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We hope that everyone had a restful Easter break, ready for the summer term!

It has been an extremely busy few weeks here at Fearnhill, with several trips, events, restorations, celebrations, and competitions. We are extremely proud of all of our students and the way that they have eagerly got involved with everything happening within the school community.

Before Easter there were a number of themed house events, including; house dodgeball tournaments, a bake-off where students had to create the best nests without a set recipe, a very lively Easter bonnet competition and catwalk, and a very messy egg drop to finish the term. Student participation was exceptional and there was definitely a tangible air of excitement across the school.

We also had a group of 21 students, across all year groups, get the incredible opportunity to spend a sunny few days in Barcelona, getting to see all the sights, such as the Sagrada Familia, Spotify Camp Nou and Las Ramblas. Additionally, our year 11 geographers got the chance for some hands-on learning within their own local community for their fieldwork trip. They got to interview people around the Broadway and Jackmans Estate and were a credit to the school in the way that they conducted themselves.

The Spring Term at Fearnhill School was one full of so many highs with much more interesting trips picking up for the first time since the pandemic, so many individual, and groups of, students making massive strides in their achievements as well as celebrations to mark the 50 years since Fearnhill opened.

SIXTH FORM OUTDOOR RESTORATION

Our Sixth Form students have shown initiative and real pride in their environment by taking it upon themselves to transform their outdoor space in time for summer. From coming up with the idea to sourcing all the necessary equipment, they led the project from start to finish. Giving up their lunch break, they rolled up their sleeves and worked together with energy, enthusiasm and teamwork to clean, tidy and bring the area back to life after a long, grey winter. The result is a fantastic, welcoming space that everyone in Sixth Form can now enjoy during break and lunchtimes and a true reflection of their positivity, commitment and strong sense of community. A huge well done, and thank you, Year 12!

Mrs M Mackrell, Sixth Form Coordinator



EID CELEBRATIONS



On Monday 23rd March, to celebrate Eid, our Muslim students were invited to make some traditional Eid biscuits that they could then take home and share. This also gave the students an opportunity to come together and celebrate.

The biscuits were extremely delicious (Mr Fowler even had 2!)

Mrs L Chilton, Head of Humanities



YEAR 8 GILWELL PARK TRIP



Gilwell park, what can I say...

For some students a week away from home was overwhelming. Eating unfamiliar food was testing. Doing activities out of their comfort zone, challenging. Sharing a dorm with friends that just want to chat all night was exhausting. However, our Year 8 students rose to the occasion. They took part in ladder climbing, Archery, Tomahawk throwing, low ropes, quiz night, fire lighting, orienteering, 3G swing, backwoods cooking and many more.

It was lovely to see the students thrive in the more challenging activities like climbing up a very high pole to overcome their fear of heights in order to zip wire down a hill. Year 8 you were amazing and no doubt you will remember this trip forever.

Ms E Sobotie, Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator KS3



YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday 25th March, our Year 11 Geographers battled rain, sleet, hail, and even snow to complete their fieldwork in Letchworth town. The field trip aimed to investigate the extent to which demographic variations and environment can contribute to differences in quality of life in the same town. Students visited a number of locations across the Broadway and Jackmans estates, where they made observations, interviewed local residents, and completed environmental quality surveys, all while walking over 22,000 steps!

Students were a credit to Fearnhill School; they were polite, courteous, and hardworking throughout. Students have also done an excellent job in collecting extensive results that we can use to prove our hypotheses, all of which will support in their GCSE exam in just a few weeks time.

A massive thank you to Mr Fowler, Mrs Chilton and Miss Tasker for their help and support on one of the strangest weather days of the year so far!

Miss J Cheeseman, Geography Teacher



BARCELONA TRIP

A group of 21 students spent a fantastic few days in Barcelona, packed with sunshine, sightseeing and some tired feet! We were incredibly lucky with the weather - clear skies and warm weather made exploring the city even more enjoyable.

