

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,



I can't quite believe we have reached the end of the first half term - it has flown by!

This week, our Year 11 Student Leaders presented to their suggestions to the Senior Leadership Team for our new whole-school rewards programme. I was incredibly impressed with their maturity and the preparation put into their presentation, and I look forward to sharing their plans with you all after half term.

It is really important for us to gather feedback from staff, students and parents/guardians at regular points throughout the academic year. I have been overwhelmed with the student feedback coming in on all aspects of school life, and a big thank you to all the parents/guardians who have taken the time to complete our first Parent Survey of the year. If you haven't yet had the chance to complete the survey, please do complete over half term. Please follow the link here to complete:

>>> [Complete Parent Survey \(Autumn 2021\)](#). The deadline for all responses is Friday 22nd October.

I am pleased to say all our Year 7 students have now undertaken their CAT4 tests this term, which will give us valuable data to target any necessary support and intervention, where needed, after October half term.

This week, we also hosted our final Year 5/6 Design Technology and Languages event – another very popular turnout, and we have featured some photos within this edition. Please do continue to help us spread the work about our future year 5/6 subject events this year, with your network. These events are available to book via the school website > <https://www.johnferneley.org/jfctransitionevents>. These events are a great opportunity for prospective students to come into school, meet our teachers, create new friends and become familiar with their future secondary school.

Despite it only being October, plans for the festive season are well underway at John Ferneley, including our annual Christmas Jumper day taking place on Friday 10th December. Next term, we will be in touch about other events, including our Year 7 disco, Christmas Carols in St Mary's Church and more enrichment activities.

In the meantime, please remember to pop into school at 9am on any Tuesday (term-time only) for a catch up or chat about any questions you may have, and I am delighted to say we have now opened this slot up to a wider discussion about SEND for any parents/guardians of our SEND students, if needed:

## **Drop-in to speak with Mrs Kettle – SEND department**

*"As part of our commitment to grow our network with parents/guardians of our SEND students, along with Mrs Teece, I am also going to be making myself available on a Tuesday morning (term-time only) at 9am, for a coffee and a chat/tour of the school. You do not need to make an appointment, please just come along and sign in at reception."*



*To help improve communication even more, I will be starting to send home a fortnightly 'SEND newsletter' with updates from the department, and an introduction to key support – keep your eyes peeled next term! Many thanks in advance."*  
Melissa Kettle – SENDCo

I wish you and your families a restful and safe half term.

Best wishes,  
Natalie Teece  
Head of School

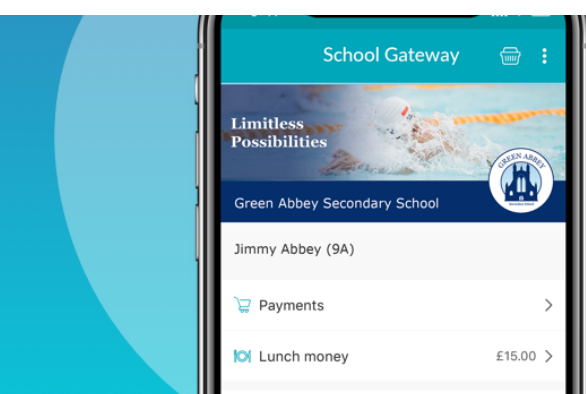


# OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2021

## KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES



- **October 2021** - Black History Month is here!
- **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)
- **Wednesday 3rd November** - Drop Down Day (Futures Enrichment Day)
- **Thursday 4th November** - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm - 6.45pm
- **Monday 8th November to Friday 19th November** - Year 11 Mock exams
- **Tuesday 16th November** - Parent Forum Meeting
- **Wednesday 24th November** - Year 10 Support Success Evening, 5.30pm - 6.30pm (Auditorium)



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### School Gateway - have you signed up to the app?

A reminder that School Gateway is the easiest way to interact with your child's life at school, including access to all behaviour information.

