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FERRYHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

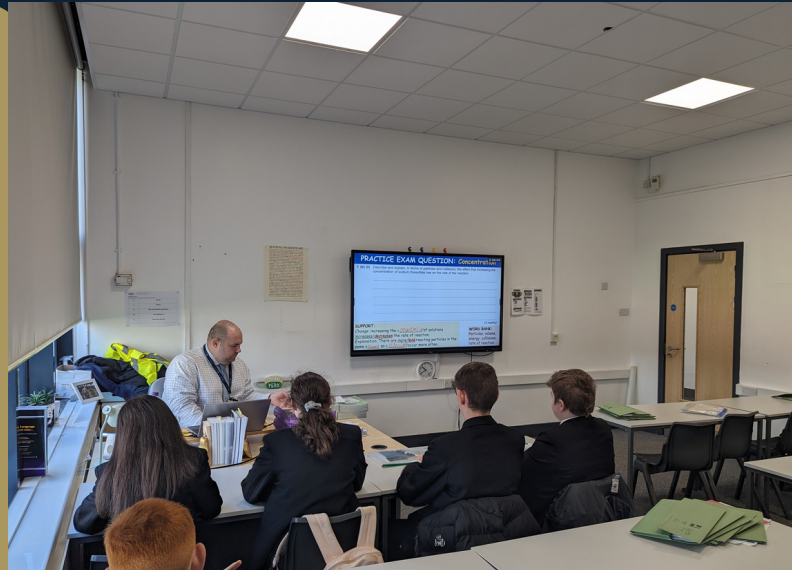
INTEGRITY | CREATIVITY | EXCELLENCE

Welcome home Y10!

After six months of learning at an alternate site due to partial school closures, our Year 10 students have returned to the main campus with remarkable enthusiasm and resilience. Embracing the challenge of adjusting to their surroundings, they have quickly adapted to reintroduced learning habits, including positive responses, punctuality, adherence to uniform guidelines, proper equipment usage, and on-task behaviour, all designed to help for key habits for success later in life.

Despite the transition, students are not only embracing academic expectations but also actively participating in sports during lunch breaks, demonstrating their commitment to making the most of every moment. Building upon the routines established at the temporary site, they continue to exemplify resilience and determination, which fills us with pride.

As our students embark on this new chapter, our dedicated staff members are equally excited to be back in their classrooms, ready to provide the highest quality of education. The return of students and staff marks a significant milestone in our journey, and we eagerly anticipate witnessing our Year 10 cohort evolve into the best versions of themselves. Together, we are committed to supporting their growth and development each day.



ALTON TOWERS AND THORPE PARK TRIP

The Year 11 Business Studies students at Ferryhill School finally got to enjoy their rescheduled residential visit to Alton Towers and Thorpe Park. The trip began with an early morning meet at main school site and a long drive to Alton Towers. The weather wasn't kind to us! We faced all elements of wind rain and hail which unfortunately resulted in some of the main rides and attractions being closed. Alton Towers have said the students can visit again for free within a year. Miss McGuiggan will send information out to parents about this in the next week.

Despite a washout with the weather the students spirits were still high and they remained positive, looking forward to the next day. We left the park on the Sunday afternoon for a long journey to Staines in Surrey, where we checked into Staines Travelodge. The students were then able to enjoy an evening meal at one of the local restaurants on the retail park. The staff at the Travelodge were extremely complimentary of our students and said "this was the best-behaved group they had ever had stay; they were all extremely polite, considerate of other guests and acted with integrity".

The Sunday started with breakfast at one of the local restaurants and a short 5-minute journey and we were on our way for a full day of fun and adventures at Thorpe Park. The students had a brilliant time and were able to enjoy the park being with all of the main rides and attractions open. The thrill seekers were able to enjoy all the rides and a few students got soaked on the water rides. All of the students demonstrated excellence and integrity, their behaviour was impeccable. They arrived on time throughout the weekend and despite the disappointment of Alton Towers, they still enjoyed the trip.