During our time there, we managed to see:

- Spotify Camp Nou
- Flamenco Show (and authentic tapas meal)
- CosmoCaixa Science Museum
- Park Güell
- Las Ramblas (and Gothic Quarter)
- Sagrada Familia
- Las Golondrinas boat tour
- Barcelona's Olympic Pool
- Montjuïc cable car
- Poble Espanyol
- Beach trip



The students were an absolute credit throughout - enthusiastic, kind and it was brilliant to see so many giving their Spanish a go. A brilliant trip all round, with great company, plenty of laughs, and memories that will definitely last longer than some people's sunburn...!

Miss J Mills, Mrs H Morewood-Cordon, Mr M Turner



BARCELONA TRIP



EASTER HOUSE EVENTS

The last week of term was extremely busy with house events, with lots of great student participation. Some of these included an easter bonnet parade, easter nest bake off, dodgeball, sixth form quiz and egg drop.

The joint winners of the easter bonnet competition were Gorst and Neville. The bake off was won by Howard and the winner of the dodgeball on Tuesday was Howard.

The overall house league is constantly changing and everyone has the chance of winning!

Easter Bake-Off



EASTER HOUSE EVENTS

Dodgeball Tournament

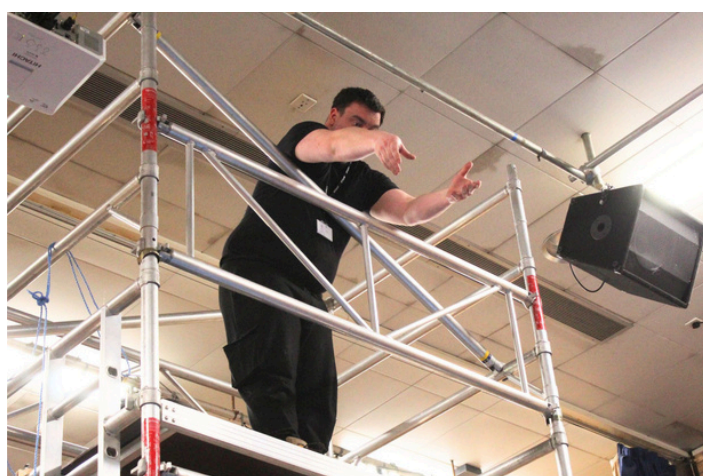


Easter Bonnet Catwalk



EASTER HOUSE EVENTS

Egg Drop



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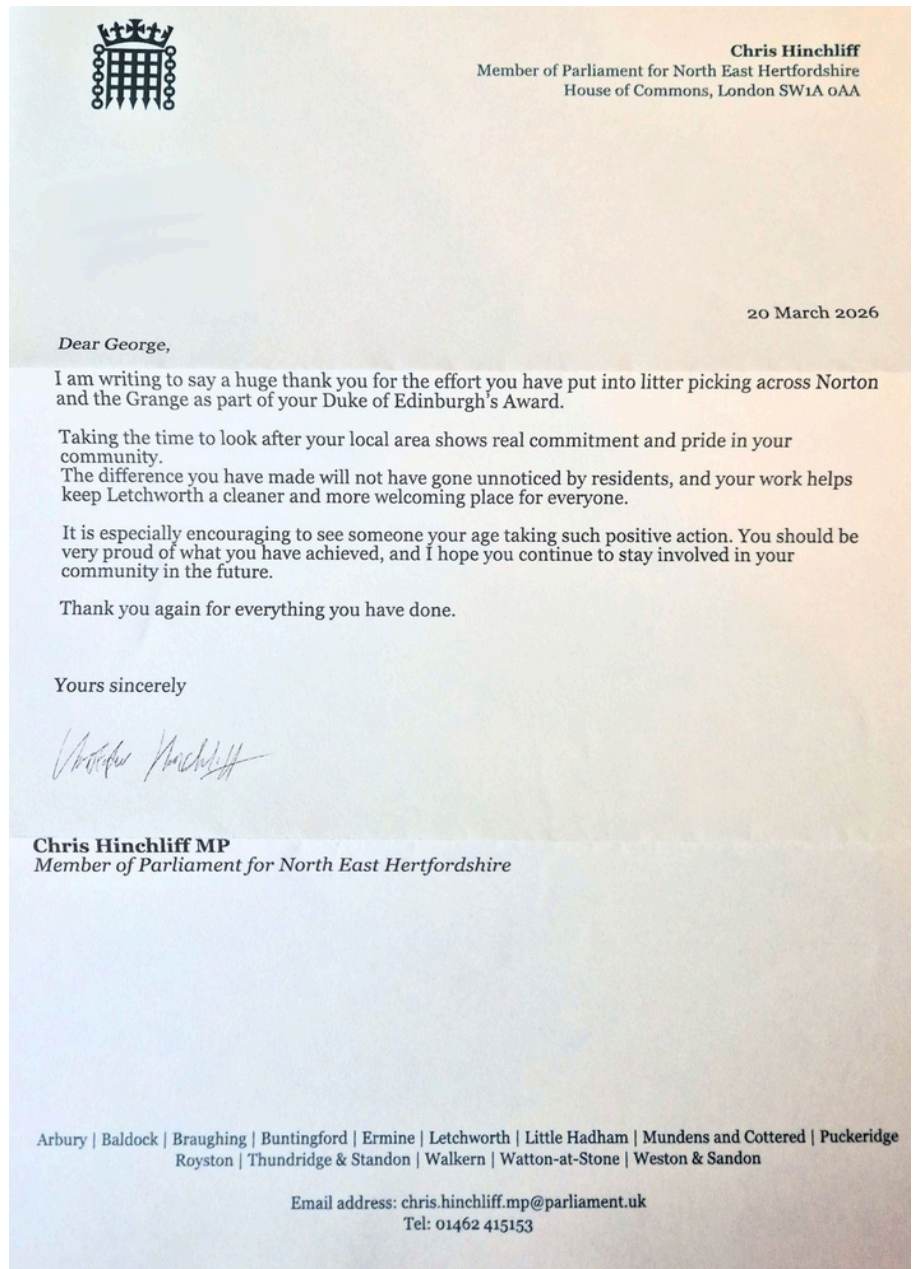
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CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGE S

It is often said that the true measure of a community is found in the dedication of its youth. Today, Fearnhill recognises and celebrates an individual who embodies this sentiment with extraordinary grace. We are absolutely thrilled to congratulate George Shepherd on the successful completion of the Volunteering section of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award: a milestone that represents three months of selfless commitment, tireless energy, and genuine compassion for others.

George did not simply "complete" a requirement; he excelled in every sense

