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FERRYHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FERRYHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 9

FERRYHILL LEISURE CENTRE

Way back at the end of August when we discovered school had RACC, we really did not know what the plan would be. Almost immediately, Liam from Ferryhill Leisure Centre contacted us and offered their help and support. We were immensely grateful for this, however, at the time we did not know how this was going to work. We originally were told there were two spaces that we could use and these would each house half of Year 9. Myself, Mr Elliott and Mr Clough along with the leisure centre staff spent many hours looking at logistics and areas of the centre that could be transformed into classrooms. The leisure staff drafted in trades people and miraculously created further spaces for us to use, for this we are very grateful.

We then hired a van, thank you again, Croxdale Van Hire who gave us this to use free of charge, and started the task of moving furniture, equipment and books to the leisure centre. This was all going on whilst teachers were delivering on line lessons so our students did not miss out on learning. Our teaching staff have continued to deliver high quality lessons, even whilst facing challenges such as moving classrooms every hour, problems with internet connection and no IT facilities to name a few. We decided to make the transition as smooth as possible we would continue to run the school day as planned, with Morning and Afternoon Meetings being built into our school day. This has enabled the year group still to have the full experience of school, including Motivational Monday, Tell me Tuesday, Wednesday Winners, Thoughtful Thursday and Feel Good Friday.

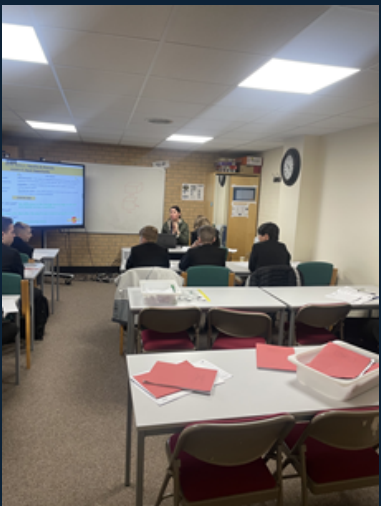
We are so proud of how our students have adapted to their new surroundings, engaging in lessons and managing a situation that we did not expect to face. We have shared the leisure centre with some groups that have continued to run including Ferryhill Bowls Club, Ferryhill Play Group and The Well Being for Life Group who we hope have enjoyed our company.

We are looking forward to being back at our school site, however, we have really enjoyed the time we have had here. We will genuinely miss the staff and would like to give them a special thanks. Liam and Paula have been here daily to help, support and guide us through our troubles, I'm sure they will be both taking a well - deserved holiday when we leave.

Thanks again to all involved it has been an experience we will remember for a long time.

#Team Leisure.

YEAR 9



READING SUCCESS

Students are excelling in their reading lessons this term, choosing from a wide range of books and adapting so well to the different reading spaces we have created this year. Our students are enjoying their own independent reading and also whole class reading with their reading teacher. We are also having fantastic discussions in class about what students are reading and what they like about the books they have chosen.

Reading Club will be starting on Monday next week (27th November) and we will also be recruiting some Student Reading Ambassadors, so students should keep their eyes peeled for posters advertising this in school.

All information will also go in the newsletter.

Let's keep Reading!!



ATTENDANCE

Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn before the start of the school day. There are many ways to ensure your child is on time for school, from making sure their school bags are packed the night before to making sure they get up with plenty of time to eat and get ready. Lost minutes mean lost learning. Did you know that being late 15 minutes every day is the same as missing 2 whole weeks of school over a full academic year?

Every minute counts and that lost time all adds up.

Being late doesn't only affect your child, it disrupts other children in the class, as well as the teachers trying to teach a lesson. However, if you do think you are going to be late, please do not keep your child off school for the rest of the day. Being late and in school is better than being absent and missing out.

Children who were regularly late to school said:-

"I feel embarrassed, everyone looks at me."

"I don't know what to do, everyone's started work."

"I miss my friends and they miss me."

