

Headteacher's Message



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Fearnfile

Back to Basics - Reading, Maths and BBQ!



▲ This edition of Fearnfile has an indoor and outdoor flavour. We are currently planning for our **Sports Day**, that will run (weather permitting) next **Friday, 2nd July**. Safety measures are in place for students, but this year we cannot invite parents to join us; I know that will be a disappointment for some. There will be a full report in the end of term edition of Fearnfile on 16th July. Reading is very much on our minds currently, as we are enjoying the **library reopening**, the **KS3 reading homework initiative** run by the English department, and Year 7's proper introduction to **Accelerated Reader**, our reading programme for Years 7, 8 and 9. Miss Christie gives details of the **Reading for Pleasure** initiative inside.

▲ Fearnhill students excelled in the recent **Hertfordshire Maths Challenge**, and you can read all about the **Year 7 and 8 teams'** efforts along with photos. There is also a **free online summer maths club** run for Year 7, 8 and 9 students by Eedi. Back outdoors, we are now planning our **Summer BBQ at lunchtime on Friday 9th July**, for all students and staff. Full details and the menu are inside, as well as a report and photos from our recent **'Paradise Day'** in the canteen, when fish and chips and ice cream were on offer in line with a typical British seaside experience. Students have also really



enjoyed attending outdoor after school activities and we are keen to extend our offer, once safety allows.

▲ It has been a great challenge this year to support our **Year 11 and 13** students with their **Teacher Assessed Grades or TAGs**. I am delighted to confirm that we have now submitted all the relevant information to exam boards. If your child is in Years 11 or 13, they deserve special congratulations for the way they have worked and applied themselves this year. We hope that the rearranged **Prom** date for **Year 11** can go ahead on **Tuesday 20th July**, but of course we will abide by safety considerations in any decision we make. Finally, we extend a Fearnhill 'thank you' to the kind donation from a Fearnhill family of a **new piano** to add to our music department. It is wonderful!

Thank you as always for your support.

Liz Ellis
Headteacher

Inset Day
Monday, 5th July
**Summer Term Ends
for Students**
Wednesday, 21st July



Year 11 into 12 Students

Congratulations to those students who have been offered a place to stay on and study at KS5. By the time you read this they will be one week in to their two week induction timetable and we hope they are enjoying it so far. We look forward to welcoming them officially to Year 12 Induction in September.



Success at School

Take a look at the following information from the Success at School website www.successatschool.org

as it states, 'Success at School is the place for young people to explore careers, get the lowdown on top employers, and search for the latest jobs, courses and advice. Get career smart and **register today!**'

So we're a week into school with less than one half term to go! That means exams are nearly over and it's time to start thinking about the future. The Success at School team pulled together some of their favourites to keep you going over the next few months - from last-minute exam tips to advice for the summer and some articles to prepare you for next year.



1. Get through your exams - Your exam-day questions answered

Q&A to calm those last-minute nerves and prevent an exam-day crisis. If things feel tough right now, remember - the stress, worry and long days of revision will soon be a distant memory!



2. Plan your summer - Using summer to boost your prospects

It's not too late to plan a summer work placement. And what about having a real, deep think about what you want to do in your career - and how you can get there? When it comes to making the most of summer, Success at School have it covered.

Got a summer job? Struggling to find one?

Whether you've got something lined up or don't know where to start in your job search, Success at School have advice for you. From knowing where to look to proactively hunting and making it count in your grand career plan, they have your must-read guide to summer jobs.



3. Think about next year

If you're heading in to Year 13, next year holds some big decisions. Or maybe you're entering Year 11 in September, and you're not sure whether you should be applying for A-levels or an apprenticeship next year. Success at School have some advance info to get you thinking...

Should I go to uni?

If you're not sure whether uni's for you after Year 13, check out this guide to the things to think about when deciding whether to go on to university after school or college. Oh, and there's a bonus link to a 'uni pros and cons' article.





