



John Ferneley College



Summer Newsletter 2019

A message from Mrs Hall

Well, what a year we have had. It has been a delight to read through this newsletter to see how much students have achieved, particularly in addition to their classroom success. I am a firm believer that if you put your mind to something, you can achieve it and I am delighted to say I am seeing this daily across the school.

To say this term has been busy would be an understatement. Events that have taken place are such a celebration of our school community, whether it be sports day, school shows, awards evenings or school trips. So many of our students have taken themselves out of their comfort zone and thrived - and it's a pleasure to see.

Next academic year, we will be aiming to bring our new school values of aspiration, resilience and community, to life. I am looking forward to seeing these feature in and out of the classroom - more news on this when we return!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the summer and thank you for your continued support in everything we do to make John Ferneley College a wonderful place to be. Have a lovely restful summer and we look forward to seeing all students back on Thursday 29th August.

Mrs Lara Hall
Head of School



Melton in Bloom

John Ferneley College entered a competition organised by Melton in Bloom. To enter we needed to plant a Vegetable Wheelbarrow which was judged by members of the Melton in Bloom committee on the 20th June. Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and the Duke of Edinburgh Group all had entries! The judging was tough and there were many criteria to pass.

We are pleased to say that the Duke of Edinburgh barrows were awarded a Gold, Year 8 won Silver and Year 7 & 9 achieved Bronze Awards. We will be attending the presentation afternoon in September.

We will be entering again next year when the theme is flowers!



Performance Ambassador update

What a year this has been for the John Ferneley Performing Arts subjects. Brand new opportunities have arisen following on from other successes last year and hopefully every student who has been involved has made memories and friends for life.



Grease

This show sold out show for 5 nights after months of rehearsals. This amazing bunch of students, across all year groups, pulled everything out of the bag and definitely created life long memories and a show to remember.

Grease is the word!

Sons Of Pitches

Another vocal opportunity arose this year to perform with the Sons of Pitches, an all male A Capella group at the De Montfort Hall. 35 students were chosen to attend rehearsals in Leicester followed by a concert in the evening and once again represented the John Ferneley College performing arts department brilliantly with enthusiasm and skill!



VOX

Vox have had another really successful year performing at the Melton light switch on again with so much support from parents and people from the town; it was a lovely way to start the Christmas season followed by their contribution to the College carol service at St Mary's church. This bunch of students are always committed and I look forward to seeing them in September!



One Night Only

One Night Only took place on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June with KS4 bringing some amazing talent to the stage. The night was full of acting, singing, dancing and some surprises to make it a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all involved. It was a perfect way for our Year 11 students to say goodbye to Ferneley and they impressed the audience with their immense talent and their enthusiasm for performing. We will miss them dearly!

Royal Albert Hall

As a school, we were chosen to perform with the Leicestershire Schools Music Service; 20 students from years 9, 10 and 11 performed alongside 500 students from across Leicestershire at the Royal Albert Hall in the schools proms and were phenomenal. They performed an original piece of music alongside a 60 piece orchestra and were an absolute joy to work with! We look forward to doing this again over the next couple of years.



STEM

Science Technology Engineering Maths

We have had lots of trips that have taken place throughout the year, ranging from trips to multiple universities through to some exciting trips to Woburn Safari Park. Last week Mr Bond took a group of students to a super exciting STEMfest at RS Corby in which the students were able to see STEM in a real life workplace. The week previous we had MARS Petcare visit us and also a PhD student from Loughborough University to discuss Aeronautical engineering especially for Women in Engineering week.

Some students, within their maths lessons, took part in the UK maths challenge and some managed to gain some fantastic awards with one student managing to get through to the next stage of the challenge and compete in the maths kangaroo.

Overall the year has been fantastic and many students have been involved in activities whether it has been in school or out of school.



30 year 10 students visited the Jaguar Cars' Education and Production facility at Castle Bromwich. Students were split into groups and saw the multimillion pound F-type sports car production facility in action. They saw robotic cells assembling and fixing the car body together, specialist aluminium bonding and forming, assembly, painting, inspection and test. They also saw how the business and production line was organised to ensure vehicles were configured to unique customer specifications for different markets. They also saw how factory teams used their knowledge and skills to improve the efficiency of the production facility.

Another set of students carried out a Lego assembly improvement game to simulate the removal of waste from a production process. They then went on to do some simple robot programming using a simulation system. Finally students were told about potential career opportunities across the whole spectrum of manufacturing, HR, finance, design and technology roles and the opportunities for students at either entry at GCSE, A level or degree level.



Enrichment Week 2019

The Year 7 students had an action-packed three days visiting Essex Outdoors, Mersea. The activities ranged from low ropes to high ropes, caving to rock climbing and much more. The food was incredible and we even had a BBQ on the Tuesday night - the weather was gorgeous! We had a fantastic three days and our students were a credit to the school, taking part in every activity and working together as a team.



