



Issue 581

Fearnfile

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back!



▲ At the end of our first week of term, I have to say how wonderful it has been to be able to welcome everyone back on to the site. In particular, our new **Year 7** have made an excellent start and impressed their teachers with their focus and determination. There have been some key **improvements to the building** over the break and along with the positive students and sunshine, Fearnhill has never looked better. We are of course staying cautious with **safety measures** in place, and students have responded very well to the reminders they have been given.

▲ This first edition of Fearnfile gives you a flavour of how **Day One went for Year 7**, the year ahead in **careers education and guidance** across all years, and details of some of the clubs and activities already up and running for students. **Maths support, Science Club, the paper Engineering Challenge and Young Women in STEM mentoring and masterclasses** are all covered and that is just the start! On Monday 13th September all students will be attending the **Extracurricular Fair**, where they will be signing up to the minimum of two clubs or activities outside lessons. This is an expectation for all Fearnhill students. In addition, there are details about the **Green Fair** taking place in Letchworth this Saturday, 11th September; please go along if you can!



▲ Our other main event next week is **Open Evening, on Thursday 16th September from 6-8.30pm**. We are delighted to be able to offer a face to face event this year, but of course we are mindful of the safety aspects and will be managing the evening slightly differently, so as to avoid large gatherings in close spaces and ensure everyone feels comfortable and safe. Thank you in advance for giving permission for your child to take part; this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the work we are doing and for students to show their pride in their school. There will also be **Open Mornings** every day from **Monday 20th to Friday 24th September, starting at 9am**. All details are on the website and there will be a full report in the next edition.

Thank you as always for your support.

Liz Ellis
Headteacher



FEARNHILL
SCHOOL

Open Evening 2021

Thursday 16th September
6pm – 8:30pm

Open Mornings

Monday 20th – Friday 24th September
9am – 10:15am

We hope to see you there!

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to showcase the wonderful work we are doing and to celebrate the excellent progress of our students"

GROWING EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY

Careers Corner

The Year Ahead in Careers Education & Guidance in Key Stage 3 & 4

Welcome back to a new year at Fearnhill School. I hope you are settling in well and are focused on achieving your full potential throughout the next 3 terms.

Year 7s will take part in a PSHE Day on Achieving Economic Well Being – this is a fun filled and enlightening day which has been a real success over previous years. It concentrates on Personal Finance Education and introduces students to managing their money and looking at their future career options as well as discovering the personal skills and qualities necessary to get there.



Year 8s will be given the opportunity to go out to work for the day as part of the 'Take Your Sons & Daughters to Work Day'. We advise students & parents/carers to start thinking about who they can go to work with ensuring they have plenty of time to find somewhere suitable.



Year 9s will be choosing their subjects for KS4 as part of the options process. These are decisions that will shape their future so they must choose wisely.



Year 10s will be preparing for and taking part in virtual Work Experience – a fantastic opportunity with rewarding outcomes. Work Experience continues to be a vital part of a year 10 student's development and teaches them numerous skills and how to adapt to different situations in the workplace.



Year 11s will be learning how to write an impressive CV and will take part in an Interview day standing them in good stead for their higher/further education and future work choices. They will also take part in an Enterprise Day whereby teams compete to win the tender for the end of year prom. This involves, team work, initiative, problem solving, literacy, numeracy and artistic flair in order to be successful.



Ms Balchin
Head of Careers, Work Related Learning & PSHE



Open Day

14 September, 4:30pm – 7pm

Cambridge Campus

Our September Open Day Tours at our Cambridge Campus are planned to provide you with a chance to visit our campus, see our amazing facilities and meet our tutors.

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Performing & Expressive Arts

Students of the Month - July



Leon 7G



Excellent piano work & improved behaviour.

Chloe 8G



Excellent pencil Glass drawing on the Distortion unit.

Louis 7P



Great ATL & willingness to learn & improve in all sports.

Bright 10Q



Great clay skills on your Cocoa beans & portfolio work so far.

India 9Q



Great start to GCSE Music & building confidence in performance.

Neave 9U



Great start to Sport Studies course. An asset to the class.

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!

