

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 7TH JANUARY 2022



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good afternoon and a Happy New Year to our whole school community. I do hope that you managed to have a break during the Christmas holidays despite the uncertainties we were faced with. We have really enjoyed welcoming our students back on site this week for their testing and return to lessons. Thank you for your support with our **on-site testing** as this was an important part of our return to school to ensure that everyone was as safe as possible. A **huge thank you** to our team who have been fantastic on-site, ensuring that this was as smooth and as safe as possible. We shall continue to update you with any further updates or information we receive regarding COVID-19.

This term we have a great deal coming up, beginning with our **Year 9 'Subject Marketplace Evening'** on Wednesday 12th January. Today, you should have received a letter with a link to a video which outlines the whole process, and an invitation to the Subject Marketplace Evening. It is important that we run this event live, but we will need to stagger the arrival of parents/guardians and students to enable the evening to be as safe as possible. Please do take a look at this prior to coming along so that you have the chance to think of any questions you might want to ask. Choosing your options is a really important step and it is important that both you and your child have a good understanding of the process.

This term also sees the start of the building of our new 3G pitch. We will be communicating lots of updates about the process as it gets underway next week.

If your son/daughter isn't yet involved in any of our clubs or extra-curricular activities at lunchtime or after-school, please do encourage them to come along and give them a try, especially in the winter months when students tend to be indoors a little more. We are really proud of our extra-curricular offer and the range of clubs we have available to students.

As ever, please do get in touch with any questions you may have. I hope to resume the **'Coffee Drop-in Mornings'** again from next week (Tuesday 11th January) at 9.00am where both myself and our SENDco, Mrs Kettle, will be available to help with any queries or concerns you may have.

Best wishes,
Natalie Teece
Head of School



COVID-19 Testing update

This week, following Government advice, we have tested students **on-site** upon return of the Christmas holidays. We are delighted to say that the first round of student testing is complete, which all ran smoothly, and we only had 4 positive cases!

A huge thank you to our Testing Workforce who continue to do us proud, and well done to everyone who has assisted with an efficient and organised reopening.



Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results

This week, the Government have announced confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from **Tuesday 11th January**. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.



REMINDER - PASTORAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD


As well as your child's tutor, our Head of Year team are on hand daily to answer your queries, and help support your child in school day-to-day. However, please note our Heads of Year are also teachers and could be teaching throughout the school day. They will aim to respond to your emails within 24 hours.
















Please see key pastoral contact details and photographs below for each year group [here](#) (Visit the school website > main menu > school information > pastoral support team).

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2022

KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES

- **Wednesday 12th January** - Enterprise and Marketing exam
- **Wednesday 12th January** - Year 9 Subject Marketplace & Meet the Tutor Evening (5.30pm - 7.00pm)
- **Thursday 27th January** - Year 11 Supporting Success (5.30pm - 6.30pm)
- **Monday 31st January - Friday 4th February** - National Apprenticeship Week
- **Wednesday 9th February** - Year 10 Parents' Evening (4.00pm - 7.00pm)
- **Friday 11th February** - Last day of term

 **John Ferneley College**
Enrichment Clubs Spring 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) E3 
	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) K3 
		Lego Club (All Years) K3 	Drama Club (Years 7, 8 & 9) Drama Studio 	Drama Club (KS4) 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) CE10 		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			
	STEM Club (Years 7, 8 & 9) D4	Art Club (All Years) P1 			
		Year 11 Futures Drop In – CV, personal statement, college applications (Year 11) E7			

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 Spring 1 is
now live!**

**Click the link below to
view:**

Enrichment Timetable

YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS 2022

The Options process is a very important stage in your child's school life, and at John Ferneley College we want to make sure that all Year 9 students make the right decisions for them. We are all here to support students during this important decision-making process and would like to ensure that both students and parents/guardians have access to all the materials needed in order to help this process run as smoothly as possible.

There are two steps to gathering all the information you and your child need in order to make an informed decision:

STEP 1: WATCH THE ROUTE PRESENTATION VIDEO

You will receive an email with a link to a presentation for either route J, F or C. This video will explain more about the options process for your child, and it's important you have watched this before attending the 'Subject Marketplace Evening' on Wednesday 12th January 2022.

STEP 2: SUBJECT MARKETPLACE AT JOHN FERNELEY COLLEGE ~ WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2022

We wanted to give parents the opportunity to talk to subject teachers about the subjects available, therefore, we have decided to run a live event at John Ferneley College, called the 'Subject Marketplace', on **Wednesday 12th January 2022**. Each subject will have information on display, and you will have the opportunity to talk to teachers.

