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FERRYHILL School newsletter

INTEGRITY | CREATIVITY | EXCELLENCE

CELEBRATING SUCCESS: NURTURING EXCELLENCE IN LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES"

We are delighted to share the remarkable achievements of our students at Ferryhill School during their lunchtime activities. These dedicated individuals have not only excelled in sports like football, netball, and basketball but have also showcased their talents in activities such as girls' football, film club, table tennis, and excellence club.

Our students have demonstrated not only athletic prowess but also remarkable qualities such as dedication, integrity, manners, and sportsmanship. It's truly heartening to witness their commitment to both their passions and embodying the values we hold dear at Ferryhill School.

In the realm of sports, our young athletes have displayed exceptional skills, teamwork, and a commendable spirit of competition. From the football pitch to the netball court and basketball arena, their enthusiasm and sportsmanship shine through.

The commitment to diversity and inclusion is evident in the active participation of our girls' football team. Their passion for the sport is inspiring, and we applaud their efforts in breaking down stereotypes and contributing to a more inclusive school environment.

The Film Club has been a hub of creativity, where students explore the world of storytelling and cinematography. Their dedication to the art of filmmaking reflects a broader commitment to creativity and expression.

Table tennis enthusiasts have demonstrated not only quick reflexes on the table but also a sense of fair play and friendly competition, reinforcing the importance of good sportsmanship.

The Excellence Club showcases students who go above and beyond in their academic pursuits. Their commitment to learning, intellectual curiosity, and pursuit of excellence make them shining examples for their peers.

At Ferryhill School, we are dedicated to supporting our students to become the best versions of themselves. These achievements in lunchtime activities are a testament to the holistic development we aim to provide. We are immensely proud of each student who contributes to making Ferryhill School a vibrant community of learners.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing these young minds. Together, let's celebrate the success of our students and inspire them to reach even greater heights.



YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 3:15 - 6:00 BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Our booking system is now open for our Year 8 Parents Evening on Tuesday the 13th of February at our Gateway site in

Appointments Are Available *Book Mow* Spennymoor.

The address is:-Coulson Street Spennymoor DL16 7RS



Please book your appointments using the SchoolCloud system, previously used for our virtual parents evenings. In order to make appointments, you will need to go to the website http://fbec.schoolcloud.co.uk and login using the email address the school holds for you. Please ensure your salutation (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) is correct as well. You can do this using any internet browser on a PC, laptop, tablet or mobile phone. You can then book using the very simple system and select the teachers and times you wish.

Not only is this an opportunity to speak to your class teacher about your progress within the subject, it is also an opportunity to speak to staff about option choices in preparation for Year 9. Staff from a range of option subjects will be available to talk to students about the courses and how they are assessed and answer any questions you may have. Miss Gibson will also be delivering an Option talk for parents who would like to find out more about the options process.





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.

ATTENDANCE

Durham County Council's website gives information about booking a holiday during term time. Can I take my child on holiday during term-time? - Durham County Council The website states the following:

Can I take my child on holiday during term-time?

No, you cannot take your child out of school during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

A 'low-cost holiday' is not an exceptional circumstance.

Can I request permission to take my child out of school during term-time?

If you believe your circumstances are exceptional, you should submit an application for leave of absence to the head teacher of your child's school. Applications should be made as far in advance as possible. It is the school's decision as to whether or not your circumstances are to be considered exceptional.

What will happen if I take my child out of school without permission?

If you take your child out of school without the school's permission it will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

You could receive a fine (Fixed Penalty Notice) and your child's Record of Achievement will be affected.

Fines are **£60** for each child and are issued to each parent. The fines must be paid within **21 days** of being issued otherwise the fines will double and will need to be paid within **28 days** of being issued.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION



Co Red for Heart Month

In memory of Mornell

Mornell was a wonderful student who attended Ferryhill School, sadly in 2023 at the age of 19 he passed away from a rare undiagnosed heart condition.

His friends have set up a fundraising page for the British Heart Foundation in his memory, so we would like to share this with our school community, if anyone would like to donate.

Olivia Dillon is fundraising for British Heart Foundation (justgiving.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.

<u>This week's 'Job of the Week'</u> <u>is a Urban Designer</u> <u>https://youtu.be/nB01lPIVjvk</u>



PERIOD 6

Message for Year 11

There will be no period 6 on Tuesday 13th February due to parents evening.

Sessions will resume Wednesday 14th February.

Equipment Packs

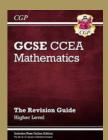
We now have A3 equipment pack wallets available to purchase from our ParentPay app. The price of these are currently £1.00. Pupils are also able to purchase these via our ClassCharts system using their achievement points.

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.



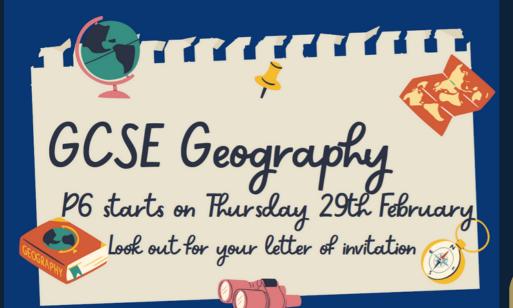


Next week we will be holding a raffle in school. Up for grabs are five £50.00 household vouchers, which are available to spend at most retailers. Winners will be announced in next week's newsletter so, watch this space!



