ISSUE 13

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2021

John Ferneley College

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week, it was fantastic to have the opportunity to give out awards to a number of students who had demonstrated particular kindness in school. These were very well received, and it was a pleasure to deliver them. We have been reviewing our rewards offer across the whole school and we will soon be sharing information about how your child's positive points are building up towards incentives.

We have also carried out a Maths subject review this week - please see photos and information included within this bulletin. It has been fantastic to get into Maths lessons and speak to students about their experiences in their lessons. I am incredibly proud of our Curriculum offer in school and we will be taking a close look at each department on a fortnightly basis over the rest of the academic year.

Our Christmas plans are in full swing, and we are looking forward to a whole range of trips taking place during the last week of term - more information can be found within this edition. Ahead of this, we have the John Ferneley College Christmas Lunch is back this year and taking place on Thursday 9th December (Years 9, 10 and 11) and Friday 10th December (Years 7 and 8) - please purchase a ticket by Wednesday 1st December if you wish for your child/ren to have a Christmas meal. More information can be found here on the school website > Christmas Lunch 2021

Our trips offer is really taking off now and we are sorry to anyone who was unable to secure a place on any of the recent trips, but we will be sharing future opportunities as and when they become available. Please keep an eye on your Gateway account and this school bulletin as we will share messages here.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend and please do get in touch with any questions you may have, or remember you can pop along to see myself or Mrs Kettle, our SENDCO, every Tuesday at 9am.

Best wishes,
Natalie Teece
Head of School

ACTS OF KINDESS

In recognition of Anti-Bullying Week, staff have been looking out for acts of kindness amongst our great students. Throughout last week, students were given raffle tickets from their teachers if they demonstrated acts of kindness, which were then added into a draw.

On Tuesday, Mrs Teece was delighted to visit the winners of the draw to hand out some lovely prizes from the Mowbray Education Trust.

It was wonderful to receive so many raffle tickets, highlighting just how amazing our students are!

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
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TAYLOR & SHAW

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

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Dessert

Chocolate Sponge

With custard

Or

Jingle Jelly

£2.40

'Tis the season to be jolly

Christmas Activities

We are pleased to confirm our upcoming Christmas activities taking place this December.

Our annual Christmas Lunch will be taking place on **Thursday 9th December** for Years 9, 10 and 11, and **Friday 10th December** for Years 7 and 8. We have a few surprises in store for this year, so are looking forward to a joyful, festive lunch! Tickets can be purchased via School Gateway until Wednesday 1st December 2021.

Friday 10th December is also Christmas Jumper Day. Staff and students are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper for the day (alongside their usual school uniform) with a suggested donation of £1 which will all go straight to the charity; this money will be collected in tutor time. To find out more about Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day, please click here > www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about

We have multiple trips taking place during the last week of term, to celebrate behaviour and attitude to learning throughout the first term of school. Please find below further details:

- **Monday 13th December** - Year 7 Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Trip
- **Tuesday 14th December** - Year 8 Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Trip
- **Thursday 16th December** - Year 9 Trip to Nottingham Ice Arena and the Broadway Cinema - now live on School Gateway, deadline for payment is Friday 3rd December 2021.
- **Friday 17th December** - Year 10 Trip to Hollywood Bowl - now live on School Gateway, deadline for payment is Friday 3rd December 2021.
- **Friday 17th December** - Year 11 to leave early at 1.25pm.

Year 7 German students will be visiting the Birmingham German Market on **Tuesday 14th December** - a fantastic opportunity to experience some German culture and enjoy a festive experience with their friends.

As always, we also have our annual Christmas Carol Service taking place on **Friday 17th December** for Year 7 and 8 students, which is a lovely way to end the term.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2021

KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES

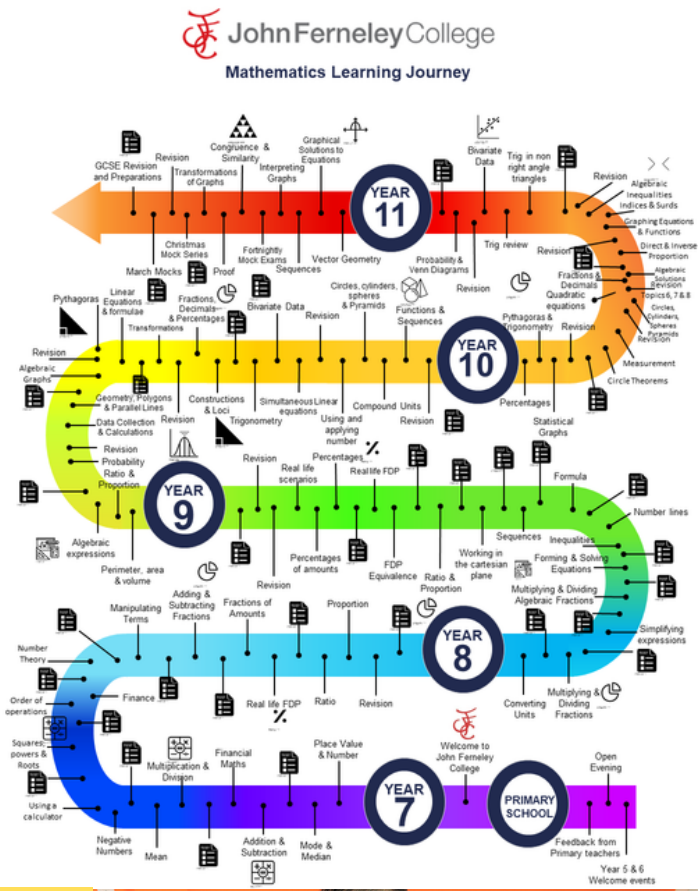
- **Tuesday 30th November** - Parent Forum 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- **Thursday 2nd December** - Year 10 Meet the Tutor Evening, 5.30pm - 6.30pm (Auditorium) - CANCELLED
- **Tuesday 7th December** - Year 9 Parents' Evening (Virtual) 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- **Thursday 9th December** - Student Christmas Lunch (Years 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)
- **Thursday 16th December** - Year 9 Trip to Nottingham Ice Arena and the Broadway Cinema
- **Friday 17th December** - Year 10 Trip to Hollywood Bowl
- **Friday 17th December** - Christmas Carol Service (Year 7 and 8)
- **Friday 17th December** - Last Day of Term

SPOTLIGHT ON A SUBJECT

This week, we launched our '**Spotlight on a Subject**' which we hope gave you even more of an insight into what students get up to in each of their subjects.

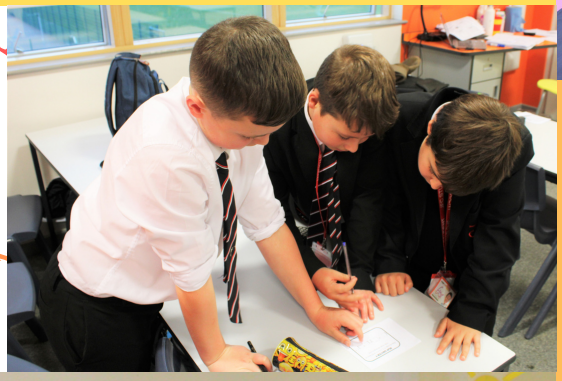
The first subject we looked at was **Maths**! Some of the things we have shared throughout the week across our social media channels included Curriculum Pathways, activities in lessons and an introduction to the department.

To read our Subject Intent along with the Implementation and Impact, and the subject journey, please click here > www.johnferneley.org/maths



There are lots of Maths extra-curricular activities that students can get involved in, including:

- **Origami Club** - Monday lunch - CE14
- **Card Games Club** - Tuesday and Thursday lunch - CE9
- **Alpha Club** - Tuesday after-school - CE13
- **Year 11 Supporting Success (Intervention)** - Thursday after-school - Week 1

