



MR SPENCER'S UPDATE - GOING OVERSEAS

A group of Fearnhill students headed abroad for the first time since the pandemic last week. Physics students in Y12 & 13 visited CERN, the site of the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland, and also had the chance to take in some Swiss culture and visit Geneva. Later this year a group of students from Key Stage 3 & 4 are going to Barcelona for our Spanish trip.



I am delighted that students are having the opportunity to broaden their horizons by visiting different cultures. Learning about another country or culture is never going to be as helpful as visiting to see for yourself.

These are not the only trips that have been taking place recently. Sixth form historians visited the Tower of London last week, Year 9 had a day at the University of Hertfordshire and Year 8 will be going on a week-long residential in March. We want as many students as possible to have the opportunity to visit places of cultural and historic significance, along with gaining the benefits of taking risks and seeking out adventure. Experiences like these help students to develop the skills needed to thrive socially and academically.

I am very grateful to the staff who lead these trips, regularly willing to go the extra mile (literally!) to ensure students have opportunities to make memories and develop their skills. I look forward to hearing more from students about their experiences on the upcoming trips.

Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher



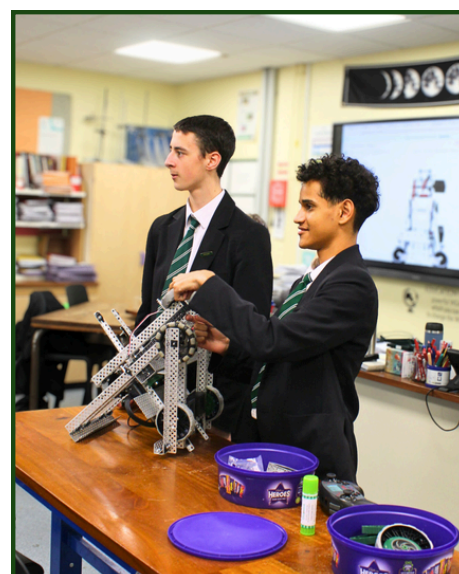
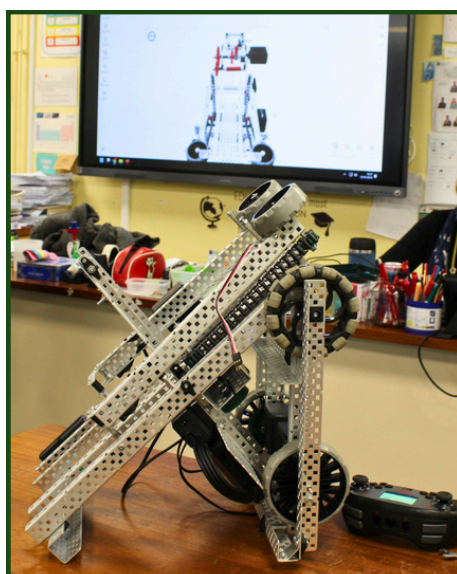
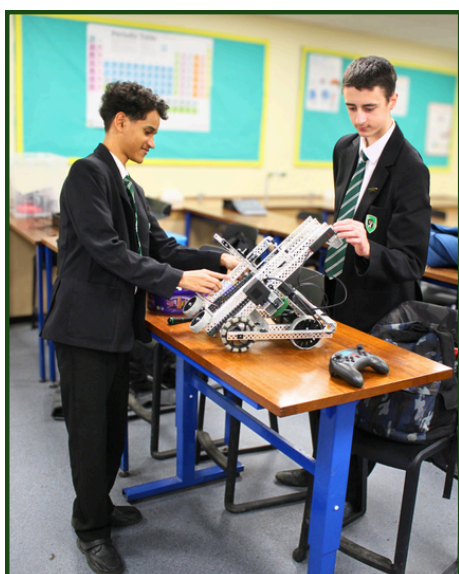
16. Encouraging Healthy Competition and Teamwork

In school, students have the chance to engage in extracurricular activities such as sports, debate clubs, and group projects. Attending school regularly allows students to be part of teams and compete in various activities. These experiences foster teamwork, leadership, and healthy competition, all of which are valuable life skills.

