

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2021



John Ferneley College

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week has been particularly busy at John Ferneley College, with some really great events taking place in school. Our Year 11 students have now finished their mock exams which will have been, for some, quite an anxious time. We are very proud of how these have been conducted, and the results will be so useful in helping to put in place support and intervention for students who need the additional help in preparation for the exams next Summer. We will, of course, continue to update you about any changes which may occur in terms of the exams themselves, as we hear updates.

As part of an **Anti-Bullying Week** initiative, staff have really enjoyed the opportunity to give out raffle tickets to students who have demonstrated acts of kindness. I am looking forward to drawing names out and sharing the positive behaviour with you all next week.

Next week marks the start of our '**Subject Curriculum Reviews**', and the first is looking closely at Maths. During this time, we will also provide a '**Spotlight on the Subject**' for parents/guardians, sharing Curriculum Pathways and activities taking place in lessons. We hope you enjoy hearing even more about what your children get up to in each of their subjects over the coming months.

On **Tuesday 30th November (5.00pm - 6.00pm)**, we host our first **Parent Forum** event of this academic year, more information can be found in this newsletter about how to come along and share your feedback. As I have said previously, feedback is very important to myself and the team and I really do encourage you to come along to these events, or on a **Tuesday at 9.00am** when I am available every week for the '**Parent Coffee Drop In**'.


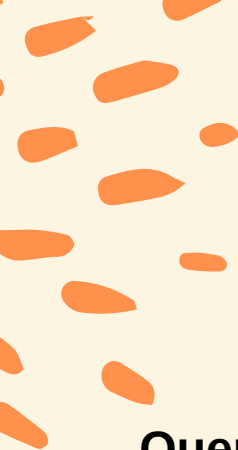
Our Maths and Science departments also hosted our Year 5 and 6 transition events this week, which were so well attended. I really enjoyed seeing the children's reactions to what they were being shown and look forward to them joining our community in the future.

As we have now reached the halfway mark of this half term, we are looking forward to some fantastic Christmas events for our students in the coming weeks, so please look out for further details.

In the meantime, I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Natalie Teece
Head of School





Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Queries about the COVID / FLU vaccinations - Friday 26th
November 2021**

Please can you ensure any vaccination queries for the upcoming COVID / FLU vaccination programme taking place in school on Friday 26th November, are directed to the NHS community immunisation service (contact details below), and not the school.

Please keep the community immunisation team informed of any medical changes, or change to consent about the vaccination/s, using the contact details below:



Email: communityimmunisations.service@nhs.net

Tel: 0300 3000 007

Please be reminded that the consent will close 1 working day before the session.

A polite reminder that all parent/guardian support information (FAQs guide), NHS information letters and consent forms can be accessed on the school website, home page.

Thank you for your support.



Dear Parent,

Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations at your child's school

We are writing to let you know about the updated winter vaccination programme at your child's school.

If you have received this letter, your child should be eligible for both the COVID-19 vaccination, which is being offered in school to all 12-15-year-olds, and the nasal flu vaccine, which is being offered to all children from years reception to 11.

As we have not yet visited your child's school as part of this year's school vaccination programme, we will be offering the COVID-19 and flu vaccinations to eligible students on the same day. For those children who have been given consent for both vaccines, this means they will be given to your child during the same appointment slot.

We have thoroughly reviewed our operational programme options and, after careful consideration and medical advice, have determined this course of action will best enable us to offer and deliver protection to children from these serious viruses within the winter period.

We'd like to reassure you that national advice has deemed it both safe and effective to administer both vaccines together. The Joint Committee for Vaccinations and Immunisations (JCVI) has outlined that it is preferable to offer the COVID-19 vaccine together with the flu to ensure the protection is delivered as quickly as possible, rather than to delay – and this advice includes school vaccination programmes. It is very common to administer multiple vaccines at once and neither vaccine will affect the effectiveness of the other.

How will the vaccinations work?

The COVID-19 vaccine is injected into the top of the arm and the flu vaccination is a nasal spray.

