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FERRYHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WORLD BOOK DAY

Staff and students had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday. We had a number of activities running in school including a book cover treasure hunt and a competition to design a book cover.

All students at Lower School also participated in the Big Read during their last lesson of the day, as well as checking out the display which showed them what their teachers love to read and love about reading.

We were also able to gift students a copy of one of the exclusive World Book Day books as well as their £1 book token to take to a local stockist to exchange for another book of their choice.

Ferryhill is a school that loves to read and we love to celebrate it as much as possible, so World Book Day was the perfect day for us all to celebrate together!



FERRYHILL SCHOOL READING AWARD



Congratulations on achieving the
One Education Reading Award.

Ferryhill School has been awarded the Silver Reading Award. This is an important achievement which highlights the hard work that has been undertaken to place reading at the heart of the curriculum.

At Ferryhill, we have been working towards the above for over a year. This has been quite challenging considering the circumstances! The team behind the reading award benefits from the expertise of leading specialists in Reading, including a curriculum expert for the DFE. The aim is to embed a strong reading culture whilst raising standards and pupil attainment.

The reward is designed to help establish a reading culture across the school. The three areas that are evaluated, monitored and evidenced are:

- Reading for Fluency.
- Reading for Meaning.
- Reading for Enjoyment.

At Ferryhill, we have successfully:

- Embedded a phonics programme to help students decode and become fluent readers.
- We have written a literacy curriculum that is taught to KS3 students with a focus on reading for meaning, vocabulary, and cultural capital. The curriculum bridges knowledge across subject areas to activate prior learning.
 - We have introduced reading lessons (for enjoyment) to the timetable.
 - Accelerated Reader is successfully embedded across KS3.

These are just some of our successes and we hope to continue to place the importance of words and reading at the heart of our curriculum and our school.

'The One Education Reading Award will illustrate - to all staff, children, visitors and stakeholders - the commitment and knowledge shown by your school in building a successful reading curriculum. The award shows how you have focused on providing children with the skills, the passion, and the enthusiasm needed for reading.'



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A **PARENT GOVERNOR** AT FERRYHILL SCHOOL?

We currently have one parent governor vacancy.

The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

Do you have any **valuable or professional skills** you can offer?

Do you have **good inter-personal skills, curiosity**, and a **willingness to learn** and **develop new skills**?

Are you committed to playing a **vital role** in making sure every child gets the best possible education?



The full Governing Body must meet at least three times per academic year, and as a school, we also have 5 Committee meetings spread out over the academic year. There is an expectation that governors will also undertake monitoring visits into school to find out more about the school throughout the year. Individual governors do not have any powers, instead the Governing Body works closely with the Executive Headteacher and Head of School to make decisions collectively as a team.

Any parent, or carer, of a registered pupil at the school at the time of election is eligible to stand for election as a Parent Governor (subject to certain exceptions, e.g. anyone employed at the school for more than 500 hours per annum is not eligible). Parent Governors, may on occasion, be elected by other parents at the school if there are more applications than spaces available.

Appointment is also subject to eligibility criteria and completion of a Disclosure & Barring Service check.

All governors must abide by our agreed Code of Conduct covering issues such as confidentiality, conflicts of interest, training requirements.

Prospective candidates are invited to speak with the Executive Headteacher and Chair of Governors prior to submitting an application so they are fully aware of the roles and responsibilities involved – please contact Mrs Forster, MAT Company Secretary on sfo@ferryhill.school to make an appointment.

Deadline for all applications to be received by: Friday 22nd March 2024

STRAY AID VISIT



Stray Aid recently visited Lower School to speak with the students about their charity and all the work they do in the local area for stray dogs and cats. School will be accepting donations for the charity, such as blankets, towels, food etc. If you wish to make a donation, please bring them to the school and we will arrange for them to be delivered to Stray Aid.



