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FEARNHILL  
SCHOOL



*Growing Excellence Every Day*

# **A Guide for New Year 7 Students 2021-2022**

**YOUR SCHOOL  
YOUR FUTURE**

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## What do Year 7 students think about Fearnhill School?

*"I think it's good, there are lots of subjects and a good variety."*

*"The school is very welcoming and when you first start everyone is so nice to you."*

*"It's a brilliant school where you learn many things."*

*"When you join you think the school is massive but after a couple of weeks I knew where everything was."*

*"When you join in Year 7 it feels really different, it seems scary at first but once you get used to it you feel really grown up."*

*"There are lots of good lessons."*

*"It's an amazing school where you can make lots of friends!"*

*"The teachers are nice."*

*"It's very inspirational."*



## The Four Houses

| Howard                        |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Head of House<br>House Colour | Mrs Nunneley (Assistant Headteacher)<br>Blue               |
| Neville                       |  |
| Head of House<br>House Colour | Mr Phillips (Assistant Headteacher)<br>Red                 |
| Pearsall                      |  |
| Head of House<br>House Colour | Ms Balchin (Head of Careers, WRL & PSHE/PE Dept)<br>Purple |
| Gorst                         |  |
| Head of House<br>House Colour | Mr Spencer (Deputy Headteacher)<br>Yellow                  |

## The House System

There is a very active House system at Fearnhill School and every child is placed into a Tutor Group in one of the four Houses shown above. The Houses are named in memory of local historical figures related to the early Garden City. Sir Ebenezer **Howard**, OBE – the founder of the Garden City movement who had a vision of a Utopian city in which people lived harmoniously together with nature. Sir Ralph **Neville** – the first Chairman of the Garden City Association. Howard D **Pearsall** – a member of the Fabian Society and Director of the first Garden City Ltd. Sir John **Gorst** – Manager of Schools at Letchworth following on from the role of ex-Minister of Education.

A spirit of friendly rivalry exists between the Houses who take part in regular inter-house competitions. Each House has a student House Captain and Vice Captain who encourage everyone in their House to get involved and have a sense of pride.

Each student is allocated to a House and will have a tie according to the colour of their house. Students are updated about the progress of their House and celebrate achievements through regular House Assemblies.

## Form Tutors

There are three Tutor Groups in Year 7. Each Tutor Group has a mixture of boys and girls, pupils of all abilities, from lots of different Primary Schools. Each Tutor Group has its own Tutor and its own room. It is your Form Tutor who will meet you every Registration Period in your Form Room.

Your Form Tutor is a very important person as you will see him/her every morning. They will get to know you better than any other teacher in the school – so if you have any questions or problems you can speak to them,

The Year 7 Tutors Groups are:

- 7G Mr Rayner
- 7H Mr Cordwell
- 7N Miss Cordon
- 7P Mr Shepherd

## Your First Day - Monday 6th September 2021

On the first morning you should arrive at school by 8.20am and go straight into the Main Hall.



Watch this space!  
Details to be released soon!

## A Normal School Day

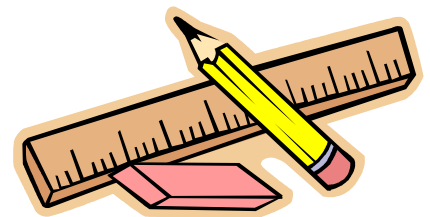
| Monday - Friday |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 8:30 – 8:55     | Registration |
|                 |              |
| 8:55 – 9:55     | Period 1     |
| 9:55 – 10:55    | Period 2     |
|                 |              |
| 10:55 – 11:15   | BREAK        |
|                 |              |
| 11:15 – 12:15   | Period 3     |
| 12:15 – 1:15    | Period 4     |
|                 |              |
| 1:15 – 2:00     | LUNCH        |
|                 |              |
| 2:00 – 3:00     | Period 5     |