The residential trip to Conover Hall was even more exhilarating than our last visit! Students were: poking each other whilst fencing; scaling giant walls; abseiling and scrabbling around on climbing frames for much of the trip. We sadly witnessed the England women's football team being knocked out by USA, however our team spirit and togetherness as a group brought us out of the despair. Have we mentioned the food? Students were chomping on big breakfasts and a fantastic selection of food choices morning, noon and night. Another wonderful residential trip for the scrap book!



Disney was a fantastic week and the students were exceptionally behaved. We saw all the different sights of Disneyland Paris and the students really got into the activities. The parade and the firework show was spectacular and the students absolutely loved it. We also took a tour around Paris and saw some of the fantastic sites of Paris and then finally the students managed to spend some of their money (which I am sure was burning a hole in their pockets) in the shopping centre before we came home. Unfortunately we were slightly delayed with the journey back so Miss Cragg and Mr Newman ended up doing a group yoga session with the pupils to pass the time. Overall it was a brilliant week and the students were a credit to the school.

We had a lovely time in Belgium with our Year 8 and 9 students exploring the sites of where World War One was fought and understanding how some of the key battles impacted on the land and lives of people at the time and even still today. Our students visited various sites around Ypres, including the Passchendaele museum where they could see and walk in a trench bringing their history lessons to life. We enjoyed plenty of sunshine as we walked around the Canadian Memorial and Thiepval before visiting Wellington Quarry and learning about the British tunnels to launch a surprise attack on the Germans. We had an enriching trip accompanied by Belgium waffles and ice cream and our students did us so proud the whole trip, taking part in all activities and sharing their knowledge! Thank you all for a wonderful 4 days!

A small group of boys visited Go Ape, Alton Towers and they went go-karting over the course of this week. They had an amazing few days, even if some of the rides were a little scary!



Mr J's Sports Round-Up

It has been a very successful season for the u-15 Girls cricket team at John Ferneley. They recently won the Chance to Shine Leicestershire cricket competition beating Babington in the final by 7 wickets. This means the girls have now qualified for the Midland rounds which will take place at Loughborough University on Wednesday 10th July. They will be up against schools from Worcestershire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Northamptonshire.

The girls also had a good run in the county cup losing in the final against Leicester Grammar, although they were not helped by the fact that two players, Libby Perkins and Amy Helstrip, were unable to play in the final due to a clash with a county game for Leicestershire.

Stars for the team so far have been Amy with the bat with Libby and Caitlin Mackie starring with the ball. Ellie Cook Snow has also played well behind the stumps and taken a couple of good catches. The team has a bright future! For the next couple of seasons half the team are u-14 and half are u-13, so they will all have at least one more year in this age group.



The u-13 Boys team also qualified for the Chance to Shine Midland finals which took place at Edgbaston foundation ground. First up were Charlton school from Shropshire who were beaten by 20 runs after good innings from Jack Bartley and Freddie Kirkpatrick and a great catch by Freddie Young to dismiss their best batsman. Next up were the eventual winners Queen Mary school from Staffordshire who beat us fairly easily by 7 wickets. Next up were the pride of Wales Bulith Wells. A good innings from Freddie Young coupled with a great catch from the same person and two great bits of fielding from Connor Heard and Cam Darby Mcelland meant we just won this game by 8 runs. This was despite Cam kicking the ball over the boundary in the comic moment of the day. This meant we played Tudor Grange from Warwickshire for 2nd and 3rd place. Despite getting a very good score of 86 with Freddie K and Jack batting well it was not enough as Tudor batted well to win easily. However 3rd place is the best ever performance by the school in this competition and Cricket was definitely the winner!



At the 2019 John Ferneley Sports Presentation Evening on Wednesday 3rd July, the following were selected as sportsman/woman of the year:

- Year 7 - Charlie Haffenden & Rosie Ashmore
- Year 8 - Liam Tew & Zoe Nicholls
- Year 9 - Brook Isherwood & Amy Helstrip
- Year 10 - Sean Thorpe & Ella Thompson

The Steven Harris Footballer of the year award went to Ollie Skinner and the James Birch memorial award went to Will Bowes.

The following year 11 students were elected to the John Ferneley Sporting Hall of Fame:

- Libby Duncan
- Maddie Wrath
- Jenny Sharpe

For the first time ever a member of staff was elected to the John Ferneley Hall of Fame, so many congratulations to Mrs Hibbitt!

A huge congratulations to all!