COME AND VISIT US

- TALK TO CURRENT APPRENTICES
- UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN DEVELOP YOU
- CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
- PLANT TOUR



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CAREERS EVENT

Monday 18th March 2024

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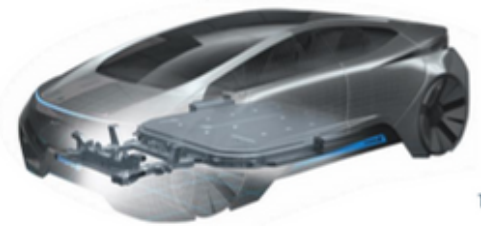
Scan the QR Code to book your space

Apprenticeships

**Toolmakers
Multi Skilled Technicians
Commercial**

VENUE - GESTAMP TRAINING ACADEMY
EVENTS - 9AM, 1PM & 6PM
BOOK A SEAT - Please scan the QR Code

FUTHER INFORMATION CONTACT-
JPaterson@uk.gestamp.com



'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 - Youth Worker

[https://youtu.be/XiKt5LoQtRI?
list=PLVEWa7uIDT769WGUTc_-lOca4dJRIPatZ](https://youtu.be/XiKt5LoQtRI?list=PLVEWa7uIDT769WGUTc_-lOca4dJRIPatZ)



ATTENDANCE

The law on school attendance and the right to a full-time education.

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to full-time education. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school. Where parents decide to have their child registered at a school, they have a legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

Many pupils at Ferryhill School have 100% attendance so far this year. Could all parents continue to aim for 100% school attendance, giving your child the best possible chance of doing well, both academically and socially. If your child is so ill that they cannot attend, please email attendance@ferryhill.school or contact 01740 651554, option one.

PARENT/CARER PARKING AT SCHOOL



PARKING - REMINDER



Can parents/carers refrain from dropping students off directly into the main school car park on a morning amongst the parked cars. For those cars that are dropping children off they need to drive down the bus lanes and drop their children off at the bottom of the bus lanes and directly onto the path so children are not crossing the car park road in front of traffic including the buses. This is a safety issue and we want to avoid children being at risk from being knocked down. Similarly students should not be entering/leaving site on foot directly from the car park gates or the gates behind the bungalows near the tennis courts as these gates are for vehicle access only and not for student pedestrian access. The pedestrian gate is the gate that students should be entering the site from, again for safety reasons, at the front of the school down from the bottom car park gates.

At the end of the school day 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 there is a designated pedestrian exit to ensure students can leave the site safely. Thanks for your support observing these safety procedures.

80S NIGHT FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

Thank you to Ferryhill Sport & Education Centre, Hi-Lights Entertainment and Mrs Langdale for supporting our schools fundraising efforts to support students travelling to volunteer in Zanzibar.

Friends and family helped raise over £400 by stepping back into the 80s and dancing the night away!

Thank you to all who supported the evening!

Students will travel to Zanzibar in 2025 to volunteer at a local school. All fundraising will help go towards covering the additional cost of this visit such as transportation and equipment.

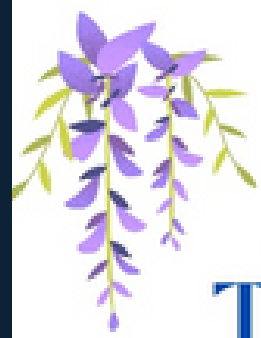



The Easter Raffle is running across Upper and Lower School. Tickets are £1 a strip
 Main prize – Easter Sweet Treat Hamper
 Lots of Easter eggs
 Box of Easter cupcakes

Tickets can be bought from:
 Mrs Langdale – Lower School
 Mrs McGuiggan – Upper School
 Mr Wood – Both sites

The winners will be picked at random on Tuesday 26th March
 Good luck.





Prom Dress Day

Thursday 4th April

2pm-7pm

The ARK Silverdale Place Newton
Aycliffe DL5 7DZ

Do you need a prom dress
Junction 7 have lots of
beautiful dresses available
for free

A Donation will be appreciated but not essential

To book in Please contact
junc7tion@gmail.com or
text Jane Day
07851723647



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MATHS HOMEWORK - YEAR 10

The Mathematics Department have now issued the first paper-based homework for Year 10 students, this will continue on a fortnightly basis, in week A. Can parents please encourage their child to complete the work to the best of their ability.

