



MR SPENCER'S UPDATE:

Fearnhill OFSTED Report Published

I am pleased to be able to share with you the report from our most recent Ofsted inspection that took place in April. Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent view survey during the inspection. The results helped paint the school in a positive light, with 85% of respondents saying they would recommend the school.

You can read the report [here](#).

The report highlights many strengths of the school. Here are some key quotations from the report:

What it is like to be a pupil at Fearnhill:

“Pupils say they are proud to attend Fearnhill, and there is a sense of belonging across the school. Typically, pupils experience warm and consistent relationships with staff. They benefit from consistent routines that allow them to progress well through the curriculum.”

Achievement

“Pupils typically develop appropriate knowledge and skills across the curriculum. They are able to articulate their learning confidently. This culture ensures that pupils make appropriate progress from their starting points.”

Curriculum and teaching

“Over time, the whole school vision for teaching and learning is generally used effectively by staff to check pupils' understanding and address misconceptions. As a result, pupils are progressing well through the curriculum.”

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Leadership and governance

“Leaders have a precise understanding of the school's context, including pupils who face barriers to their learning and need additional support across the curriculum. Leaders know the school's strengths and areas for improvement well, and they have taken effective steps to improve pupils' experience within the classroom.”

Personal development and wellbeing

“High-quality pastoral care supports pupils form positive relationships with their peers and staff. This helps pupils feel safe and valued. Pupils speak enthusiastically about the support that they receive and how it helps them to be successful in their learning.”

Post 16 provision

“Students benefit from an ambitious, inclusive and welcoming post-16 provision. Leaders' work has ensured that pupils are able to follow a broad, varied and unique programme of study. This includes an ambitious A-level and vocational curriculum. Leaders' planning ensures that this curriculum meets the needs of their students and supports them with their future aspirations.”

Behaviour

“classrooms are calm and purposeful environments without disruption. Relationships between staff and students are positive. Leaders respond appropriately to incidents, including bullying and discriminatory behaviour. Pupils report that these are dealt with swiftly and effectively.”

It is clear from the report that there is one clear area for improvement that we have been highlighting for some time. Student attendance is not as good as it should be. Too many students miss too much school, and this has an impact on their wellbeing, learning and achievement. We will continue to work hard to improve attendance and ask for your support in this.

Overall this is a positive report that celebrates much of what is so strong at Fearnhill and we look forward to continuing to raise standards in the coming months and years.

Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher

UKMT JUNIOR MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2026

On Wednesday 29 th April 2026 many of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge, which is a national mathematics competition run by the United Kingdom Mathematical Trust.

The Challenge comprised of students independently answering 25 challenging mathematics problems.

Congratulations are in order to our students who performed really well in this competition; with a very special mention to our students who achieved Silver and Bronze Awards.

Silver Certificates were awarded to: Evelyn J, Chloe C, Leo S, Finn B, Igi M, and Briar J.

Bronze Certificates were awarded to: Amelie B, Ava W, Libby P, Hope C, Archie F, Aiden G, Reigan B, Kaci R, Emilia A, Harry P, Harper-Jade P, Laila P-H, Charlotte H, Xavi V A, Lucy W, and Eva S-G.

Further special mention must be made to Evelyn J, Year 9, for her brilliant 'Best In School' achievement.

Very well done to all our students who took part.

Mrs K Jackson, Head of Maths



On the 8th June the year 10 PRE students went to St Albans Cathedral where they were given a guided tour and had a questions and answer session with a member of clergy. The students were given information about the history of St. Alban and how Christianity came to England. They also found out about the origins of the Cathedral and what it means to the people of St. Albans and around the world - being a major pilgrim site, and were able to dress up as a Bishop taking a seat in the Cathedra (Bishops chair).