A big thank you to all students, Mr Wallace, Mrs Langdale and Mr Wood who accompanied the trip, Miss McGuiggan



VOUCHER WINNERS

Year 7

Peyton R
Isabel R
Layton G
Josh H
Mason B



Year 8

Jaydon C
Eleesia B
Demi K
James D
Andrew I

Year 9

Archie C
William C
Callum C
Sophie G
Neve H

Year 10

Liam S
Scott C
Kaiden HB
Joe I
Spencer R

Year 11

Millie C
Natalia G
Lilly May H
Carla M
Ryan S

'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 an -
Anaesthetist

[https://youtu.be/HR3O91Y03Sc?
list=PLVEWa7uIDT769WGUTc_-lOca4dJRIPatZ](https://youtu.be/HR3O91Y03Sc?list=PLVEWa7uIDT769WGUTc_-lOca4dJRIPatZ)



Chartwells' School Meals Service

If your food is not as you expect it to be at any of our meal service times at both the main school site and Gateway at break or lunch time, please return it back to the servery area and either a replacement or a refund will be given.

EQUIPMENT

Any equipment ordered via ClassCharts can be collected on a morning from Miss Anderson's office along the English corridor. There will no longer be anyone at the PE cupboard on a morning to distribute it.

Online

INTERNET SAFETY TIP



Remember to check your security settings often and check who can see your posts!

BEHAVIOUR POLICY - POLITE REMINDER



Uniform

It is important that Ferryhill School students arrive at school in their full uniform and wear it in the correct way. This clearly displays a positive attitude towards school and a willingness to work together with the school in an effective partnership. With parents' permission the student will be sent home to rectify the issue. Where this is not possible students will be expected to loan the required item and this must be returned at the end of the school day. Our uniform expectations are as follows:

- A black embroidered school blazer with the Ferryhill School logo.
- A formal collared plain white shirt, which should be tucked into trousers or skirt.
- Students are required to wear black, full length tailored trousers with no pocket zips. lycra, elastane, chinos, skinny trousers, trousers with gold zips or jean type material are not allowed. Elasticated leggings are not school trousers and are expressly forbidden.
- Plain black, knee length skirt, purchased via our school uniform supplier.
- A school clip on tie
- Plain black polishable leather/leather look sensible school shoes with a robust sole (no full suede, trainers, boots, plimsolls and no metal buckles or similar). Black trainers or trainer style shoes are not acceptable, and no logos should be visible on school shoes.
- All students must bring a bag to school each day. This is essential for carrying subject books, homework, equipment including PE kit and any personal belongings.
- An optional plain black V neck school jumper. The V neck should allow for the tail (beginning) of the tie to be visible at all times
- All jewellery and piercings are not allowed. Any new piercings should be done at the start of the 6 weeks holidays, allowing time to heal and be removable upon return to school.
- Any make up should be discreet and natural in appearance. Nail varnish, false nails or false eyelashes are not allowed. Students will be requested to remove such items, or any make up which is too heavily applied.
- Hair should be of a natural colour and should have no patterns or other shavings so that student's appearance is appropriate to a place of work.
- Outdoor jackets, jumpers, cardigans, scarves or hats should not be worn inside of the school building. All these items should be removed upon arrival at morning meeting and always remain off whilst in the school building.
- No additional items other than the main school uniform listed should be worn

Electrical Devices - Phones / Smart Watches / Music Players / Gadgets

At Ferryhill School, electrical devices are not to be used, worn or visible at any time of the school day. Any such devices should be fully switched off and be either inside a bag or inside a blazer pocket. Failure to follow these expectations will result in the relevant device being confiscated by a member of staff. The member of staff will place the relevant device in an envelope, record the student's name, time and date, before signing and passing it on to the Student Support Officer. The Student Support Officer will then place the envelope in a secured locked filing cabinet. Please note, that devices used at the end of periods 5 or 6, or when exiting the building will be dealt with in the same manner, as will phones used in the building prior to school starting.

The Following Corrections Will Be Applied When Students Choose Not to Follow Our Electrical Devices Policy:

- All incidents of failure to hand the device over to a member of staff will result in a reflection placement along with an additional electrical device incident (below) being logged on Class Charts.
- **1st Incident** Item to be collected by parents/carers, after 2:40pm
- **2nd Incident** Item to be collected by parents/carers, after 2:40pm and C3 correction
- **3rd Incident** Item to be collected by parents/carers, after 2:40pm and C4 correction

Failure to hand the device over to a member of staff will result in an instant reflection placement until the device is handed over, along with the appropriate sanction detailed above. Students who contact parents during the school day will go straight to the consequences for a 2nd incident. Students who film peers or staff, will progress straight to consequences for a 3rd incident and following investigation could be suspended.

We do understand that there may be emergency situations where parents and students need to communicate during the school day. All we ask is that parents or students contact school reception, or the relevant Head of Year and the appropriate support can be organised.