Learn about apprenticeships

A paid job with training and qualifications - maybe even a degree! Intermediate or advanced apprenticeships are for anyone with GCSEs, while for higher and degree you'll need A-levels/equivalent. Definitely worth thinking about if you're unsure about A-levels or uni.

Consider a gap year

If you think you're going to need some time out after another year in education to think about what you want to do next, a gap year could be for you. Also worth checking out if you're in Year 13 now but unsure about the options you've chosen.



Year 9 into 10 Students

Year 9 students started their GCSE studies on Monday 7th June and are hopefully enjoying their subject choices. If students have concerns over their choices please email admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk so any teething problems can be dealt with.



Career Opportunities

ARU are proud to be working with eight police forces across the East and South East of England and London to recruit and educate new police officers through two new entry routes into policing.

The Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship and the Degree Holder Entry Programme are part of the new Policing Education Qualifications Framework (PEQF), which aims to further professionalise policing as a career by raising educational standards.

We're delighted to partner with Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norfolk and Suffolk police forces, and the Metropolitan Police to offer two more ways to *Make Your Difference*.

<https://aru.ac.uk/study/degree-apprenticeships/become-a-police-officer?>



Become a police officer
Make your difference

Virtual Information Session Dates:

28th June 2021 6-7pm

29th June 2021 6-7pm

Bedfordshire Police Force
Cambridgeshire Police Force
Hertfordshire Police Force
Metropolitan Police Force

Norfolk and Suffolk Police Force
Essex Police Force
Kent Police Force



One of the aims of the two new routes into policing is to help create a police workforce more representative of the communities it serves. That's why it's really important that people from all backgrounds, ages, ethnicities, faiths, abilities, gender and sexual orientation join us.

Find out more about working with each of the forces and how to apply.

Applications are open for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and The Metropolitan Police and will open soon for Kent and Essex. Alternative entry routes are available sooner, explore the force recruitment pages for further detail.

NATIONAL POOL LIFEGUARD QUALIFICATION (NPLQ)



The NPLQ is the most awarded lifeguard qualification in the UK and Ireland and is also internationally recognised. More than 40,000 pool lifeguards qualify with the RLSS UK every year, and there are currently more than 80,000 pool lifeguards qualified in the NPLQ – 95% of all UK pool lifeguards.

Lifeguard Course Pre-Requisites

Every candidate attending a NPLQ course must be 16-years-old at the time of taking the NPLQ final assessment and be able to:

- #Jump/dive into deep water
- Swim 50 metres in less than 60 seconds
- Swim 100 metres continuously on front and back in deep water
- Tread water for 30 seconds
- Surface dive to the floor of the pool
- Climb out unaided without ladder/steps and where the pool design permits

Find a course near you: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/find-a-course>



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CV WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE 2021
12pm – 12.45pm
www.hartld.co.uk/cvworkshop



Create a professional CV within minutes with experts advice and support on how to structure your CV, what information to include and exclude , ensuring you get yours noticed! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hart-learning-development-cv-workshop-tickets-159093700541?aff=SocialMedia>

