

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a fantastic week here at John Ferneley College. On Wednesday, we hosted our first 'Drop Down' day of the academic year. This is a day planned by teaching staff, and gives students an opportunity to enrich their normal curriculum offer. Years 7 and 8 enjoyed taking part in answering some 'Big Questions' about healthy eating and well-being, whilst Year 9 were taught 'Basic First Aid', including CPR. Year 10 received some inspirational talks from Industry, Samworth Brothers, Design, Banking, Lands End, Ragdale Hall, Law, Brooksby and a Health Practitioner. Our Year 11 students were given the opportunity to join a the post 16 marketplace, visiting and talking to local Colleges and Sixth Forms, followed by support sessions in writing their Personal Statements. It was a fantastic day and a huge thank you to the staff involved in planning, and the enthusiasm from all students.

With the winter period upon us, unfortunately, we have had to make the decision to close our Darcey Gardens entrance and exit. The external public footpath beyond our school gate is becoming increasingly wet and muddy, and there is significant risk of injury. Because of this, we will stagger the leaving time of Year 8, alongside Year 7 from Monday 8th November, to leave at 2.55pm. This is to ensure that the main exit on Scalford Road doesn't become congested. We will review this regularly, and keep you informed of any changes, but I am sure you will agree that the safety of students is a priority.

On Thursday, we were incredibly lucky to welcome Emma Wiggs MBE, (reigning Paralympic Champion in the KL2 200m event and the reigning VL2 200m World Champion) to school to talk to our Year 7 and Year 9 students. Her motivational talk was really inspiring, and students had so many fantastic questions to ask.

We have started to plan some exciting events for this half term in school and we can't wait to share them with students and parents... Christmas is coming! In the meantime, I would like to encourage as many students as possible to sign up for one of our great new clubs, which are taking place at lunchtime and after school, including Radio Club, Coding, Well-being, Enterprise, Food Technology and plenty of sports – all the details are included within this edition and can be found on the school website.

Meanwhile, please do come along to our 'Parent Coffee Drop In' on a Tuesday when I am available from 9am. Mrs Kettle, our SENDCO is also there each week for a confidential chat, or to talk about any questions you may have - I have invited Siobhan Whitehouse to come along too – please see further details about her role later within this newsletter. I am also keen to add a slot after school for parents/guardians who are unable to come in during the day, and will share those dates with you in next week's edition.

As ever, I thank you for your continued support and would always encourage you to get in touch if you have any concerns whatsoever.

Best wishes,
Natalie Teece
Head of School



A welcome from Mrs Whitehouse, Melton and Belvoir Youth Engagement Activator

Employed by Leicestershire County Council, working in partnership with Melton Sport and Health Alliance, and the local schools and community, I will be supporting mental health and wellbeing across John Ferneley College and the Mowbray Education Trust.

Our aim is to introduce a young person led programme which focuses on looking at alternative ways to support mental health and wellbeing.

We will be looking at sustainable pathways to engage with students, and to find out what they are struggling with and the best ways to help and support.

I will be based at John Ferneley College **every Wednesday**, giving students the opportunity to discuss any worries or anxieties they might have, and to find out ways we can overcome this. I will also be available on a **Tuesday at 9am** for the 'Parent Coffee Drop In' with Mrs Teece.

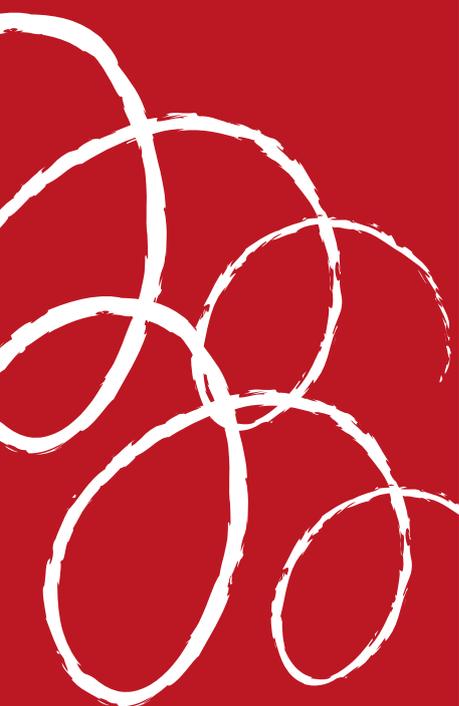
If you have any questions, or would like more information on how I can support, please contact me on swhitehouse@melton.gov.uk or 07825532411.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Whitehouse
Youth Engagement Activator



