

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,



This half term has flown by. I can't believe I am writing this and already we have reached the end of the first half term.

This week a lot has been happening in school. Our Year 7 students were lucky enough to hear some fantastic Book Talks from Creative Learning Services early in the week. It is great to be able to welcome visitors back on site to enrich the Curriculum. As part of National Apprenticeship week, we have had several activities taking place including highlighting the achievements of our John Ferneley Alumni, assembly visits, and resources shared in lessons.

Our Year 11 students took part in their Dance Exam this week and I have heard some fantastic feedback about how that has gone. It has been useful this week to receive some up-to-date information about the exam series this Summer which teachers will be sharing via their lessons over the coming weeks.

Also this week, it was the turn of Year 10 who had their Parent's Evening on Thursday. Once again, there was some great feedback about students' progress so thank you for your support as parents/guardians in helping students get back into their learning so well.

I have been out and about getting into Languages lessons this week as part of the Modern Foreign Languages review and I have seen some great teaching and learning underway. The team in Languages really do go above and beyond to support students and encourage them in their lessons. The Languages teaching classrooms are also some of our most colourful and engaging – please do take a look at the great photos in this week's bulletin.

Finally, I would like to let you know that due to a decrease in cases and under DFE Guidance, we will no longer require students to have the option of wearing coats indoors after half term. I am pleased to be able to reinstate this rule as it has been a sensible and safe decision up to this point, but I now think it will help with clarity for all students going forward. Therefore, I am looking forward to seeing all students in their blazers after half term. Linked to this, can I remind you that we have a Parent Forum event taking place on **Wednesday 23rd February** and our main agenda item will be uniform. Please do come along if you would like to discuss any aspect of the uniform. You can sign up here > [Parent Forum](#).

In the meantime, please do enjoy a break next week and we shall see you on Monday 21st February.

Best wishes,
Natalie Teece
Head of School





John Ferneley College

We are recruiting
- Learning Support Assistants
- School Reception / Administrator
- Apprentice
- Exam Invigilators

Apply at:

Visit www.johnferneley.org/vacancies

SPOTLIGHT ON A SUBJECT

This week, as part of our 'Spotlight on a Subject', we have been focusing on Modern Foreign Languages! We hope this gave you even more of an insight into what students get up to in each of their subjects.

To read our Subject Intent, and the Subject Journey, please click here > www.johnferneley.org/mfl

We'd like to introduce you to our wonderful Modern Foreign Languages department:

Mrs Newbold (Head of French and German)

Mrs Cunningham (Head of Spanish)

Mrs Grime (MET Leader of Languages)

Mr Smith

Ms Smith

Ms Huskisson Ettrick

We are super proud of our MFL 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.



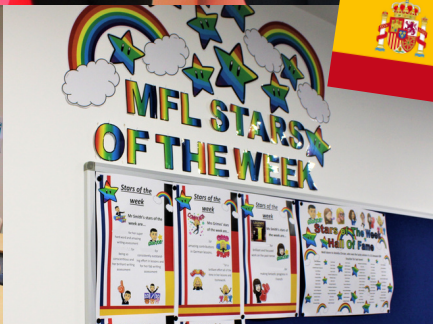
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INTERNATIONAL FILM CLUB

Monday & Wednesday - Lunch

Years 7, 8 & 9 | KS

A chance to watch some amazing films, all with an 'international flavour'



We are really proud of our Languages Block and the displays in each of the classrooms. The displays showcase useful verbs, tenses and other prompts to help students in their lessons.

Modern Foreign Languages also nominate their 'MFL Stars of the Week' which celebrates the work students have been completing in lessons.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK



YEAR 7 BOOK TALKING

On Monday, we welcomed Jo, from Creative Learning Services, to John Ferneley to deliver a book talking session to our Year 7 students during their English lessons.

This was a great opportunity for them to hear snippets from a wide range of genres, and to encourage reading for pleasure.

POST 16

On Monday, we also welcomed Victoria, a lecturer at SMB College Group, to John Ferneley College to speak to our Year 10 and 11 students about Early Years, Health and Social Care and T Level routes post 16.

It was a really enjoyable session with lots of useful information, a competitive team building activity, and the opportunity for students to ask questions and to find out more about post 16 options. Thank you Victoria!



YEAR 9 POETRY ENGLISH

During Year 9 English Language lessons, students have been focusing on speech writing.