Please note, as the nasal spray contains porcine (pork) gelatine, some parents may wish for their child to receive the gelatine-free injectable flu vaccine instead, which will be delivered either at school, where possible, or at a later date at specialist clinics. If your child can't have the nasal vaccine, please indicate on your consent form.

What are the side effects?

Like all medicines, vaccines can cause side effects. Most of these are mild and short term, and not everyone gets them. The administration of two vaccines at the same time might make side-effects more likely, but these side-effects are likely to be mild.

Some of the most common side effects of the COVID-19 include:

- having a painful, heavy feeling and tenderness in the arm where you had your injection. This tends to be worst around 1 to 2 days after the vaccination
- feeling tired
- headache
- general aches, or mild flu like symptoms

The side effects of the flu nasal spray are similar and include:

- headache
- muscle aches
- a blocked or runny nose
- reduced appetite
- weakness

Less common side effects include a slightly raised temperature, shivering, tiredness or a nosebleed.

Consent

You should have already been sent consent letters, with links to provide consent for both flu and COVID-19 by your school.

If you have not yet filled these out, you can still do so.

We will not vaccinate any child who does not have consent. We will only give both vaccines to children who have consent for both the COVID-19 vaccine and flu vaccine. For example, if you have only consented for your child to have the COVID-19 vaccine, we will not give your child the flu and vice versa.

If you have any questions about consent, please contact the school age immunisation team on:
communityimmunisations.service@nhs.net

What if my child has already had the COVID-19 or flu vaccine?

You can now book for your child to have the COVID-19 vaccine at specialist 12-15-year-old clinics at vaccination centres. Check the National Booking Service on the NHS website to view the clinics available.

If your child has already been vaccinated against COVID-19 or flu you do not need to let us know as our records will already be updated.

More information about COVID-19

Recently, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust held webinar sessions with a panel of NHS vaccine programme clinicians from the Trust and the Leicestershire and Rutland CCGs and public health professionals from Leicester City and Leicestershire County Councils to help answer parent and young people's questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. These are available to re-watch on Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's YouTube channel:

- Webinar for young people (filmed 6.10.21): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcmXCzDRmhs>
- Webinar for parents (filmed 28.9.21): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONewlXQy4a4>

A COVID-19 vaccine guide for parents, is also available to download: <https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/COVID-19-12-15-vaccine-parent-information-pack-1.pdf>

Information for young people is available on the Health for Teens website:
<https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination-information/?location=Leicester%2C+Leicestershire+and+Rutland>

More information about Flu

More information about the flu vaccine can be found on the Health for Teens website:
<https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/flu/flu-just-the-facts/> and on the NHS website:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

Yours sincerely,



Director of FYPC and LD Services
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

Children in Need - Friday 19th November 2021





Dear Parents / Guardians,

John Ferneley College - Christmas Lunch 2021

We are delighted to announce that our annual Christmas Lunch is back. This year, our Christmas Lunch will operate across two days, rather than the original one day.

Please see below the dates for each year group:

- **Thursday 9th December - Years 9, 10 and 11 (served in the restaurant)**
- **Friday 10th December - Years 7 and 8 (served in the restaurant)**

Please find a copy of the Christmas Lunch menu overleaf, with a choice for a meat option and a vegetarian option. A copy of this menu is also available to view on the catering section of our school website.

The cost for a Christmas Lunch is **£2.40 per child**. If your child(ren) wishes to have a Christmas Lunch, please find the relevant payment item on your School Gateway account and select / pay for, either the meat or vegetarian option. As the food must be ordered in advance, **the deadline for payments is 3pm on Wednesday 1st December 2021.**

For students who do not wish to have Christmas Lunch, the catering menu will be available as normal, including an option of festive sandwiches and baguettes being served from the auditorium and external food POD.

Timings of the day will be circulated to students closer to the time.

Free School Meals

Students who normally have a free school meal (FSM) and would like a Christmas Lunch, please email gmogg@johnferneley.org to confirm your order. Please do not place an order through your School Gateway account.