The homework will consist of a Maths GCSE practice paper once a fortnight, with Sparx Maths on the alternate fortnight. Students will have 1 week to complete their work. This will help prepare students with their GCSE exam and help them with the familiarity of exam papers.

If you have any questions, please email the department on maths@ferryhill.school
Mrs Clarkson
Head of Department

INTERNET SAFETY TIP

Tell a parent, teacher or trusted adult if you see anything on the Internet that makes you feel uncomfortable.



Equipment Packs

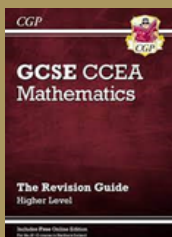
We now have A3 equipment pack wallets available to purchase from our ParentPay app. The price of these are currently £1.00. Pupils are also able to purchase these via our ClassCharts system using their achievement points.

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.



P6

There will be no Period 6 session on Thursday 14th March due to a staff meeting taking place at the same time.

YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHS

Year 11 Photos will take place on Wednesday 13th March. Students will have the opportunity to have friendship group photos taken on the day, along with their individual photos.

Students are required to be in **full uniform** (not PE kit) on this day.





Parenting Together

NEW 2.5 hour
friendly and
informal
workshop

Helping parents and/or friends and family who help bring up your child to:

- Think about how you deal with disagreements in relationships
- Manage family stress and improve communication
- Enjoy parenting together

To find out more or to
book your place
call/text/whatsapp
07917 474 856 or email
EPEC@durham.gov.uk

Workshop dates

Monday 4 March, 6-8.30pm
Wednesday 6 March, 9.30-12noon
Monday 18 March, 6-8.30pm
Tuesday 19 March 12-2.30pm

Venue TBC



Be the
change you want
to see



Make
a
difference

Work for your
local council



Period 6

We are excited to announce the new timetable of after-school revision sessions, Period 6, which are especially tailored for our Year 11 students.

These sessions aim to provide focused support as students prepare for their upcoming mock exams at the end of February, as well as for their formal exams in the summer.

Your child's academic success is our priority, and we encourage their participation in these valuable sessions to enhance their understanding and boost confidence. Revision plays a crucial role in GCSE exam preparation, as it consolidates knowledge, reinforces understanding, and enhances memory retention. A study conducted by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) revealed that students who engage in regular revision sessions tend to achieve higher grades compared to those who rely solely on classroom learning. Revision is at its most effective when it involves revisiting information over time, known as spaced repetition; this is what our Period 6 sessions provide.

Participation in after-school sessions serves as an investment in future success for students. Beyond immediate academic gains, these sessions instil crucial skills such as time management, discipline, and a strong work ethic. Research indicates that students who engage in after-school sessions, tend to develop a greater sense of responsibility and commitment. Therefore, by actively participating in after-school sessions, students not only enhance their subject knowledge but also cultivate a foundation of skills and habits that contribute to long-term success.

We would like to ask for your continued support in ensuring that students attend their scheduled sessions helping them to maximise their chances of success in the summer.

All sessions will take place from Monday 29th January, 2.30pm-3.30pm at Upper School 'Gateway' site with late buses being provided.

PLEASE SEE TIMETABLE BELOW

Mon A	Tues A	Wed A	Thurs A	Fri A
Option B	Humanities	Science	English/Maths/Business	Business
Art B TSU	Geog A + B PCO	Rotation	E1: English NDO	E1: Business MCG
Engineering B SSH	History A SHA	LDU KBR SKN JJO SMO	E2: English BSO	E2: Business LGI
Sports B PSM	History A JFR		A1: Maths BCL	
E2 Maths (A) DHO	ICT A DLE		A2: CWL	
	Health & Social A CHA		C1: Maths JEM	
			C2: Maths DHO + EAG	
			WR: Maths KMC	
Mon B	Tues B	Wed B	Thurs B	Fri B
Option C	Humanities	Mix	Maths/English/Business	Biology
Art C NCA	Geog A + B PCO	E1: Sports VWI	E1: Maths KMC	D1: Science SMO
Engineering C SSH	History B SHA	E2: Business LGI	E2: Maths (B) DHO	D2: Science KBR
ICT C DLE	History B JFR	A1: Business MCG	A1: English KCA	
Sports C PSM		D3: Science KBR	A2: Maths JEM	
Sports VWI		D4: Science KBR	C1: CWL	
Health & Social C CHA		D5: Science SMO	C2: MCG	
		WR: History SHA		