of the word. Through his chosen service, he has demonstrated the very best of our school's values, by demonstrating to the entire community that Fearnhill students are kind and resilient. It is statistically proven that only a small percentage of students nationwide manage to balance the challenges of academic life with such a high level of community service. In fact, fewer than 20 percent of young people in his age bracket commit to this level of sustained extracurricular volunteering. George is not just part of that elite group; he is a leader within it.



CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGE S

The impact of his work has reached far beyond our school gates, catching the attention of those at the highest levels of local governance. We are incredibly proud to share that George has received a personal letter of praise from Chris Hinchliff: the Member of Parliament for North East Hertfordshire. To receive such high-level recognition is a rare and prestigious honour. Mr. Hinchliff's letter serves as a powerful testament to George's hard work; it highlights the vital importance of young citizens engaging with their local communities. When an MP takes the time to write a personal commendation, it signals that a student has moved beyond mere participation and into the realm of true civic influence.

We must reflect on the gravity of this accomplishment. Volunteering is often a quiet, thankless task that happens in the shadows of more glamorous pursuits; however, the light George has shone on his community is now reflecting back onto him. We are immensely lucky to have a student of his calibre among us. He serves as a brilliant role model for his peers, proving that altruism and ambition are not mutually exclusive.

George, we cannot be prouder. You are navigating your Bronze Award with maturity and grit, you have earned the respect of your Member of Parliament, and most importantly you have made a tangible difference in the lives of others. This is a spectacular foundation for your future, and we cannot wait to see where your journey of service takes you next. Congratulations on this well-deserved and prestigious success!

