



### MR SPENCER'S UPDATE:

Another school year is drawing to a close. School continues until Thursday 23rd and it is vital that students maintain good attendance until the end of the year. Lessons at this time of year focus on reviewing key content from the year and consolidating learning.

#### **Making School Unmissable**

Our big aim as a school over the last 12 months has been to make school unmissable for students. Nationally, school attendance has not recovered since Covid. Far too many students miss far too much school. We have worked hard to make school more exciting for students. I am pleased to see that attendance has improved across the school throughout the year. Some of my highlights:

- All the trips! London for Year 7, A week's residential for Year 8, Overseas trips to Barcelona, Auschwitz and Geneva, Pearsall's reward trip to Thorpe Park, Theatre trips for lots of KS3 students and many more.
- Matilda! It is a massive regret of mine that I was unable to see the show due to surgery. The reviews I heard were amazing and it was lovely to see so many students involved in one way or another.
- House competitions! Students have loved these - talent shows, football tournaments, fashion parades, bake-offs, quizzes and much more besides. Students have also enjoyed the monthly non-uniform days for the House with the most merits.

*Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher*

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This is just some of the work that has taken place. We want Fearnhill to be a community students love to be part of and I feel much progress has been made this year.

## Achieving More

Next year, our whole school focus will be on helping students to achieve more. Students achieve well at Fearnhill, but we are not satisfied with this. We want to show each student that they can achieve more than they ever thought was possible. We will be working with every student to achieve more so that they grow in confidence and have more opportunities in life.

Since this is the final Fearnfile of the year, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the school and to wish you a happy and relaxing summer break.

*Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher*

## Staff changes

The following staff are leaving Fearnhill for promotions elsewhere or are relocating:

- Mr Marlow, Assistant Headteacher (Sixth Form)
- Mr Cordwell, Head of History
- Mr Jenkins, Head of Year 8
- Mr Garvey, Teacher of English
- Mrs Morewood-Cordon will be on maternity leave from September. We wish her all the very best during this special time.

## New staff

- Miss Watkins, Teacher of English
- Miss Hilsden, Media and Year 9 English Coordinator
- Mr Monaghan, Head of Humanities
- Ms Scott, Teacher of History
- Mrs Rayner, Teacher of Business
- Mrs Turner, Safeguarding Coordinator

Year 12 spent an intense three days at the University of Cambridge's impressive West Hub building attending a Mock United Nations event (MUNoC). They formed two delegations, The Kingdom of Bahrain and Spain. Each delegation had an ambassador and members who represented their country on specialised committees, amending and voting on proposals on issues ranging from national security to artificial intelligence and the treatment of refugees. This required a high level of engagement with delegates from other countries (and schools!) to try and get their amendments supported, making alliances and, in some cases, enemies! There was an international crisis on Day 3 of the event which required ambassadors to have an urgent meeting and for delegations to decide what they wanted to do to solve an issue involving the USA bombing a desalination plant in Iran. It got quite heated at times but, in true United Nations fashion, everyone strove to find a solution. A lot of work was done and a lot of friends were made.

*Mrs C Brownjohn, Head of Social Sciences*





# YEAR 11 PROM

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> we had our annual year 11 prom. The event is always a highlight in the school calendar. It is the perfect time for the students to celebrate the end of their exams and time at Fearnhill, all together and with their teachers. Everyone scrubbed up incredibly well and it was lovely to see them all in their best and just having a great time!

Their prom night was very well deserved after a very intense few weeks with their exams and it was great to see everyone let their hair down. We can't wait to see what this year group go on to do and wish them all the luck whether they are coming back next year or moving on to elsewhere!





## YEAR 9 CALYPSO CRICKET

A fun day out was had at the year 9 calypso cricket tournament. We won 2 and lost 2 matches narrowly missing out on the finals.

Some excellent batting from Jamil and top bowling by Mia and all round play and leadership from Thomas.

Well done to all that played!

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



## A MASSIVE WELL DONE



A massive well done to Lily-Mae F and Charlotte B-P, both in 7G, for achieving their platinum award. This is a great achievement that they should be incredibly proud of.

*Mr B Fox, English Teacher*



# PEER MENTORING CELEBRATION

We have partnered with Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation and Highfield school to create a peer mentoring programme which is now in its second year. We attended Broadway Art Gallery for a celebration and presentation event where the Year 10 and Year 12 Peer mentors were presented with a certificate by the CEO of GRIT (Growing Resilience in Teens). The Letchworth Heritage Foundation has funded the project for two years and will continue funding for 2026/2027.



