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FERRYHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NEW BOOKS MEANS EVEN MORE TO READ!



Now that our fantastic reading classroom is back up and running, we thought it was time to add some brand new books to our collection for students to enjoy during their reading lessons.

Miss Gibbs said: 'We always like to hear from students in terms of what types and genres of books they would like to see more of – this time it was more non-fiction, graphic novels and sport related books – so this is what we got!'

We know our students will enjoy and get a lot of use out of these books and we can't wait to share them with students in their forthcoming lessons. It's so good to have students back in our reading room and enjoying dedicated reading time during their day.

Stay tuned for more reading news coming up during the remainder of the year.

EXAMS

Exam Season is upon us...



As we move into the more formal examination period, we are thrilled to announce some exciting changes for our Year 11 students aimed at enhancing their exam experience and maximising their academic success.

During this time of exams, it is paramount to us, that students feel supported and equipped to perform at their best.

1. Breakfast Served at 8am

We understand the importance of starting the day right, especially during exam season. Therefore, we are introducing a breakfast service starting at 8am. This ensures that our students have full stomachs and the energy they need to tackle their exams with confidence.

2. Breakfast Revision Sessions:

In addition to providing breakfast, we will be offering breakfast revision in some subjects, with sessions starting at 8am. These sessions will give students the opportunity to review key concepts and ask any last-minute questions before heading into their exams. Research shows that revising in the morning can be highly effective in enhancing memory retention, and we believe that these sessions will help our students feel more prepared and confident.

3. Period 6 Exam Boost Session:

Recognizing the importance of final preparations, we are changing the current Period 6 timetable to prepare students for the exams the following day. For example, Biology Period 6 the day before the Biology exam. This will allow students to have dedicated time for last-minute revision, clarifying doubts, and seeking guidance from teachers. It's an opportunity for our students to feel fully supported and equipped to perform their best the next day. Snacks and drinks will be provided during these sessions.

These changes have been carefully designed to create a supportive and conducive environment for our Year 11 students during this crucial time. We believe that by providing them with the necessary resources, support, and opportunities for revision, we can help them boost their confidence and maximize their grades.

We encourage parents to reinforce the importance of these sessions at home and to support their children in making the most of these opportunities. Together, we can ensure that our Year 11 students feel empowered and well-prepared to excel in their exams.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our students' academic journey.

Mrs S J Monaghan & Mr P Simpson

ATTENDANCE

Top tips to encourage good attendance:

- Try to have good bedtime routines during the school week. Have a specific bedtime, and ban electronic devices such as phones, tablets and computer games from your child's bedroom after this time. This will help them get a good night's sleep before school.
- Talk to your child about the importance of good attendance in terms of their grades and the social aspects of seeing their friends at school.
- Take an active interest in your child's schoolwork each day. Ask them what they have learnt in school, and encourage them to find out more about those topics.
- Send your child to school if they have a minor illness, such as a cold, bad head, feeling sick and so on. We will send them home if they become very poorly at school. Try medication to help them feel better, such as Calpol or paracetamol.
- If your child is too poorly to come to school, please phone 01740 651554 option one, or email attendance@ferryhill.school Please state what is wrong with your child, and when you expect them to be back in school.
- Make routine appointments for doctors, dentists etc out of school time, or in the school holidays.
- Don't allow your child to stay off school for reasons the school cannot authorise, such as birthdays, sleeping in, hair appointments or day trips.



SAVE THE DATE!

Zanzibar Fundraiser



Students travelling to Zanzibar and their families are asked to save the date of Friday 5th July for the next whole group fundraising event.

More information will follow soon.

FERRYHILL SCHOOL

LEAVERS HOODIE

FHS – Year 11 Leavers Hoodies 2024!

Price per
Hoodie from
£18.95

Scan the QR code (or
login & create an
account) – select the
Leavers Hoodies and
colour and size you need
– at checkout select “into
school Free Delivery”




Cut off date for
ordering is 13th May
2024 – Make sure
your order is placed
before this date! All
delivered into school
w/c 10th June for
handout!

www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/ferryhill

Year 11 Hoodies now available to order through Price & Buckland.

Prices start from £18.95.

Please visit the website before the 13th May to place an order.