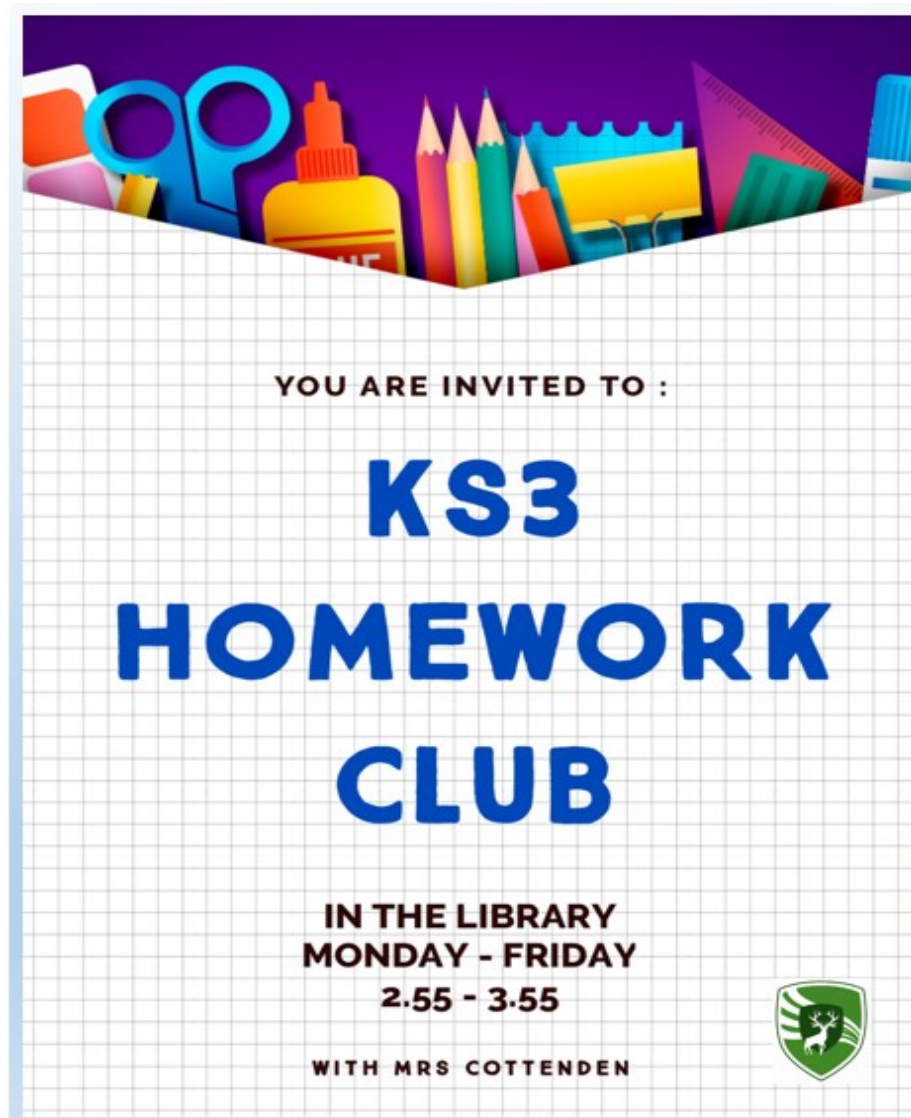
Ms Balchin
Head of Careers, Work Related Learning & PSHE

Homework Club for KS3

**Is your son/daughter
needing a quiet place
and a helping hand with
their homework?**

Then help is at hand! Mrs
Cottenden is now running a daily
Homework Club in the Library.

Students can just turn up to the
club but if they have any ques-
tions about it, then please see
Mrs Cottenden.



Student Support Centre

Keeping Safe in the Digital World

With increasing exposure to scams and the dangers of having our personal details stolen online, we need to find a way to better support our children to stay secure on the internet. To access help and advice to keep us safe in this digital world of ours, take a look at the Parent Info website. Parent Info is a collaboration between ParentZone and NCA-CEOP, providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations.



Click [here](#) for access to the site.

Mrs Burgess
Student Support Coordinator

Maths Department News

Fearnhill Flying High at Herts for Learning Challenge

We recently wrote about the success that our maths teams had in the heats at the Herts for Learning (HfL) team challenge event. The teams got to take part in the grand final, with their scores being good enough to qualify from the heats. The challenges were fiendishly tricky for both teams, with some content that students won't come across until KS4 tested in each of the year group finals. I have to say I was so impressed by both sets of students with difficult problems and it was nice to see the students working together to solve problems in a competitive environment.