Yours sincerely,

Camilla Bradley
Strategy Implementation Manager
cbradley@johnferneley.org



JOIN US FOR
Christmas
WITH ALL
THE TRIMMINGS...!

Menu

Traditional Christmas Roast

Served with traditional stuffing balls and rich gravy

Roast Potatoes
Brussel sprouts
Roast parsnips
Carrots
Turkey
Pigs in blankets

Or

Vegetable Wellington

Dessert

Chocolate Sponge

With custard

Or

Jingle Jelly

£2.40



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2021

KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES



- **Friday 26th November** - new date for COVID Vaccinations [first dose] and Flu Vaccinations 12 - 15 year olds
- **Friday 26th November** - Year 7 Disco - tickets now available on School Gateway
- **Tuesday 30th November** - Parent Forum 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- **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
- **Thursday 9th December** - Student Christmas Lunch (Years 9, 10 and 11)
- **Friday 10th December** - Student Christmas Lunch (Years 7 and 8)
- **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)
- **Friday 17th December** - Christmas Carol Service (Year 7 and 8)
- **Friday 17th December** - Last Day of Term



YEAR SEVEN



DISCO PARTY

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 6:30-8:00

TICKETS ONLY £3.00!

SWEETS UP FOR GRABS!!

JFC Auditorium

TICKETS NOW ON GATEWAY!

Disability History Month

UK Disability History Month 2021 is from 18th November till 18th December.

The Joint themes in 2021 are:

- Disability and Hidden Impairments
- Disability, Sex and Relationships

The aim of Disability History Month has always been to:












- Celebrate the Lives as Disabled People now and in the past
- Challenge Disabilism by exploring our oppression over time and now
- Achieve Equality

For more information about Disability History Month, please click here > ukdhm.org/

We have also created a resources page (linked below) where you can explore fiction and non-fiction texts, poems and popular culture which all highlight and raise awareness of disabilities.

- [Disability History Month 2021 resources](#)

Disability History Month 2021

Fiction Texts	Non-Fiction Texts	Poems	Popular Culture
<p>The Reason I Jump Naoki Higashida</p> <p>The story of a 13 year old boy with autism. The book demonstrates how an autistic mind thinks, feels, perceives, and responds in ways few of us can imagine</p> 	<p>I Am Not A Label Cerie Bernell</p> <p>A collection of biographies of disabled artists, thinkers, athletes and activists with beautiful illustrations, including mental health and invisible disabilities.</p> 	<p>Beauty is a Verb: The New Poetry Of Disability Sheila Black et al.</p> <p>An anthology of poems about disability and identity.</p> 	<p>Arts Mind the Gap</p> <p>Mind the Gap is England's leading learning disability performance and live arts company – their website lists a range of events to go and see or participate in.</p> <p>https://www.mind-the-gap.org.uk/</p>
<p>Our Diversity Makes Us Stronger Elizabeth Cole</p> <p>A book which provides a Powerful way of teaching children about diversity, loving and valuing yourself, and respecting differences.</p> 	<p>Just Like Me: 40 neurologically and physically diverse people who broke stereotypes Laura Gooding</p> <p>40 stories of inspirational figures around the world who are neurologically or physically diverse</p> 	<p>Disabled Wilfred Owen</p> <p><i>He sat in a wheeled chair, waiting for dark, And shivered in his ghastly suit of grey. Legless, sewn short at elbow. Through the park Voices of boys rang saddening like a hymn</i></p>	<p>Theatre The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</p> <p>Performance dates can be found here: https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/the-curious-incident-of-the-dog-in-the-night-time</p>
<p>El Deafo Cece Bell</p> <p>A graphic novel which explores the experiences of the author and hearing loss.</p> 	<p>No One Is Too Small To Make A Difference Greta Thunberg</p> <p>The speeches of Greta Thunberg detailing why we need to tackle climate change and fight to protect the planet.</p> 	<p>Disabled Country Neil Marcus</p> <p><i>If there was a country called disabled, I would be from there. I live disabled culture, eat disabled food, make disabled love, cry disabled tears, climb disabled mountains and tell disabled stories.</i></p>	<p>Film The Peanut Butter Falcon</p> <p>The film tells the story of a man with Down Syndrome pursuing his dream of becoming a professional wrestler</p> <p>https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4364194/</p>
<p>Wolfstongue Sam Thompson</p> <p>Wolfstongue is a magical story about a boy who cannot find his voice but then one day befriends a wolf and discovers a hidden world where animals speak.</p> 	<p>Sitting Pretty Rebekah Taussig</p> <p>@sitting_pretty has written a memoir about her life growing up in the 90s-00s as a paralysed girl.</p> 	<p>New/Unnamed Philip Dowd</p> <p><i>Born again With each muscular contraction, The excitement The challenge The new me. begins</i></p>	<p>Museums British Museum</p> <p>Six objects focusing on disability in history are discussed</p> <p>https://blog.britishmuseum.org/disability-and-the-british-museum-collection/</p>
<p>A Kind of Spark Elle McNicoll</p> <p>A story of an autistic girl who embarks on a crusade to challenge the mindset of her local village and have a memorial created to honour persecuted women during the witch trials.</p> 	<p>How To Talk To An Autistic Kid Daniel Stefanski</p> <p>Daniel, aged 14, has written a social skills guide for children without autism to get to know children with autism</p> 	<p>Here's To The Children Who Don't Quite Fit Gary Shulman</p> <p><i>Here's to the children who don't quite fit Who run around aimlessly when all the others sit Who look at the world through eyes unique And into their souls you'd love to peek</i></p>	<p>Art disABILITY and Art</p> <p>This page was created with the help of staff and volunteers from Tate's disABILITY Network.</p> <p>https://www.tate.org.uk/art/disability-and-art</p>

