

# FERRYHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Supporting our local food banks

Nine Student Leaders from Years 9 & 10 visited the Durham food bank in Chester-le-Street this morning. The warehouse collects, sorts and distributes items to 36 separate food banks throughout the county. In January, they fed around 4,000 people, which was a big increase on the month before, and they have seen the numbers of people asking for help exponentially rise in recent months. Our students helped sort through all of the donations, categorising them, and packing them by the expiry dates, ready to send out to local families. We're hoping to make this a monthly event.







# VIETNAM 2023



A group of ten Year 10 students from Ferryhill School have just returned from our fantastic trip to Vietnam. The school managed to secure funding from the Turing Scheme to fully fund a free trip for our lucky pupils. Our packed itinerary included trips to various museums in Saigon, including the War Remnants museum, and the Cu Chi tunnels. We also visited a local school and made lots of new friends, followed by a sunset cruise on the river to see the city skyline. The acrobats from the world-famous "AO Show" wowed us at the Saigon Opera house. We sampled lots of local food, and one of the highlights was a boat trip along the fabulous Mekong Delta. One Year 10 student said "This was a great experience, and one of the best things I've ever done. It was an eye-opening experience, and has made me want to travel and see the world". We are busy planning for our other fantastic free trips to California, Dubai and San Diego.



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**WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM**







# MACBETH

## 'Macbeth' at the Gala Theatre- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of March

Year 11 have been offered the opportunity to go and see Macbeth at the Gala Theatre. The performance is at 1pm and you will return to school for 4pm. Tickets are £14 and will be given on a first come first served basis. Once the tickets are gone they are gone! Behaviour and attendance will be considered before you are confirmed on the trip.

You need to let your English teacher or Mrs Sowerby know by the end of the week if you would like to attend. Your teacher has a copy of the letter if you are interested.

### YEAR 9

## IMMUNISATIONS



The school immunisation team will be visiting school on the 28th February for the following vaccines,  
**Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio and Meningitis ACWY.**

If you wish to give consent, please respond to the email or text using the link provided from the immunisation team or contact them directly on 0300 003 2554

## Football Success!



On Thursday 16th Feb, 8 of our footballing girls attended the end of half term football tournament at Parkside. 3 other teams were supposed to be playing but as the day went on, they all pulled out apart from Parkside. Upon arrival we were told that the opposition team had only managed to field 4 players. So instead of wasting a journey, two Year 11 players stepped in and allowed the game to continue. Even with the older and more experienced players on Parkside's side, Ferryhill didn't give up and the match finished 6-1. Well done girls!

# Parking/Exit Off Site After School

Can we please ask that parents/carers do not park down the back of the car park, in the car park or around the side entrance/bungalows at the end of the school day (2.30pm) unless you have permission to do so. This not only causes issues for both staff trying to leave and for residents living nearby but it also causes issues around the safety of our students.

Students are reminded to exit the school site via the pedestrian gates below the car park only. Students should not exit the school site via either the top car park or bottom car park gates or over the fence. It is important that we separate traffic and pedestrians on site which is why we have these procedures in place. Behaviour consequences will be issued to students who fail to follow school procedures.



## C4 AFTER SCHOOL DETENTIONS

Please note that any student found using the tech toilets or in link corridors during the break and lunch periods will be issued with an instant C4 after school detention. All students have been made aware that these areas are out of bounds during these times. Students are able to use the toilets on the main corridor if needed.

## ASSEMBLIES

On return from half term, assemblies will focus on 'Creating a Culture of Excellence' to reset expectation's within School.

# Readathon 2023

Our annual sponsored Readathon event will begin when we return to school after half term. The event is open to all students and we encourage as many as possible to take part.

Sponsor cards will be handed out to students in Years 7-9 in their Reading lessons, and any students in Years 10-11 can collect a card from Room 14.

Students collect sponsors for how much they read – they can be sponsored for each page, each chapter or for each book/text they read (this includes magazines, comic books – whatever they like). Collect sponsors from family, friends, neighbours....

All money raised helps to provide books for children in hospital and also towards storyteller visits, which is a fantastic cause. The school also receives a percentage of all money raised back to spend on books for our students. We have raised some amazing amounts in previous years, and hope to follow that again this year.

Every little bit helps – whether you raise 50p or £5 – it all makes a difference.

Please see Miss Gibbs or Miss Mullen for more information.

The logo for Readathon 2023, featuring the word "Readathon" in a white, rounded, sans-serif font. The text is set against a bright orange background that has a scalloped, cloud-like border around the word.



# Spring Term 2023 Period 6

As we move closer towards the Year 11 GCSE examinations, our Period 6 timetable has changed slightly to ensure that every student receives the relevant support in all subject areas. Sessions will run from Monday to Friday between 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Attendance of Period 6 is NOT optional and will also form part of being invited to this year's prom but more importantly, attendance will have an impact on performance in exams.

Students will be brought down to the dining hall by Period 5 teachers at 2:25pm where refreshments will be available. Following this, they will then be collected by Period 6 teachers and taken to their sessions. Finally, late buses will be available each night of the week and will drop off at the same locations as last term. We really value the ongoing support from parents with Period 6 in our drive for excellence for all Ferryhill students.