It is important that this event is safe in response to the covid-19 pandemic, therefore, there will be certain measures in place to ensure that the event can be carried out safely.

To limit the number of people gathering on site at the same time, it is essential you sign up for the event by using the sign-up link below, choosing whether you would prefer to attend at 5.30pm, 6.00pm or 6.30pm. Please note that the event finishes at 7.00pm. There will be a restriction on numbers, so please ensure you sign up as soon as possible to get your preferred time. The deadline to sign up for the evening is on **Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 3pm.**

[Subject Marketplace - Wednesday 12th January 2022 - Sign Up](#)

For the safety of yourselves and our staff, we politely ask for you to wear a mask, where possible, whilst in the building. Hand sanitiser is available at the entrance of the building, and we would encourage you to use them.

STEP 3: FILL IN THE OPTION FORM AND RETURN TO TUTOR

At the 'Subject Marketplace Evening', you will receive a pack which includes an option form. This form will need to be completed, and your child will need to hand the form into their tutor before **Friday 11th February 2022**.

If you are unable to attend this evening, you will be able to find all subject videos, and the option booklet, on the website, [here](#). We will post home the options form that needs to be completed before Friday 11th February 2022.

STEP 4: CONFIRMED OPTIONS

Each student's option subjects will be confirmed in May 2022.

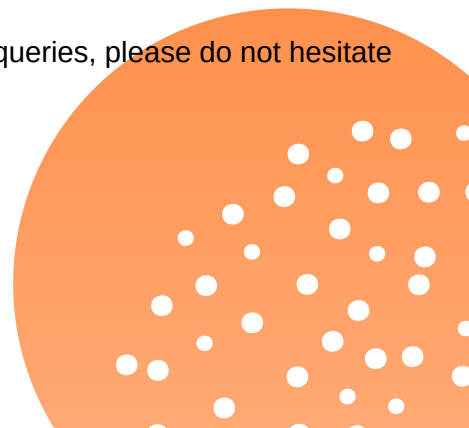
Should you need any further support with the Options process, or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at hrobinson@johnferneley.org.

Yours sincerely,

Hayley Robinson

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'ENCORE' UPDATE

In light of the latest government guidance for schools regarding face coverings, and the ongoing prevalence of COVID-19, we have made the tricky decision to move the dates of 'Encore' to **Wednesday 23rd - Saturday 26th March 2022**. This decision has been made in order to safeguard both the audience and the students involved in the show. The students have worked incredibly hard so far this year but we would be devastated if, after all the hours of work, the show were to be cancelled due to a surge in COVID-19 cases or issues due to isolating staff and/or students. We would rather reschedule with reasonable notice than disappoint the students a week before the show.

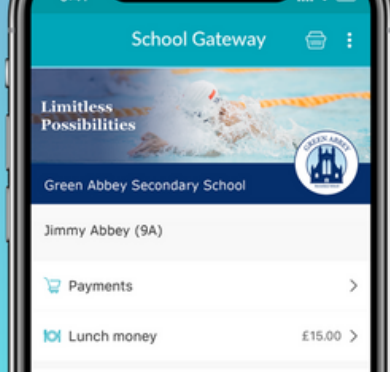
We will continue rehearsals on a weekly basis ensuring we are doing so as safely as possible. Where tickets have already been paid for, we will keep a note of all monies paid and then issue new ticket envelopes and offset against the new dates. If you would rather have any ticket money refunded now and rebuy later, that is also fine.

A revised final schedule of dress and technical rehearsals will be sent home via your child over the next few weeks.

We have not come to this decision lightly but are thankful that we have the opportunity to postpone rather than cancel the event. We know, in true JFC show style, that the students will rise to the new challenge and demonstrate their resilience once more.

As ever – the show must go on!

Kind Regards,
Lucy Mitcham and Alisha Adams
Performance Ambassador and Head of Drama



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](#).



Data Form

As a school, and as part of our commitment to ensure we safeguard students, it is essential that we have up to date information for all parents / guardians, therefore, please can you complete the below data form. Please ensure you provide two phone numbers and contacts for emergencies.

John Ferneley College Data Form

As a reminder, and going forward, we do ask that you update us as soon as possible whenever you change your phone number or move house. Thank you for your support.

WE ARE HIRING

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SCHOOL RECEPTION / ADMINISTRATOR APPRENTICE

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