You can download the FREE app to your phone or visit [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) for more information. See Parent Guide [linked here](#), for a helpful step-by-step guide.

# Whole-school uniform and behaviour expectations – key reminders for parents/guardians and students

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted with the progress made so far this term and positive way in which students have engaged with our behaviour expectations. We will continue to strive for high standards of behaviour at John Ferneley College in order to ensure a calm and safe environment for all students.

This is a polite reminder that all uniform issues should now be fully resolved upon return after half term, including skirt lengths, shoes, and all removal of facial piercings that were pierced during the summer holidays. Please can we also take this time to remind you and your child to be mindful of timings this half term. For example, those students looking to get acrylic nails done will need to ensure these are removed before they return to school on Monday 25th October 2021. Of course, we strongly advise no new facial piercings.

Upon return after half term, we will be familiarising all students with our behaviour expectations on **Monday 25th October**. We believe it is really important that every student knows exactly what we mean by “good behaviour”, how to gain rewards and avoid sanctions. For this reason, we believe that when a student does receive a detention it is through choice that they have decided to behave in a way that does not meet our expectations. A reminder that Behaviour detentions always start with a 15 minute detention at break or lunch and failure to attend this will result in a 30 minute after school detention. Further to this, if a student is repeatedly failing to meet expectations they will be removed from lesson which will automatically generate an after school detention.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Kat Russell**

**Assistant Headteacher: Behaviour and Attitudes**

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## **Year 11 Supporting Success Evening** **Thursday 28th October, 5.30pm - 6.30pm**

Following positive feedback from parents/guardians supporting our face-to-face events, we are delighted to welcome you back on site for our Year 11 Supporting Success evening, being held on **Thursday 28th October (5:30pm – 6:30pm)**, in the **Auditorium**, which we would like to invite you to attend. This event is an opportunity for you to gather tips and resources to support and guide your child/children throughout their GCSE year.

### **What to expect from the Year 11 Supporting Success Evening?**

- Vital information to help support your child/children during their GCSE's.
- Tips on well-being and a 'Little Bag of Positivity'.
- A revision booklet which is full of resources to help your child/children with revision throughout their final year.
- An opportunity to purchase Year 11 subject revision guides.
- A chance to meet with your child's Tutor and Head of Year to discuss further support.

To sign up for the event, please follow the link below. Please note that the deadline to sign up for this event is **Tuesday 26th October**.

**Sign up here > [Year 11 Supporting Success Evening Sign Up Form](#)**

## **Free School Meal vouchers available this half term!**

We are delighted to inform you that Leicestershire County Council have returned the school voucher scheme for this October half term period.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, a £15.00 voucher (e-code), per entitled child (valid for Monday 18th – Friday 22nd October), will be sent to your email during Monday 18th October. This voucher is to help support your child with food during half term.

If you experience any issues with redeeming your voucher (e-code), please contact [finance@mowbrayeducation.org](mailto:finance@mowbrayeducation.org) directly.





# Year 5/6 subject transition events



It's been a busy term for our prospective Year 5/6 students. Our Modern Foreign Languages and Design and Technology department joined forces to host our first three transition subject evenings of the year, and what a huge success they have been!

Thank you to Mrs Grimes, Mrs Spence and Miss Rowell for all their organisation and hard work making these events happen - such a memorable and fun experience for our future students.





## Its 'Drop Down' Day on Wednesday 3rd November

We have the pleasure in being able to re-introduce Drop Down Days this year. A Drop Down Day at John Ferneley College is where students have a day off timetable to spend within year group teams to focus on Personal Development and Futures topics. These days are planned and delivered by Tutors and the wider Heads of Department to ensure all students are engaged and enriched on topics not usually covered within the traditional curriculum.

Please see the below table for the activities being planned for the 3rd November.

