



FEARNHILL SCHOOL



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MR SPENCER'S UPDATE - A FRESH START

I hope you were able to enjoy a relaxing and restful summer break. I love the start of the new school year because it is a fresh start for everyone. This is my twentieth year as a teacher and every September I return with ideas for how I want to be a better teacher and school leader in the year ahead. This is something we see in students too; a new year with new teachers is a great opportunity for every student to resolve to do their best and keep improving.

We want to make school unmissable for students. This is because students tend to be more successful and have better well-being when they come to school more often. Therefore, we will be working to make school enjoyable for students and help them to be motivated each day. Attendance in the first week back was higher than the national average which is a good start.

We have made a few changes to the school over the summer. We have bought new desks and chairs for almost all classrooms. We have upgraded IT classrooms especially to support GCSE Media and Music lessons. A bell/tannoy has been installed so that we can help students to be punctual to lessons and improve our lockdown security.

I am excited to see what students will achieve this year and I very much hope they will enjoy school every day and make excellent progress as a result.

Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher



10. Fostering Responsibility and Independence

Attending school regularly helps students develop a sense of responsibility for their education. They learn that their success depends on their efforts, including showing up and staying engaged. This sense of responsibility encourages students to become independent learners who can take charge of their academic future.

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

PROUD TABLE

Proud Table is back up and running as of last Friday - we will be outside the Maths block when the weather is nice, or in the library when it isn't. Students can bring work they are proud of to receive stamps on their proud table cards. Once they have six stamps they can enter one of our draws to win £10, drawn weekly, £50, drawn half termly, or a brand new iPad, drawn termly. In the last school year Rudy B and Faith T both won iPads. Who will be our next winner?



WELCOME YEAR 7

We are pleased to welcome our new students into Year 7. They have been enjoying their first few days and we have been so impressed by their excellent attitudes and by how well they have settled in already. See what some of them say about their first week.



OPEN MORNINGS

Well done to our Sixth Formers who have been showing prospective parents around the school this morning. They have done a wonderful job of showing off our school and we have enjoyed seeing so many new faces touring the school, as well as several familiar ones! School tours continue on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week,



Prospective families are warmly invited to attend our Open Days and Evening to come and see us in action.

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 11th September 2025 6:00-8:30pm

Families can tour the school, meet key members of staff and attend a talk from our Headteacher, Mr Tim Spencer.

OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 15th-Wednesday 17th September 2025 9:00-10:00am

Families can see a normal school day, including classroom tours during lesson time.

No booking required. We look forward to welcoming you to Fearnhill.



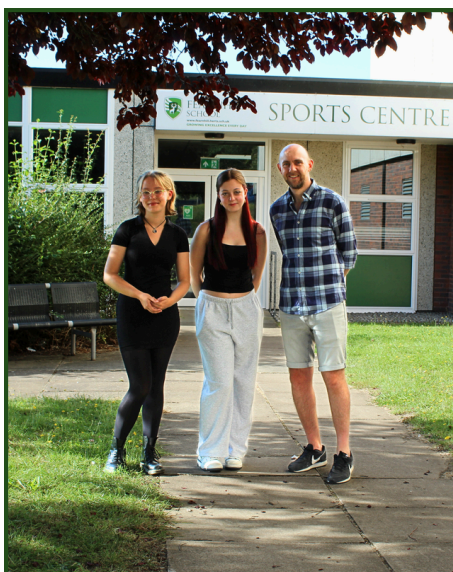
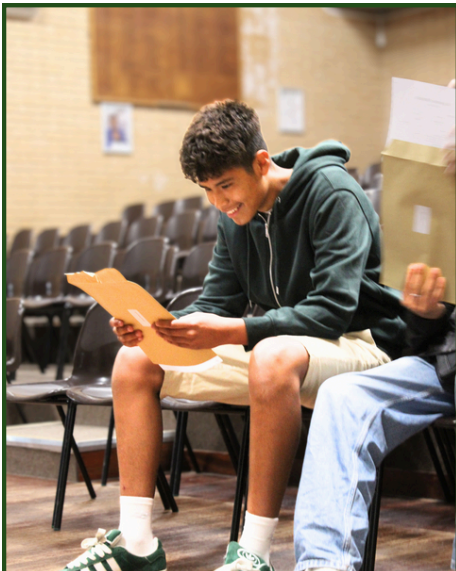
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LEAVERS AND JOINERS

This term we are pleased to welcome Ms C Brownjohn (Head of Social Sciences), Mr N Garvey (English Teacher), Ms H Greenwood (English Teacher), Ms K Jackson (Head of Maths), Ms M Joshi (Science Teacher) and Mr J King (Maths Teacher) to our team of staff. We also said goodbye to Mrs S Phillips and Mx A Bettinson at the end of last term. We wish them all the best in their new roles.