SCIENCE AND MATHS TUTORING SESSIONS

Ferryhill School Science Department are very excited to announce an exclusive tutoring program that can significantly boost your Year 11 and Year 10's child's exam results in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths as a part of our RAAC catch up strategy with the help of Kay Science.

Start Date: Begins on Monday, 5th February, with 4 weekly lessons in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Maths.

How to Join: Students use their Kay Science account login and password which is both their first name and last name in lowercase letters with the number 400 after. Eg. joeblogs400. Once logged in students click their name and then tuition timetable which will be a green button to start the live lesson.

Timing of Lessons: Lessons are from Monday to Thursday, 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Triple Science content specific lessons will start from Monday 4th of March at 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Scheme of Work: Meticulously planned to go over the key content likely to appear in exams.

Expert Teachers: Led by three experienced teachers from London high schools with a combined 20+ years of experience and a track record of high pupil attainment.

Direct Instruction & Feedback: We will explain the content using dual coding under a visualiser, give students an opportunity to attempt exam questions, and then provide feedback on how to get top marks.

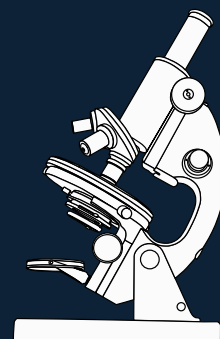
Optional Homework: There will be an opportunity for students to complete homework after each lesson.

Online tutoring sessions are **FREE** of charge for all Ferryhill School pupils (typically one hour of online tutoring can cost anywhere between £25 – 40 an hour.) This is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 11 and Year 10 students who have been affected by our current RAAC situation to help them get the grades they truly deserve. Please see the proposed weekly schedule attached.

Mr S.J Knaggs (Chemistry Lead)



Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week (w/b)	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Maths
Week 1 5th Feb	Enzymes	Periodic Table	Renewable & Non-Renewable Res	Primes, Factors and Multiples / Standard Form
Week 2 12th Feb	Plants	Separation Techniques	Spec Heat Cap/Latent Heat	Percentages
Week 3 19th Feb	Photosynthesis	Bonding	Electricity	Algebraic Fundamentals
Week 4 26th Feb	Respiration	Groups of the Periodic Table	Electricity	Factorising / Sequences
Week 5 4th Mar	Circulatory System <u>Triple:</u> Aseptic tech/disks	Key Calculations <u>Triple:</u> Calculations	Particle Model <u>Triple:</u> Electrical Charges	Working with Equations
Week 6 11th Mar	Health and Disease <u>Triple:</u> Plant diseases	Acids + Alkalis <u>Triple:</u> triple content	Atom & Decay <u>Triple:</u> Gas Pressure	Formulae / Simultaneous Equations
Week 7 18th Mar	Reflex Arc & Glucose <u>Triple:</u> The Eye	Electrolysis <u>Triple:</u> Tests for ions	Forces <u>Triple:</u> Using Radiation	Working with Ratios
Week 8 25th Mar	Controlling Fertility <u>Triple:</u> Auxins/Thermoreg	Reactivity & Equilibrium <u>Triple:</u> Organic Chem	Hooke's Law <u>Triple:</u> Moments, Gears	Ratios in Context



PARENT NOTICES

PARKING AT FERRYHILL

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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.

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.