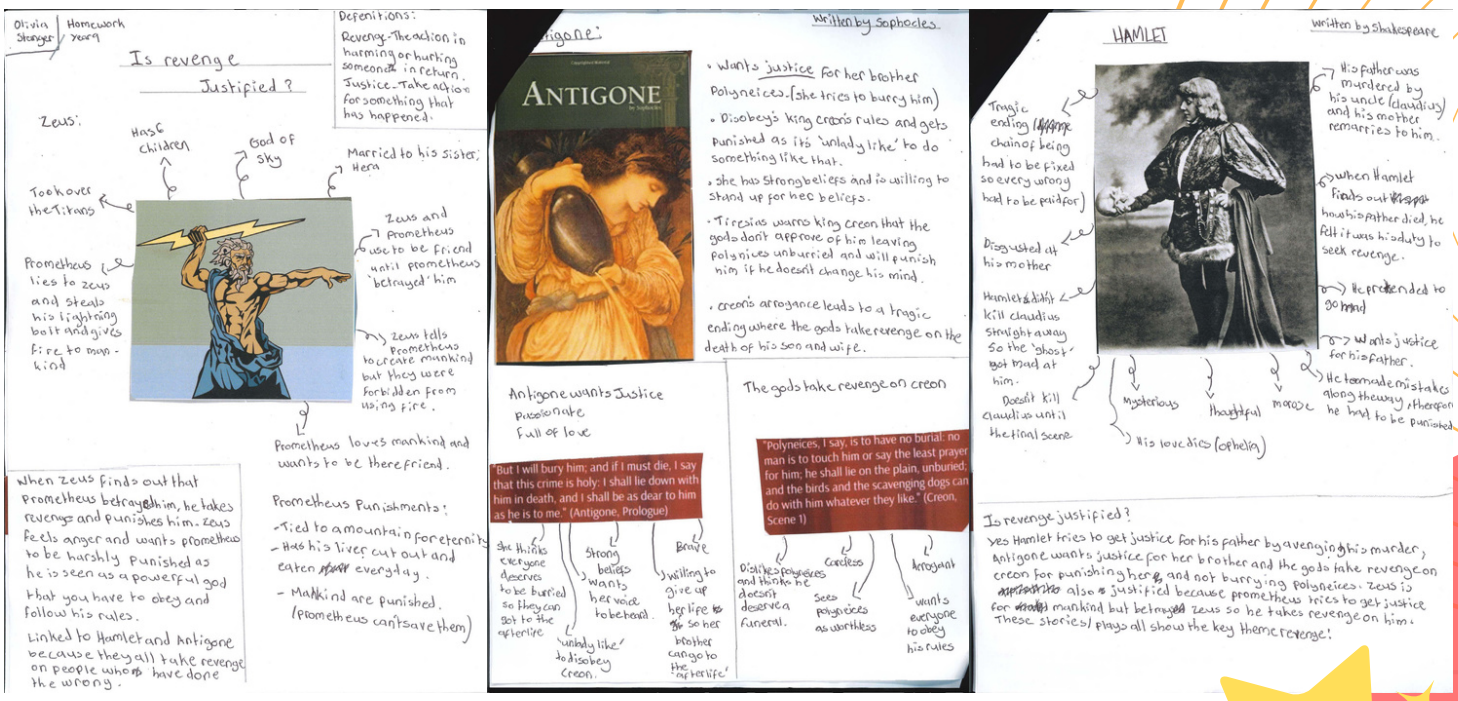


We are super proud of our Maths teaching team, who are all specialist within their area! The department are always on hand to answer any questions students may have, or to offer extra support.

We'd like to introduce you to our brilliant Maths department:

- Mrs Franklin (Head of Maths)
- Miss Cragg (Second of Department)
- Mr Page
- Miss Neep
- Mrs Devey
- Mrs Griffiths
- Miss Keightley
- Mr Winder
- Mrs Poulter
- Mrs Doran

Mrs Wilkinson English Homework Shout Out



A lovely example of an English homework project from Olivia S (Year 9).

Mrs Wilkinson was also really impressed with Lily E's (Year 9) presentation on the topics we have done so far this year.

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:

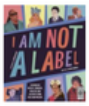
- Celebrate the Lives as Disabled People now and in the past
- Challenge Disabilism by exploring our oppression over time and now
- Achieve Equality

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
The Reason I Jump **Naoki Higashida** 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	**I Am Not A Label** **Cerrie Bernell**  A collection of biographies of disabled artists, thinkers, athletes and activists with beautiful illustrations, including mental health and invisible disabilities.	**Beauty is a Verb: The New Poetry Of Disability** **Sheila Black et al.** An anthology of poems about disability and identity.	**Arts** **Mind the Gap** 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. https://www.mind-the-gap.org.uk/
Our Diversity Makes Us Stronger **Elizabeth Cole** A book which provides a Powerful way of teaching children about diversity, loving and valuing yourself, and respecting differences.	**Just Like Me: 40 neurologically and physically diverse people who broke stereotypes** **Laura Gooding** 40 stories of inspirational figures around the world who are neurologically or physically diverse	**Disabled** **Wilfred Owen** *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*	**Theatre** **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** Performance dates can be found here: https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/the-curious-incident-of-the-dog-in-the-night-time
El Deafo **Cece Bell** A graphic novel which explores the experiences of the author and hearing loss.	**No One Is Too Small To Make A Difference** **Greta Thunberg** The speeches of Greta Thunberg detailing why we need to tackle climate change and fight to protect the planet.	**Disabled Country** **Neil Marcus** *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.*	**Film** **The Peanut Butter Falcon** The film tells the story of a man with Down Syndrome pursuing his dream of becoming a professional wrestler https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4364194/
Wolfstongue **Sam Thompson** 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.	**Sitting Pretty** **Rebekah Taussig** @sitting_pretty has written a memoir about her life growing up in the 90s-00s as a paralysed girl.	**New/Unnamed** **Philip Dowd** *Born again* *With each muscular contraction,* *The excitement* *The challenge* *The new me.* *begins*	**Museums** **British Museum** Six objects focusing on disability in history are discussed https://blog.britishmuseum.org/disability-and-the-british-museum-collection/
A Kind of Spark **Elle McNicoll** 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.	How To Talk To An Autistic Kid Daniel Stefanski Daniel, aged 14, has written a social skills guide for children without autism to get to know children with autism	**Here's To The Children Who Don't Quite Fit** **Gary Shulman** *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 peak*	**Art** **disABILITY and Art** This page was created with the help of staff and volunteers from Tate's disABILITY Network. https://www.tate.org.uk/art/disability-and-art