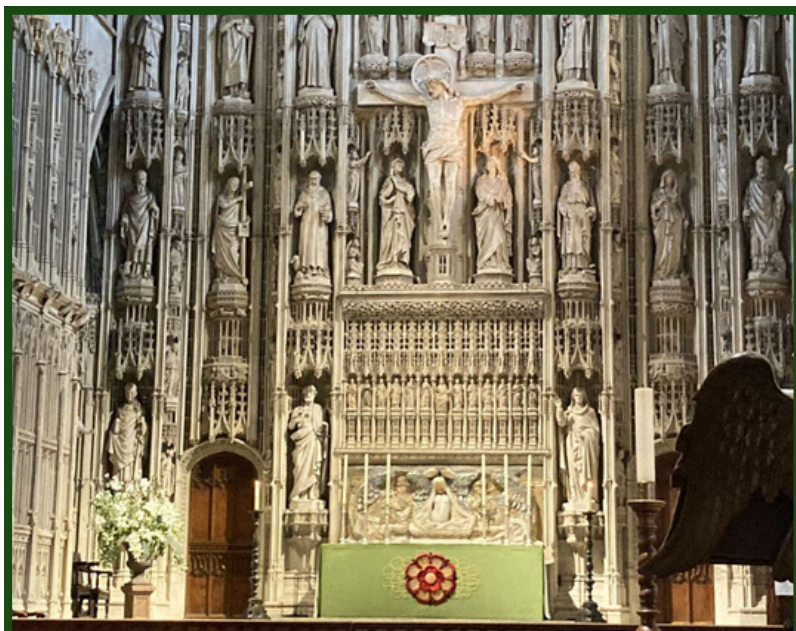
Students were then given the chance to ask a member of the Cathedral Clergy various questions which ranged from 'If God is all loving why is there so much homophobia in the church?' and 'How do you reconcile the idea of the creation story with the scientific knowledge of the big bang theory?' Rev. Tim was very impressed by the depth of questions asked and how the students responded to his answers.

After a rather wet lunch we went to Kimpton Parish church, which is a small village just outside of Hitchin. There we got to compare how a Cathedral is different to smaller parish churches. We also looked at service booklets and put our understanding of liturgical worship to the test before being allowed to see the Church bells and clock in action. We hadn't realised the ages of the bells with the biggest one being put in place in the 1600's.

We would like to thank the Cathedral, Rev Tim and Rev Liz at Kimpton for having us and being so welcoming to all the students.

Mrs Chilton, Head of Humanities

YEAR 10 ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL AND KIMPTON PARISH CHURCH



JOIN THE HERTFORDSHIRE YOUTH COMMISSION

Exciting opportunity for Young People aged 14–25 to join the Hertfordshire Youth Commission

The Youth Commission will allow young people to support, challenge and inform the work of the Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner. The Youth Commission will explore urgent Police and Crime issues affecting young people.

They are looking for a diverse group of young people from different backgrounds and life experiences to take part, including those who have direct experience with police, authorities and the justice system, or who are part of traditionally underrepresented groups.

This is a brilliant opportunity for young people to gain new knowledge, skills and experiences that focuses on listening to the views of young people in Hertfordshire. Members of the Youth Commission will work directly with key decision-makers including the Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner and policing representatives, helping to ensure that young people's voices shape decision-making.

The deadline to apply in the **19th June**.

How to apply:

The online application form can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/HnC8EranFHv3zQ286>



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ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD



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GIVE YOU JOY



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EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence

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EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence

Fearnhill offers internal support for your child's wellbeing. If you are concerned and would like to discuss this or find out how to refer to one of the provisions please email sendco@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk.

Safe Space - Safe Space offers students a creative, confidential and safe space to explore any issues affecting their everyday lives. We have a counsellor in school 5 hours a week.

Mental Health Support Team practitioner - we have a practitioner in school one day a week and they can work 1-1 with students that are referred. The MHST is linked to the NHS.

GRIT - Growing Resilience in Teens - 1-1 or group coaching. A Hitchin based charity working in local schools.

GRIT Peer mentors - 1-1 coaching from a peer in school.

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 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.**

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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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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



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