The project has meant that students are trained as Peer mentors who can then support younger students with weekly coaching sessions. We have also transformed an underused space to a coaching space for Peer mentors and the GRIT coaches who also come into school and work with our students. If your child is interested in coaching sessions or will be in Yr12 &10 2026/27 email [sendco@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sendco@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk)

*Ms C Brown, AHT Inclusion , SEN Coordinator*





# FESTIVAL OF SPORT

This year's Festival of Sport was a fantastic week of competition, teamwork, and school spirit. Students took part in a range of activities including dodgeball, tug of war, rounders, football, athletics, and track and field events, with every House showing great determination and enthusiasm throughout the week.

The atmosphere on the final day was outstanding, with spectators lining the track and cheering on their Houses, creating a memorable finish to the festival. It was wonderful to see such high levels of participation, encouragement and respect from students of all year groups.





# FESTIVAL OF SPORT



A special congratulations goes to our overall House winners:

**1st- Pearsall: 53 points**

**2nd- Neville: 51 points**

**3rd- Gorst: 40 points**

**4th- Howard: 38 points**

Special recognition goes to our outstanding performers:

KS3 Boys: Ollie D, Ranveer V, Louie M and Tyler P

KS3 Girls: Libby P, Annalise M and Amelie B

KS4 Boys: Josh B, Dash and Thomas H

KS4 Girls: Skye S and Brooke H





# FESTIVAL OF SPORT

Throughout the week, students consistently demonstrated the Fearnhill values of Kindness, Confidence, Self-Awareness and Resilience. Whether competing, supporting teammates or encouraging others from the sidelines, they represented the school with pride.

Thank you to all students, Year 12 leaders, staff and supporters who helped make this year's Festival of Sport such a success. I am incredibly proud of everyone's effort and look forward to an even bigger and better event next year.

*Miss S Straughn, Head of PE*





# FESTIVAL OF SPORT

Our Year 12 students were delighted to welcome Jon Slade from the Financial Times for an inspiring and engaging careers insight session. In an interview style Q&A session, led confidently by Nuqi and Oscar, Jon shared his own career journey, offering an honest account of the opportunities, challenges and experiences that have shaped his path. Students engaged brilliantly in the session, and gained a valuable insight into the range of careers available within the media and publishing industry.



We are incredibly grateful to all of our careers insight guests this year and also to our students, who have been incredible ambassadors for the school on every occasion. We hope these guests have inspired many of them to approach their future with greater confidence and curiosity.



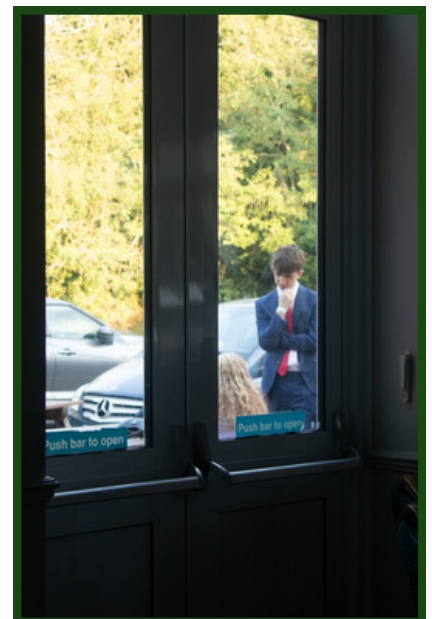
*Mrs E Mackrell, Sixth-Form Co-Ordinator*





# SIXTH FORM END OF YEAR PARTY

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July we had our annual sixth form end of year party. This is always such a great night where both year 12 and 13 really get to celebrate all of their hard work as well as it being the perfect send off for year 13!





## YEAR 10 CATERING STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Over the past week, our Year 10 Hospitality & Catering students completed their mock practical assessments, giving them a realistic experience of the practical examination they will undertake later this year.

Students selected and prepared a range of dishes, including chicken burgers, cottage pies, chicken pasta bakes, apple pies, Swiss rolls and apple crumbles, alongside a variety of accompaniments such as wedges, coleslaw, bread rolls and custard. Each dish was planned, prepared, cooked and presented under assessment conditions.

The standard of work was excellent. Students demonstrated impressive independence throughout the assessment, confidently applying a wide range of practical skills while producing dishes that looked and tasted fantastic. Their presentation, organisation and professionalism were a real credit to themselves, with many members of staff commenting on the outstanding quality of the food they saw and sampled.





## YEAR 10 CATERING STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Making the achievement even more impressive, the assessments took place during a period of record temperatures. Despite the challenging conditions, students showed resilience, determination and maturity, maintaining high standards of food safety and practical work from start to finish.

This mock assessment has provided invaluable experience and confidence ahead of their final practical assessment later this year. If these assessments are anything to go by, our students have an exciting opportunity to achieve excellent results.

A huge well done to every student involved. You should all be incredibly proud of what you have accomplished.

