



### MR SPENCER'S UPDATE:

#### Managing the heat

Extreme temperatures are becoming more common in England and this has a big effect on the ability of schools to keep students safe and learning. This is especially true for schools like Fearnhill.

#### Why shorten the school day

There are several reasons why I have chosen to shorten the school day for Tuesday-Thursday this week. Firstly, there has been an Amber or Red weather warning in place issued by the MET office. Secondly, we cannot adequately mitigate the risks on our site. We have followed all government guidance, yet classrooms have still reached well over 30 Celcius by 2pm. Putting children into this environment is not good for their health and there is no prospect of learning taking place. We also have very limited shade for students at break and lunch.

#### All schools are different

I have not had any complaints from staff, students or parents regarding my decision. It is important to note that every school should try to stay open wherever possible. I do not believe other schools should be criticised for choosing to stay open. Each school must do what is right for them with the resources they have.

#### Keeping learning

By changing the times of the day we have been able to ensure that students only miss 1 lesson per day and complete their lessons before the highest temperatures are reached. Students have responded very well and I am pleased that they have been able to continue with the majority of their learning this week. I hope you have a chance to enjoy the good weather and I look forward to a return to more reasonable temperatures next week!

*Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher*

# YEAR 7 CRICKET

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026 the year 7 cricket boys played at King James Academy school. Unfortunately we lost by 4 runs but we were still so proud of how the boys played, there was some fantastic bowling all around with some excellent batting performances from Nathan C and Teddy C which almost clawed us to victory.

Mr Turner said “Cricket with a difference yesterday. Due to the weather we had to complete the game indoors. Best shots of the game played by Teddy And Nathan but lost off the last ball of the game. Good fun and well played.”

Despite the loss, the boys played incredibly well, especially with the change in circumstances with the indoor play.



# TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 16th June, a group of students took part in a tennis tournament hosted at Letchworth Tennis Club. There was some excellent play and brilliant progress throughout the tournament by the Fearnhill students.

It was fantastic to have the mix of older and younger students who supported each other brilliantly, including 3 from the same family.

Standout performance goes to the pairing of Josh and Sam who managed to finish 3rd in the u13 competition winning the 3rd/4th place play off in style.



A massive well done to all that took part!

*Mr M Turner, Head of HS3 / PE Teacher*



# GARDENING CLUB UPDATE

The greenhouse and vegetable patch are transforming thanks to the dedicated members of the Gardening Club. Every week, students are rolling up their sleeves to plant, tend and nurture a remarkable variety of crops. Their hard work is officially paying off as the garden bursts into life.

Currently, the club is cultivating an impressive menu of fresh produce. Early crops like peas and sweet strawberries are already making headway. The potatoes are nearly ready for their big reveal and the courgettes, tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs, lettuce and sunflowers are flourishing in the summer sun. For those who like a bit of heat, the club is also growing their own chillies.

Maintaining a thriving garden requires immense dedication. Rain or shine, club members can be found watering the beds, pulling stubborn weeds, tending to the plants and vegetables and keeping the greenhouse tidy. It is a true team effort with students attending most lunchtimes in the summer to keep the area looking fantastic!



# GARDENING CLUB UPDATE

Looking ahead, the club has just completed an exciting new project: planting pumpkins. If all goes to plan, the school will boast its very own pumpkin patch by October. Students are already looking forward to harvesting their homegrown jack-o'-lanterns just in time for Halloween.

Everyone is welcome to join the fun, no prior experience is needed, anyone can come along and give gardening a try. The official club day takes place every Monday, but dedicated members are also out in the garden during most lunchtimes.

It proves that with a little hard work and patience you can grow something truly amazing - well done Gardening Club!

*Mrs C Brown, SENDCo Assistant*



# TRIP TO SEE HUNGER GAMES

On the 12<sup>th</sup> June year 12 and year 9 students went on a trip to see The Hunger Games in theatre at the Troubadour in Canary Wharf.

It was a brilliant show, with some incredible moments of physical theatre.

Thanks so much to Mr Sheridan and Ms Burr for organising this!

*Mr T Marlow, AHT Sixth Form*



Recently, our Year 9 and Sixth Form students visited the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre to see the spectacular stage adaptation of 'The Hunger Games'. The hit novel and film was brought to life on stage in late 2025, with a venue built specifically for this performance. The set design was particularly intriguing, featuring moving audience seats that physically shifted to transform the theatre into a completely new, atmospheric world. Following the plot and characters of the first book, the production delivered a completely unique artistic style. Dynamic physical theatre components, stunning choreography, and surreal staging wowed everyone from start to finish.

