

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good afternoon,

At the end of a very exciting week at John Ferneley, we were incredibly lucky to host one of our ex-pupils in style this week! 'Flight Lieutenant Clark' and crew from RAF Benson landed their PUMA Force RAF helicopter on our school field on Wednesday. If you have yet to take a look at our videos and photos across our social media channels, please do so this weekend, as well as featured in this edition – it certainly was an inspirational event for all our staff and students to see, and I must say, the take-off and landing was truly spectacular.

The former student shared information about his career path and life in the RAF since leaving John Ferneley, giving a talk to a number of students, he really did inspire them all, and we now have many more RAF enthusiasts keen to join the forces one day. Some of our students were also given the opportunity to go on board the helicopter and try on some of the RAF equipment used in RAF careers.

Another highlight of my week was spending a short period of time covering an English lesson, in which a group of year 8 students were undertaking a knowledge retention quiz. The engagement and level of understanding was fantastic to see, and it was great to hear the high level vocabulary and knowledge from them all.

Parent Voice Survey (Autumn 2021 – please complete)

As always, your voice as parents/guardians is vital to us. Not only does it keep us connected, it plays a significant role in helping us to meet the needs of our school community and develop a further understanding of what is working well, and what might need refining. We are also carrying out student voice before half term and look forward to reviewing students' feedback. We will share some of the parent feedback with you in the new term via our 'You Said, We Did' report.

Now that we have reached the sixth week of the new academic year, we are keen to gather feedback from you. Please do take a few minutes to complete the Parent Survey (Autumn 2021) linked below:

- [**Parent Survey - click to complete**](#)

Thank you to the parents/guardians who have so far taken the opportunity to visit me on a Tuesday at 9am for a coffee and chat. Please do continue to make the most of this drop-in opportunity - with this exception of this coming Tuesday 5th October, when I won't be on site in the morning. Normal sessions will resume on Tuesday 12th October. In the meantime, please do get in touch if you have any queries.

Best wishes,

Natalie Teece
Head of School



COVID vaccinations on Monday 4th October 2021 have been cancelled - we await a new date!

Please be aware that Monday's COVID Vaccination Programme (for 12-15 year olds) will NOT go ahead. We were informed by Leicestershire NHS Trust Partnership just this afternoon!

This cancellation is due to a shortage of staffing resource across the regional immunisation team.

We expect to hear a postponed date for students who have consented to have their first dose, after October half term, and will keep parents/guardians informed, as and when we know more.

Please note, the consent portal will remain open, should parents/guardians wish to complete the necessary consent for their child/ren. Please familiarise yourself with the information letter sent home [here](#) (also located on our school website > latest news).



Calling all Years 9, 10 and 11! Start your DofE adventure at John Ferneley College this Autumn!

Completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award is a great chance for your child/ren to broaden their horizons, discover new interests, have fun, boost their mental and physical health, gain essential skills and achieve a highly respected Award.

Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Evening - all welcome!

We are hosting a **DofE Parents Information Evening** on **Thursday 14th October** at **4.30pm** in the School Auditorium, and you are invited!

Interested in signing up? Encourage your child to speak to **Mrs Woolaston - DofE Coordinator** (based in the restaurant office) to register their interest, or email jwoolaston@johnferneley.org



Watch Bronze | Start your DofE > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8GG468LeJI>

YOUNGMINDS

[Click here](#) to
find out more!

Find Help For My Child's Mental Health | Parents

Use our help finder if you're looking for tips and advice on how to support your child's mental health, or you don't know where to start.

YM YoungMinds

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fighting for young people's mental health

What do you need help with?

My child's feelings and behaviour

Getting help for my child

Talking to my child

Parents Helpline and Webchat

I don't know where to start

Activities you can do with your child

Quick activities when you have less time

Here are some short activities that you and your child can do together:

💡 20-minute activities for younger children

💡 20-minute activities for teenagers

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We can help you with that.

We have information and advice on:

Supporting your child through the Covid-19 pandemic

ADHD

Anger

Anxiety

Autism and mental health

Babies and infants under five

Bullying

Challenging behaviour

Depression

Drugs and alcohol

Eating problems

Exam time



As part of our celebrations for European Week of Languages this week, our students have enjoyed celebrating linguistic and cultural diversity across the curriculum and taking part in a number of tutor activities too!

After school cooking classes have also been taking place, with students engaged in cooking some delicious European recipes, such as Apfelstrudel. Many students have also been enjoying the daily food offer in our catering outlets, trying out our European-themed weekly menu (pictured above).