RESULTS DAYS

Congratulations to our students who received their A Level, BTEC and GCSE results this summer. We are super proud of what they achieved. They showed determination, resilience and ambition, each student is a credit to Fearnhill and our high standards of teaching. Well done everyone, we wish you all the very best in the next chapter of your life and are delighted to see so many of our GCSE students returning to Fearnhill for the sixth form.



MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Joel S in Yr 10 for passing his Grade 6 piano exam with a Merit! Well done for all your hard work.

Congratulations to Nahlya in Year 13 for gaining a scholarship to the Future Talents programme. This was a national award that Nahlya had to audition for in London and the judges were extremely impressed with Nahlya's versatile voice. As part of the programme Nahlya will receive funding for musical equipment to help further her musical career, be invited to workshops and seminars from industry professionals and be asked to perform at big venues in London. We are really proud of her!

ROCK BAND - we are starting a new Fearnhill Rocks (Rock band) on Wednesday lunchtime. If you play guitar, bass, drums or piano and want to be involved, speak to Mrs Landsman or turn up to Mu1 on Wednesday.



Mrs H Landsman, Lead Teacher Music

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

During the Summer Daniel K and Daniel K in Year 13 took part in the 'Pretty Muddy Race For Life'. On the 26th July they climbed, crawled and slid their way around the 5km long obstacle course in a park in Bedford. They completed the course in under an hour and together raised a very impressive £732 for Cancer Research UK. Congratulations Daniel and Daniel, we are very proud of you!



Mrs E Mackrell, Sixth Form Coordinator

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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Making Music Improving Lives



Registration now open for music lessons

Instrumental and vocal lessons

- ▶ Music lessons are available during the school day at hundreds of schools in Hertfordshire.
- ▶ We also provide lessons in the afternoon, evening and on the weekends at our 12 music centres across the county.
- ▶ We offer various lesson types and durations. Please visit our website for more information.
- ▶ Financial support is available to pupils receiving certain benefits, to help with the cost of lessons.
- ▶ As your child progresses on their musical journey, they will be invited to join ensembles or music groups that perform regularly.



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HOMEWORK CLUB



Homework
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IN I3

MONDAY- FRIDAY
LUNCHTIMES

1.25- 1.55PM

MONDAY- THURSDAY
AFTERSCHOOL

3.00- 4.00PM



SPARX
Homework

SCIENCE DUE
TUESDAY

ENGLISH DUE
WEDNESDAY

MATHS DUE
THURSDAY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term 2025

Mon 15 th - Wed 17 th September	Open Mornings for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 17 th September	Sixth Form Pastoral Evening
Thursday 18 th September	School Photographer - all day
Thursday 9 th October	Year 7 Pastoral Evening
Thursday 16 th October	Year 11 Study Skills Morning
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd October	Year 7 London Trip
Mon 27 th - Fri 31 st October	Half Term
Wednesday 5 th November	Sixth Form Student Finance Info Session
Thursday 27 th November	Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 28 th November	Occasional Day - School closed to students
Monday 1 st December	Disaggregated Day - School closed to students
Friday 19 th December	End of Term

CONTACT US

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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

Please follow us on social media for more frequent information, updates and news!



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Stand-by-me
Bereavement Support

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR STUDENTS AGED 11 - 16

Our bereavement support groups are open to all students aged 11 - 16 years, who have been bereaved of a significant relationship at anytime in their childhood.

ABOUT OUR GROUPWORK PROGRAMME

- Run over 6 sessions
- Provides a safe space for & young people to share their experiences and emotions
- Staffed by a team of highly trained volunteers
- Shows young people that they are not alone

FIND OUT MORE

Referrals accepted from parents, carers

**PLACES AVAILABLE
AUTUMN 2025
GROUPS**

e: info@stand-by-me.org.uk
w: www.stand-by-me.org.uk



Girls Football

PLAYERS WANTED

Stotfold Juniors FC U12's Lilacs are seeking new players for 2025/26.

Come along for a free taster session.

Training is held at Hertfordshire FA HQ in Letchworth.

(As of September 2025, players will be admissible from school years 6 and 7).

Contact Andy Carlisle 07432 867597 for further details.