Ferneley Athletes did really well at County Athletics at Saffron Lane on Saturday 8th June on a very very wet Saturday. Pride of place went to our distance runners. Rosie Ashmore from Year 7 was the winner of the Year 7 1200m and Charlie Neece from Year 9 was second in the Boys 1500 metres final. Zoe Nichols was 5th in the junior girls 1500m and she has another year in this age category. Finally Amy John was 5th in the inter girls 1500m.

In the shorter events there was a good performance from Fin Scarborough who came 4th in the Junior Boys 300m. Other students who qualified were Grace Barlow in the Year 7 200m, Louie Keightley in the Year 7 boys 300m, Umit Dogun in the Year 7 Boys Discus and Spencer Parker in the Junior Boys long jump. Well done to all our students who took part!



Library blog



In the library we run a reading/literacy challenge which we call The Reading Rainbow. This competition starts in September and runs throughout the academic year. Students can collect a booklet and work through several literacy tasks. Each colour of the rainbow has a different set of literacy-based activities to complete. It's our way of encouraging students to read and engage in small tasks.

At each stage of a completed colour, certificates can be collected and small prizes, with bigger awards if all seven certificates are collected and a raffle ticket is handed out at each level.

On Monday 8th July, we had the prize draw for an Amazon Fire; which was won by one lucky student - Anna, 7KP. Anna completed the challenges for all 7 stages of the Reading Rainbow. Well done Anna! The runners up were all invited to choose a new book to read over the summer break.



Throughout the year, the library organises a series of Book Talking events where Jo Sennitt, from Creative Learning Services, comes into John Ferneley College and reads extracts from a variety of books with different genres dealing with subjects such as gritty social issues, friendship, gruesome thrillers and scary horror stories.

The Book Talking events were to inspire students to lose themselves in the stories in the books and develop a passion for reading for pleasure! It was fantastic to see so many students in the library eager to read after the Book Talking Events.

On the 3rd April, we had a very engaging group of Year 9 students in the library taking part in a Creative Writing Workshop with Jo Sennitt from Creative Learning Services. All the students who took part really enjoyed the activities. Some of the students were inspired to write volumes of creative and inspiring accounts. We enjoyed listening to the imaginative stories that were shared with the group. The students were disappointed that this was a one-off experience as they wanted to do it every week. They were encouraged to continue with their stories.

On 11th June, a selection of Year 7 students who had taken part in a competition, visited the Charnwood Museum in Loughborough. This was an event organised by Creative Learning Services as part of a Power Reads Project.

Firstly, we took part in an Art Workshop, using Taxidermist hares to create textured drawings of animals. We then visited displays in the museum for a presentation about the history of various household and war exhibits from WW2. All the students found this very interesting and educational.

Georgia, a student in Year 7, won second prize in the Creative Writing Competition out of all the schools that had taken part in the Leicestershire area. She was presented with a prize by the author Matt Dickinson. The prize was a piece of artwork by the illustrator Chellie Carroll of the book "The Moonlight Hare".



The Duke of Edinburgh Award

12 Year 10s and 6 Year 11s have completed their DofE Skills section: An Emergency First Aid at Work Course. The course is designed to train individuals that require training in basic first aid skills. They will be able to provide first aid skills necessary to manage a patient that is not breathing normally, is unresponsive or is bleeding prior to the arrival of the emergency services.



Year 10 Bronze First Aid Certificates



Year 11 Bronze First Aid Certificates

Thank you to John Ferneley College Duke of Edinburgh students for your continued hard work around the cottages and pathway in the church yard. You are making such an incredible difference! Thank you Melton BID and the Melton Times

Selection for JFC Duke of Edinburgh Team 2019 will begin next term

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a voluntary award for young adults aged 14 and over. It does not require strong academic skills. It does however require and develop other life skills such as task planning, leadership, decision making, self-discipline, physical and mental endurance and teamwork. These are valuable skills to any employer and as such, completion of the award will provide a useful addition to a young person's job-seeking CV.

Duke of Edinburgh Parents perspective after her daughter had completed her final Expedition.

My daughter has come home tired and emotional but full of tales from the last 36 hours. It has been a real challenge for her and we know it's something she will draw upon forever! She has gone into great detail about how Danny, Dawn and Carol, supported her over the weekend, which we really appreciate- but also we are so impressed with many of the group - particularly her friends for their support. She has mentioned one particular team member, whom we don't know at all, but he appears to have gone above and beyond and when he realised my daughter was struggling at one point today near lunch he took something out of her back pack and offered to carry it. What a wonderful and kind gesture. We are so proud to know our daughter is surrounded by such kind and supportive students. Please could you thank the kind student on our behalf- it made all the difference to our daughter.

I would like to thank all the students and supporting staff for their hard work and for supporting the Duke of Edinburgh at John Ferneley College, in particular the following: Ms Jones and Ms Atherton.