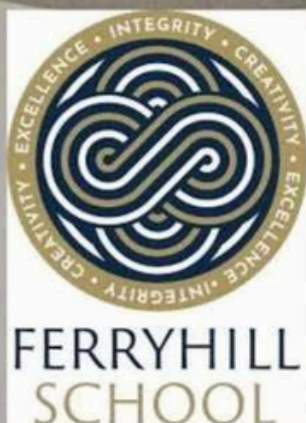


Order your lunch in advance

Order your lunch in advance.

See our Kitchen Team at breakfast or morning break to place a lunch order from the menu that day!

If ordering a sandwich or panini, payment is to be made at time of ordering



Please support Cameron and Olivia
with their Zanzibar Challenge!

Friday Evening May 17th 2024

£9 per ticket

includes entry and racecard

If you would like to join us for an evening of

FUN and FUNDRAISING

at Sunderland Dogs, please contact

Rebecca - 07706502358 or Clare - 07599470292

DOORS OPEN, 6:30PM

FIRST RACE 7:15PM LAST RACE 10:10PM

Fundraising for my



Travel. Give. Grow.

STADIUM CLOSES 10:30PM





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Cleaner

12.5 hours per week (whole time permanent)

Hours of work during term time 2.50pm – 5.20pm each day. Different hours of work times apply during school holidays

Grade 1 (Point 3) £11.78 per hour

Further details and an application form are available from the school office and are also available on the school website ferryhill.school following the link to Vacancies.

For an informal discussion about the post please contact Louise Edgar (CFO).

Closing date: 31st May 2024

✓ The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and to this end any offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory DBS Enhanced Disclosure. The Eden Learning Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We want to develop a more diverse workforce and we positively welcome applications from all sections of the community. ✓✓ Applicants with disabilities will be invited for interview if the essential job criteria are met.

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

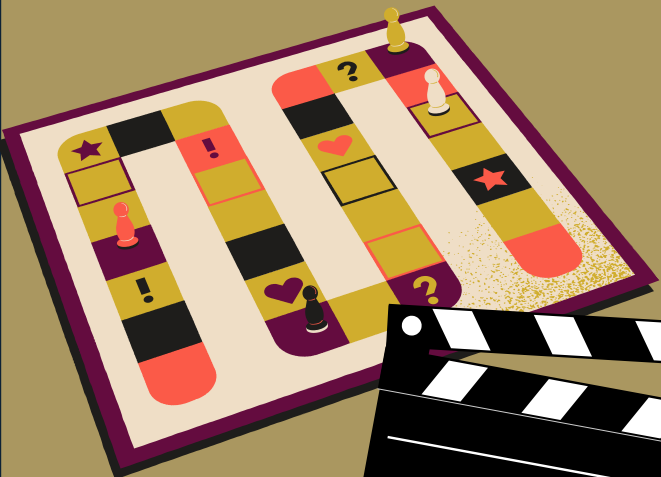
Monday - Dodgeball

Wednesday - Football

Wednesday - Board Games Club

Wednesday - English Club
3pm-3:30pm

Wednesday - Film Club 3pm-4pm
Room 6



PERIOD POVERTY PROJECT

Female students can access free sanitary products in school thanks to Tampax and Always.

Students can collect these from room 11. Mrs Langdale has worked with the Department of Education and funders from The Key to ensure all students at Ferryhill School have access to these items for free.

NO SPRAY ZONE

Ferryhill school is a no spray zone. This means that all aerosols and perfumes should not be brought in to the building and should remain at home

Online



INTERNET SAFETY TIP

Do not accept messages if you do not know who it is. It could be very dangerous!

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.



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.

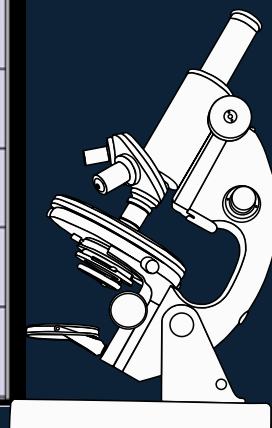
Online tutoring sessions are **FREE** of charge for all Ferryhill School pupils (typically one hour of online tutoring can cost anywhere between £25 – 40 an hour.) This is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 11 and Year 10 students who have been affected by our current RAAC situation to help them get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

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



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.

A reminder that parents/carers should not drop their child off via the road behind the bungalows but rather via the main car park one-way drop off system as detailed above.

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.