A final thank you to Ms Bennett, without whom very little would run smoothly in the Food Room. Thank you for all your help and support throughout the year and particularly your help this past week supporting our wonderful year 10s.

*Mr D Went, Teacher of Design Technology*







TALK & LISTEN,  
BE THERE,  
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,  
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,  
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER  
THE SIMPLE  
THINGS THAT  
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW  
EXPERIENCES,  
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,  
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,  
your words,  
your presence

See this link for support with helping children and young people with school transitions:

<https://herts-camhs.tfemagazine.co.uk/june-2026/ask-the-cypmhs-system/what-support-is-available-to-help-children-and-young-people-with-school-transit>

**Stand-by-me**  
Bereavement Support

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

### FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Our teen groups are open to all secondary-aged children living in North Herts and Stevenage and who have been bereaved of a significant relationship at anytime in their childhood.

## PLACES AVAILABLE IN OUR AUTUMN 2026 GROUPS

**FIND OUT MORE**

e: [hello@stand-by-me.org.uk](mailto:hello@stand-by-me.org.uk)  
t: 07469 255139/07444 201197  
w: [www.stand-by-me.org.uk](http://www.stand-by-me.org.uk)

### 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
- Builds connections through shared experiences

Referrals accepted from parents, carers and Contact-me Schools

The King's Award  
for Voluntary Service





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## Hertfordshire Children and Young People's Mental Health Service Directory (Bitesize)

*All services listed are available to home educated children*

The services below provide a combination of early intervention and more specialist support for children and young people's mental health. Click the service name to be redirected to more information. Referrals are either professional or self, you do not need both.

**P** Professional referral required

**T** Telephone service

**0-5** Includes support for age 0-5

Chathealth 5-19   

Single Point Access (SPA) **P S**      
*Central portal for all referrals*

Children's Wellbeing Practitioners (5-19)  
*Low intensity community support*  **P S**  

Spectrum Family and Young People's Service   **P S**   
*Alcohol and drug support*

Families First  **P S**   
*All round extra family support*

NHS Step2 (0-19)  **P S** 

First Steps ED (up to 18)      
*1:1/group support for eating/body image difficulties*

The Sandbox (10-25)  **S**     
*Livewebchat, iCBT, 1:1 online video therapy*

Health for Kids  

The Toolbox      
*Understanding neurodiversity for CYP*

Health for Teens  

WithYOUth (5-19)        
*Livewebchat, 1:1 and group online support*

Herts Mind Network Counselling (5-19)   **P S**  

Lumi Nova (7-12)      
*App based game to manage worries and anxiety*

Services for Young People (13-17)  **P S** 

Signpost Creative Therapies (5-19)   **S**    
*Includes art, drama and play*

-  Reaching developmental and emotional milestones, learning healthy social skills and how to cope when there are problems. Mentally healthy children have a positive quality of life and can function well at home, in school, and in their communities.
-  Difficulties with normal life problems, poor self confidence, low self esteem, low aspirations, difficult family relationships, poor peer relationships, experimental substance misuse, bereavement, poor concentration, difficulty sustaining relationships, some worries, low mood.
-  Many worries, high levels of anxiety, persistent low mood, body image concerns, behaviour puts peers at risk, persistent or high risk substance misuse, risk taking behaviour, unable to display empathy, difficulty coping with anger or frustration, bereavement by suicide/suspected suicide, withdrawn or unwilling to engage, disruptive or challenging behaviour, unable to maintain peer relationships (bullying, bullied or aggression etc).
-  Mental health problems which are:
  - Persistent, complex and severe
  - Present in all environments (home, school, with peers)
  - Beyond a normal response to life's problems
-  Deliberate self harm requiring hospital treatment, suicidal ideation with imminent plan and means, psychotic episode (hearing unexpected voices, unrealistic or racing thoughts not related to physical or substance misuse), intentional overdosing, persistent inability to engage with services or support offered, risk taking behaviour with no underlying mental health disorder, unresponsive to treatment and continuing to decline.

If you have any suggested changes to the directory please email [shelley.woods@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:shelley.woods@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

# THE PRE-LOVED UNIFORM BANK

As the summer holidays begin, we know that preparing for the new school year can be an expensive time for many families.

We're delighted to let you know that the Letchworth Garden City Church Pre-Loved Uniform Bank is returning this summer with a Pop-Up Shop at The Broadway Gallery, thanks to our partnership with the Heritage Foundation. We'll be running alongside the PLAY. DiSCOVER. SHARE summer events, making it easy for families to enjoy the activities while picking up good-quality pre-loved school uniform (you don't have to attend a Gallery event to visit us at the Uniform Bank Pop up shop).

Whether you're looking for a complete uniform or just a few items to replace those that have been outgrown, we'd love to welcome you. Our aim is to help make the cost of school uniforms a little more manageable while giving quality clothing a second life.

