announce that Paul Littlewood, International Chess Master, has agreed to come back to Fearnhill to take on 13 of our students – at the same time.

This event will take place in the Library on Thursday, 20 June P3 and P4. If you would like to be one of the lucky 13 students to take on Paul, please let Mrs Hunt or Mrs Middleton know.

Magician and illusionist, Derren Brown, beat Paul in a Chess Simul in 2008, but can you do the same????



Why Harry Potter and Paddington Bear are essential reading ... for grown-ups

Sales of children's books to adults are soaring – with statistics showing that 39% of children's books are bought for readers over 16.

This article at <http://www.tinyurl.com/FHSkiddult> from last weekend's Guardian features children's books every adult should read, as recommended by the author and Oxford don Katherine Rundell.

The Library will be taking a group of students to hear Katherine Rundell speak about her award winning books at St Francis' College on 17 June.



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Mrs Hunt
Head of Library

Urgent Message from the Examination Office

Exam Certificates

We have a number of certificates for students who took exams in June 2014, June 2015, June 2017 and June 2018. They may be required by future employers and will cost around £40 per certificate to replace. The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) advises centres that certificates should be stored for one year and then destroyed. If you or anyone you know took exams in these years and hasn't yet collected their certificates, please ask them to contact the Exams Office here at Fearnhill.



Mrs Bremner
Data and Exams Manager

☀️ BOYS & GIRLS SUMMER TERM SPORTS CLUBS/PRACTICES ☀️

	Cricket	Rounders	Tennis	Athletics	Other
Mon		All Years LBN & SSN			
Tues	All Years AMH & AWG	All Years SSN			Yr 11 GCSE Intervention in B2 AMH
Weds				All Years All PE Staff	
Thurs					Badminton All Years AWG
Fri	All Years AMH		All Years LBN		

AMH = Mr Marsh LBN = Miss Balchin SSN = Miss Stroughton AWG = Mr Wakeling

All Clubs/Practices will take place at Lunchtimes, unless stated otherwise, from 1:20pm - 1:55pm

Attention Year 11 Students & Parents

GCSE Mathematics Saturday morning revision

Our GCSE Mathematics workshops are designed to cater for your child's individual needs in an engaging, focused and active learning environment.

Experts in Mathematics provide additional tuition with a sole aim – to support your child in earning Grade 4 or 5 across the three exam papers.



£37.50
per workshop*
£85.00
for all three

There are three workshops, on the Saturdays before each of the three papers:

Sat 18th May Sat 1st June Sat 8th June
9.30 to 12.00, Samuel Ryder Academy, St Albans

These revision workshops will:

- be delivered by subject experts, one of whom is a senior GCSE examiner
- cover content from Foundation and Higher Tier, but aiming at Grades 4 and 5
 - include a range of activities and exam-style questions
 - enable your child to feel 'exam-ready'

In addition, your child will be given

- targeted revision resources (*included in price of sessions) to take away to support their independent study

To book places, please visit the **EventBrite** website
(www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/herts-for-learning-tbd-18062204563)



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Creative Arts Therapy Group

Free sessions for young people on the Autistic Spectrum & with ADHD.
Run alongside Angels parent support group.

Open to pupils in years 7 and 8 who attend a secondary school within Letchworth.

For young people:

The sessions will provide a therapeutic space to work creatively through music, play, games and drama as a way to explore different themes and feelings.

For parents/carers:

The support group will take place at the same time as the young person's group but is not designed as a therapeutic intervention. Instead it will give parents an opportunity to connect with one another and explore ways to support their children.

Aims:

- To be a confidential setting where young people can express themselves creatively.
- To build relationships with peers and support social interactions.
- To help develop emotional self-regulation.
- For parents/carers to build practical skills to support their child.
- For parents/carers to share with others and build a support system.

10-week group taking place for Years 7 and 8
at The Highfield School, Letchworth
Start Date: 8th May 2019
5.30pm - 6.30pm

Funded by the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation

Places are limited for more information on the referral process
 please contact your school office
 or email [Natasha Crook, n.crook@rsat.org.uk](mailto:Natasha.Crook@rsat.org.uk)





Student of the Week

W/e Friday 29th March

Student of the Week



Macie 9R
- 38 points

Form of the Week

7R - 319 points

House of the Week

Pearsall - 792 Points

Staff Member of the Week

Mrs Clifton - 390 points
(Lead Teacher in Art)

W/e Friday 5th April

Student of the Week



Macie 9R
- 44 points

Form of the Week

10P - 303 points

House of the Week

Pearsall - 749 Points

Staff Member of the Week

Mrs Clifton - 298 points
(Lead Teacher in Art)

Student of the Spring Term



Gorst
Ruby 7U
236 points

Howard
Natalia 8U
206 points



Neville
Matilda 7R
198 points

Pearsall
Kiera 10P
253 points

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**Thought of the Month -
April & May**

We don't grow when things are easy,
we grow when we face challenges.

