



MR SPENCER'S UPDATE:

A Welcome Back After Summer

The new term is now well underway and students have made an excellent start to the new school year. I have been really pleased to see how well presented students are since they have had the choice of a blazer or a jumper, a decision that was driven by the student council. Most students have started the year with good attendance. The summer GCSE results were another reminder of the importance of good attendance. Students with attendance of 96% and above made excellent progress, no student with 92% attendance or lower made expected progress. It is so important that students come to school as frequently as possible.

I am pleased to say it has been another busy summer making improvements to facilities for students. Most significantly, we have two new toilet blocks - in humanities and English. This means students have excellent facilities throughout the school that are accessible and easy to supervise so that going to the toilet never needs to be a source of anxiety for any student. We have also added more screens in classrooms and replaced all PCs in two computer suites. This ongoing investment in the school ensures students have the best possible provision throughout the day.

We have made further progress in our project to have a 3G sports pitch built on the site. The Football Foundation have commissioned surveys which are now taking place as part of the planning process. You will be hearing more shortly as we seek to engage the wider community in the project and identify key project partners.

Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher

AWARDS EVENING

On the 16th July we had our annual awards evening where selected students are invited to celebrate their achievements throughout the academic year. We are incredibly proud of the efforts put in by students, throughout the school.

As part of both evenings, we had some incredible musical performances by some very talented students.

A great evening was had by all, and it was especially nice to see some of our Year 11 and 13 students return especially to be apart of the night.



CARE HOME VISIT

Before the summer holidays, our performing arts students took a visit to the White House Care Home in Letchworth to perform to the residents. The students picked repertoire from the 50s and 60s to entertain the residents. They planned the whole event, even writing to the care home themselves as well as making the poster.

They sang songs by artists such as Elvis, Frank Sinatra and Vera Lynn. Jenson was a real hit with the residents as he commanded the crowd and even got some ladies up dancing with him. All students did really well in performing, engaging and chatting with them.

The audience were really appreciative and even shed a tear at some of the slower songs. It was a wonderful experience to give those living there something different to entertain them and we will be back again at Christmas to continue our partnership with them.

Mrs H Landsman, Lead Teacher Music



FEARNHILL'S GOT TALENT

Before the summer holidays we got to see what our Fearnhill students and staff had to offer as part of our Fearnhill's Got Talent competition. It was a tough competition with such a range of talents on display. We are incredibly proud of all of the students that took part, it takes an incredible amount of courage to take part in an event like this.

In the end our winner was Mr King with Mia coming in as a runner up. However, it was a tough competition and we are blown away by all of the talent amongst our school community.



This week, Year 12 and 13 volunteers gathered to have the first meeting of the group organising Fearnhill's very own Model United Nations event. This will take place in July over 2 days with conferences, meetings and debates involving participants from schools in the area as well as our own team of delegates. Our local MP, Chris Hinchliffe, has already agreed to open the event on 8th July. This is an exciting opportunity which our Yr 13 and Yr 12 students are leading and they hope to bring you more news soon!

Mrs C Brownjohn, Head of Social Sciences



EXTRA CURRICULAR FAYRE

Thursday 17th September saw the return of the extra curricular fayre, where all of the clubs being run in school hold a stall to show off their club. from pixel art, trumpets and a Duke of Edinburgh tent the sports hall was buzzing with activity.

Each year group had a slot where they could come and see what was on offer over this year and have a chance to ask questions.

The Sixth Form were amazing, standing to to talk to students about the different clubs and how they could get involved - a highlight was Ms Balchin getting a goal while showing off her netball skills.

A time table of clubs will be published to the students next week.

Great fun was had by all and clubs begin the week commencing 21st September.

Mrs L Chilton, Assistant Headteacher - Director of Sixth Form



WELCOME BACK SIXTH FORM

It has been a delight to welcome back the Sixth Form on the 3rd September with both our new year 12's and 13's joining together for the first time.