'JOB OF THE WEEK'

As part of the Year 9 tutor programme and to help expand student knowledge and understanding of some of the many different job roles available to them after school, students have been looking at different job roles.

This week's 'Job of the Week' is a Kennel Worker

Further information about this job role can be found by following this link:

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #11 - KENNEL WORKER - YouTube](#)

NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS

MAIN SCHOOL

All students must enter the school grounds through the pedestrian gates, not through the front or side car park entrances.

This is vitally important for their safety!

MOCK RESULTS DAY

6TH DECEMBER

'We will be holding a Mock Results for students in Year 11. Students will receive their Mock grades in a results day format. Well done to everyone for all their hard work!'

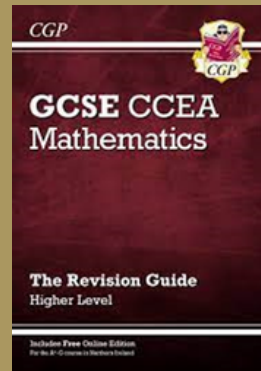
School equipment now available to buy on ParentPay.

Casio scientific calculator and pencil case (pencil case, 3 black pens, 2 green pens, 2 pencils 2 small & 1 large ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, compass, protractor, glue stick & 2 highlighters - £10.00.

FINAL STOCK Casio scientific calculator - £8.55.

Pink Casio calculator - £9.10.

Pencil case (pencil case, 3 black pens, 2 green pens, 2 pencils, 2 small & 1 large ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, compass, protractor, glue stick & 2 highlighters - £2.50.

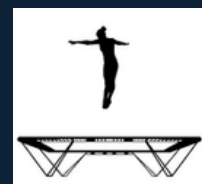


AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After school activities will continue at Ferryhill site, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Sessions will run from 2:50 - 3:30pm, unless stated otherwise.



**Monday - Trampolining :-
Week A - Year 7 Week B - Year 8**



Wednesday - Football



Wednesday - Board Games Club

Wednesday - English Club 3:00-3:30pm



Thursday - Netball



Thursday - Film Club 3pm - 4pm in room 6.



NEW - READING CLUB

Starting Monday 27th November

PARENT NOTICES

PARKING AT FERRYHILL

Parents are not to park in the school car park or enter the site on foot to collect their child unless they have been provided with a permit from School. Due to ongoing works around the area, we have a designated exit to ensure students can leave the site safely.

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS FROM FERRYHILL SITE

When collecting or dropping off a student during the school hours of 8:30am – 2:45pm, can we ask that parents/carers come to the new reception entrance based in room 10 which is signposted. The PE entrance used by students will be locked throughout the day and will not be manned by staff.

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS FROM UPPER SCHOOL SITE

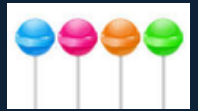
For parents picking up their child from the Upper School site, please do not park directly outside of the building as the school buses need space to park. By parking there it prevents students being able to board the buses safely. Please park on the opposite side to the Upper School building. Thank you for your support with this matter.

LATE BUSES

Please note late buses will not run for afterschool clubs. Your child will be expected to make their own way home.



LOLLIPOPS



Lollipops are not allowed in school, they are a potential choking hazard.

BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL BUSES

Please ensure students are aware that their behaviour while waiting for and while travelling on the school bus is subject to the schools consequence system.

RECORDING ABSENCES/ATTENDANCE

All student absences must be reported to school by 8:30am each day. This can be done by contacting (01740) 651554. Please then select **option 1** to be directed to Student Support. If there is no one available to take your call, please leave a message on the answer machine provided. Alternatively, you can email any attendance related queries to attendance@ferryhill.school.

PE KIT REMINDER

Can we please remind parents that students must have their PE kits in school on their PE day. Please remind your child to check their timetable daily.

AEROSOLS

Aerosols are NOT allowed in school in any form ie deodorant, hairspray, dry shampoo etc. If your child is found with this in their possession, the item will be confiscated and will have to be collected by parents.

TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY



FERRYHILL LOWER SCHOOL - TIMINGS

Morning Meeting	08:30 – 08:45	
Period 1	08:45 – 09:45	
Period 2	09:45 – 10:45	
Break	10:45 – 11:00 Y7	11:00 – 11:15 Y8 & 9
Tutor	10:45 – 11:00 Y8 & 9	11:00 – 11:15 Y7
Period 3	11:15 – 12:15	
Lunch	12:15 – 13:00 Y7 & 8	13:00-13:45 Y9
Period 4	13:00 – 13:45	
Period 5	13:45 – 14:30	
Afternoon Meeting	14:30 -14:45 Y7	14:30 – 14:50 Y8 & 9

Years 7,8 & 9

Year 7 8 & 9 students need to be on Ferryhill School site by 8:20am every morning and should head to the tennis courts on arrival. At 8:20am, a bell will ring for students to line up. At 8:25am, a further bell will ring for students to enter the building for morning meeting which will commence promptly at 8:30am.



FERRYHILL UPPER SCHOOL - TIMINGS

Morning Meeting	08:30 – 08:45	
Period 1	08:45 – 09:45	
Period 2	09:45 – 10:45	
Break	Y10 10:45 – 11:00	Y11 11:00 – 11:15
Tutor	Y10 11:00 – 11:15	Y11 10:45 – 11:00
Period 3	11:15 – 12:15	
Lunch	Y10 12.45 – 13.15	Y11 12:15 – 12:45
Period 4	First half 12:15 – 12:45 Second half 13:15 – 13:45	Y11 12:45 – 13:45
Period 5	13:45 – 14:35	
Afternoon Meeting	14:35 – 15:00	

Years 10 & 11



Family Hubs provide support to families from pregnancy to the age of 19, or 25 if your child has special educational needs and/or disability (SEND).

Our Start for Life offer covers everything you need during pregnancy, right up until your child turns two. This includes support and groups to help you:

- During pregnancy and after your baby is born (antenatal and postnatal)
- With feeding your baby – from support with breastfeeding, to weaning and eating healthily as a family
- Understand your child's wants and needs and how to support their development
- Get your child ready to start school or nursery

We don't stop at the age of two, we offer support as your child grows, through puberty and into adulthood. This includes information, online programmes and groups to help with:

- Understanding your child/teenager's behaviour
- Your child's wellbeing, both for you and your child
- Supporting your child with additional needs
- Your relationship and your family relationship
- Your child's health

We can also provide advice and support around:

- Domestic abuse
- Debt and access to financial support
- Housing
- Stopping smoking
- Help with childcare costs
- Emotional wellbeing
- Healthy eating
- Drug and alcohol support
- Employment and training

Ask us
about our
sensory
rooms

Everyone is welcome, why not drop in and see what's on offer?

There are 15 family hubs right across the county:

Bishop Auckland

📍 Walker Drive
Bishop Auckland
DL14 6QL
☎ 03000 266 390

Brandon

📍 Carr Avenue
Brandon
DH7 8NL
☎ 03000 269 820

Chester-le-Street

📍 Gray Avenue
Chester-le-Street
DH2 2EL
☎ 03000 268 643

Consett

📍 Chester Road
Moorside
DH8 8EQ
☎ 03000 268 634

Durham

📍 The Woodlands
Gilesgate
DH1 2EY
☎ 03000 269 833

Easington

📍 Whickham Street
Easington Colliery
SR8 3DJ
☎ 03000 268 486

Ferryhill

📍 Beaumont Street
Ferryhill
DL17 8PH
☎ 03000 269 021

Horden

📍 Ocean View
Horden
SR8 4EQ
☎ 03000 264 973

Newton Aycliffe

📍 Stephenson Way
Newton Aycliffe
DL5 7DD
☎ 03000 263 666

Peterlee

📍 Ellison Road
Peterlee
SR8 5NJ
☎ 03000 266 391

Seaham

📍 North Terrace
Seaham
SR7 7EU
☎ 03000 267 470

Stanley

📍 Clifford Road
Stanley
DH9 0AB
☎ 03000 266 150

Tudhoe

📍 Tudhoe Moor
Spennymoor
DL16 6EX
☎ 03000 267 488

Wheatley Hill

📍 Jack Lawson Terrace
Wheatley Hill
DH6 3RT
☎ 03000 269 850

Willington

📍 Chapel Street
Willington
DL15 0EQ
☎ 03000 268 445

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FOOD BANK
DONATION

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Foodbank Donations

More people than ever are being driven to food banks and the sharp increase in people needing help is outstripping food donations.

As a school community we would like to support our local food bank.

We are asking students to make a small donation of items from the following list:

- UHT milk
- Tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc.)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Sponge/rice puddings
- Coffee (small jars)
- Long-life juice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans, tomatoes)
- Tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli)
- Tinned soup
- Jam and spreads

Upper School - Mrs Snaith or Head of Year 10 & 11

Lower School - Mrs Thompson, Mrs Langdale or Head of Year 7,8 &9

Donations can be made at any time, all donations will be collected from each site on the 8th December.

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There are countless games and competitions to practise your cyber skills in a fun and legal way.

Access them by visiting our website and following our social media accounts.



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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR STUDENTS

As we embark on this new academic year, let us first acknowledge the undeniable truth: life is a journey filled with challenges! One of the most valuable lessons you will learn during your education is not just the content of your textbooks, but the art of overcoming obstacles, and the resilience to keep moving forward.

It's not about what you're up against; it's about how you choose to tackle it.

Here's how challenges can shape your journey to excellence:

1. Personal Growth and Resilience:

Every challenge you face is an opportunity for personal growth. The process of overcoming difficulties builds your resilience. It makes you stronger, more adaptable, and better prepared for the challenges that lie ahead in your academic journey and beyond. Remember, it's not about avoiding adversity but embracing it as a chance to evolve.

2. Learning and Development:

Challenges are our greatest teachers. They force us to think creatively, problem-solve, and develop new skills. When you overcome a challenging situation, you're not just learning from your textbooks but from the real world. Each obstacle is a chance to become a more knowledgeable, capable, and well-rounded individual.

3. Building Confidence:

Every challenge you conquer boosts your confidence. It shows you that you have the strength and determination to overcome anything that comes your way. As you face the challenge of a new school setting, remember that by tackling it head-on, you're not just resolving an issue but also building the confidence to handle future challenges.

4. Achieving Your Dreams:

Success is sweeter when it's hard-earned. Challenges are the stepping stones that lead you closer to your dreams. When you overcome obstacles, you're one step closer to achieving your goals. Think of every challenge as a test of your commitment to your aspirations and an opportunity to prove your dedication. As you navigate this year, remember that challenges are not meant to break you but to shape you into extraordinary individuals. Embrace them with determination, courage, and an unwavering belief in your abilities. Remember, you're not alone on this journey. Your teachers, parents, friends, and the entire school community are here to support.

Stay inspired, stay resilient, and give it everything you've got!



Emotional Wellbeing

In order to support the transition to secondary school during the course of September we have arranged a number of workshops delivered by the Durham County Emotional Wellbeing Team.

More information will follow.



Heads of Year

Year 7:

Mrs Young

hyo@ferryhill.school

Year 8:

Mrs Rowley

aro@ferryhill.school

Year 9:

Mrs Craddock

ccr@ferryhill school

Year 10:

Mrs Hobson

gho@ferryhill.school

Year 11:

Mr Simpson:

psn@ferryhill.school

Learning Support

If you have any questions about your learning, please email us on:

learningsupport@ferryhill.school

IT Support

If you have any questions about remote learning and accessing Teams email:

itsupport@ferryhill.school

Teaching Support

If you require support from your class teachers they will remind you of their email addresses next week during online lessons

General

If you have any general questions you can contact our general office on **general@ferryhill.school**