Please note that the Uniform Bank will not be open every day of the PLAY. DiSCOVER. SHARE programme. Our opening dates and times can be found on both our uniform bank Facebook page and our website:



What's On — mylgcc | Letchworth Garden City Church  
Letchworth Garden City Church, Clacknield Way, Letchworth Garden City SG6 1EF  
mylgcc

<https://www.mylgcc.com/whats-on>

We recommend checking the website before you visit to make sure we're open.

We hope this service will be a practical support to local families, and we look forward to welcoming you over the summer.

With best wishes,  
Letchworth Garden City Church  
Uniform Bank Team



# 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.



**Hertfordshire Music Service**

Start your musical journey today →

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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**Hertfordshire Music Service**

# HOMEWORK CLUB

## HOMework WEEKLY PLANNER

| MON                                                                                                                  | TUE                                                                                                                  | WED                                                                                                                  | THU                                                                                                                  | FRI                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>DUE Today</b></p> <p><b>Bedrock Learning</b></p>                                                               | <p><b>DUE Today</b></p> <p><b>Sparx Science</b></p>                                                                  |                                                                                                                      | <p><b>DUE Today</b></p> <p><b>Sparx Maths</b></p>                                                                    |                                                                                                                      |
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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Autumn Term Dates 2026

|                                                           |                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September                         | INSET                                   |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September                       | Year 7 Induction                        |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                        | Year 7/12/13 induction                  |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September                          | All students return to school at 8.30am |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October | Half Term                               |

## CONTACT US

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**Website:** [www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk](http://www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk)

**Address:** Fearnhill School, Icknield Way, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 4BA

**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!



[.@FearnhillSch](https://www.facebook.com/.@FearnhillSch)



[@Fearnhill\\_School](https://www.instagram.com/.@Fearnhill_School)



[@FearnhillSchool](https://www.twitter.com/.@FearnhillSchool)

# 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**  
**Everyone Active**

Plus stalls and activities for the whole family

Email: [community.development@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:community.development@stevenage.gov.uk)  
Tel: 07702 916 883



Logos: DRIFT, STEVENAGE CYCLING HUB, everyone ACTIVE, Stevenage BOROUGH COUNCIL

## 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
- ✓ Matches: Saturday mornings (Bedfordshire FA Girls League)
- ✓ Contact Neil: 07734 539154 or Dave: 07971 612653

**ACCREDITED CLUB** ★★★  
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation

A GREAT PLACE TO *grow up*

**SEN friendly**

# Play! Discover! Share!

**12 - 29 August**

A **FREE** summer programme of arts activities  
Fun for ages 3 - 15 (and their grown ups too!)

**Broadway Gallery**

Find out more [broadway-gallery.com](http://broadway-gallery.com)



Broadway Gallery, 2 The Arcade, Letchworth, SG6 3EW

**THE ARENA** **North Herts' Football Facility**

## HTFC SUMMER FUN CAMPS

**EARLY CANARY OFFER! BOOK BEFORE MIDNIGHT**  
ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE & SAVE 5% WITH CODE **GEX282**

9.30AM-3.30PM  
£25 PER DAY / £60 PER 3 DAY WEEK  
4-14 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS\*

**HTFC PRIZES & CERTIFICATES**

**FOOTBALL FUN**  
AT THE ARENA, BALDOCK

WKE: 28-30 JUL WK2: 4-6 AUG  
WK3: 11-13 AUG WK4: 18-20 AUG  
WK5: 25-27 AUG

**HITCHIN TOWN FC**

**MULTI-ACTIVITIES**  
AT PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, HITCHIN

WKE: 4-6 AUG WK2: 11-13 AUG WK3: 18-20 AUG

**HITCHIN TOWN FC**

**HTFC 1ST TEAM PLAYERS & COACHES!**

**HITCHIN TOWN FC**

Hitchin Town Community FC, The Arena: Norton Rd, Baldock, SG7 5AU  
01462 720088 [info@htcfc.co.uk](mailto:info@htcfc.co.uk)  
BOOK ONLINE: [www.northhertsarena.co.uk](http://www.northhertsarena.co.uk)





**GRIT;** GROWING RESILIENCE IN TEENS

**12-WEEK PROGRAMME**

**AGES 11-18**

**NON-CONTACT BOXING**

**FITNESS & GAMES**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING COACHING**

Programmes start January, April & September

Tuesdays: 11-13 year olds    Thursdays: 14-18 year olds

16:45-18:15 Term-time only

 U8 Fitness Hub, 2-3 Station Approach, Hitchin, SG4 9UW

**For more information and to sign up, please visit:**  
**[www.gritcharity.org/grit-programme](http://www.gritcharity.org/grit-programme)**

**DONATIONS WELCOME**

