



MR SPENCER'S UPDATE:

Phones in school

The government recently announced that schools must be phone-free environments throughout the school day. This is theoretically the case at present, but in reality, students are able to access their phones throughout the day because they have them in their bags. Therefore, we are required to take further steps to prevent students accessing their phones during the day. Governors have approved our new policy to better comply with guidance. The new policy - requiring students to have pouches for their phones or leave them at home - will be in place from half term and will ensure that no student is able to use their phone during the day.

Why?

I strongly support the government's position. Phones are a constant source of distraction, unwanted behaviour and conflict within a school environment. If students genuinely cannot access their phones during the day, the school immediately becomes a safer learning environment. It makes bullying less likely, it makes it harder for students to be unkind and it removes distractions.

I am also pleased that this move brings us in line with other local schools and normalises schools as phone-free environments. I look forward to seeing the benefits after half term

Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher

GENERATION STEVENAGE TRIP

On Tuesday 5th May, all year 10 students were given a very exciting careers opportunity through Generation Stevenage. They were provided with the opportunity to meet employers from a range of sectors and receive first-hand knowledge of the wider opportunities available to them. Employers from all industry sectors were encouraged to showcase their apprenticeships, work placement and jobs for graduates and school leavers.



The event is a great showcase of Hertfordshire global sector strengths and provides an excellent opportunity for employers to highlight current and future opportunities to the next generation.



Some of the employers that are students spoke to included; GSK, MBDA, Sky Studios, Warner Bros, Gratte Brothers Group, Menzies, VIAVI Solutions, One Facility, Tollers, Nemco, Wilmott Dixon, Morgan Sindall and BAM



YEAR 7 CRICKET MATCH AT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

On Thursday 7th of May, our year 7 boys played a cricket match at Knights Templar.

Unfortunately the result was a narrow defeat by 6 runs only but this was an extremely encouraging display considering it was the first time many of the Fearnhill lads had played a game of cricket with a hard bat and ball.

PoTM was Ranveer V who is an exciting player to watch. Ranveer bowled and batted superbly well and had a positive influence on the group. Other special mentions go to Teddy C as wicket keeper who supported our bowling attack behind the stumps with some excellent stops and catches. Another special mention goes to Josh W who also bowled and batted with confidence throughout. We look forward to our next game where hopefully those small run margins will be in Fearnhills favour.

Mr S Manley, PE Teacher



SPRING TERM HUMS HEROES

Congratulations to our Hums Heroes for the second half of the spring term, who were chosen to be celebrated for their contribution to a Humanities subject.

Well done to Rudy M (Geography), Evelyn J (History), Lottie H (PRE), Harry D, Ella B, Tiannah F (Geography), Jeorjana A (History), Jordan A (11H), Daniel K (Geography), Colette M (History), Sarayah L (Sociology), TJ R (Psychology) and Chloe T (Criminology).

Miss J Cheeseman, Geography Teacher



YEAR 7 MICROCLIMATES INVESTIGATION

On Thursday 7th May, 7N and 7G students left the classroom to apply their learning to the school site. We were identifying microclimates at school, and the factors which may influence these. Students were measuring temperature, wind, and general weather conditions to see if these influenced microclimates.

Students found that it was warmest on the courts, and coolest by the changing rooms! They had some good suggestions as to why this was the case, and we are going to spend another lesson looking at the data they collected.

Well done 7N and 7G - you worked very hard!

Miss J Cheeseman, Geography Teacher



YEAR 7 CRICKET MATCH AT HIGHFIELD

After a narrow defeat in their first game of the season, Fearnhill Year 7 came out on top in another close encounter in game 2. In a rain affected game at Highfield, Fearnhill managed to chase down Highfields Total of 93 with just 1 ball to spare.



It was another great bowling and fielding performance by the team with many of the team bowling brilliantly and showing great progress along the way. A special mention to Charles who managed to take 2 wickets in 2 balls to stem the Highfield surge at the end of their innings.

Chasing 94 to win Fearnhill lost a few quick wickets in response but then a partnership of around 80 between Josh and Ranveer led us close to the target. Josh led this charge with a man of the match performance with excellent shots, but more importantly fantastic (if sometimes a little bit risky) running between the wickets. Ranveer's performance was also tremendous, retiring not out on 25.

After the departure of Josh and Ranveer we still had a few runs needed to win but the 3 Teddy's took us over the line with 1 ball to spare.