## Essentials for School

### Equipment

You can only do good work if you have the right tools and equipment to help you, so you must always have:

- a good quality pen (+ 2 spares) - a rollerball not a ballpoint
- several pencils – HB for general use
- a ruler
- a rubber, a pencil sharpener
- a set of coloured pencils – they are far better than felt tips
- a pencil case
- a strong waterproof bag to carry your pencil case, books and timetable
- The correct books for each day (check your timetable the night before)



### Other Essentials

You might find it useful to have the following items – at home or at school:

- an English dictionary – not a small pocket one but a special school edition which is easy to use
- A labeled A4 plastic zip wallet for finished home learning – this is useful for those of you with poor memories as you can check it each lesson to see if there is home learning to be handed in
- A reading book – every student is required to have a reading book with them at all times

Please ensure your clothes and belongings are named.



## Example of a Timetable

At Fearnhill we operate a two week timetable.

Colour coding lessons is a superb way of helping you plan for your day. For example, all English lessons in the example timetable below are coloured yellow, Maths pink & Science green. Most teachers use the same method when they receive their timetables. The top line is the subject and the next line gives the teacher's initials and

| Period | Mon1            | Tues2            | Wed3            | Thurs4          | Fri5               |
|--------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1      | Eng<br>ACY E5   | Lang<br>KCS L5   | D & T<br>LFD T1 | Eng<br>ACY E5   | Hums<br>NFR H1     |
| 2      | Sci<br>CCR S10  | Hums<br>NFR H1   | Sci<br>ADR S9   | Lang<br>KCS L5  | Business<br>EDN B2 |
|        | BREAK           | BREAK            | BREAK           | BREAK           | BREAK              |
| 3      | Art<br>ICN T5   | Sci<br>ADR S9    | Eng<br>ACY E5   | PE<br>LBN Field | Maths<br>APT M3    |
| 4      | Maths<br>APT M3 | Art<br>ICN T5    | Lang<br>KCS L5  | Eng<br>ACY E5   | Sci<br>CCR S10     |
|        | LUNCH           | LUNCH            | LUNCH           | LUNCH           | LUNCH              |
| 5      | Hums<br>NFR H1  | Music<br>HLN MU2 | Lang<br>KCS L5  | Eng<br>ACY E5   | PE<br>LBN Field    |

## Example of Extra-Curricular Activities

There is a variety of lunch hour and after school clubs; full details will be provided at the start of term. Listed below is just a sample of what we provide throughout the week:

| Before School  | Lunchtime  | After School   |
|--|--|--|
| Breakfast Club/Early Birds<br><b>8:00am – 8:30am</b> | Supported Homework Club<br>Sports Clubs<br>(Changed seasonally)<br>Book Club<br>Hub Club<br>Debate Club<br>Chess Club<br>Fearnhill Voices Choir Club<br>Science Club<br>Board games Club | Sports Fixtures/Clubs<br>(Changed seasonally)<br><br>School Production Rehearsals<br>(during production time only) |

'At Fearnhill students have the opportunity to get involved in a wealth of extra-curricular activities. The activities are offered by all subject areas and students are given the chance to further pursue areas of passion and interest. We aim to engage all of our students with the extra-curricular programme and have everyone attending and being part of at least one club.'

Visit our website and click on the days to find out what's on across all departments.