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

ROBOT RUMBLE



Our wonderful Science Club are progressing brilliantly with their Robot Rumble entry. They have built this robot from scratch, with instructions online and supervision from two engineers from MBDA. This week they will take their robot to compete against other schools, where it will perform task like picking balls up and putting them in a goal. We wish them all lots of luck and can't wait to hear how they get on!

Ms D Carroll, Second in Science

YEAR 13 HISTORY TRIP TO THE TOWER OF LONDON

Year 13 History students recently enjoyed an enriching trip to the Tower of London as part of their Tudors Option 2D A-level course. The visit brought classroom learning to life through a guided tour focusing on the Mid-Tudor Crisis, with students exploring the political instability, religious tension and key events of Edward VI and Mary I's reigns. From the Tower's role as a prison to its significance in Tudor power and authority, students gained valuable insight into the period - while thoroughly enjoying the experience at one of Britain's most iconic historic sites.



Mr T Jenkins, Teacher History & Head of Year 8

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

Year 7 played a thrilling match against The Priory School on 12th January. Lots of great performances and a really unlucky loss having a goal disallowed. Teddy T in goal supporting the team by agreeing to play in that position has gone from strength to strength and made lots of great saves. Everyone played really well.

Mr M Turner, PE Teacher & Head of KS3



DUKE OF EDINBURGH FIRST AID

On Thursday the 15th of January, our Duke of Edinburgh students received First Aid instruction under the calm and capable guidance of Clara and TJ of the Sixth Form. In an uncertain world, pupils were trained in the practical essentials: dressing wounds, securing bandages, and constructing slings; skills upon which civilisation, in moments of strain, has been known to depend.

The students applied themselves with commendable seriousness, showing care, focus, and a pleasing absence of panic. Morale remained high throughout, with two groups engaging in a spirited contest to determine who could fit a sling to Mr Fox with the greatest speed and efficiency. The result was a draw, the slings were exemplary, and to his great cheer Mr Fox survived.

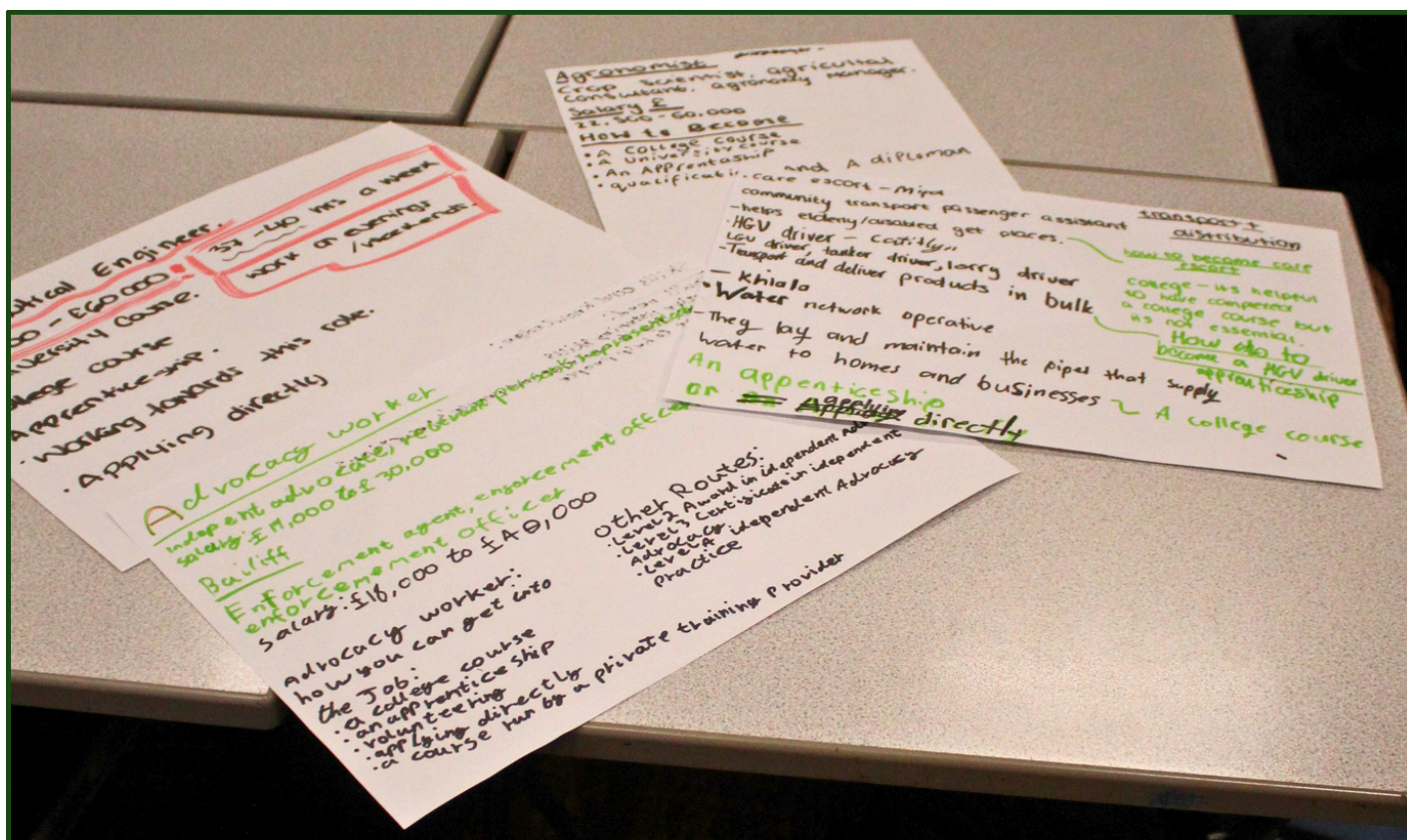
Should the highly unlikely occur, and minor injuries present themselves in the corridors of the school (or indeed in less forgiving circumstances) it is reassuring to know that our students are prepared to respond with composure, competence, and an adequate supply of bandages. Such training strengthens not only the individual, but the collective spirit of the school, proving once again that quiet preparation today avoids unnecessary drama tomorrow.