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

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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				

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Our new enrichment timetable for Autumn 2 is now live!

Click the link to view > Enrichment Timetable

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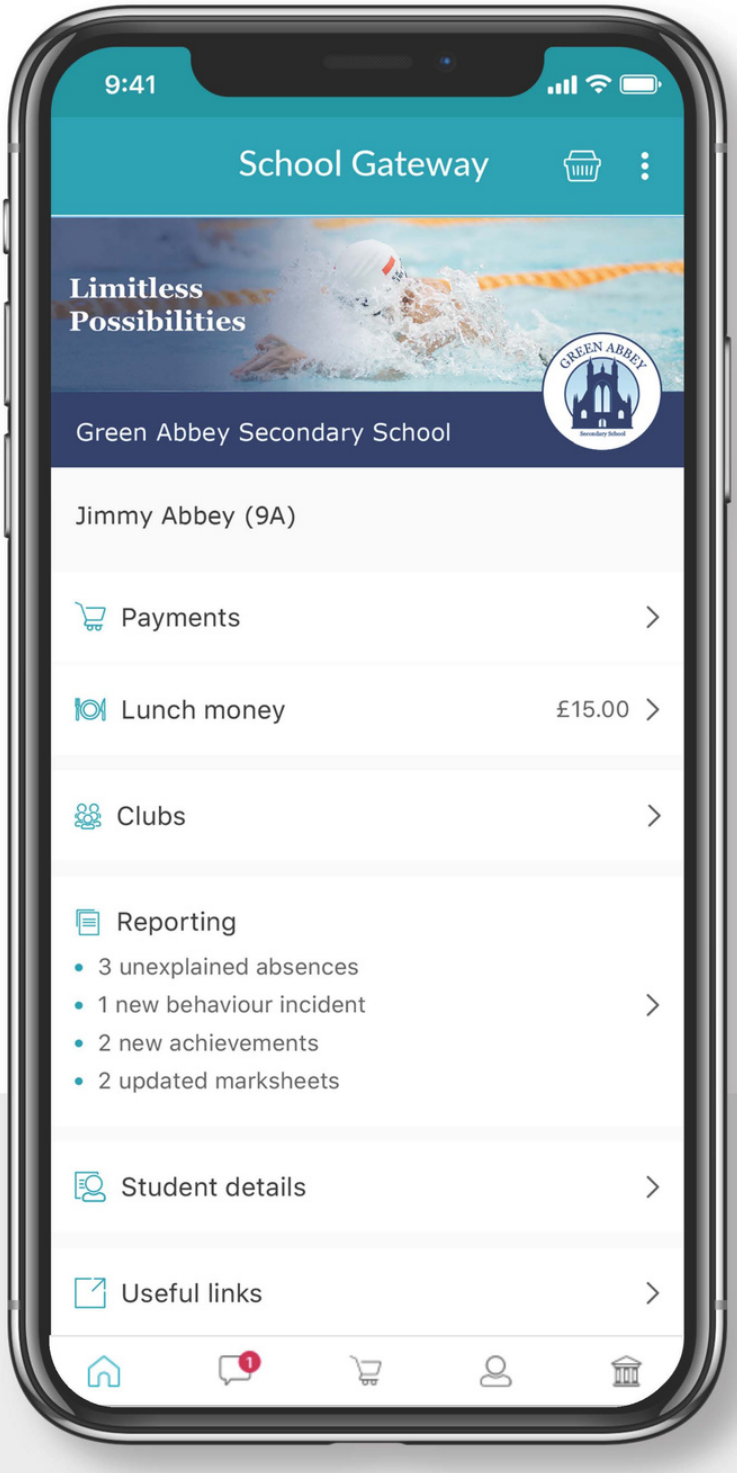
The easiest way to interact with your child's life at school



Find out more at:

schoolgateway.co.uk

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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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*Disclaimer: Subject offering is subject to change

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