So, what were the results? Well both teams were competing against over 50 teams from a variety of schools in the area. Year 7 finished with a very commendable 24th place overall, particularly impressive given the fact one team member was ill, leaving the group to have to draft in a late substitute. Andrzej did really well in the circumstances and the team were grateful for his contributions. Year 8s though did even better, finishing a fantastic 5th overall and only denied a podium spot by 7 points!

We look forward to seeing how they will do in team challenges going forward but if this is anything to go by, future successes could be in the cards.



Mr Philpot
Second in Maths

A Free Online Maths Summer Club for Year 7-9 Students

Eedi has offered all Year 5 to Year 9 families free access to Eedi Summer Club, an online maths summer program 100% free of charge that will help to boost your child's confidence in maths so it's sky high for the new school year.



Your child will first do a quick placement quiz to set their work and then get recommended topics that'll help them improve the most over 7 weeks. Your child will get unlimited access to review questions, videos and live chat support with real teachers over the holidays. You'll also get weekly reports on how they're doing.

The minimum recommended work is 1 lesson a week, which should be around 30 minutes of work.

Each week, Eedi will hold competitions to boost motivation and engagement - from who's given the most thoughtful explanation to a problem to what team has the highest amount of points 🏆... Plus there are real prizes up for grabs!

Signup deadline: June 27th (Get Eedi Summer Club for free until this date)

Summer Club Starts: July 5th

Summer Club Ends: August 23rd

If you want to get started using Eedi before the summer club starts, you are more than welcome to! Eedi normally offers just a 14 day free trial, but now you can use it throughout summer for free.

To get the offer, sign up on this link and create a parent account and get the offer automatically applied.

If you have any questions, please contact family@eedi.co.uk directly.

*Miss Williams
Head of Maths*

Looking for a New Job?

Fearnhill needs an Administration Assistant

We are looking for a well-organised, friendly and reliable person to join our busy school office on 1st September 2021.

All information regarding the role together with the application forms can be found on our website at:

<http://www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/news-events/staff-vacancies/>

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday, 28th June.

If you would like an informal chat about this vacancy then please contact Hazel Rainbow by email hazel.rainbow10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk or by phoning 01462 621200.

*Mrs Rainbow
School Business Manager*



Read to Succeed

Reopening the Library

We have been warmly welcoming students back to the Library in year groups at lunchtime as shown below.

Library lessons have also resumed for KS3. Year 7 students have been having their belated Library inductions and learning how to use the new library catalogue app, Accessit, on their smart phones. Along with Year 8, they have been taking their Star Reading tests. These provide a snapshot of their reading skills, so their progress can be tracked as they move up through the school.

On this theme, I spoke at the School Library Association Conference last week about Reopening Library Services and I am thrilled to be appointed a regular columnist for TSL, the quarterly School Librarian journal from the Association. I'll be writing a "View from a State Secondary School Library" and discussing how best to support our young people on their reading journeys.



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



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Mrs Hunt
Head of Library

English Department News

Reading for Pleasure and Learning

Our Library is now open to all students at lunchtimes.

Every student in Years 7 and 8 now has one timetabled Library lesson a fortnight and the Library is open to students in Years 7 and 8 every Monday and Tuesday lunchtime.

Reading for pleasure is a key way to support students in all their subjects. Recent research has shown that students who read for twenty minutes a day will be exposed to 1,800,000 words in a year! Therefore, all students in Years 7 and 8 are expected to have a reading book in their school bag. They can take a book from the school library or are welcome to bring in a reading book from home.

The English Department will also be introducing reading homework. This is the only English homework the Department will be setting between now and the summer holidays. Each student will have their own reading record on their English Google Classroom. Students need to read independently for a minimum of one hour a week and log their reading on their record.

Students can choose how they want to do their reading – they could choose to do two long blocks of 30 minutes, or break it down into only 12 minutes every week night. They can read on their own, or they can read with a member of the family – whatever works for them!