YEAR 9 GCSE GEOGRAPHY

Year 9 Geography P6 will begin after half term. The majority of students have received a letter regarding this. Please return these as soon as possible so we can finalise late buses for students, Thank you. Shincliffe Juniors are currently recruiting players. There will be an open training session on Wednesday 7th February. If you are interested, please see the attached poster for more details



SCHOOL YEAR 8'S Come and Join Our U13 Reds

Come along to our open training session: Wednesday 7th February - 6-7pm at

king to join a friendly team at a welco

New Ferens Park Stadium, DH1 166

Contact: Craig - 07305 691840 to register your interest or ask any questions

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CAKE SALE

Our students who are travelling to Iceland will be holding a cake sale and sweetie raffle on the last day of term. Please see the poster below

CAKE SALE

FH 7/ AT BREAKTIME FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

FUNDRAISING FOR ICELAND



FUND RAISING EVENT

FERRYHIL

Zanzibar Fundraising Event! Prizes for best fancy dress & games throughout the night

FANCY DRES

2nd March, 2024 I 7pm till late Ferryhill Sports and Education Centre Tickets £5 Over 18s only

Family and Friends of Ferryhill School 80s Night

Ferryhill School are holding an 80s fancy dress party to help with the fundraising for the upcoming volunteering experience students will be participating in, in Zanzibar.

We are inviting anyone over the age of 18 years old to join us for a night of dancing and fancy dress as we step back into the 1980s.

The event is sponsored by Ferryhill Sports and Education Centre and will be held on Saturday 2nd March 2024, with a 7pm start.

Tickets are priced at £5 each.

If you would like to join us, please email Mrs Langdale at lla@ferryhill.school or call reception and leave your name, contact number and how many tickets you would like and someone will get back to you.

Ticket sales close Friday 16th February

JOIN TODAY

SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT!

Scouting offers different experiences from the norm! We are 1st Ferryhill Scout Group, and we are currently recruiting for new young people aged 6-14 years old, to join in scouting. So, what's in it for your son or daughter?

Scouts helps children and young adults reach their full potential by developing skills such as: Teamwork-Leadership-Initiative-Self Motivation and Commitment. We offer fun and exciting challenges, adventurous activities, new and unique experiences.

....Scouting helps young people to make new friends. We go camping, play different sorts of games, light fires....

Sounds good? We think so! Interested? Then call us on 07908 155097 to find out more about our Group.







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

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NHS

SEDGEFIELD WATER POLO CLUB Water Polo - Level 8 Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00pm

This session has been created to introduce swimmers to the fantastic and enjoyable team game of water polo.

Swimmers will be taught the basics of water polo from movement in the water, to different shooting, passing techniques, and teamwork.

These sessions will help to develop swimming ability and stamina in a fun learning environment.

So why not come down to one of our sessions and give it a try? You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Even better, tell your friends about it too!

(must be able to swim 25mtrs).

- FREE club annual membership saving £25 for first year
- FREE first week
- FIRST payment due at second session of £22, covering your ASA membership and training fees for remainder of first month. (£19 per month thereafter, covering 1 hour session a week).

PLEASE EMAIL sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com OR TEXT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO 07579 030598 FOR THE JOINING FORM AND FOR INFO ON HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE USING OUR CLUB APP.



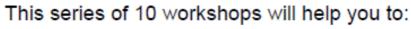
sedgefieldwaterpolo.com

AUTISM SUPPORT



Supporting your child with Autism

or mams, dads and carers



- Get a better understanding of Autism
- Communicate with your child
- Have the information you need to understand your child's sensory needs
- Understand how your child behaves and how to manage their behaviour
- Find your way around education, including the
- Education Health Care Plan assessment and your rights
- Find out what support is available for you and your family
- Understand how you can keep your child safe, eg online safety
 - Look after yourself and develop coping skills.

Staff will be around for a chat at the start and end of each session.

If you are interested in joining the course, please email cheryl.kelstrup@durham.gov.uk course tutor.













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 you 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.

Mon A	Tues A	Wed A	Thurs A	Fri A
Option B	Humanities	Science English/Maths/Busi		Business
Art B TSU	Geog A + B PCO	Rotation	E1: English NDO	E1: Business MCG
Engineering B SSH	History A SHA		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	LDU KBR SKN JJO		
	CHA	SMO	C1: Maths JEM	
			C2: Maths DHO + EAG	
			WR: Maths KMC	
Mon B	Tues 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		

PLEASE SEE TIMETABLE BELOW

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. joebloggs400. 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)
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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



YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE

Please see below the mock exam timetable for Year 11 students. The exams start on Monday the 26th of February, straight after February half term. Please can you ensure your child is in school on time, thank you for support.