## Top Tips for Being Prepared

- Check you have all the equipment you need ready for school.
- Check your timetable and make sure you have the right books, self-study, cooking ingredients or PE kit for the day.
- Check all possessions are named, including clothing. If anything is lost it will be taken to the Front Office. Named items can be easily returned. Lost property displays are held at the end of every half term.
- Make sure you leave the house wearing the correct uniform including shoes. Trainers are not permitted outside of PE lessons.
- Organise a place in your bedroom where you can store your books. This means you will always know where they are.
- Check your planner and Google Classroom for homework. Your parent/carer may also want to supervise and check homework is being completed. If you cannot do the homework you need to speak to your teacher before the deadline. Staff will also write notes on Google Classroom to parents/carers. Your planner must also be signed weekly.
- Always make sure you have a healthy breakfast, lunch and plenty to drink. It is important to keep the brain awake to get the most out of lessons. You are allowed bottles of water to sip during lessons as long as it has a sports cap. The exceptions are science and ICT lessons where no drinks are allowed.
- Before you start school in September time how long the journey to school takes. Make sure you leave home in plenty of time to reach school and be in registration by 8.30am.
- Make sure you know the way to school. If you have a mobile phone use the alarm so you get here in plenty of time. Punctuality is as important as attendance as we will issue a 30 minute detention after school (L1).
- Make sure you know your parents'/carers' contact numbers, the Front Office also has a copy so we can contact home if we need to.
- Be sure you are clear about what time you are expected to be home and what to do if you are held up for some reason.
- If you get/are worried, then please remember we can all get worried about change. There will be a lot of students who will be on their own and everyone is keen to make new friends.



## What if I...?

| Problem  | Solution  | Who will help?  |
|--|---|---|
| <p>Arrive late to School</p>                                | Go to the Main Office. Sign the late board, hand in notes from parents with reason for lateness | Office Staff  |
| <p>Am being bullied?</p>                                    | Always tell an adult  | Parents, Head of Year, Pastoral Care Coordinator (PCC), any member of staff   |
| <p>Can't do my homework</p>                                 | Go to Google Classroom  | Teachers, your tutor, Head of Year, Pastoral Care Coordinator (PCC)   |
| <p>Can't remember my homework</p>                          | Tell your subject teacher   | Teachers, your tutor, Head of Year, Pastoral Care Coordinator (PCC)   |
| <p>Can't find my way</p>                                  | Ask for help  | Any student or member of staff  |
| <p>Have forgotten my PE kit or Food Tech ingredients</p>  | Explain to your teacher   | Your PE teacher/Food Tech Teacher   |
| <p>Feel poorly</p>                                        | Students may come to the Main Office at lesson changeover, break and lunch time                 | Someone from the Main Office  |
| <p>Lose my Equipment</p>                                  | Inform your Form Tutor and the Main Office  | Keep checking at the Main office as Lost Property is handed in there. If your items are named we can get your belongings back to you quickly. |

# Do you have your 5 a day?



**1. Correct Uniform**



**2. Pen**



**3. Pencil**



**4. Calculator**



**5. Ruler**

## Fearnhill School Term Dates

| <b>Autumn Term 2021</b>                               |   |
|---|---|
| Inset Days  | Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September 2021 |
| School opens for Autumn Term<br>(Years 7 and 12 only) | Friday 3rd September 2021                     |
| School opens for all Year groups                      | Monday 6th September 2021                     |
| Half Term   | Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2021        |
| Return to school                                      | Monday 1st November 2021                      |
| Inset Day   | Friday 26th November 2021                     |
| Occasional Day  | Friday 29th November 2021                     |
| End of Term (early closure)                           | Tuesday 21st December 2021                    |

| <b>Spring Term 2022</b>         |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Inset Day                       | Wednesday 5th January 2022              |
| Spring Term begins for students | Thursday 6th January 2022               |
| Half Term                       | Monday 14th - Friday 18th February 2022 |
| Return to school                | Monday 21st February 2022               |
| End of Term (early closure)     | Friday 1st April 2022                   |
| Good Friday                     | Friday 15th April 2022                  |
| Easter Monday                   | Monday 18th April 2022                  |

| <b>Summer Term 2021</b>         |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Summer term begins for students | Tuesday 19th April 2022                |
| May Bank Holiday                | Monday 2nd May 2022                    |
| Half Term                       | Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022 |
| Return to school                | Monday 6th June 2022                   |
| Inset Day                       | Monday 4th July 2022                   |
| End of Term (early closure)     | Friday 22nd July 2022                  |