Things are slightly different this year with mixed year group forms, and a host of new tutors so the morning was spent on team building tasks and getting to know each other. Students were split into groups to guide each other round the school while one person was wearing a blind fold, trying to turn over a yoga mat while 4 people stood on it and moving a bucket from one side of the room to another with only two ropes all proved that they have great minds and the ability to do anything if they work together as a team. A highlight was when Mrs. Brownjohn joined in the mat challenge and a group of boys were telling her what to do with great success.



I am really please with how the new year 12's have settled in to Sixth Form life and how hard the year 13's are working in preparation for a very busy year.

Please note that the Post 18 evening will be on Thursday 15th October 2026. Please look out for details coming out soon.

Mrs L Chilton, Assistant Headteacher



WELCOME BACK SIXTH FORM

Last Wednesday our senior basketball team played against St Chris. It was a great game with everyone putting the effort in, Ben was awarded Player of the Match. Despite the great play, we did unfortunately lose but it was a very friendly match.

Well done to everyone who played!

Mr M Turner, Head of Year / Teachrt PE



CONNECT

TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED

BE ACTIVE

DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD

TAKE NOTICE

REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY

KEEP LEARNING

EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF

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Your time,
your words,
your presence

See this link for support with helping children and young people with school transitions:

<https://herts-camhs.tfemagazine.co.uk/june-2026/ask-the-cypmhs-system/what-support-is-available-to-help-children-and-young-people-with-school-transit>



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- Provides a safe space for young people to share their experiences and emotions
- Staffed by a team of highly trained volunteers
- Builds connections through shared experiences

Referrals accepted from parents, carers and Contact-me Schools



Groups and workshops

Autumn 2026

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 5th October to 16th November, 7pm to 9pm OR
Friday 6th November to 11th December, 9.30am to 11.30am

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6th October to 17th November, 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4th November to 9th December, 7pm to 9pm

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Wednesday 21 October 9.30am to 11.30am

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

Monday 9 November 9.30am to 11.30am

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Wednesday 25 November 7pm to 9pm

It's a Dad's Life Online Workshop

Thursday 26 November 7pm to 9pm

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Online Workshop

Wednesday 2 December 9.30am to 11.30am

For more info, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.

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Parents and Carers talk about self-harm and recovery

Please join us at an information session to learn more about self-harm and get practical ideas and strategies to help your child towards recovery

Where: Online over Zoom.

When: Tuesday 6th October, 7pm to 9pm

For more information or to book your place:

Call: 01992 58 69 69

Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk

Go online: www.carersinherts.org.uk/events



SPRINGBOARD OPEN EVENT

North Hertfordshire College is pleased to announce our open afternoon at Springboard Letchworth which will be held on **Wednesday 4th of November** between **3pm and 5pm** at our prestigious premises. You can drop in at any time between those times. This is an opportunity for professionals, parents, and prospective students to meet the team and find out more about the Springboard programme.

Please note our address for this event will be:

**Springboard,
Letchworth Town Hall,
Broadway,
Letchworth Garden City,
Hertfordshire,
SG6 3BX**

Springboard is a full-time personalised programme which provides students with the support, knowledge, skills and confidence to become more independent, make informed decisions and ultimately to progress into mainstream college and work. The course is delivered in self-contained teaching centres in Watford and Letchworth.

Springboard is for young people aged 16 and over who require additional support before progressing to a cross college vocational course or employment. Many of our students have a diagnosis or traits of autism. Many have associated emotional and mental health needs that require specialist and bespoke support before they can move on and make a successful transition to adulthood. We do also consider 15-year-olds but only if they have an EHCP.

SPRINGBOARD OPEN EVENT

Our students study Employability, Functional Skills Maths and English from E3 to Level 2, Creative Arts (Drama) Therapy, Life Skills, Personal Development and Wellbeing, Vocational Tasters in Art, Cooking and First Aid, Enrichment, and complete 34 hours of work experience in their vocational area of interest. We support our students to transition into cross college vocational courses, supported internships or apprenticeships or employment by helping them to discover what they want to do after Springboard, arranging taster sessions and supporting them at interviews.