The Modern Foreign Languages department coordinated multiple treasure hunts around school, for students to take up and win prizes, and Melton Vale 16 language students joined us on Thursday, to speak with our Year 11 GCSE language students about their options for studying languages at post-16.

Not only this, our talented Languages department ventured out into our primary feeder schools to deliver and support primary students with languages.

A very engaging week all round!

A big thank you to our Modern Foreign Languages department for all their hard work and coordination - until next year!





Welcome back Alumni Pilot 'Flight Lieutenant Clark'!

Parent/Guardian feedback:

"Thank you so much for the opportunity for my child to look around the helicopter, she has wanted to be an RAF Pilot for a few years now, so this experience has absolutely made her year..... literally not stopped talking about it since she got home bless her.

Well done Ferneley!



OCTOBER 2021

KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES

- **Monday 4th October** - COVID Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds (**CANCELLED - awaiting new date**)
- **October 2021** - Black History Month is here!
- **GCSE Dance Exam (Year 11)** - postponed to Friday 15th October.
- **Friday 8th October** - #HelloYellow day for all students > [Information Letter](#)
- **Friday 15th October** - last day of term, finish at 3pm.
- **Monday 25th October** - first day back after half term, Week 1
- **Thursday 28th October** - Year 11 Support Success Evening, 5.30pm - 6.30pm (Auditorium)



On Thursday 30th September, we held our first Year 5/6 transition event of the year, hosted by Modern Foreign Languages and Food Technology. Prospective students enjoyed learning about different cultures of food, as well as baking their own apple strudel and croissants. The next event is being held on Thursday 7th October.

Tasty



DON'T FORGET

**We are supporting #HelloYellow
this Friday 8th October!**

#HelloYellow

**A LITTLE YELLOW
GOES A LONG WAY**

8 October 2021



John Ferneley College will be supporting the **#HelloYellow World Mental Health Day** with Young Minds charity, on **Friday 8th October 2021**.

Staff and students are invited to wear an item of yellow to help spread awareness with their peers and colleagues, that whatever you are going through, you can talk to someone if you are struggling to cope.

Please note that this will be an awareness day not a charity event. We encourage as many students as possible to show their support and help spread awareness together.

Students may come into school on Friday 8th October wearing something yellow alongside their usual school uniform (for example, yellow socks, yellow hair tie/bows/headband, yellow badge, yellow wrist bands, yellow jumper – jumper must be worn underneath their school blazer). To note, this is not a non-school uniform day.

See a copy of the parent/guardian information letter sent home this week >
<https://www.johnferneley.org/attachments/download.asp?file=2348&type=pdf>

SPORTS RESULTS

#TEAMJFC

Football

Year 7 Boys

Ferneley **5** Belvoir **2**

Year 8 Boys

Ferneley **7** Belvoir **1**

Ferneley **6** Longfield **0**

Year 10 Boys

Ferneley **9** Belvoir **0**

Futsal

Year 9 Boys

Longfield **4** Ferneley **2**

Netball

Year 8 Girls

Longfield **1** Ferneley **9**



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SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY IS BACK!

RACE DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Saturday 2nd October 2021

Saturday 30th October 2021

Saturday 27th November 2021

at Prestwold Hall

Races for Year 7, Years 8 and 9, Years 10 and 11

Please see Mr Jacobs if you are interested in running!

It would be great to have a big team out!

****Transport available if needed****

#TEAMJFC

**Leicester City,
Leicestershire and
Rutland Schools Cross
Country is back!**

Race dates are:

- Saturday 2nd October 2021
- Saturday 30th October 2021
- Saturday 27th November 2021

If you're interested in running for John Ferneley, please see Mr Jacobs to sign up!

SPORTS FIXTURES COMING UP

#TEAMJFC

2.10.21

Cross Country at Prestwold hall
(ALL YEARS - see MR J if Interested)

4.10.21

Year 7 Boys Football V Longfield (A)
Year 7 Netball V Longfield (A)

5.10.21

Year 10&11 Boys Basketball V Belvoir (H)

6.10.21

Year 7, 8 & 9 Football V Belvoir (A)
Year 7, 8 & 9 Netball V Belvoir (A)

Please see Mr Jacobs in PE to sign up to
our PE extra-curricular clubs and fixtures!



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Melton Campus

Part of the SMB College Group

Melton Campus A Level Centre!

SMB College Group is excited to be introducing a range of A Level options at the Melton Campus from September 2022. This new study option will give students the unique opportunity to combine A Level and vocational qualifications, which will serve to both strengthen and broaden their academic profile.

A Level Subjects*

English Language

English Literature

Geography

Maths

History

Human Biology

Chemistry

Physics

IT

Psychology

Sociology

Criminology

Sport/PE

Environmental Science

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