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KEY UPCOMING
DIARY DATES



- **Monday 8th November to Friday 19th November** - Year 11 Mock exams
- **Thursday 11th November** - Remembrance Day (two-minute silence)
- **Tuesday 16th November** - Parent Forum Meeting
- **Wednesday 17th November** - Year 11 Theatre Trip (A Christmas Carol)
- **Friday 19th November** - Children in Need
- **Friday 26th November** - new date for COVID Vaccinations 12 - 15 year olds [first dose]
- **Thursday 2nd December** - Year 10 Meet the Tutor Evening, 5.30pm - 6.30pm (Auditorium)
- **Tuesday 7th December** - Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- **Friday 10th December** - Christmas Jumper Day
- **Monday 13th December** - Year 7 Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Trip
- **Tuesday 14th December** - Year 8 Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Trip
- **Tuesday 14th December** - Year 7 Birmingham German Market Trip (German students)
- **Thursday 16th December** - Student Christmas Lunch
- **Friday 17th December** - Christmas Carol Service (Year 7 and 8)
- **Friday 17th December** - Last Day of Term





Enrichment Clubs Autumn Term

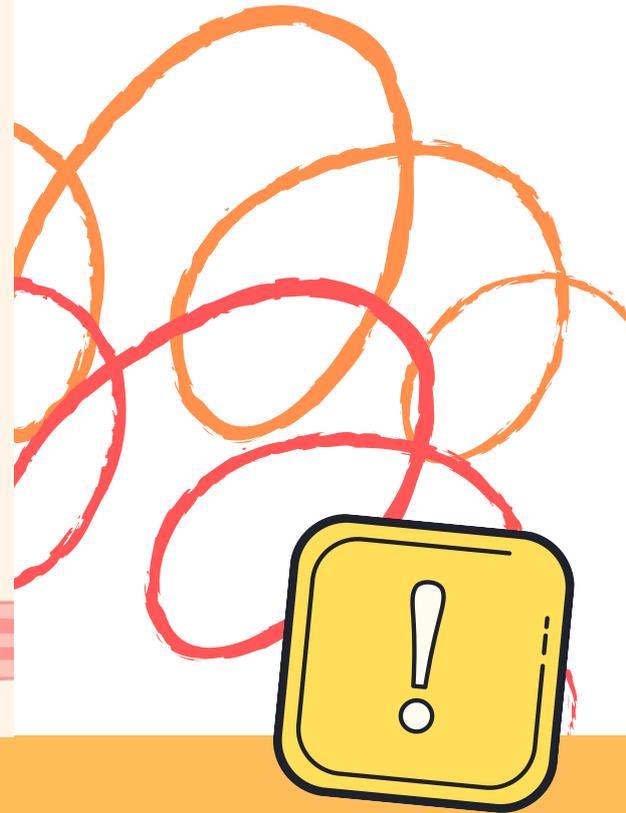
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor Time	Ukulele Club (All Years) P7		VOX (KS4) P7		VOX (KS3) P7
Lunch	International Film Club (Years 7, 8 & 9) K9	Card Games Club (Years 7 – 10) CE9	The Language Lab (games) (All Years) K11	Language Leaders Award (Year 9)	Friday Film Club (All Years) C1
	Wellbeing Club (All Years) E4	Wellbeing Club (All Years) E4	Wellbeing Club (All Years) E4	Wellbeing Club (All Years) E4	Wellbeing Club (All Years) E4
	Library Club (Year 7) Library	Library Club (Year 8) Library	Library Club (Year 9) Library	Card Games Club (Years 7 – 10) CE9	Nintendo Switch Club {own device*} (All Years) K4
		Lego Club (All Years) K3	Drama Club (KS3) Drama Studio		Drama Club (KS4) Drama Studio
		Silent Reading (All Years) P1 – Art Room			
After-school	Work It Weekly (All Years) The Venue	Show Rehearsal (All Years) Auditorium		Radio Club (All Years) C5	
	Health & Social Care Drop In (Year 10 & 11) K1	Alpha Club (Year 7 & 8) CE13		Code Club (Year 7 – 10) E1	
	D&T Club (All Years) E6	Maths Help Club (Years 7 – 9) CE13		Show Rehearsal (All Years) Auditorium	
	Food Technology Club (Year 7 & 8) E2	Food Technology Club (Year 9) E2		Meditation (All Years) Dance Studio	
	Enterprise Club (All Years) E3	Book Reading Club (Year 7 & 8) Library			
	Art Club (KS4) P1				

*DISCLAIMER – the use of personally owned devices in connection with the Nintendo Switch Club carries specific risk for which the owner has full liability.