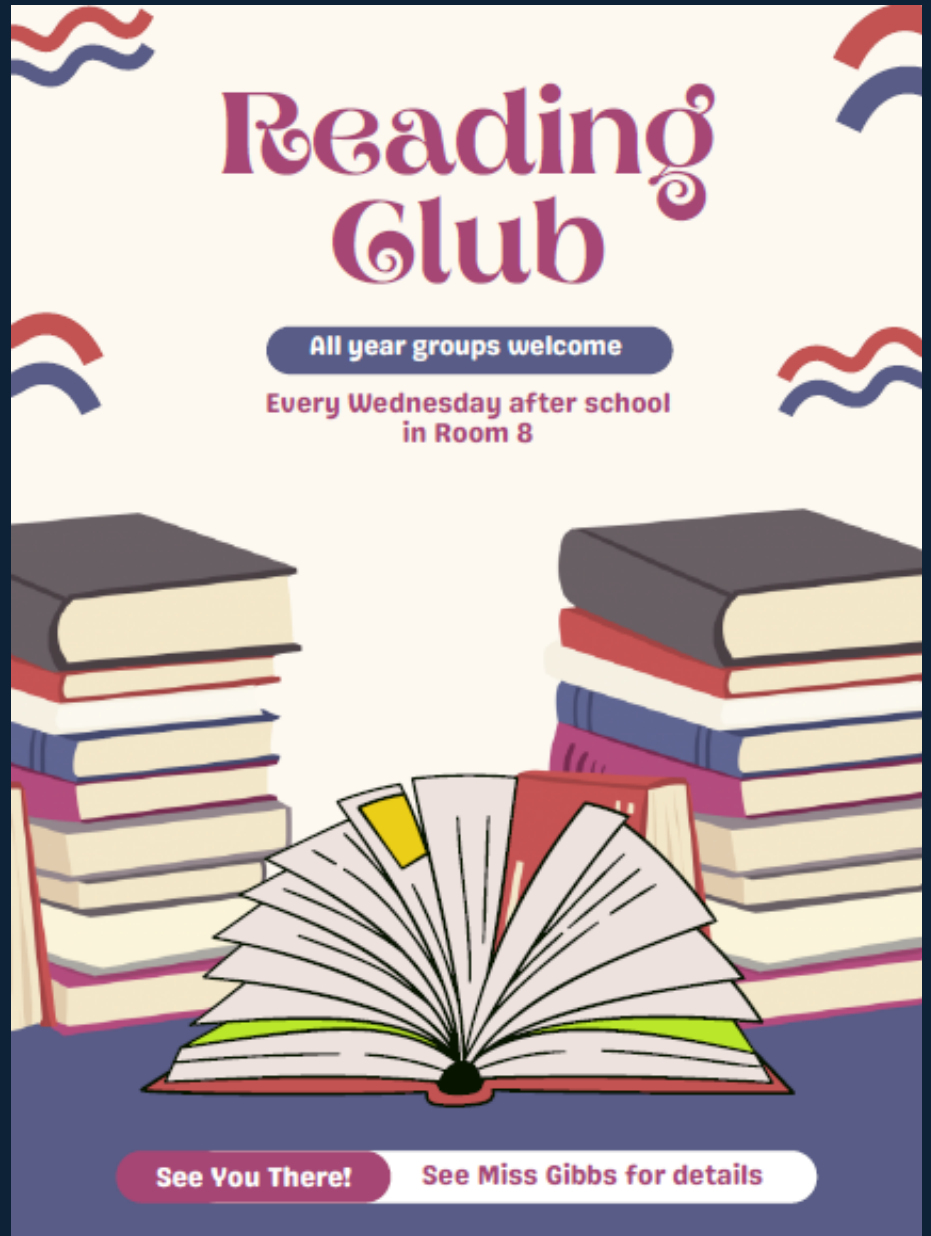
LATE BUSES

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

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After school activities will continue at Ferryhill site, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sessions will run from 2:50 - 3:30pm, unless stated otherwise.



Monday - Dodgeball

Wednesday - Football & Netball

Wednesday - Reading Club

Wednesday - Board Games Club

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

Wednesday - Film Club 3pm-4pm Room 6