*Mrs Clifton
Lead Teacher Art*

*Mrs Landsman
Lead Teacher Music (Shared)*

*Miss Straughn
Head of PE*

PE Department News

PE AUTUMN TERM SPORTS CLUBS/PRACTICES

	Football	Rugby	Basketball	Netball	Hockey	Other
Mon						All Yrs Badminton SSN/AWS
Tues		Yr 9 & 10 AWG		Yr 10 & 11 SSN	All Yrs LBN/GMD	
Weds	Yr 7 & 8 OSD Yr 9 & 10 AWG		Yr 11, 12 & 13 MTR Afterschool 3:00-3:45pm	Yr 9 LFD		All Yrs Gym/Dance SSN
Thurs		Yr 7 & 8 OSD/GMD		Yr 7 & 8 LBN		
Fri	Yr 11,12 & 13 AWG		Yr 7 & 8 OSD			

SSN = Ms Straughn

LBN = Ms Balchin
LFD = Mrs Fullard

AWG = Mr Wakeling
AWS = Mr Williams

OSD = Mr Shepherd
GMD = Mr McLeod

MTR = Mr Turner

All Clubs/Practices will take place at lunchtimes, unless stated otherwise, from 1:25pm - 1:55pm

Self-Care September 2021

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

17 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgment

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

19 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

25 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

26 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans

28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are

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Day One for Year 7

Welcome to Year 7

Our new Year 7s have made a brilliant start at Fearnhill School. The year group has joined us from a variety of primary schools and we have been so impressed by the kindness they have shown each other. We have seen many blossoming friendships and lots of support offered to classmates in lessons.



A very different first day at school saw students start the day with COVID testing before having their first assembly as Fearnhill students. Students then joined their form tutors for a tour of the school and some introductions. At the end of period 2 students received their timetables and excitedly discussed their upcoming lessons and teachers. From period 3 on Monday onwards students have been in lessons and the feedback from staff has been overwhelmingly positive with students demonstrating great confidence and resilience to overcome the different challenges that have been thrown their way.

The whole year group should be very proud of the start they have made and we look forward to continuing this journey with them.

*Mr Turner
Head of KS3*

Free School Meal Applications

If you feel you may be entitled to a free school meal for your child you can apply in the following ways:

- Online at: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals
- Smartphone: Using the LookingLocal app. Available from app stores
- Digital TV: The Community Channel – press the red button
- Wii/Xbox/PS3: www.lookinglocal.gov.uk/hertsdirect
- Phone: 0300 123 4048 between 8:00am and 8:00pm Monday – Friday, or between 9:00am – 4:00pm Saturday



For more information on free school meals and other educational benefits in Hertfordshire, and the qualifying benefits, visit www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals



No Nuts Please!

This is a reminder that students should not bring in to school any form of nuts, due to children with severe allergies. Our school wants to provide the safest environment possible for students and staff with anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergies). In order to reduce the risk of a life-threatening exposure we need everyone's co-operation. Please do not send products containing nuts or peanuts to school (including Nutella).

Please check the ingredients of all foods your children bring to school and ensure you do not send foods with peanuts or any other types of nuts. Also avoid sending items which say, 'May contain traces of nuts', as these could pose a serious risk.

We realise this request poses an inconvenience for you when packing your child's snack and lunch, however we wish to thank you in advance for your support and understanding of this potentially life-threatening allergy.

Please contact the school if you have further questions or concerns.

Open Evening and Mornings Information

Open Evening will take place on Thursday 16th September from 6pm until 8.30pm. In order to prepare for this, school will finish early on that day at 12.10pm. There will be no lunch served on this day. Students who receive free school meals will be able to collect a packed meal at morning break.

School will be open at the normal time on Friday 17th September and students are expected to attend as normal.

Please do remind any friends or family with children of primary age to come and see for themselves what is on offer at Fearnhill. The Open Evening and Mornings (20-24th September, 9am-10.15am) are an opportunity to speak to students, staff and Ms Ellis about the school. A prospectus will be available on the evening and more information can also be found on our website.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to showcase the wonderful work we are doing and to celebrate the excellent progress of our students.

Uniform

Students came back to school this week looking smart and business-like. We work closely with our uniform suppliers, Uniform Monkeys, and are happy to supply them with very precise information about any missing items; please let us know if you are experiencing difficulties. High standards of uniform are important at Fearnhill, but please be assured that no student has been sanctioned for a uniform issue where it is beyond their control.

Arrival to and from school and punctuality

Thank you for ensuring your child arrives on time every morning, ready to learn. We are reminding students of the importance of punctuality as a life skill and your support is appreciated. In terms of dropping off and collecting students at the start and end of the day, please be aware of others and leave the site promptly once your child has been dropped off or collected.