Our new enrichment timetable for Autumn 2 is now live!

Click the link below to view:

[Enrichment Timetable](#)



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please be aware that **from Monday 8th November 2021** the Darcy Gardens entry / exit pathway to and from school **will be closed** for the winter period, due to the wet and muddy conditions. I am sure you will support us in our action here, to reduce the risk of any potential accidents to and from school via this route.

Please can you ensure your child/ren use the Scaford Road entry / exit from Monday 8th November, only.

In light of this, and to help avoid congestion at the end of the school day and to enable students to exit safely, with additional traffic, we will be asking Year 8 students, along with Year 7 to leave their last lesson 5 minutes early at 2.55pm.

Thank you
John Ferneley College



A huge thank you to Emma Wiggs MBE for visiting John Ferneley College yesterday - it was so inspiring!

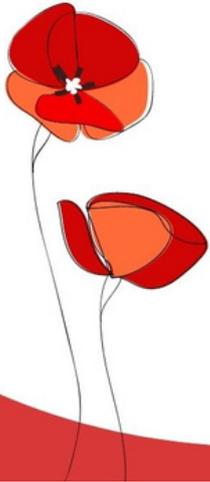
Emma spoke to our Year 9 and Year 7 students all about success, resilience, challenge and attitude. The students thoroughly enjoyed it and had lots of questions to ask!

Thank you so much to The Mintridge Foundation, and to Bowbridge Homes for supporting this programme



Our weekly theme for the next two weeks is:

Remembrance



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
POPPY APPEAL



We are proud to be supporting The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year. This week and next week, Student Ambassador's will be visiting tutor groups to give students the opportunity to purchase a poppy and other Poppy Appeal products.

We have also set up a JustGiving page, where you can donate straight to The Royal British Legion. You can donate here > www.justgiving.com/fundraising/johnferneleycollege

We will be holding a two minute silence on Thursday (11.11) at 11am to Flanders Field. Listen out for the trumpet!

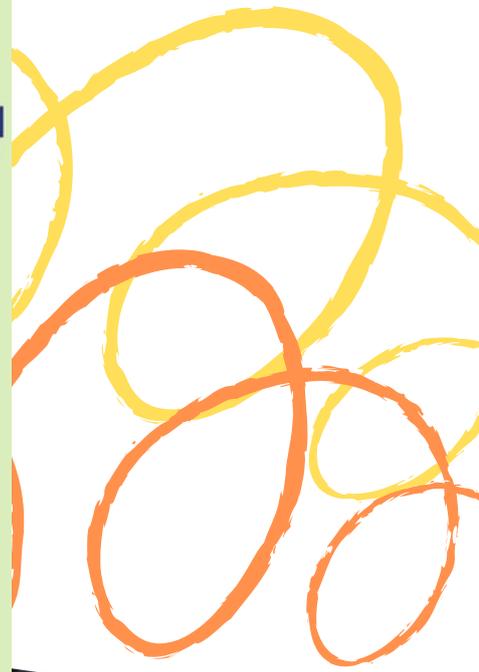
Students who are part of uniformed organisations (e.g. Cadets, Scouts, Guides, etc) are very welcome to wear their uniforms for the school day.



Drama Update

Exciting things ahead!

- The year 7 and 8 Pantomime trip coming up in December.
- The year 7-9 drama club (Wednesday lunchtime) are about to start a mini panto script as an intra-club competition.
- In lessons, we are working with scripts. It's lights, camera, action around here! We'll keep you posted on what is on the way.



GCSE Drama Update



- Planning is underway for the year 10-11 drama club. Did someone say Murder Mystery? 
- Year 10 have been busy exploring different styles, genres and practitioners.
- Year 11 have started to explore their scripted GCSE unit.

We will keep you posted with what is to come!





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Education Trust

A plea from the CEO of a high-performing Multi Academy Trust

One of the hardest things in my role as CEO is the identification, selection and recruitment of headteachers. Appointing a headteacher is tough enough: appointing a great one is a different kettle of fish. They are simply not out there. I would invite you to do the research – it's a very well-known thing.