Where a student does not demonstrate the expected learning habits in terms of electrical devices, students will hand in the relevant device to their Head of Year at the start of morning meeting. This will then be safely stored in student support and can be collected by the student at the end of the day.

ATTENDANCE

Every child has the right to a full time education, to help ensure they have the best life chances. Parents and carers can help by promoting 100% attendance with their children, as well as excellent punctuality. Routines around attendance and punctuality will also help children do well when they go to college, or in future employment. Regular attenders find their school work, routines at home and friendships much easier to cope with.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday - Dodgeball

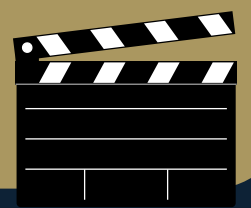
Wednesday - Football & Netball

Wednesday - Reading Club

Wednesday - Board Games Club

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

Wednesday - Film Club 3pm-4pm Room 6



NEW PERIOD 6 TIMETABLE

Week A

MON A	TUES A	WED A	THURS A	FRI A
Mix	OPTION C	SCI	Mix	Option A
E1: BCL Rm 6	Eng SSH Rm 8	T1: JJO/SKN/LDU Rm 14	T1: VWI Rm 9	Hist JFR Rm 3
E2: KCA Rm 1	H&S CHA Rm 9	D1: JJO/SKN/SMO Rm 6	E2: LGI Rm 8	Hist SHA Rm 1
A1: MCG Rm 7	Phot TSU Rm 12	D2: JJO/SMO Rm 3	A1: BCL Rm 6	Geog PCO Rm2
A2: JEM/KMC Rm 9	Sports PSN Rm 6	D3: KBR Rm 2	C1: CWL Rm 7	
C1: KMC/JEM Rm 8	Art NCA Rm Art	D4: KBR Rm 2	WR: SHA Rm 2	
C2: EAG Rm 2	ICT DLE Rm 7			
WR: RMI Rm 3	French CJO Rm 3			

Week B

MON B	TUES B	WED B	THURS B	FRI B
Mix	OPTION B	Option A		Mix
E1: NDO Rm 2	Eng SSH Rm 8	ICT DLE Rm 7		E1: MCG Rm 7
E2: DHO/EAG Rm8	Hist SHA Rm 1	H&S CHA Rm 9		D1: SMO Rm 14
A1: KCA Rm 1	Hist JFR Rm 3	T1: VWI Rm 1		D2: KBR Rm 2
A2: CWL Rm 7	Geog PCO Rm 2			
C1: RMI Rm3	Sports PSN Rm 6			
WR: LGI Rm 9	Art TSU Rm Art			
	Photo NCA Rm 12			

ZANZIBAR SPONSORSHIP – THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring students here at Ferryhill School, their sponsorship has contributed to supporting our students to volunteering in Zanzibar.

Please check them out.



AHS
Big Jean
Card Fayre – Ferryhill
Contego
DNM Heating

Elite Building & Landscaping
Gestamp
John Edwards
JT Dove
Kelly Edwards



Kestrel
Kwik Cabs
Langdale's Estate and Lettings
Mel's Travel
MPS Road Marking LTD
Oasis Pool Bar - Kevin Barber



OJ Electrical
Peter Clark Property Services LTD
Premier Road Marking LTD
Principled
PRM Fabrications

Rev Tindale Builders
Store A Box
The Ship Inn – Middlestone
Tropicana Tanning & Beauty LTD
Twinway LGV Driver Training



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.

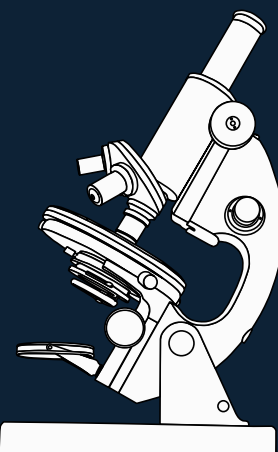
Online tutoring sessions are **FREE** of charge for all Ferryhill School pupils (typically one hour of online tutoring can cost anywhere between £25 – 40 an hour.) This is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 11 and Year 10 students who have been affected by our current RAAC situation to help them get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

Mr S.J Knaggs (Chemistry Lead)



$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

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



FERRYHILL SITE

STUDENT COLLECTION

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

GATEWAY SITE

STUDENT COLLECTION

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.

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.

LOLLIPOPS

Lollipops are not allowed in school, they are a potential choking hazard and if found will be confiscated.

BEHAVIOUR ON 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.

LATE BUSES

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

PARENT/CARER PARKING

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.