If you require any further information about the day, please contact:

- Mrs Geraghty (Head of Futures) [lgeraghty@johnferneley.org](mailto:lgeraghty@johnferneley.org) or
- Mrs Strickland (Head of Personal Development) [estrickland@johnferneley.org](mailto:estrickland@johnferneley.org)

<b>Year 7</b>	Year 7 will be working with the Year 7 tutor team and aiming to answer the following big questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Why do we need to be healthy?</li><li>2. What actions can I take to remain healthy?</li><li>3. When health goes wrong – who do I turn too?</li><li>4. What is resilience?</li><li>5. How do I recognise the signs of poor mental health?</li></ol>
<b>Year 8</b>	Year 8 will also be working with tutor teams to look at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How do I feel about difference?</li><li>2. How can we make sure we value each other?</li><li>3. What makes a successful community and what can go wrong in communities?</li><li>4. What is hate crime and radicalisation?</li><li>5. How can I contribute to my community? (Including volunteering)</li></ol>
<b>Year 9</b>	Year 9 will start the day with a welcome talk from Pathways focusing on future careers/education then they will move on to work with their tutor teams looking at the below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Basic first aid for common injuries</li><li>2. Life-saving skills, including CPR</li><li>3. The purpose of defibrillators and when they may be needed</li></ol>
<b>Year 10</b>	<p>Students will be invited to take part in four industry workshops where external visitors will give a valuable insight into their world of work.</p> <p>We are thrilled to welcome visitors from the RAF, Samworth Brothers, Lands End (retail), Ragdale Hall, Banking, Graphic Design, Computer Programming, Law, Health (researcher) and Brooksby Sport.</p> <p>Students will then reflect on the day's activities with their tutors – putting into context what they have learned during the day.</p>
<b>Year 11</b>	<p>Year 11 students will spend the first four lessons rotating through sessions on personal statement writing, Pathways, wellbeing and visiting our post-16 marketplace where we have invited many local colleges to speak directly to our students.</p> <p>During the final session of the day students will take part in a talk based on careers.</p>

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



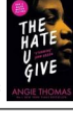




Why not take a look at some of our Black History Month resources and reads this half term! Please find below a link to a worksheet in celebration of Black History Month, which highlights some recommended reads and resources for students.

Click here to access resources > [Black History Month 2021 Worksheet](#)