I have worked so hard over the last three years to build the team of headteachers, and I know I now have a superb team. I can tell because while all our schools are at different positions in their journey, they are all improving. For some, they have reached that fantastic point where in all honesty, I don't have to do much anymore – they are happy and calm: that's when I know we're being highly effective. For others, they are at an earlier point in the journey, where there has been less stable leadership in the past. In these cases, we have only settled for the best leaders – even though it has taken some time - because that is what our children deserve and if leadership is right, everything else will follow...

My priority now is to continue to provide support and challenge, build trust and ensure they enjoy their role. I'm doing my bit and the vast majority of our stakeholders - including those probably reading this - are doing theirs....

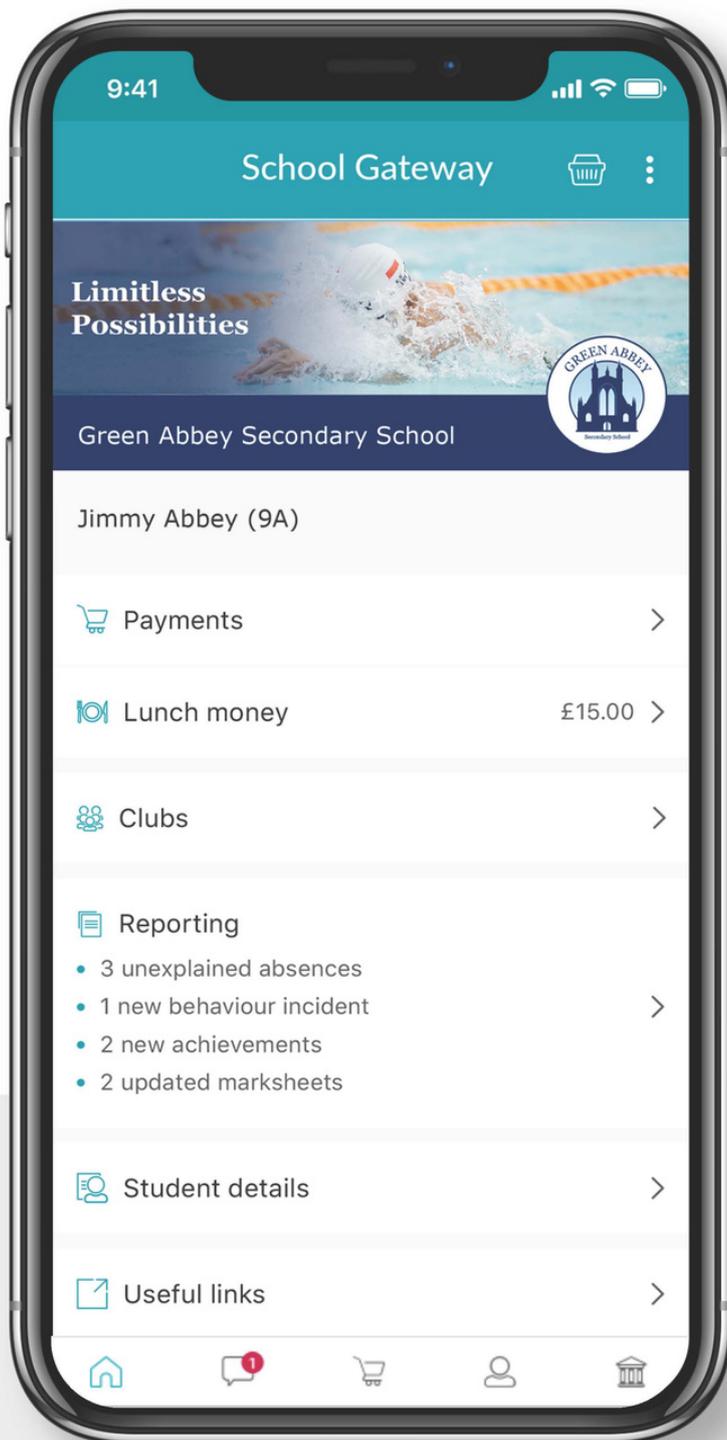
However, some of our heads are being given a very hard time currently, by a tiny number of people. It is essentially internet trolling.

Firstly, I am deeply saddened. Secondly, I am concerned that this might well result in a headteacher deciding to leave the school and possibly the profession: frankly, why would you subject yourself to that level of abuse? I am sure that the people reading this would be horrified by the personally abusive, and sometimes threatening, communications that have been received. (Please be assured that in order to protect your children's education, we will have no hesitation in referring appropriate cases to the police). I am also asking you to help me to ensure our Heads are enjoying their work: be reasonable in your interactions, be fair and be kind.

Christine Stansfield
CEO - Mowbray Education Trust

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