STOREHOUSE / AGE UK CAMPAIGN

We are proud to have launched our annual Storehouse and Age UK campaign again this year.

Miss Oliver is aiming to collect 100 boxes to take down to Storehouse on **Friday 10th December** - we would be extremely grateful for any donations.

As always, thank you for your continued support for our annual campaign.



Items most needed

- Tinned Veg
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Pasta Sauces
- Spray Deodorants
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shower Gels
- Pasta
- Rice
- Baked Beans
- Soup
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Tinned Fish
- Biscuits
- Rice Pudding
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Meatballs/ Hotdogs
- Tinned Curry/ Stews/ Chili
- UHT Milk Cartons
- Coffee
- Dog Food
- Washing Powder
- Washing Up Liquid
- Tinned Vegan items



Possible ideas for gift donations

- Box of biscuits/shortbread
- Toiletries
- Bath sets
- Chocolate
- Scarf
- Hat
- Gloves
- Pack of playing cards
- Candle
- Wash bag/soaps
- Blanket
- Socks
- Homemade or reusable masks
- Lip balm
- Moisturiser
- Puzzle books
- Pens
- Hand cream

Appeal for football boots

With the launch of the new 3G pitch, which is due to be built very soon, we are looking for donations of football boots which we, as a school, can loan out to students for use during lessons.

There are two particular types of shoes that will be acceptable on the 3G pitch, a stud and moulded boot:

- Football boots with screw-in studs (less than 21mm)
- Football boots with moulded studs



If you have any donations, please could you contact Mr Baker (Teacher of PE) on tbaker1@johnferneley.org. As always, thank you for your support!

