

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST 2021



John Ferneley College

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A very warm welcome back to all our students and staff this academic year, I do hope you have all had a lovely Summer break.

It has been such a brilliant first week and great to see so many of our students returning in the full uniform. Please continue to support us and ensure that your son/daughter wears the correct uniform every day because our priority, after such a turbulent 18 months, is to have students back in lessons and learning, as they should be doing, rather than risk missing any more vital learning time.

Can I remind you as parents/guardians of the following:

- **School shoes** – must be black and polishable, with no clear sports branding or logos displayed. Trainers are not permitted.
- **Skirts** – must be knee length or below the knee.
- **Trousers** – must be plain black trousers in slim, standard or comfort fit. Black jeans, jeggings, leggings, jogging bottoms (should not have jean style pockets) are not permitted.
- **Piercings** – facial piercings are not permitted and should be removed for the school day. Only one stud per ear.

You will notice that we have introduced a new compulsory student ID lanyard and a red folder that students are to bring with them to school every day. This is to help our students to be even more organised. Over time, we will continue to add vital information and useful subject inserts to the folder. In addition, it contains a copy of their timetable and a homework record diary.

During some lessons this week students have been involved in 'Behaviour Boost' sessions and assemblies, where teachers have been supporting and explaining our new approach in school. Many of our students have earned rewards for their great participation in these sessions and staff have been hugely impressed with their positive attitudes. This was an essential step to ensure that our new policy is understood by all.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to a key date for your diary:

Parent/Guardian 'Welcome Back' Information Evenings – Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th September 2021

On Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th September, we will be holding a formal information evening to welcome all parents/guardians and students back to school for a new academic year.

See dates and times below:

Welcome Back Evenings – dates and times

- **Year 8 Welcome Back Evening:** Tuesday 7th September, 5.30pm – 6.15pm, Auditorium
- **Year 9 Welcome Back Evening:** Tuesday 7th September, 6.30pm – 7.15pm, Auditorium
- **Year 10 Welcome Back Evening:** Wednesday 8th September, 5.30pm – 6.15pm, Auditorium
- **Year 11 Welcome Back Evening:** Wednesday 8th September, 6.30pm – 7.15pm, Auditorium

Please note, as Year 7 parents/guardians have already attended the 'Meet the Tutor' evening this week, a 'Welcome Back' evening has not been scheduled.

These 'Welcome Back' events will now take place each year in September for each year group and provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to attend and find out about the year ahead.

This particular information evening will cover updates on our 'Behaviour Boost' approach, school uniform policy, curriculum delivery and any necessary year group specific messages.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to answer any queries you may have. These events are particularly crucial for parents/guardians of students in **Years 9, 10 and 11** as specific guidance and key dates are provided in preparation for examinations.

It will be a great opportunity to meet with you, finally, in person, so please do come along. In the meantime, as ever, please do get in touch if you have any queries – however big or small they may be.

My next weekly bulletin will be released on Friday 3rd September.

Best wishes,
Natalie Teece
Head of School



CATERING SERVICES - REOPEN!

Please be reminded that our Catering Services have reopened on-site, with two separate venues / areas. One venue for Key Stage 3 (restaurant) and one for Key Stage 4 (auditorium and the outdoor POD). Students can now purchase food on-site with their swipe card. Where possible, we encourage parents/guardians to top up their child's account online using the 'lunch money' option in the school gateway app.

Check out our new menus [here.](#)

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KEY UPCOMING
DIARY DATES

- **Monday 30th August 2021** - Bank Holiday (school closed for students and staff)
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- **Saturday 11th September 2021** - Open Morning for Years 5/6 families (9am - 12pm)
- **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th September** - School Photographs (Years 7 and 11)
- **Wednesday 22nd September** - Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4.30pm - 6.40pm

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REMINDER - PASTORAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD

As well as your child's tutor, our Head of Year team are on hand daily to answer your queries, and help support your child in school day-to-day. However, please note our Heads of Year are also teachers and could be teaching throughout the school day. They will aim to respond to your emails within 24 hours. Please see key pastoral contact details and photographs below for each year group [here](#) (*Visit the school website > main menu > school information > pastoral support team*).

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Welcome Year 7

We wish you all a very happy and prosperous journey here at John Ferneley.