Students need to meet our assessment criteria in order to access the provision although individual needs are always considered and decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and subject to funding being approved by the Local Authority. If a student lives outside of Hertfordshire, they will need a EHCP to be considered for a place at Springboard.

If you would like to attend, please **RSVP** to Rebecca Lewis rebecca.lewis@nhc.ac.uk or Mickaela Windsor mwindor@nhc.ac.uk or call us on **07943526089**.

To help us to manage numbers we would appreciate a confirmation from you as to what time you are planning to attend.

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS COURSES

for parents & carers

We have five fully funded Supporting Families with Protective Behaviours courses for mums, dads and carers starting soon. There are some spaces available on our online and face to face courses. The courses are funded by HCC for parents and carers who may need some additional support. Please kindly pass on the details to your colleagues, parents, carers and your networks. There's just one link below to register which can be used by referrers, parents and carers.

Online:

For Mums, Dads & carers

- Thursday mornings 1 Oct – 26 Nov 9.30am -11.30am
- Wednesday evenings 30 Sept – 25 Nov 7.00pm – 9.00pm

For Dads & Male carers:

- Thursday evenings 1 Oct – 26 Nov 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Face to Face

- Broxbourne – Friday mornings 18 Sept – 20 Nov 9.30am – 11.30am
- Hertford - Thursday mornings 24 Sept – 19 Nov 9.30am – 11.30am

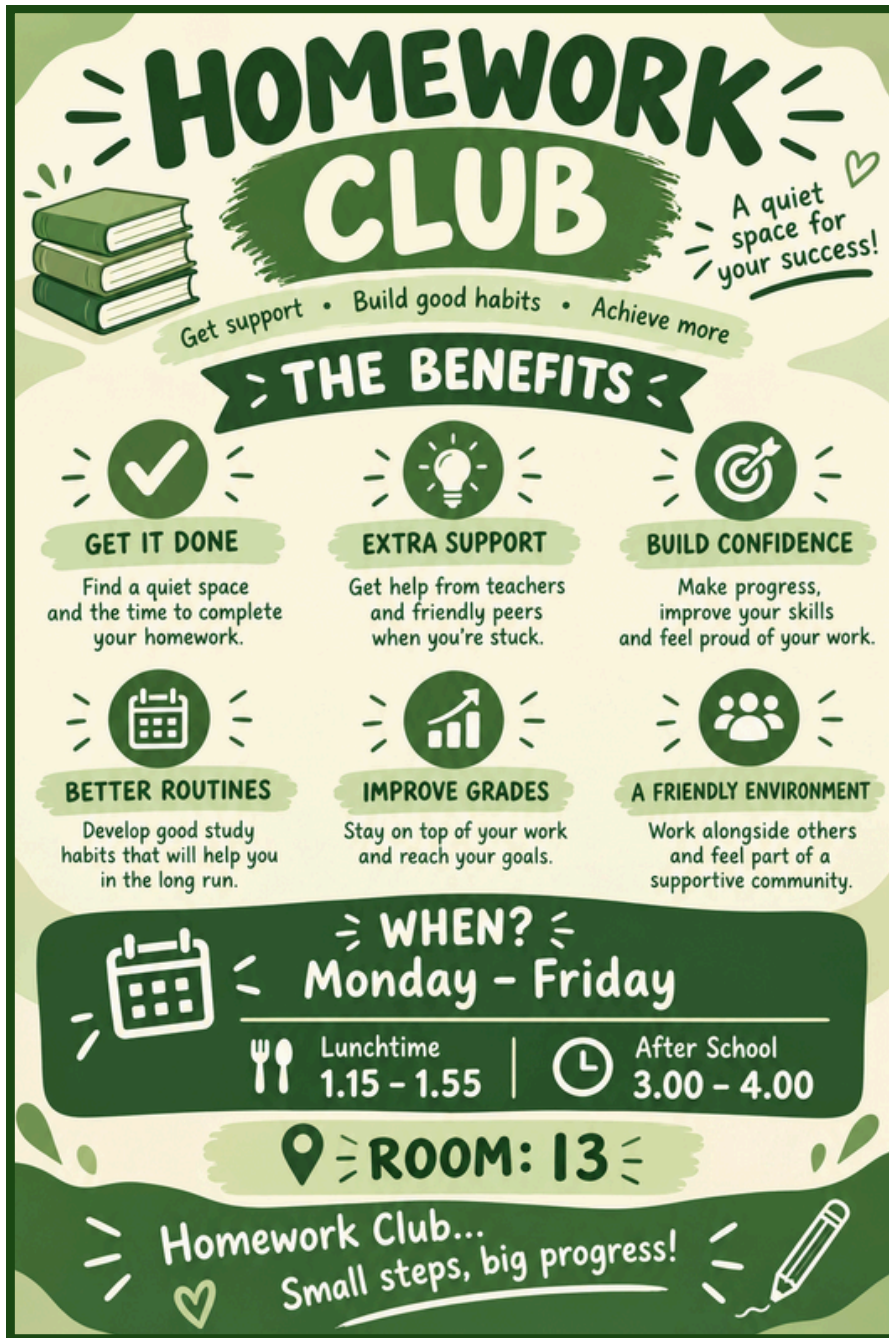
Please note that parents and/or their children need to live in Hertfordshire.