## Black History Month 2021

1. Rosa Parks, civil rights activist. <a href="https://eu.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/02/04/ro-sa-parks-famous-birthday-5-facts-you-should-know/4653590002/">https://eu.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/02/04/ro-sa-parks-famous-birthday-5-facts-you-should-know/4653590002/</a>	2. Maya Angelou, poet and writer. <a href="https://www.biography.com/writer/maya-angelou">https://www.biography.com/writer/maya-angelou</a>	3. Mary Seacole, nurse. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07pv3z">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07pv3z</a>	4. Juan Garrido, explorer. <a href="https://face2faceafrica.com/article/7-amazing-black-explorers-who-made-a-mark-in-history">https://face2faceafrica.com/article/7-amazing-black-explorers-who-made-a-mark-in-history</a>	5. Michelle Obama, former First Lady and campaigner. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wePNJGL7nDU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wePNJGL7nDU</a>	6. David Olusoga, Historian. <i>David was born in Gateshead and grew up there</i> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/profiles/2pT94YQVvGILUpdYrMn6t/david-olusoga">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/profiles/2pT94YQVvGILUpdYrMn6t/david-olusoga</a>	7. Billie Holiday, singer. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Web007rzSOI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Web007rzSOI</a>
8. Chris Ofili, Turner Prize winning artist. <a href="https://artuk.org/discover/stories/ten-black-british-artists-to-celebrate">https://artuk.org/discover/stories/ten-black-british-artists-to-celebrate</a>	9. Dr Shirley Jackson, physicist. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKAgAdHajW0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKAgAdHajW0</a>	10. Joseph Bologne, classical musician 'Black Mozart' <a href="https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/black-composers-who-made-classical-music-history/">https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/black-composers-who-made-classical-music-history/</a>	11. Reasonable Blackman, Tudor silk weaver. <a href="https://www.historyextra.com/period/tudor/black-faces-of-tudor-england/">https://www.historyextra.com/period/tudor/black-faces-of-tudor-england/</a>	12. Barbara Walker, artist. <a href="https://artuk.org/discover/stories/celebrating-black-british-artists-in-public-collections">https://artuk.org/discover/stories/celebrating-black-british-artists-in-public-collections</a>	13. Matthew Henson, Polar Explorer. <a href="https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2016/02/160224-polar-explorer-matthew-henson-photos/">https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2016/02/160224-polar-explorer-matthew-henson-photos/</a>	14. Jesse Owens, Olympic medalist. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quQopJmQry4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quQopJmQry4</a>
15. Toussaint L'Ouverture, leader of the Haitian Revolution <a href="https://www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/loverture-toussaint-1743-1803/">https://www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/loverture-toussaint-1743-1803/</a>	16. The first Black Briton, taken from Black and British. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4oIXL8oi0Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4oIXL8oi0Q</a>	17. Otis Boykin, inventor. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXqOoALqSfs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXqOoALqSfs</a>	18. Charles Drew, scientist. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFddM7p2zH4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFddM7p2zH4</a>	19. Florence Prince, classical musician. <a href="https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/black-composers-who-made-classical-music-history/">https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/black-composers-who-made-classical-music-history/</a>	20. Bernadine Evaristo, writer. <a href="https://literature.britishcouncil.org/writer/bernadine-evaristo">https://literature.britishcouncil.org/writer/bernadine-evaristo</a>	21. Diane Abbott, politician. <a href="https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/history-of-politics/the-first-black-parliamentarians-in-our-times/">https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/history-of-politics/the-first-black-parliamentarians-in-our-times/</a>
22. Black Poppies, soldiers in WW1. <i>Year 9 History students reading extracts of this at the moment</i> <a href="https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/black-poppies-britains-black-community-great-war/">https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/black-poppies-britains-black-community-great-war/</a>	23. Dame Doreen Lawrence, campaigner <a href="https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-firsts/baroness-lawrence-theres-no-halo-just-say-hello/">https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-firsts/baroness-lawrence-theres-no-halo-just-say-hello/</a>	24. Betty Campbell, Wales' first black headteacher. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-58721710">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-58721710</a>	25. Donald Rodney, artist. <a href="https://artuk.org/discover/stories/ten-black-british-artists-to-celebrate">https://artuk.org/discover/stories/ten-black-british-artists-to-celebrate</a>	26. Chadwick Boseman, actor. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VSx2E7WE50">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VSx2E7WE50</a>	27. Saint Martin de Porres, Patron Saint of racial justice, harmony and mixed-race people. <a href="https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Martin-de-Porres">https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Martin-de-Porres</a>	28. Private Arthur Roberts, WW1 soldier. <a href="https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/stories/black-history/arthur-roberts/">https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/stories/black-history/arthur-roberts/</a>

