

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2021



John Ferneley College

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good afternoon,

It is that time of year when the long term is really kicking in, and luckily some lovely Christmas events are now on the horizon. Yesterday, a small number of Year 7 and 8 students had the chance to visit **St. Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival** as a reward for their positive points gathered this term. All of our Year 7 and 8 students will be returning to the church on the final day of term (Friday 17th December) for our annual **Christmas Carol Service** to celebrate the festivities.

Last week, we undertook our first Curriculum Review of the year which is where we focus on a subject for the week - the first subject was Maths. It was great to be able to share our new **'Spotlight on a Subject'** with updates about the Maths department, curriculum journey, extra-curricular activities and lessons from Maths. Next week, it is the turn of the English team to share their department news and curriculum. Getting into lessons is one of the most rewarding parts of my job and it has been great to see the fantastic quality of lessons, climate for learning and real engagement of our students.

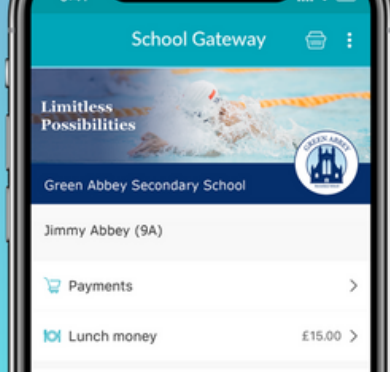
Our tracking window has closed this week, so you should soon be receiving up to date tracking and progress information about your child(ren). This will also include a commitment to learning score and an update of behaviour and positive points.

Our Covid cases have reduced considerably this week, so we hope to be able to continue with our trips and activities planned for the final two weeks of term, but do keep an eye out for updates on social media and on School Gateway.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best wishes,
Natalie Teece
Head of School





Schoolgateway

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

SIGN UP HERE

Have you signed up to the School Gateway 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 and attendance. Via the app, you can also use cashless payments to pay for lunch and trips etc. and use the messaging service to contact the school, which is free of charge.

It is important that all parents have access to the app, as this is how the majority of communication will be sent, if not sent via email. You can download the app for FREE to your phone, tablet, laptop and even your smart watch. The School Gateway app is available on Android, iOS and the web. For more information, please visit > www.schoolgateway.com.

You can also find a helpful step-by-step Parent Guide [linked here](#).



COVID-19 and flu vaccinations - Thursday 9th December 2021

The NHS vaccination team will be visiting John Ferneley College on Thursday 9th December to deliver the COVID-19 and flu vaccinations to those students who did not receive their vaccinations on Friday 26th November.

For more information regarding the COVID and Flu vaccination programme, please read the letter below from the NHS.

COVID-19 – LETTER TO PARENTS – CO-DELIVERING AT YOUR SCHOOL

Queries about the COVID / FLU vaccinations – Thursday 9th December

Please can you ensure any vaccination queries for the upcoming COVID / FLU vaccination programme taking place in school on Thursday 9th December 2021, 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.



Advent Raffle

This week, we have relaunched our 'Advent Raffle' for both students and staff, which means each morning we will be doing a draw, at random, before delivering a little Christmas Gift to the winner.

This morning, Student Leaders delivered a gift too:

- Declan - Year 11
- Praise - Year 11
- Isla - Year 8
- Mrs Teesdale
- Mrs Kettle
- Ms Huskisson Ettrick

We will be delivering gifts during tutor until the last day of term!



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2021

KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES



- **Tuesday 7th December** - Year 9 Parents' Evening (Virtual) 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- **Thursday 9th December** - Covid and Flu Vaccinations (for those that did not receive theirs on Friday 26th November)
- **Friday 10th December** - Student Christmas Lunch
- **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





ADJUSTED MENU
6th December – 10th December

MONDAY.

Sausage, Wedges, Beans or Peas

TUESDAY.

Chili Con Carne

WEDNESDAY.

Spaghetti Bolognese and Garlic Bread

THURSDAY.

Fish and Chips
Beans or Peas

FRIDAY.

Christmas Lunch



'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 **Friday 10th December**. We have a few surprises in store for this year, so are looking forward to a joyful, festive lunch!

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, or you can donate via School Gateway. 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
- **Friday 17th December** - Year 10 Trip to Hollywood Bowl
- **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.

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

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>



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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 				

***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](#)



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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