Sixth Form Department News

This term sees the welcome return of last Year's Year 12 as they enter Year 13 and their final year of secondary education, and we are delighted to receive our new cohort of Year 12 students, fresh from their GCSE successes and ready for the challenge of Sixth Form.

This summer we've been busy refurbishing their Coffee Shop—a space in the school dedicated to our sixth formers. We have lovely new furniture for dining, working and relaxing and it's a pleasure to see our students taking full advantage of the newly decorated space in such a mature and conscientious manner.



Miss Corbishley, English & Media Studies Teacher

Inclusion Department News



I just wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Head of Inclusion and SENCO at Fearnhill. I am delighted to be joining the school community and getting to know students and parents over the coming months. The Inclusion team is here to provide support to students and their families with their learning and all aspects of school life. My email address is cate.brown10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk if you would like to get in touch with any queries regarding support for your child. In the team we also have Addy Boreham our Admin Assistant as well as Lisa Tollervey and Amy Holloway as Inclusion Support Assistants.

Ms Brown, Head of Inclusion & SENCO

Greening our Grounds

We were delighted to welcome again the **Groundwork East** team to Fearnhill this week to continue with our programme of making our wonderful school grounds even more environmentally friendly with the help of **Nature Friendly Schools**.

This time the team, helped by Ms Brown and Mrs Burgess, cleared an overgrown and untidy area on the school field. The area was then rotavated. The next stage is to create some raised beds and then to plant bulbs and fruit trees with the help of our students who will also be making benches for the area.



Keep in touch with Fearnhill!



Email : admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk



Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/fearnhillschool>



Twitter : <https://twitter.com/fearnhillschool>

Maths Department News

Maths Support Club has started back every lunch time in I1/I2. A maths teacher is available every day between 1:30pm and 2pm.

Come along to:

- Get your homework done.
- Receive additional support from a maths teacher on homework/classwork or any mathematical topic.
- Use mymaths/mathswatch to do additional independent learning.
- Work through the times tables booster to improve your times tables recall.
- Practice core numeracy skills online.

Maths and Computing Support Club

W1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mr. Philpot	Mr. Philpot	Mrs. Fletcher	Ms. Meechan	<u>Mr. Gouws</u>

W2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Mr. Gouws</u>	<u>Mr. Hipperson</u>	Mrs. Fletcher	Ms. Kilbey	Ms. Meechan

*Mr Philpott
Head of Maths*

Science Department News

Science Club

In Science Club this year we will be using problem solving skills to do experiments in biology, chemistry and physics. Over the course of the year we will be looking at pollen, burning food and extracting DNA among other things.



Come along and have fun while you learn! **We will meet in S10 on Thursday lunchtimes.**

STEM

Paper Engineering Challenge

If you are a KS3 student interested in design and engineering then look no further! STEMPoint are holding a national competition for KS3 students to submit origami designs.



Working in pairs, you are asked to create a vehicle using only sheets of plain or coloured A4 paper (can be from your recycling supplies). You may use scissors, glue, sticky tape, staples or paper clips to construct your vehicle and must research different kinds of transport before designing and making the paper model. Maths also plays an important role in this challenge.

If you are interested please come and see Miss Cotter in S10 to sign up or add your name to the list during Monday's extracurricular fair. Sessions will be held on Thursdays after school and the designs will be judged on Thursday 21st October.

Young Women in STEM Mentoring and Masterclass Programme

Year 12 female and non-binary students are invited to take part in the Young Women in STEM Programme which aims to build young women's confidence, tackle elements of gendered imposter syndrome and equip them with practical skills so that they are able to thrive in STEM. Participants will:

- ◆ Gain work experience at leading STEM companies;
- ◆ Be inspired by talks delivered by leading women in STEM;
- ◆ Receive mentoring for six months from dedicated mentors already enjoying established STEM careers;
- ◆ Develop vital skills including confidence, goal setting, personal branding and networking to give them the best chance of success;
- ◆ Be gifted with a workbook, goody bag and certificate;
- ◆ Attend an in-person celebration event on International Women's Day at the Google Headquarters in London;
- ◆ Build a network of like-minded female students and make life-long friends.

You must fulfil the following criteria:

- ◆ Year 12, female or non-binary;
- ◆ Currently studying Maths, Sciences or Computer Science;
- ◆ Curious to learn more about STEM careers, gain work experience and improve their employability skills;
- ◆ Motivated, engaged and able to commit two hours per month for virtual sessions and an in-person celebration event in March 2022.