Mr O'Brien Duke of Edinburgh Manager



Poland

For three days over the February half term, 60 students took part in a trip to Krakow, Poland, to visit sites of Jewish history, focusing on their persecution during the Second World War.

The trip began with an early morning start and after landing in Krakow, the students and teachers were met by their tour guide. They then walked to Kazimierz (the Jewish quarter of the town), once home to over 65,000 Jews. They also visited the Ghetto, where the diminishing Jewish population was kept under Nazi control.

On Tuesday, they visited the Auschwitz Museum and Memorial and were met with the sight of the infamous black gates, which read, "work will set you free." The guide showed them around the barracks of the original camp, containing many poignant exhibits, including the personal belongings of the people incarcerated within. Afterward, they travelled the short distance to the Birkenau extermination camp where they found themselves shocked at the sheer scale of it! Looking at the ruins of a Birkenau gas chamber made the group mindful of just how lucky they were to be standing on that side of history. The students said they left the site extremely conscious of the words they had read at the memorial - "Let this site be a cry of despair and a warning to humanity."

Later that day, they visited the Galicia Jewish Museum. The group was shown a collection of photos relating to the Jewish heritage from the surrounding region and the way the culture has flourished since the war, despite the communities heavily reduced numbers. They were very privileged to be able to speak to a woman who evaded the Holocaust but whose family were not so lucky. Her stories of life after the war inspired the group to further better themselves the same way that she had done for so long.

The final morning was spent in Krakow visiting the factory of Oscar Schindler, a former Nazi party member who saved the lives of more than a thousand members of his Jewish workforce. The story of the Schindler Factory is very well known from the film, Schindler's List.

The afternoon saw a more light-hearted visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mines on the outskirts of Krakow. The group descended 380 steps and toured various mining tunnels as well as a 12-meter-high chapel, dug from the salt with even the chandeliers made of pure salt.



Iceland

In Easter of 2019 the Geography department took a group of 51 Year 10 and 11 students to Iceland for an amazing 4 day trip. We saw some outstanding sights, including the Sólheimajökull Glacier, Reynishverfi beach and Seljalandsfoss waterfall. Being able to walk behind the 65 metre high waterfall was an experience we will all never forget. The students were fantastic ambassadors for John Ferneley and threw themselves into every experience, including tasting some traditional Icelandic foods. We look forward to a return visit in 2021.



Attendance update

Another great year for attendance! We thank parents/carers for their continuing support of their children in attending college. Our figures are above national expectations. Attendance remains a strong feature of the college, we hope that this will continue into next year. We are happy to work with any student who is struggling with attendance and offer any support or guidance where necessary. We do hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to welcoming you all back in August.

The Attendance Team



A huge congratulations to Claire Gladwell on the safe arrival of her new and healthy baby!

Please contact Hayley Gunter or Mandy Mabbott for any support regarding attendance.

Reminder about our car park closure

The car park will be open in the morning to allow students to be dropped off.

In the afternoon the car park will be closed from 14:30 to 16:00. If you wish to request access to the car park, this can be done in writing to the Head of School, Mrs Hall. Additional information may be requested, for example medical evidence.



Timings of the school day

Please remember that we have changed the timings for our school day.
Please see table below:

8:45 - 9:05	Registration and Tutor
9:05 - 10:05	Lesson 1
10:05 - 11:05	Lesson 2
11:05 - 11:25	Break
11:25 - 12:25	Lesson 3
12:25 - 13:25	Lesson 4
13:25 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 3:00	Lesson 5

Uniform expectations

All students should wear:

- Blazer with school logo
- Black trousers/black skirt of an appropriate length
- White shirt
- School tie
- Black shoes (defined as leather or leather effect and polishable)



PE Kit:

Indoors: a red John Ferneley polo shirt, black cycling shorts or regular shorts, indoor trainers. Red or black socks.

Outdoors: as above with outdoor trainers or, as the weather gets colder, a black John Ferneley sweatshirt and black tracksuit/training bottoms.

Save the dates

Our 2019-20 calendar will be available on our website soon, but until then, save the following dates:

Meet the Tutor events

- ★ Monday 9th September (3.45-6.45pm): Year 10/11 Tutor Evening
- ★ Wednesday 11th September (3.45-6.45pm): Year 8/9 Tutor Evening
- ★ Monday 30th September (3.45-6.45pm): Year 7 Tutor Evening

Leaving us..

Please join us in saying goodbye to the following staff:

- ★ Mrs Hall
- ★ Mrs Cresswell
- ★ Mr Wright
- ★ Mrs Loftus
- ★ Mrs Kennedy
- ★ Mrs Ashworth
- ★ Mr Sharkey
- ★ Mr Popp
- ★ Mr Evans

May we take this opportunity to wish them all the best of luck in the next chapter of their careers.



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