These fully funded 8-week term time courses can help with:

- Understanding how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together (including the 3-Part brain and stress response system)
- Understanding what may be influencing their child's behaviour
- Responding to a range of feelings e.g. anger, frustration, anxiety, stress and worry
- Improving communication to build better relationships
- Building on strengths
- Learning strategies to help parents and their family feel safe

To book a place on any of our courses this term please use this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/xx8X4pUcj4>
or use the QR code





The Library is open before school from 8am and after school until 4pm. You can also visit the library during break and lunch times to read a book, do some homework on the computer or play a card or board game (sorry, no computer games!).

MUSIC LESSONS

Please see the below information regarding music lessons that are provided by Hertfordshire Music Service at Fearnhill. Visit their website at www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk for more information.



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



17. Accessing Extracurricular Opportunities

School isn't just about academics—it also offers a wealth of extracurricular activities, such as sports, arts, music, and leadership programs. Regular school attendance ensures that students are able to take advantage of these opportunities, which can contribute to their personal growth and open doors to future scholarships or college admissions.

Note to parents/guardians: Expected attendance is 97%, meaning students who miss more than a day per half term are likely to underachieve and be at a significant disadvantage to their peers. Please support your child in attending school.

Mr M Phillips, Assistant Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1 st September	Inset day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Year 7 Induction Day
Thursday 3 rd September	Years 7, 12 and 13 in school
Friday 4 th September	Term starts for all students
Monday 19 th - Friday 30 th October	Half term
Monday 2 nd November	Return to school
Monday 9 th - Friday 20 th November	Year 11 mock exams
Friday 18 th December	Term ends

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4 th January	Spring term begins
Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February	Half term
Monday 22 nd February	Return to school
Monday 22 nd February - Friday 5 th March	Year 11 mock exams
Friday 26 th March 2027	End of spring term

Summer Term 2027

Tuesday 12 th April	Summer term begins
Monday 3 rd May	May bank holiday
Monday 10 th May	2027 Exam season begins
Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	Half term
Monday 7 th June	Return to school
Friday 18 th June	2027 Exam season closes
Monday 21 st June - Thursday 1 st July	Year 10 mock exams
Friday 2 nd July	Inset day
Friday 23 rd July	End of summer term

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Any updates can be sent to the school office on the email address above.**

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EXTERNAL INFORMATION



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- Sessions last up to 2 hours
- Attend in person or online
- Discuss topics such as stop and search, recruitment, and other policing issues
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Why join?

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