The play encompassed the dystopian genre, combining many theatrical elements to bring the story to life. For example, during the parade sequence, Hollywood star John Malkovich appeared on giant TV Screens on parallel sides of the stage. Whilst his looming presence was in fact pre-recorded, it still emphasised the overpowering nature of the dominant class. In addition, the scenes in the District 12 house had ensemble members manifesting the beams, walls, windows, and doors of the home. The ensemble would rotate around the interior of the house, allowing each audience member a peek into the juxtaposing lifestyles.

# TRIP TO SEE HUNGER GAMES

Our students were thrilled to attend, and the cast did a spectacular job of paying homage to the original source material while adding a breathtaking, modern twist.. Sixth Former William K praised the production, stating that he “loved the set design” and found it quote; “absolutely jaw-dropping”. Overall, the general consensus among our Year 9s was that they thoroughly enjoyed the trip, and they are already looking forward to more theatre experiences in the future.

*Oscar R, Head Boy*



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION

On the 19th and 20th of June, seventeen Fearnhill students achieved a remarkable milestone and completed a challenging 19 km trek from the school to the Guides Camping Centre in Cottered. This journey took them through a diverse landscape, crossing urban, suburban, and rural areas including Letchworth, Baldock, Clothall Common, Wallington, and Rushden.



To manage the group effectively, teams departed in staggered ten-minute intervals between 8:40 am and 9:00 am. Despite the demanding 30-degree heat, the students maintained high spirits throughout the day. They displayed excellent teamwork across their three teams, ensuring everyone arrived safely at the campsite by 5:30 pm (this marks the fastest time a Fearnhill group has ever finished this walk). While a few students sustained very minor injuries, their resilience remained unshaken as they settled in to cook their own meals before retiring to their tents, to rest for the next day.



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION

This accomplishment was not a one-off effort. The students successfully completed the return journey on Saturday, June 20th, arriving at the school no later than 2:30pm

Staff members Mr Fox, Mr Fowler, Miss Jennings, and Miss Mills are incredibly proud of the students' determination and grit. We extend a special thank you to Mr Spindler from the history department. His support was vital in maintaining our presence at every required checkpoint along the route. Congratulations to all involved on such an impressive feat!

*Mr B Fox, Duke of Edinburgh Manager*



## YEAR 8 CRICKET MATCHES

The year 8 boys had a fantastic couple of days last week with 2 games in 2 days. They unfortunately had a loss against Nobel on Wednesday but it was followed by an excellent close fought win against Marriots on Thursday.

Archie F, Harry P and Charlie S all bowled brilliant on both days. Harry P was also fantastic with the bat.

Teddy C led the charge with the batting superbly showing everyone how to run between the wickets

A very special mention to Joe R who not only captained well making all the decisions for the first time but more importantly did this with great support and kindness to his team mates especially in moments when they were struggling.

A massive well done to all that played brilliantly across both matches!

*Mr M Turner, Head of KS3 / PE Teacher*



# YEAR 11 LEAVERS



Last Thursday our year 11s had their final day on school grounds when they came in for the traditional shirt signing before heading into their leavers assembly. The assembly was full of all emotions, with lots of laughs, tears and smiles! Students got to hear all sorts of stories and memories from their form tutors as well as seeing some incredible photos from throughout their last 5 years at Fearnhill.

This year group has worked incredibly hard and conducted themselves in manner to be proud of throughout their exams. We wish them all the best in whatever path they choose to follow next year!



## A WELL DONE TO A PAST STUDENT

On Saturday evening I was able to watch Megan D (class of 2024) perform in her final Dance Show with Stage Right.

Megan is off to Performers in Essex to pursue her dream of becoming a professional dancer/ performer.

Megan's mum contacted me and arranged the surprise, stating that Megan would love me there.

It really was a proud teacher moment! We will all definitely be seeing her in the future... incredible talent!

*Mrs J Martin, Head of KS4 & PSHE/ Dance Teacher*



## Applying for travel support for the first time?

From September 2026, Personal Travel Budgets (PTBs) will be the standard offer of support for travel to school or college for eligible 16-18 year olds with SEND.

You can still apply for travel support if you do not believe a PTB is suitable.

To find out more about how this change may affect you and your family, visit: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/PTB](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/PTB), call 01992 555322, or scan the QR code below.





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## FREE Courses for Parents

These are all funded by Herts County Council so are free for parents to attend.

All of the information and flyers can be found on their website. <https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/whatson.html>

### Talking Additional Needs

For parents of children with any additional need, no diagnosis needed.



**Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm**  
15th September to 20th October  
ONLINE (ages 10-19) - Course ID 864

**Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am**  
3rd November to 8th December  
ONLINE (ages 2-19)- Course ID 859

**Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm**  
4th November to 9th December  
Face-to-Face (ages 2-19) - Course ID 858  
Longdean School, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8JB

### Talking Families

For parents of children under 12



**Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm**  
17th September to 22nd October  
ONLINE - Course ID 861

**Wednesdays 9.45-11.15am**  
4th November to 9th December  
ONLINE - Course ID 860

### Talking Teens

For parents of children 12-19



**Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm**  
16th September to 21st October  
ONLINE - Course ID 865

**Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm**  
4th November to 9th December  
ONLINE - Course ID 866

### Talking Anxiety



For parents of children struggling with worries or anxiety aged 3-19

**Wednesdays 7.45-9.30pm**  
4th November to 9th December  
ONLINE - Course ID 862

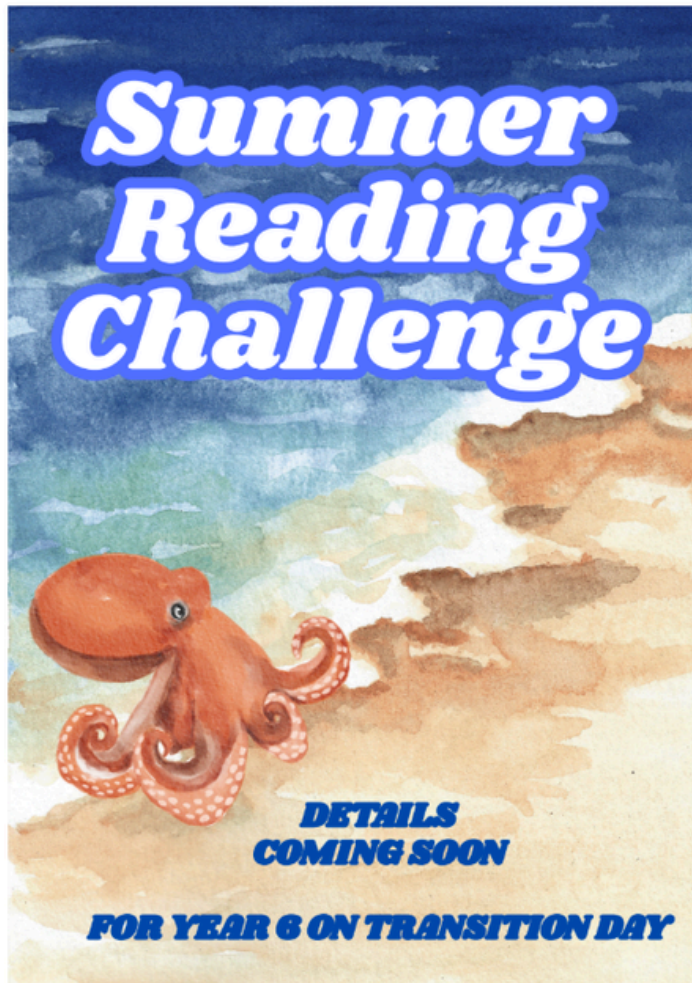
### Talking Anger in Teens



For parents of children struggling to manage their anger aged 11-19

**Tuesdays 7.45-9.30pm**  
15th September to 20th October  
ONLINE - Course ID 863

Parents can book by phoning 07512 709 556 or email [bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk](mailto:bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk)  
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# 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](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk) for more information.



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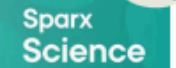
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# HOMEWORK CLUB

## HOMework WEEKLY PLANNER

| MON                                                                                                     | TUE                                                                                                     | WED                                              | THU                                                                                                      | FRI                                              |
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| <b>DUE Today</b><br> | <b>DUE Today</b><br> |                                                  | <b>DUE Today</b><br> |                                                  |
| <b>HOMework CLUB</b><br>Lunchtime<br>1.15-1.55pm                                                        | <b>HOMework CLUB</b><br>Lunchtime<br>1.15-1.55pm                                                        | <b>HOMework CLUB</b><br>Lunchtime<br>1.15-1.55pm | <b>HOMework CLUB</b><br>Lunchtime<br>1.15-1.55pm                                                         | <b>HOMework CLUB</b><br>Lunchtime<br>1.15-1.55pm |
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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Summer Term 2026

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

## Peartree Park Community Event

**Saturday 18 July**  
1-4pm  
Peartree Park, Shephall

**FREE ENTRY** **ALL AGES WELCOME**

Activities/attractions to include:

**Drift**

**The Cycling Hub**

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Tel: 07702 916 883

## STOTFOLD LILACS U13s

### NEW PLAYERS NEEDED

✓ Looking for experienced Female Football players to join a competitive squad ready for the 2026/27 season  
✓ We offer advanced training by FA qualified coaches  
✓ If you're looking for a team or a new challenge, please get in touch  
✓ Training: Thursdays 5-6pm  
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WK3: 11-13 AUG WK4: 18-20 AUG  
WK5: 25-27 AUG

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