Mr S Manley, PE Teacher

YEAR 7 BULLY FREE FORMS

Year 7 have been working on making sure they are a Bully Free form. This has involved weekly sessions led by form tutors and the our Mental Health Support Team Practitioner about the impact of bullying and what to do if an incident occurs.

The sessions and the information have led to each Year 7 form putting together a presentation which they delivered to their Form tutor, Head of Year and the Headteacher.

The last two weeks of assemblies have seen Year 7 forms showing each other their presentations and being awarded a certificate for their Bully Free Form status.

Ms C Brown, AHT Inclusion , SEN Coordinator



We are well into our second week of our GCSE and A-level exams and are incredibly proud of how well our students are working. The last GCSE exam is on the 16th June and the last A-Level exam is on the 18th of June.

We understand that this is an incredibly stressful time for both students and their families. Teachers are always available for students to speak to regarding revision tips or about any worries that they have.

Tips For Handling Exams and Revision

Make a revision timetable

This helps with time management and ensures that you don't lose track of when and what to revise.

Take regular breaks

Overloading yourself with information will become overwhelming. In order to be able to retain knowledge you need to be regularly stepping away.

Get plenty of sleep and food

Especially before your exam, it is important that you are fuelled and ready to go. Getting a good night's sleep and eating the right food can make the world of difference in how you feel during the exam.

Think positively

It is so important to think positively regarding your exams, remind yourself on how you have overcome previous setbacks. Positive thinking leads to positive results.

Keep your space organised

A tidy space translates to a tidy mind. don't waste time trying to find the materials that you need, keep your space organised and know where everything is.

Speak to someone

If at any point you are feeling overwhelmed, speak to someone. That could be simple as speaking to a friend going through the same thing. Just one conversation could help, but it is important that you make sure you do.



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



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



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence

Some Helpful Mental Health Services

YP Future Youth Mentoring Service at Herts Mind Network. This may be a valuable support option to consider for students within your schools.

About the service:

Future Youth offers one-to-one mentoring support for young people aged 10–19 who live in (or attend school in) East and North Hertfordshire, and who are experiencing mental health problems.

- Mentoring is delivered face-to-face in the community or within our wellbeing centres for minimum 3 months.
- Young people can be referred by themselves, a parent/carer, or a professional (with consent).
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How to refer

- Here is a link to our website with more information <https://www.withyouth.org/future-youth-mentoring-service/>
- Our referral forms can be downloaded via our website <https://www.withyouth.org/refer-for-counselling/> and emailed to cyp@hertsmindnetwork.org.

NHS workshops for parents -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursing-service-hertfordshire-33494371787>

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

LIBRARY

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!).

Mrs Thurlby, Library & Literacy Assistant



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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HOMEWORK CLUB

HOMework WEEKLY PLANNER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
DUE Today Bedrock Learning	DUE Today Sparx Science		DUE Today Sparx Maths	
HOMework CLUB Lunchtime 1.15-1.55pm Afterschool 3-4pm in I3	HOMework CLUB Lunchtime 1.15-1.55pm Afterschool 3-4pm in I3	HOMework CLUB Lunchtime 1.15-1.55pm Afterschool 3-4pm in I3	HOMework CLUB Lunchtime 1.15-1.55pm Afterschool 3-4pm in I3	HOMework CLUB Lunchtime 1.15-1.55pm Afterschool 3-4pm in I3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Term Starts for all Students
Monday 13 th April	Year 8 Assessment Week
Tuesday 14 th April	Year 7 Parents Evening
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Year 12 Mock Exams Start
Thursday 4 th June	Year 12 University of Hertfordshire Trip
Monday 8 th June	Year 7 Assessment Week
Monday 29 th June	Year 12 UCAS Day
Monday 6 th July	INSET Day - School closed to students
Thursday 23 rd July	End of Term

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**Please ensure that we have your current address, mobile phone number and email address.
Any updates can be sent to the school office on the email address above.**

SOCIAL MEDIA

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EXTERNAL INFORMATION



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- Exploring what helpful discipline is.
- Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively.
- Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour
- How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements
- How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation

Monday 1st June to 6th July 2026

9.30am to 11.30am

Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Louise on **0204 522 8700**, email services@familylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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Sign up to our 6-week online group

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to know how best to support them?

Learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Date, time and venue

Friday 5th June to 10th July 2026

9.30am to 11.30am

This course will be delivered online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Louise on **0204 522 8700**, email services@familylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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