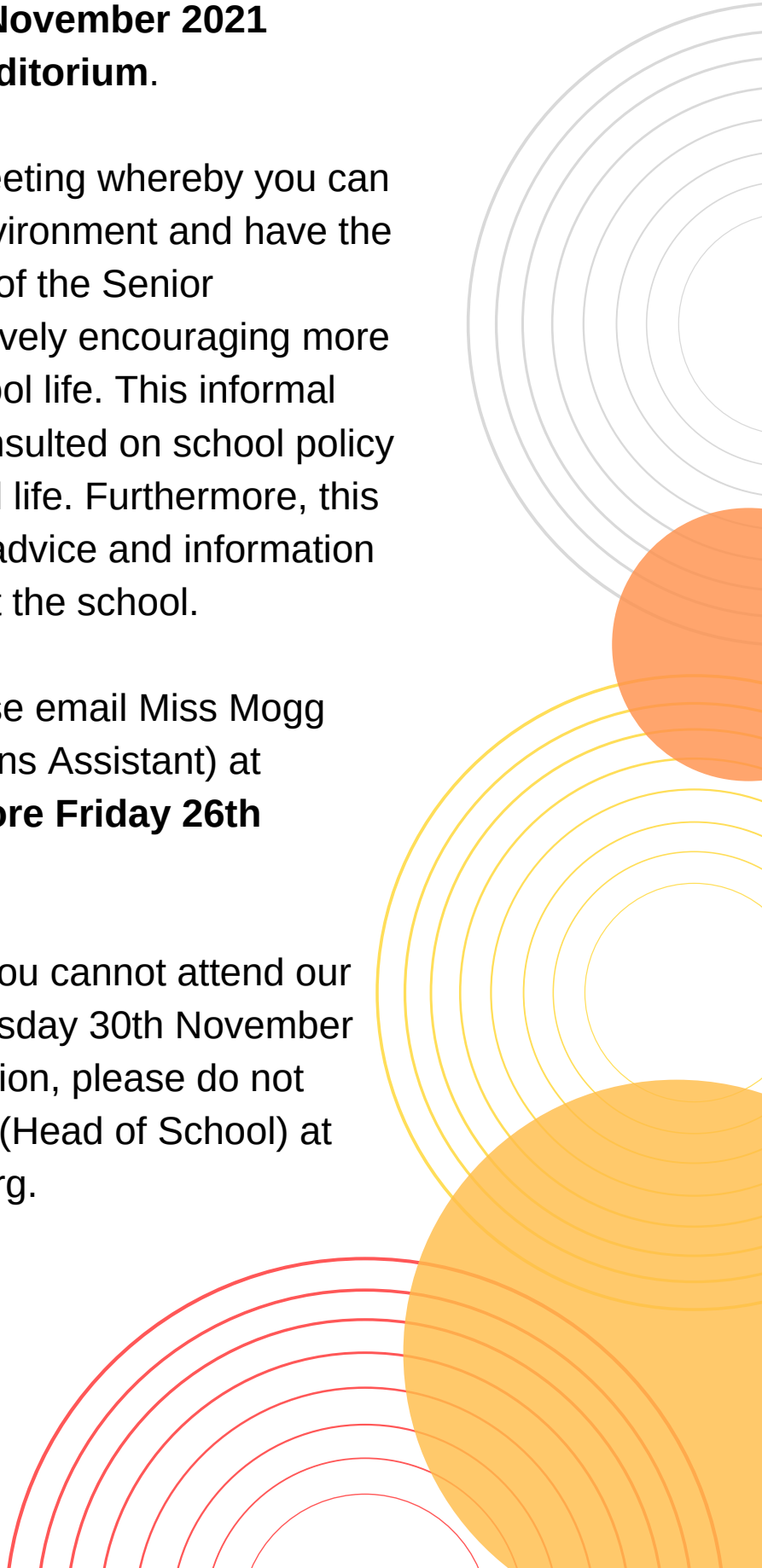
Parent Forum Meeting

We believe that for the school to be truly successful we must work in collaborative partnership with parents and guardians. Therefore, we are delighted to welcome you to our Parent Forum meeting which is being held on **Tuesday 30th November 2021 (5.00pm – 6.00pm)**, in the **Auditorium**.

Parent Forum is our termly meeting whereby you can come along, in an informal environment and have the opportunity to meet members of the Senior Leadership Team. We are actively encouraging more parents to get involved in school life. This informal group can raise issues, be consulted on school policy and offer their views on school life. Furthermore, this is an opportunity to ascertain advice and information about your child's education at the school.