Mr B Fox, Teacher English



YEAR 9 CAREERS ASPIRATIONS WORKSHOP

Our year 9 students took part in a Career Aspirations Workshop last week, led by Future Smart Careers. They spent time looking at what careers are out there and understanding that routes differ, with the emphasis on exploring, not deciding. Students began by writing a job on a post it note, which were then stuck to the wall for students to look at. They looked at new roles that have emerged, explored different sectors in groups, learnt about various career paths and the importance of keeping options open and staying curious. Students were really engaged with the event and we hope they got lots out of it!



Ms Lesley Balchin. Head of Careers

KWIK CRICKET

Fearnhill School was delighted to host the U9s Rapid Fire Cricket Small Schools Competition, supported by our fantastic Year 10 student leaders. Schools taking part included St Mary's, Norton St Nicholas, and St Francis.

Our leaders helped the event run smoothly by setting up, scoring matches, explaining rules, and encouraging the younger players throughout the event. They showed excellent teamwork, organisation and sportsmanship.

The Year 10 leaders involved were Isla G, Lucy M, Holly M, Sophia D, Madison O, Joel S, Aariya C, Oliver G, Thomas G, Orla J, Rosie-May L-H, Dylan L and Phoenix H.

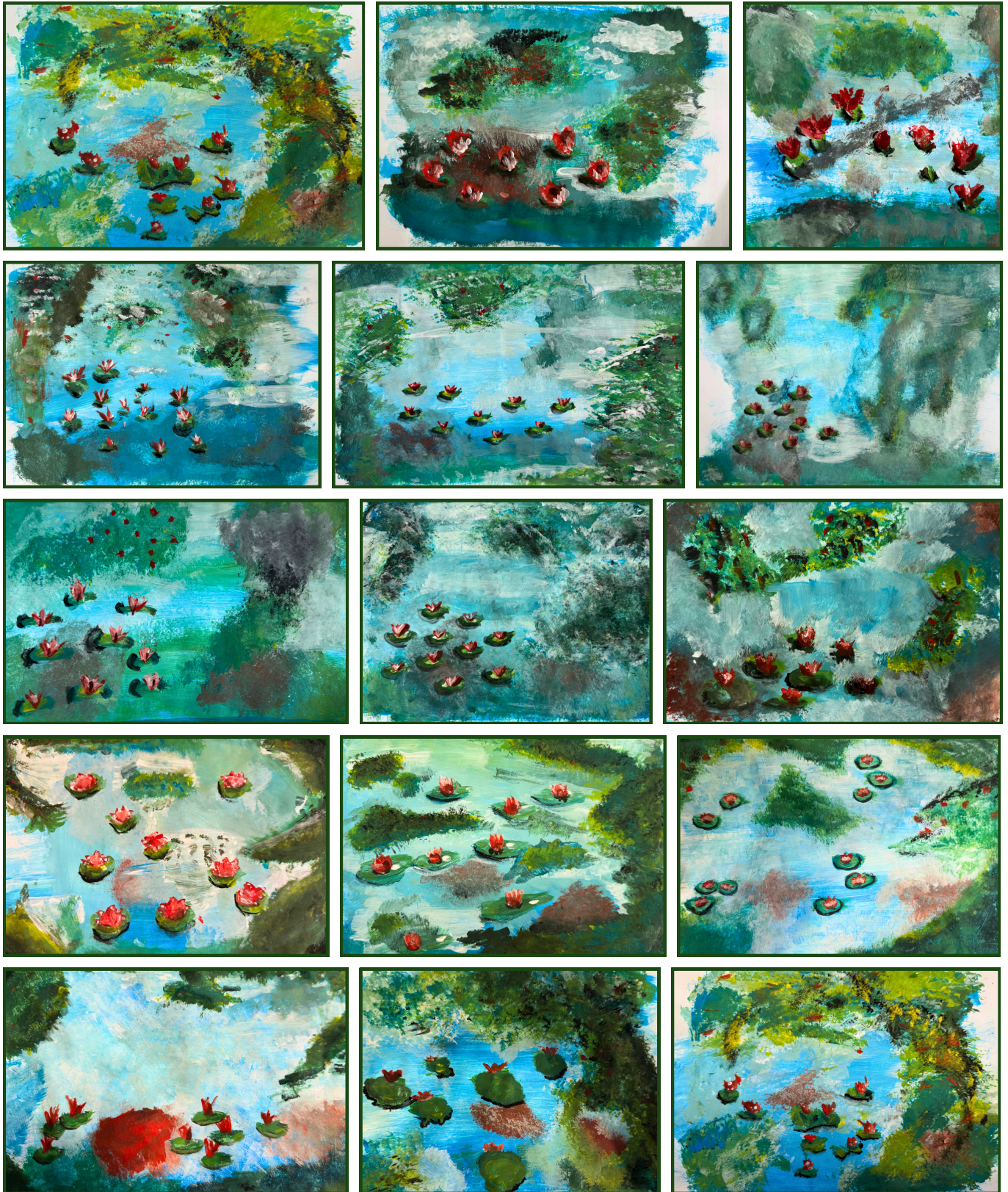
They represented Fearnhill School with pride and were great role models for all involved.



Miss S Straughn, Head of PE

YEAR 8 ART - MAKING AN IMPRESSION

Students went out of their comfort zone to paint in the style of Monet using acrylic paint. Instead of sketching out the idea first, they went straight to building layers with paint. They have all succeeded in creating a beautiful landscape of a pond with water lilies in. Well done!



Miss R Bossley, Teacher Art

INDEPENDANT TRIP TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Rory C in 10H visited the Houses of Parliament earlier this month. This was Rory's second visit, and it was great. He got to go into both the Commons and Lords chambers, the Royal Gallery, Westminster Hall and the Lobbies. He watched PMQ's from the public gallery and met with Letchworth MP Chris Hinchliff afterwards. He spoke about the subjects he takes at Fearnhill and mentioned about the need for learning about practical life skills which Chris agreed about. Rory was up to speed on the current political affairs so was very engaged with what was an important PMQ's.



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



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2026

Monday 26 th January	Year 9 Assessment Week
Tuesday 27 th January	Sixth Form Interview Day
Tuesday 3 rd February	Year 12 Volunteering Day
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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GIRLS RUGBY HALF-TERM CAMP
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