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FERRYHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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ICELAND TRIP-THE LAND OF FIRE AND ICE

Students from Ferryhill School embarked on an adventurous trip to Iceland made possible by the Turing Scheme.

The students explored the natural wonders of this wonderful land, from natural hot springs and geysers, to wonderful waterfalls. We saw recent changes to the landscape, and saw how volcanic activity causes difficulties for humans.

On our first day, students took a rejuvenating dip in the Blue Lagoon-soothing waters and renowned relaxation techniques helped us recover from a very early flight.

Students immersed themselves in the mesmerising Lava Show, a unique experience that showcases the volcanic wonders of this remarkable region. Soaring over virtual skies, we witnessed the beauty of Iceland's picturesque surroundings and scenic locations on the Flyover Iceland attraction.

Students went on a Golden Circle tour ending with the stunning golden waterfall at Gullfoss. The sound of the water flowing over at 110 cubic metres a second was deafening. You could hear it from quite a distance away.

Check out our school Facebook page for all the photos and updates from this visit. Thank you to Ferryhill Town Council, The Key and Turing for their ongoing support with our school visits!



ATTENDANCE

The Chief Medical Officer has written to schools regarding attendance, and how important this is for a child's wellbeing, as well as their future career options. He said "we are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it." If you are worried that your child is becoming anxious, please continue to send them to school, and speak to their Head of Year, or the Attendance team.

CREATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY



Sunderland Empire Creative Learning Opportunities in half term

Are you interested in a career in musical theatre?
Do you want to spend three days singing, dancing and acting?
Youths aged 14-16, are invited to join Creative Learning from 28-30 May for a FREE musical theatre careers intensive workshop!

If you are interested, or would like more information, please email sunderlandeducation@theambassadors.com



Chemistry Revision in full flow...

Well done to all the Year 11 students continuing to work hard in preparation for their exams. You're smashing it, keep it up!

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

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.



BISHOP AUCKLAND COLLEGE VISIT

Last week a large number of Year 10 students attended Bishop Auckland College. The visit was to encourage students to actively start to consider post 16 progression options. Students had the opportunity to experience college life and take part in taster sessions across a large range of subject areas including Motor Vehicle, Plumbing, Carpentry & Joinery, Sport, Healthcare, Art & Design, Hair & Beauty and Criminology.



CHANGES TO CORRECTIONS AND TIMINGS

From Monday 3rd June our corrections will be changing in terms of timings. It is important to mention that corrections are used as a key part of our behaviour system, where students have fallen below the expectations set across school. During RAAC we were able to temporarily provide the offer of transport to those who required it due to students being based on 3 different sites. This will create some availability on the late bus for students who normally access school transport. However, it is important to read ahead so that you are aware of how the system operates. Now that we have years 7 – 10 back at main school site the following will apply:

Corrections for Issues Linked to Behaviour

Stage	Correction
Verbal Warning	You will receive a verbal warning.
C1 Warning	No Correction
C2 Correction	C2, 15 minutes lunch time correction.
C3 Correction	C3, same day 30 minutes correction.
C4 Correction	60 minutes (minimum) same day correction after school.

Students are advised that they will not receive guaranteed access to the late bus after any C3 or C4 correction unless there are exceptional circumstances. Priority will go to year 11 (period 6 students) and students attending after school clubs. Any spaces will then be given in priority order starting with year 7 through to year 11. Where space is not available on the late bus, it shall be the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport home following a correction.

Parents will be notified of C3 and C4 corrections via email and confirmation of such information is available through parent/carer and student logins.

Corrections for Issues Linked to Punctuality

We appreciate that on rare occasions unforeseen circumstances may lead to lateness. In these instances, it is parents/carers responsibility to contact school to avoid students receiving unnecessary sanctions. Any incidents of lateness to school which exceed 45 minutes, can result in a longer correction period of 60 minutes (minimum), so that missed learning time can be made up. In such instances, parents will be contacted by the relevant Head of Year and a catch-up plan discussed.

	HOY, Morning Meeting Team		
	Late to school under 15 minutes	Late to school over 15 minutes	Late to school over 45 minutes
Late To School	20 minutes after school correction	40 minutes after school correction	60 minutes after school correction



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Romilly Year 9, Peyton and Zara Year 8 attended an all girls football tournament at the weekend at Flamingo Land.

All three girls played amazing and represented their respective teams with a great sporting spirit throughout the whole tournament.

Romilly, who plays for Newton Aycliffe U14s was chosen as player of the weekend for her team by the referees. Her team came runners up of the U14s North Yorkshire Cup 2024.

Peyton plays for Newton Aycliffe U13s and Zara plays for Shotton U13s. The girls team came up against each other in the final and it could have gone either way. Zara's team were named U13s North Yorkshire Cup winners 2024, with Peyton's team being named runners up.

The girls had a great weekend on and off the pitch.

**Please help us raise funds for
our trip to New York.**

**Cakes will be available in
room 16 at Breaktime on
FRIDAY 24th MAY.**

Cash only please

Ranging from 50p-£2.00

**All money raised will go
towards**

- **Visiting 9/11 Memorial**
- **Sightseeing**
- **See a Broadway show**
- **Hoodies**
- **Rockefeller Centre**

Ferryhill School Cake Sale



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



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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.

Online



INTERNET SAFETY TIP

Don't open files attached to e-mails from someone you don't know. They could contain a computer virus or material that could make you feel uncomfortable.

LATE BUSES

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



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: Began 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.

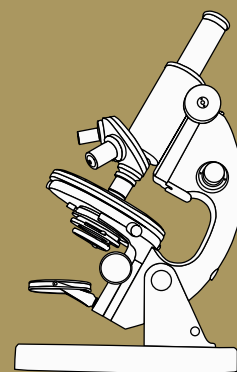
Direct Instruction & Feedback: We will explain the content using dual coding under a visualiser, give students an opportunity to attempt exam questions, and then provide feedback on how to get top marks.

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)

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



Week 15 13th May	Paper 2 Walkthrough	Paper 1 Walkthrough C1: Fri 17th May	Paper 1 Walkthrough	Paper 1 Walkthrough Paper 1: Thu 16th May
Week 16 20th May	Paper 2 Walkthrough	Using Resources Triple: Using Resources	P1: Wed 22nd May	Paper 2/3 Walkthrough
Week 17 27th May	Paper 2 Walkthrough	Paper 2 Walkthrough	Paper 2 Walkthrough	Paper 2 /3 Walkthrough
Week 18 3rd June	B2: Fri 7th June	Paper 2 Walkthrough	Paper 2 Walkthrough	Paper 2/3 Walkthrough Paper 2: Mon 3rd June
Week 19 10th June		Paper 2 Walkthrough C2: Tues 11th June	P2 Walkthrough P2: Fri 14th June	Paper 3: Mon 10th June

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.

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.