To register your interest, please email Miss Mogg (Marketing and Communications Assistant) at gmogg@johnferneley.org **before Friday 26th November 2021**.

















If you have any queries, or if you cannot attend our Parent Forum meeting on Tuesday 30th November and would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Teece (Head of School) at nteece@mowbrayeducation.org.





John Ferneley College

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 				

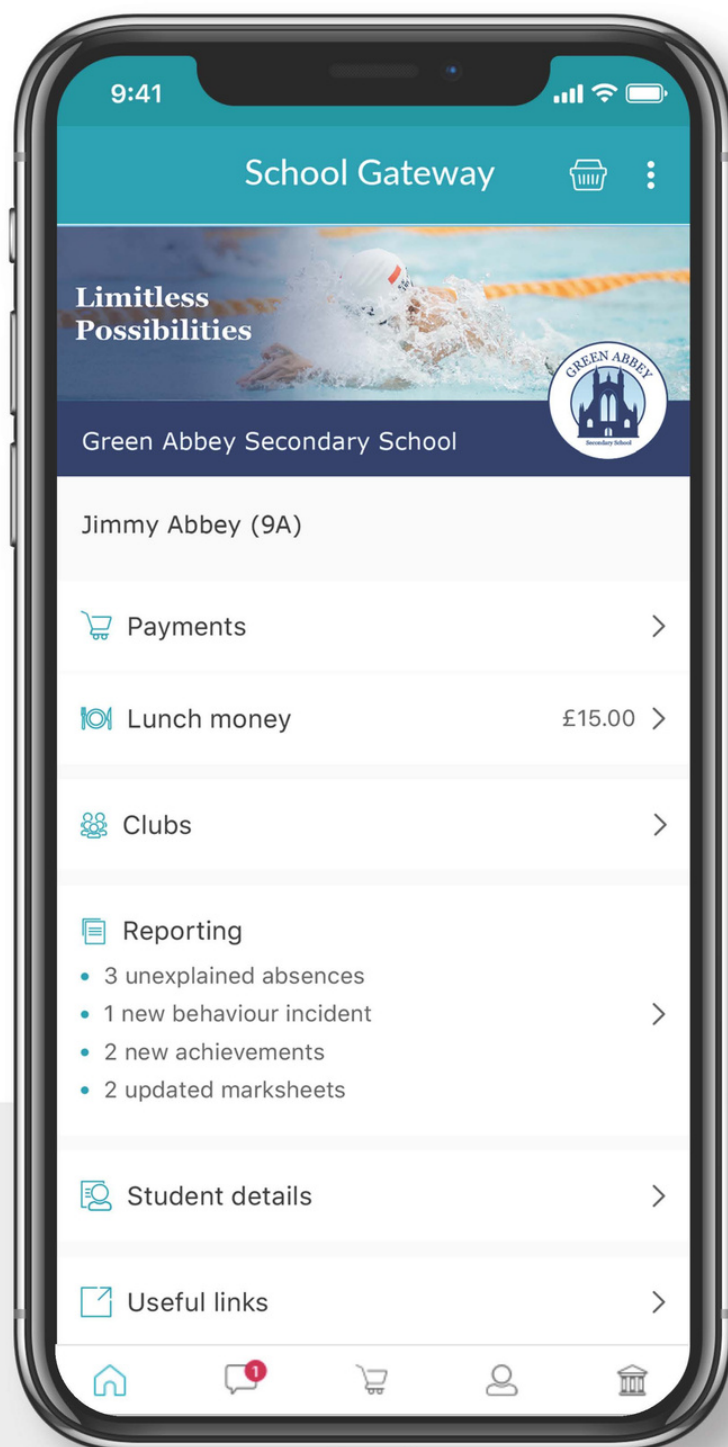
***DISCLAIMER** – the use of personally owned devices in connection with the Nintendo Switch Club carries specific risk for which the owner has full liability.

Our new enrichment timetable for Autumn 2 is now live!

Click the link to view > [Enrichment Timetable](#)

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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

Business Studies

Extended Project

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