[Click Here to Book](#)

KPOP DEMON HUNTERS

THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING



**Performing Arts Workshop
for 6-18 year olds**

1hr Acting - 1hr Singing - 1hr Dance

Saturday 27th September

St Christopher's School, Letchworth

9am-12pm

£25 per Child

(sibling discounts and Tax free Child Care Accepted)

hitchin@theatretrain.co.uk



Parent & Carer Support

Autumn Term 2025

FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire



Promoting Strong Family Relationships

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.

Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
16th Sep – 21st Oct
Online Course: ID 778

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
6th Nov – 11th Dec
Online Course: ID 777

TALKING ANGER in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why children & adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.

Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm
4th Nov – 9th Dec
Online Course: ID 775

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children **2-19**, with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.

Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm
5th Nov – 10th Dec
Course ID 771
Reddings Family Centre, Bushey, WD23 3PE

Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
17th Sep – 22nd Oct
Course ID 770

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TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.

Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
17th Sep – 22nd Oct
Online Course ID 774

Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
4th Nov – 9th Dec
Online Course ID 772

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
4th Nov – 9th Dec
Online Course ID 773

TALKING ANXIETY in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.

Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm
16th Sep – 21st Oct
Online Course ID 776

TALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of children **0-19**, sharing information on:

- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
17th Sep – 22nd Oct
Online Course: ID 779

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
5th Nov – 10th Dec
Online Course: ID 780

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on: **07512 709556** or **bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk**

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund. Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request.

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Parent & Carer Support

TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops Autumn 2025



Promoting Strong Family Relationships



Workshops are **FREE** to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

[Eventbrite Page](#)

RESPONDING to ANGER

- Healthy & unhealthy anger.
- How to spot the signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

Tuesday 23rd September, 9.30-11.15am
Workshop SL781 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/asd-adhd-responding-to-anger-781-for-parents-in-herts-registration-1413258727899?aff=oddtcreator>

THE TEENAGE YEARS

- Teenage brain development and how it affects a child with ASD/ADHD.
- Reducing conflict by learning how to respond effectively to difficult situations.
- How to agree appropriate boundaries and teach risk assessment.
- Help teens develop independence skills.

Monday 13th October, 7.30-9.15pm
Workshop SL782 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-the-teenage-years-782-for-parents-in-herts-registration-1417376895449?aff=oddtcreator>

SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance and is this what your child is experiencing?
- Common causes and triggers of school avoidance.
- How EBSA is affecting you and your family.
- Practical steps you can take to support your child and look after yourself.
- How to work with your school in your child's best interests.

Monday 10th November, 7.30-9.15pm
Workshop SL783 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-school-avoidance-783-for-parents-in-herts-registration-1417463965879?aff=oddtcreator>

TECH USE

- Keep your child safe online.
- Help your child to switch their device off.
- Support behaviour difficulties when playing.
- The effect of using devices as a reward or consequence.
- Teach children to develop their own methods of regulating device use and staying safe.

Monday 24th November, 7.30-9.15pm
Workshop SL784 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-tech-use-784-for-parents-in-herts-registration-1417436894909?aff=oddtcreator>

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Courses: Phone 07512 709 556 to book

6-Weeks	Location	ID	Dates 2025	Day	Time
Talking Additional Needs	Online	770	17 Sep to 22 Oct	Wed	9.45-11.15am
Talking Families	Online	774	17 Sep to 22 Oct	Wed	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Anxiety in Teens	Online	776	16 Sep to 21 Oct	Tue	7.45-9.30pm
Talking Teens	Online	778	16 Sep to 21 Oct	Tue	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Dads	Online	779	17 Sep to 22 Oct	Wed	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Additional Needs	Bushey	771	5 Nov to 10 Dec	Wed	7.00-9.00pm
Talking Families	Online	772	4 Nov to 9 Dec	Tue	9.45-11.15am
Talking Families	Online	773	4 Nov to 9 Dec	Tue	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Anger in Teens	Online	775	4 Nov to 9 Dec	Tue	7.45-9.30pm
Talking Teens	Online	777	6 Nov to 11 Dec	Thu	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Dads	Online	780	5 Nov to 10 Dec	Wed	7.45-9.15pm

ASD & ADHD Online Workshops: Book through Eventbrite

1.75hr single sessions	Date	Day	Time
Responding to Anger	23-Sep-25	Tue	9.30-11.15am
The Teenage Years	13-Oct-25	Mon	7.30-9.15pm
School Avoidance	10-Nov-25	Mon	7.30-9.15pm
Tech Use	24-Nov-25	Mon	7.30-9.15pm