All travel expenses are fully covered.

If you would like to take part please let Miss Cotter or one of your teachers know.

Miss Cotter
Second in Science

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PART TIME JOB?

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

We have one shift available: Monday to Friday 3.45pm to 5.45pm.

If you would like to apply for this position, please contact

Mrs Rainbow, School Business Manager

01462 707210

hazel.rainbow10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

INVIGILATORS NEEDED

We are looking for caring, reliable and enthusiastic people to become part of our hard working and committed team of invigilators and student support assistants during Fearnhill's mock and external exams

Full training will be given and the main period of work will be from mid May until mid July.

Further work in Nov/Dec and Feb/March may follow.

Hours are ad-hoc and can be flexible.

within the school day. Rate of pay £10 per hour.

Please contact Kerri Bremner, Exams and Data Manager, for further information at:

kerri.bremner10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Closing date: 24th September 2021

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 11 2021
10-5pm

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CLIMATE CHANGE?
IDEAS FOR • HOME
WORK
TRAVEL

GARDENING



The Green Festival

On Saturday 11th September The Green Festival will be held in The Wynd and The Arcade in Letchworth. There will be a number of stalls all aimed at helping us all to become more green.

There will also be presentations in the cafe of the Broadway Gallery:

11am 'Retro-fitting on a Shoestring-Future Proofing the Fabric of Our Homes' with local Architect and Passivhaus Designer, working with an 'eco' Architectural Practice , Arjun Chopra

12 noon 'How Letchworth Heritage Foundation is facing the future climate crisis.' with Graham Fisher, Chief Executive Officer, Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation.

1pm David Woollcombe on Operation Peace Child.

2pm 'Reduce your Energy Bill' with Rod Hart, Energy Efficiency Specialist.

3pm 'We all Need to be Waste Warriors!' Waste Reduction Projects Coordinator, Garden Organic, Rob Whitehouse.

There will be story telling at 11 am, 2 pm and 3 pm in the Story Telling Tent.

Want to learn more about the trees in Letchworth? Then try one of the Tree Walks which start from the Howard Park kiosk throughout the day with Howard Park Rangers, Tony Goodwin.

**HELEN O'GRADY
DRAMA ACADEMY**

DEVELOPMENT THROUGH DRAMA

One of the greatest life skills we can give our children is the ability to communicate confidently.

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www.helenogrady.co.uk

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1979 - 2019

Student of the Week

W/e Friday 25th June

Student of the Week



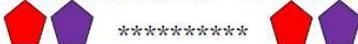
Tyler 7P
- 14 points

Form of the Week

9N - 143 points

House of the Week

Neville & Pearsall - 302 Points



Staff Member of the Week

Mrs Clifton - 189 points
(Lead Teacher in Art)

W/e Friday 2nd July

Student of the Week



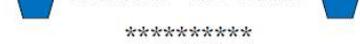
Aaliyah 7G
- 13 points

Form of the Week

9N - 175 points

House of the Week

Howard - 873 Points



Staff Member of the Week

Miss Cotter - 140 points
(2nd in Science)

W/e Friday 9th July

Student of the Week



Cameron & Chloe 9N & Keira 8H
9 points

Form of the Week

9N - 171 points

House of the Week

Neville - 293 Points

Staff Member of the Week

Miss Cotter - 162
(2nd in Science)

W/e Friday 16th July

Student of the Week



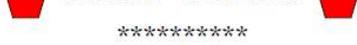
Emily 9H
- 13 points

Form of the Week

9N - 176 points

House of the Week

Howard - 279 Points



Staff Member of the Week

Miss Christie - 116 points
(2nd in English)

W/e Friday 23rd July

Student of the Week



Rebekah 10U
- 9 points

Form of the Week

9N - 80 points

House of the Week

Neville - 116 Points



Staff Member of the Week

Mrs Clifton - 81 points
(Lead Teacher in Art)



Student of the Summer Term

Student of the Year

Student of the Summer Term

	
Gorst Tia 9R 102 points *****	Howard Dylan 8H 120 points *****
	
Neville Taylor 9N 139 points *****	Pearsall Taylor-Jane 7P 115 points *****

2021

Student of the Year

	
Gorst Tia 9R 393 points *****	Howard Riley 8H 408 points *****
	
Neville Daniel 9N 344 points *****	Pearsall Taylor-Jane 7P 426 points *****

2020-2021

Thought of the Month - September