## Black History Month 2021

Fiction Texts	Non-Fiction Texts	Poems	Popular Culture
<b>Buffalo Soldier (13+)</b> Tanya Landman  Plantation slave Charley Smith is eleven when America blows itself apart, with Abraham Lincoln's decision to prohibit slavery. Charley thinks a slice of heaven is coming her way. But it's a taste of hell.	<b>Black and British (13+)</b> David Olusoga David Olusoga's latest edition of <i>Black and British</i> has been revised and rewritten especially for secondary school children, and explains and illustrates the much overlooked history of Black peoples in Britain and beyond.	<b>A Change is Gonna Come (12+)</b> Featuring poems and stories from 12 black, Asian and minority ethnic authors – including four previously unpublished writers – this absorbing book offers refreshing perspectives and thought-provoking questions about the meaning of change that will hit home with everyone.	<b>British Library – Windrush Stories</b>  In June 1948 the <i>Empire Windrush</i> arrived at Tilbury Docks, Essex carrying hundreds of people from the Caribbean. 70 years on, <i>Windrush Stories</i> invites us to consider a longer, more complicated and ongoing relationship between Britain and the Caribbean.
<b>The Hate U Give (12+)</b> Angie Thomas  Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her best friend Khalil.	<b>The Extraordinary Life of Series (10+)</b> Published by Penguin, this series explores the extraordinary life of many influential people such as Nelson Mandela, Serena Williams, Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole, Katherine Johnson and many more.	<b>Still I Rise (11+)</b> Maya Angelou  "You may write me down in history With your bitter, twisted lies, You may tread me in the very dirt But still, like dust, I'll rise."	<b>TV</b> <b>BBC Adaptation of Malorie Blackman's <i>Noughts and Crosses</i>.</b> In a dystopian London, Sephy and Callum fall in love despite the odds. Can they breach the divide between the black elite and white underclass?
<b>Crongton Knights (12+)</b> Alex Wheatle McKay's life on the South Crongton Estate is rough. His Mum has died, his Dad works all hours of the day to keep away the Bailiffs, and his brother is always out looking for trouble. McKay never looks for trouble, but in one mad night everything changes.	<b>This Book is Anti-Racist (10+)</b> Tiffany Jewell Often using personal anecdotes about her own schooling, family and experiences as a young mixed race girl, Jewell's fascinating, friendly and hugely relatable guide is essential reading for kids with questions about racism, politics and history as well as the current #blacklivesmatter movement.	<b>What Stephen Lawrence Taught Us (12+)</b> Benjamin Zephaniah  "As we continue emptying our pockets on the pavements, And we continue to ask ourselves Why is it so official That black people are so often killed Without killers?"	<b>Podcast</b> <b>The Black Curriculum Podcast</b>  Available on Spotify and Apple Podcast, this podcast explores British Black history with short discussion on topics such as sound system culture and the Bristol bus boycott.
<b>The Crossover (10+)</b> Kwame Alexander Josh and JB are basketball legends at their school. They also happen to be identical twins, but it's easy to tell them apart if you know how to look. As the boys build up the most important matches of their lives, tensions grow between them.	<b>Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up (14+)</b> Melissa Cummings-Quarry Being a teenager and trying to understand who you are and what you stand for is hard. But if you're a Black girl and don't always see yourself represented in the books you read, the films you watch, the adverts you see or the history you're taught, it can be even tougher.	<b>Half Caste (12+)</b> John Agard  "but yu must come back tomorrow  Wid de whole of yu eye And de whole of yu ear And de whole of yu mind."	<b>Film</b> <b>Black Panther</b> T'Challa is the king of Wakanda, the secretive and highly advanced African nation, as well as the powerful warrior known as the Black Panther. This is the first Marvel film with a predominantly black cast.
<b>How High The Moon (14+)</b> Karyn Parsons In a small town in 1940s South Carolina, Ella has got some very exciting news. She'll be leaving her grandparents and cousin Henry behind, because her mother finally wants her to join her in the busy city of Boston. But can the reality ever live up to Ella's dreams?	<b>Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies (9+)</b> The lives and achievements of leading lights as diverse as Stormzy, basketball star LeBron James, poet and novelist Maya Angelou are chronicled in this excellent book that follows black history across many centuries to today's contemporary world.	<b>waiting on the mayflower (14+)</b> Eve Shockey "I, august 1619  arrived in a boat, named and unnamed, twenty, pirated  away from a portuguese slaver, traded for victuals."	<b>Art</b> <b>Kara Walker</b> Kara Elizabeth Walker is an American contemporary painter, silhouettist, print-maker who explores races and identity in her work. She is best known for her room-size tableaux of black cut-paper silhouettes.



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