Week A					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Option B	Maths	English	Maths / Sci	Lecture Rotations	
Art NCA	DHO E1	BSO A1	JJO	KBR / SMO	All other students
Eng SSH	BCL E2	LHD A2	SBI	NAN	
Geog PCO	KPI A1	NDO E2	LDU	KPI	
H&S CHA	A2 (Split LDA, AWO OBE)	KCA E1	DWI	SHA	
Phot TSU	11C1 MKI	EMU C1	11C1 MKI		
Sports CEL	11C2 DHO	RML C2	11C2 & 11 WR JEM	Interventions	
Hist JFR	11WR	NAN WR		LGI Business E1	
Hist SHA	AGR to support			MCG Business C1	
				GBO (Bus Support)	
				CEL Sports	

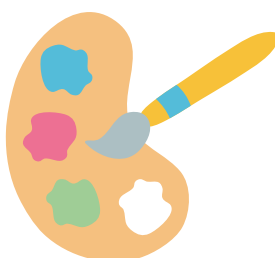
Week B					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Maths / Sci	Option A	Option C	English	Lecture Rotations	
SKN D4	Geography PCO	Engineering SSH	BSO A1	KBR / SMO	All other students
ACO D5	H&S CHA	French CJO	NAN A2	NAN	
DHO E1	History AGY	IT DLE	NDO E2	KPI	
BCL E2	History JFR	Music JPO	KCA E1	SHA	
KPI A1	History SHA	Photography TSU	EMU C1		
A2 (Split LDA, AWO OBE)	E1 Business LGI	Photography NCA	RML C2 & WR	Interventions	
JEM WR (target) AGR Support	WR Business MCG	Sports JSC		LGI Business E2	
		Art BCA		GBO (Bus Support)	
				MCG Business A1	
				MLU Business C2 & A2	
				CEL Sports	



# Extra Curricular Timetable



MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
READING CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 14 MISS GIBBS <a href="mailto:JGI@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">JGI@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>	NETBALL ALL YEAR GROUPS SPORTS HALL MISS STOREY <a href="mailto:IST@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">IST@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>	FOOTBALL ALL YEAR GROUPS SPORTS HALL MR ELLIOT <a href="mailto:CEL@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">CEL@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>
PRIDE CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS WEEK A ONLY ROOM 18 MRS LUNN <a href="mailto:MLU@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">MLU@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>	STEAM CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 48/50 MR KNAGGS <a href="mailto:SKN@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">SKN@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>	ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST SCHOOL CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 35 MR HENDERSON <a href="mailto:GHE@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">GHE@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>
SMARTIES CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 20 MRS CASEMORE <a href="mailto:BCA@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">BCA@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>	HISTORY CLUB (WEEK A ONLY) ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 19 MR HANDLEY <a href="mailto:SHA@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">SHA@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>	CHOIR (STARTS 13 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER) ROOM 55 MR POULSON <a href="mailto:JPO@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">JPO@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>
SPORTS LEADERS QUALIFICATION (SPORTS LEADERS ONLY) WITH MISS STOREY <a href="mailto:IST@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">IST@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>	HOMEWORK CLUB ALL YEARS ROOM 36 DR WAUGH (RUNS MON AND WED)	SEWING CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 20 MRS CASEMORE <a href="mailto:BCA@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">BCA@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>
DODGEBALL ALL YEAR GROUPS SPORTS HALL MR HEPPLE <a href="mailto:JHE@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">JHE@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>		
BOARD GAME CLUB ALL YEARS ROOM 12 MISS CORNER <a href="mailto:CCO@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL">CCO@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL</a>		
HOMEWORK CLUB ALL YEARS ROOM 36 DR WAUGH (RUNS MON AND WD)		







Please see below courses currently being ran by One Point Family Services. If you are interested in talking part, please contact [lwa@ferryhill.school](mailto:lwa@ferryhill.school)

### **Chill Kids**

For children aged 7-11 years old. Chill Kids helps your child to recognise their feelings and supports them to be calmer through exercise and relaxation. It helps them to build resilience and to be able to manage their emotions and self-regulate, in a group with other children their age. Sessions will include:

- Activities to learn communication skills
- Activities to reinforce positive behaviours
- Activities to promote relaxation and anger management techniques
- Strategies to help to reduce negative behaviours.

Sessions last one hour and run weekly for 6 weeks.

### **Teen Zone**

For young people aged 12-15 years. In the group there are activities to look at self-esteem, building resilience, healthy eating and managing emotions. This group will allow young people to understand changes in adolescence and how this may impact on their behaviours and emotions, whilst mixing and building social skills with other young people.

Sessions last one hour and run weekly over 6 weeks.

### **FEARless**

For parents/carers of children aged 6-14 years. This course helps where you have a child who has anxiety which might be causing them to miss school or social events. This course helps you to understand your child's anxiety, recognise when your child is anxious and develop skills and techniques to help your child cope with their anxiety.

Sessions run for 2 hours a week over 6 weeks

### **Strengthening Families**

For families with children aged 10-14 years. The Strengthening Families Programme will help you and your child prepare for their teenage years. You and your child will attend sessions together. Through discussions, fun games and other activities, you will solve problems together, learn about rules and consequences and explore ways to show love and support, strengthening family communication.

This is a weekly course carried out over 7 two-hour sessions