Week B	Lesson 1 8.30 - 9.30	Lesson 2 9.30.10.30	Lesson 3 11.00 – 12.00	Lesson 4 12.30 – 1.30	Lesson 5 1.30 - 2.30
Monday 26 th February	Biology Combined – 9.00 – 10.15 Triple – 9.00 – 10.45			History Paper 1 12.30 – 1.30 Geography Paper 1 12.30 – 1.30	
Tuesday 27 th February	Maths (Non-calo 9.00 – 10.30	culator) Paper 1		Engineering 12.30 – 2.00	
Wednesday 28 th February	English Literature 9.00 – 10.45			French Writing F – 12.30 – 1.45 H – 12.30 – 1.50	
Thursday 29 th February	Physics Combined – 9.0 Triple – 9.00 – 1			Maths Paper 2 12.30 – 2.00	
Friday 1 st March	Geography Pap 9.00 - 10.00	er 2		Chemistry Combined – 12.30 – 1.45 Triple – 12.30 – 2.15	

Week	Α	Lesson 1 8.30 – 9.30	Lesson 2 9.30 – 10.30	Lesson 3 11.00 – 12.00	Lesson 4 12.30 – 1.30	Lesson 5 1.30 – 2.30
Monday 4 th March		History Paper 2 9.00 – 10.45			French listening F – 12.30 – 1.05 H – 12.30 – 1.15 French Reading F – 1.05 – 1.50 H - 1.30 – 2.30	
Tuesday 5 th March		English Language 9.00 – 10.45			Health & Social BT 12.30 – 1.30	EC
Wednesday 6 th March		Maths Paper 3 9.00 – 10.30			ICT BTEC 12.30 - 1.30	
Thursday 7 th March		Enterprise BTEC 9.00 – 9.45			Sport BTEC 12.30 – 1.30	
Friday 8 th March						

<u>GCSE English Literature Study Guides</u> (for Years 10 and 11)

CGP study guides for the GCSE Literature texts that students study for their exams are available to purchase through Parent Pay. An English Language guide is also available. Each guide is priced at £3.20 (rather than the £6.50 if your order directly form the publisher!). There is a separate Parent Pay account for each guide. Please pay into the account which links to the guide you require. The order that the Literature texts are studied in is shown below; Language is taught throughout. Further opportunities to buy the guides will, of course, be offered later.

Please note: these are the same guides that have been offered previously so if you have already bought them, please don't buy them again! We are unable to refund money if multiple guides are bought in error.



The deadline for this round of orders is: Thursday, 15th February at 3pm

The accounts are named as follows:

English: Poetry Study Guide (studied in both Year 9 and 10) English: A Christmas Carol Study Guide (studied in Year 10) English: An Inspector Calls Study Guide (studied in Year 10) English: Macbeth Study Guide (studied in Year 11) English: Language (skills developed throughout but specific exam teaching is predominantly in Year 11) Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions: kca@ferryhill.school Thank you. Mrs Carter

Director of Learning for English

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE



Making revision fun!

It may only be January and although it may seem like a long way off, it's never too early to

Simply follow the links below. Choose AQA for both Language and Literature.

For Literature, make use of the podcasts and guides on: Power & Conflict Poetry; A Christmas Carol; Macbeth; and An Inspector Calls.

For Language, make use of everything!

LITERATURE: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx

<u>Wednesday 14th February</u> <u>Valentines Day Menu</u>

Mains



Heart Shaped Pizza With Spiced Corn And Wedges Spaghetti Carbonara With Garlic Bread

or

Ratatouille With Tomato Sauce And Garlic Bread

Sides

BBQ Beans Pink Coleslaw Fresh Veg Available

Desserts

Red Velvet Cupcakes Trifle Jammy Dodger Cookie £2.70





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. 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

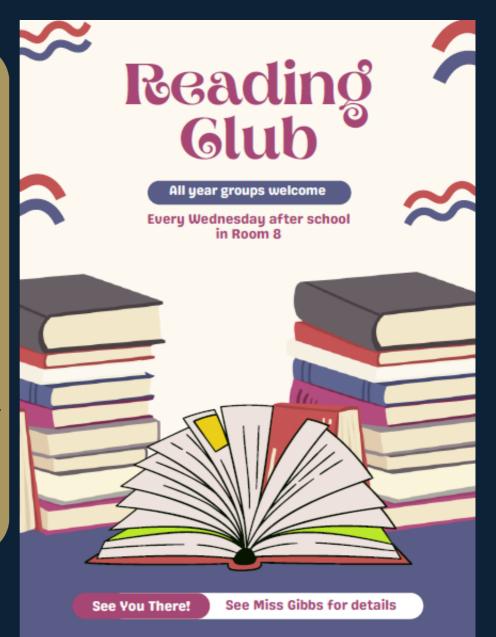
Can we please remind parents that students must have their PE kits in school on their PE day. Please remind your child to check their timetable daily.

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, 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 - Reading Club Wednesday - Football Wednesday - Board Games Club Wednesday - English Club 3:00-3:30pm Wednesday - Film Club 3pm-4pm Room 6 Thursday - Netball