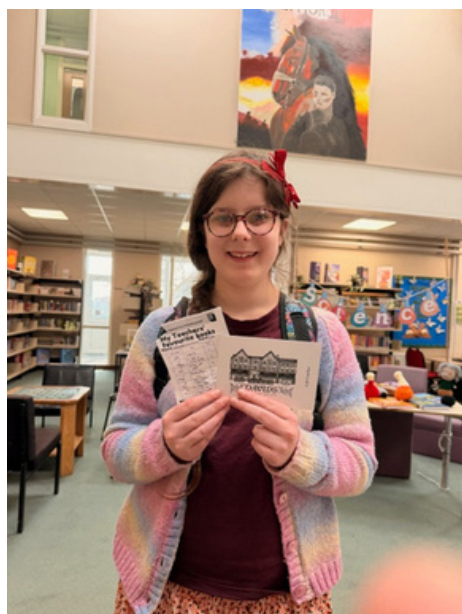
Mr B Fox, Duke of Edinbrough Manager

WORLD BOOK DAY WINNERS

A massive well done to our World Book Day winners in the library, our winners this year were:

- Olivia P - KS3 teachers favourite book
- Aariya C - KS4 teachers favourite book
- Ivan S - Book covers
- Ameilie B - Book jars

Mrs R Thurlby - Library Leader



PROUD TABLE

We were very excited for our big Proud Table draw before the Easter break. Huge congratulations to Chloe G in 7G, who won the iPad. Students can bring work they are proud of, as well as homework cards, attendance cards and merit point cards, to the library on Friday lunch times to receive entries to our Proud Table draws



7H'S 20TH CENTURY ART MOVEMENT ZINES

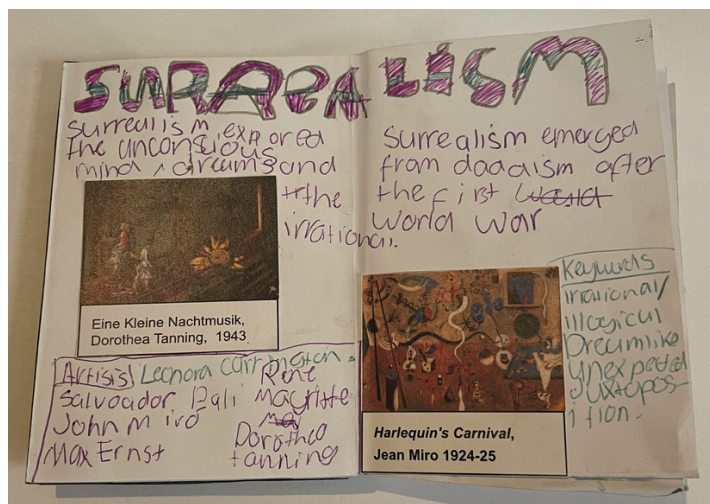
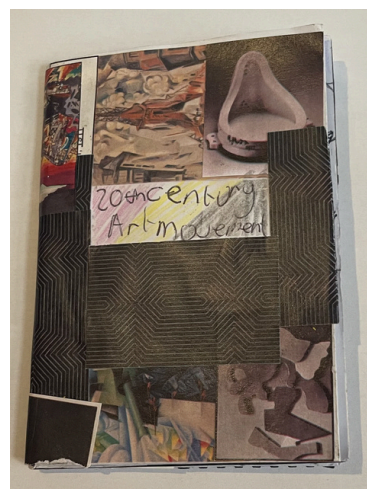
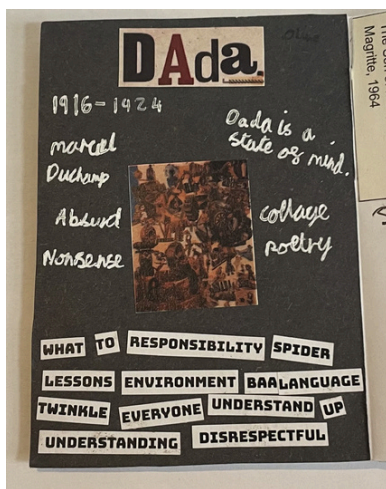
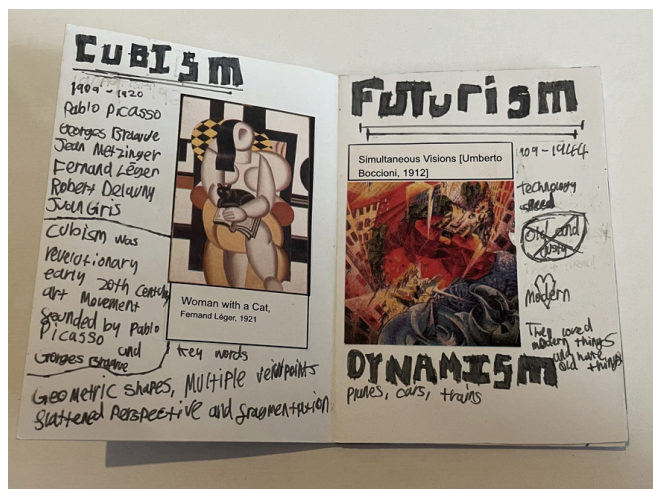
Over the last term every fortnight 7H have been having a whistle stop tour of 20th Century art movements and creating a Zine.