Students will also have opportunities to read in form time every Tuesday morning. English teachers will be checking the reading logs once a week in lessons.

“Thank you so much for all the support you give the students – it makes a huge difference”. 😊

Miss Christie
English Teacher



Could you Foster?

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Ampthill, who are urgently seeking full time and respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Stevenage and the surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk



Fearnhill School Student Summer BBQ



The poster is framed in red and features a string of colorful bunting at the top. It includes two smiling sun emojis wearing sunglasses. The text 'Fearnhill School' is in green, and 'Summer BBQ' is in large, bubbly red letters. A red banner on the left says 'Only £2.50'. Below the title, it says 'Celebrate the end of term in style with a BBQ lunch' and 'Beef burger, hotdog or vegetarian burger option with salads, frozen fruit lolly and a drink'. In the center is a cartoon of a chef in a hat and apron cooking on a grill. A red starburst on the right says 'Friday 9th July'. A green shield logo with a deer is in the bottom left. At the bottom, it states 'Tickets must be pre-booked and paid for in advance on School Gateway by 2nd July'.

Fearnhill School

Summer BBQ

Only £2.50

Celebrate the end of term in style with a BBQ lunch
Beef burger, hotdog or vegetarian burger option with salads, frozen fruit lolly and a drink

Friday 9th July

Tickets must be pre-booked and paid for in advance on School Gateway by 2nd July

Payment must be made by 2nd July latest. No payment will be accepted after this date or on the day itself. We are unable to accept payment by any other method than Schoolgateway.

Students will receive a BBQ ticket after the closing date which they will need to bring with them on the day.

Students in receipt of free school meals will also need to book the BBQ lunch. Please log on to School Gateway and select your child's choice of food and tick the consent box - no payment will be required.

The only meal available on this day will be the BBQ lunch, therefore those students who do not wish to participate will need to bring in a packed lunch.

Mrs Rainbow
School Business Manager

Cooks Corner

Well it might have been pouring outside but the Food Hall here at Fearnhill last Friday definitely had a summer vibe going on! ☂

Thank you to Mrs Price and her lovely team for laying on such a super spread for our students at the Paradise theme day.

We can't wait for the next theme day, the Fearnhill School Summer BBQ!



"I'm not eating that, it's got bits in it!"

Sound familiar? Then you need to sign up for **BeeZeeBodies** FREE Fussy Eaters Masterclass on Tuesday 6 July at 1pm. It will give you the skills you need to make healthy habits stick for your family.

WONT EAT THEIR VEGGIES? CANT GET THEM TO TRY ANY NEW FOODS? THEN JOIN OUR

FUSSY EATERS MASTERCLASS

AND GAIN THE SKILLS YOU NEED TO MAKE HEALTHY HABITS FOR YOUR FAMILY!



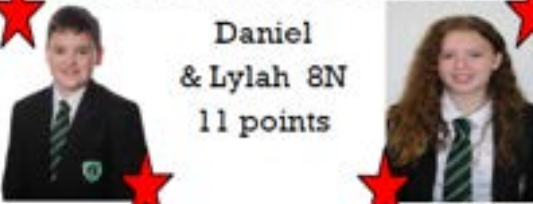

REGISTER FOR YOUR PLACE NOW! It's free!!!

13:00 - 14:00 • Tuesday 6th July

Please click [here](#) to apply for a place.

Student of the Week



W/e Friday 11 th June	W/e Friday 18 th June
Student of the Week  Daniel & Lylah 8N 11 points	Student of the Week  Luke 8N – 16 points
Form of the Week 8N – 181 points	Form of the Week 8N – 334 points
House of the Week Neville – 297 Points	House of the Week Pearsall – 509 Points
Staff Member of the Week Miss Cotter – 170 (2 nd in Science)	Staff Member of the Week Miss Cotter – 170 points (2 nd in Science)

Thought of the Month— June

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH JUNE 2021

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