Over the last few months we looked at: Cubism, Futurism, Dadaism, Surrealism, Abstract Expressionism, Minimalism, New York Graffiti, and YBA.

We looked at artworks that use multiple perspectives, that rejected the old way and embraced modern technology, that created art from found objects and odd poetry, that captured dreams and horrors, that used colour to show emotions, that encouraged the viewer to see what they can see, one that started in subways and represented Hip Hop culture, and one that created art to shock the world!

The students created some amazing zines and miniature artworks. Some highlights being Dada nonsense poems, Surrealism creatures, miniature action paintings and colour field paintings, graffiti writing and a miniature tribute to Damien Hirst's formaldehyde series.

Ms A Holloway, Cover Supervisor



DIGNIFY AMBASSADORS



Our Fearnhill students are proudly taking on the role of Dignify Ambassadors as part of their work with Dignify UK and One YMCA. During their second session, students demonstrated excellent teamwork and creativity as they began planning an upcoming assembly. They collaborated on a slideshow presentation, developed a supporting script, and shared thoughtful new ideas to engage their peers. The group also continued working on their “Healthy Relationship Charter,” showing maturity and a strong understanding of the importance of respect and wellbeing.

The students have shown real commitment and enthusiasm throughout the process, and their hard work has been impressive. I'm looking forward to them delivering their assembly to all year groups in the near future, where they will have the opportunity to share their important messages with the wider school community.

Miss A Wright, Inclusion Leader



COFFEE MORNING



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We can't promise a barista style coffee, but we can answer any questions you might have about Special Educational Needs.



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Special focus on
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The Inclusion Department
invite you to join us on
Thursday 30th April at 9am for
an informal chat and to meet
the team.

Click on the link to let us know
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Coffee Morning

YOUNG CARERS OFFER

From 1 April 2026, Hertfordshire County Council will be bringing support for young carers in-house, when the young carer contract with Carers in Hertfordshire comes to an end, integrating it fully within the council's services.

Support for young carers will continue. This includes assessments, help with managing caring responsibilities, regular reviews, ensuring the voices of young carers inform the support they receive and support in preparing for adulthood.

A new [Young Carers webpage](#) has been developed in collaboration with young carers and their families and includes information about the support available, team contact details, and 'a Day in the Life of' form to register a young carer online so that they can get the support they need.

Hertfordshire County Council will be contacting all registered young carers directly to welcome them, provide updated contact information, details on how to access support, and a link to the new webpage.



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

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Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2026

Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams Start
Tuesday 24 th February	Year 10 Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 12 th March	Year 12 Parents Evening
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 12 Trip to UCAS
Friday 27 th March	End of Term

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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2026

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