On Monday, Mrs Teece visited a Year 9 English lesson to listen to the speeches. Some of the topics covered included racism, uniform at school and the use of mobile phones.

There were some interesting points raised, well done everyone.

YEAR 9 POETRY WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, we welcomed Jo, from Creative Learning Services, to John Ferneley to deliver a poetry workshop to Year 9 students during their English lessons.

Students were asked to focus on a topic that frustrates them, and to write a poem about this, expressing how they would get the message across.

This was a great opportunity for students to practice their poetry skills, thank you Jo.



FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022

KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES

- **Monday 14th - Friday 18th February** - Half term
- **Monday 21st February** - Return to school
- **Monday 21st February - Friday 4th March** - Year 11 Mocks
- **Wednesday 23rd February** - Parent Forum Meeting (5.00pm - 6.00pm) Sign up here > [Parent Forum Sign Up](#)
- **Thursday 24th February** - Iceland Parent Meeting
- **Thursday 24th February** - Everybody's Talking About Jamie ~ Drama Trip
- **Tuesday 1st March** - World Book Day
- **Wednesday 2nd March** - World Book Day Trip to Waterstones Nottingham [Year 7 and 8]
- **Monday 7th March - Wednesday 9th March** - Drama Exam
- **Monday 7th March** - World Maths Day
- **Monday 7th March** - Teenage Booster and Meningitis Vaccination [Year 9]
- **Tuesday 8th March** - International Women's Day
- **Thursday 10th March** - Drop Down Day
- **Tuesday 15th March** - Music and Drama Year 5 & 6 Transition Event
- **Monday 21st March** - Primary Showcase of 'Encore'
- **Wednesday 23rd - Saturday 26th March** - 'Encore' (7.30pm - 9.45pm)
- **Thursday 24th March** - Geography and History Year 5 & 6 Transition Event
- **Monday 28th March** - Year 11 Parents Evening (4.00pm - 7.00pm)
- **Wednesday 30th March** - PE Year 5 & 6 Transition Event



Appeal for football boots

As the construction of our new 3G pitch is underway, we are looking for donations of football boots which we, as a school, can loan out to students and the local community.

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

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



The infographic features the 'SIS Pitches' logo in a purple and green geometric shape. Below it, the title '3G FOOTWEAR GUIDELINES' is centered. Five circular icons illustrate footwear types: 1. A football boot with screw-in studs (less than 21mm) in a green circle with a green checkmark. 2. A football boot with moulded studs in a green circle with a green checkmark. 3. A trainer shoe with dimpled soles in a red circle with a red X. 4. A trainer shoe with flat soles in a red circle with a red X. 5. A football boot with blades in a red circle with a red X. Below the icons, a text block states: 'INCORRECT, MUDDY AND DAMAGED FOOTWEAR ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE LIFE OF THIS 3G SISTURF SYNTHETIC PITCH. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR BOOTS ARE CLEAN AND IN GOOD CONDITION BEFORE YOU GO ONTO THE PITCH.' The phrase 'ENJOY YOUR GAME' is written in a stylized font at the bottom right of the infographic.

SIS Pitches

3G FOOTWEAR GUIDELINES

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

Football boots with moulded studs ✓

Trainers, boots or shoes with dimpled soles ✗

Trainers, boots or shoes with flat soles ✗

Football boots or trainers with blades ✗

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ENJOY YOUR GAME

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!



**Free
on-site
parking**



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COMMUNITY FACILITY HIRE LETTINGS

We are really proud of our state-of-the-art facilities, and would love for the community to benefit from them as well.

OPEN HOURS

Term time:

Monday – Friday:
5.30pm – 10pm

Saturday:

9am - 5pm

School Holidays:

Monday - Friday:
8am – 10pm

**Dance
Studio**

**Multi-Use
Games Area
(MUGA)**

**Large
Auditorium**

Sports Hall

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are delighted to inform you that Leicestershire County Council have returned the school voucher scheme for the February half term period.

If your child(ren) are entitled to Free School Meals, a **£15.00 voucher (e-code)**, per **entitled child (valid for Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February 2022)** will be sent to your email on Monday 14th February 2022. This voucher is to help support your child with food during half term.

If you experience any issues with redeeming your voucher (e-code), please contact finance@johnferneley.org directly.



PARENT FORUM

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 on **Wednesday 23rd February (5.00pm – 6.00pm)**, in the Auditorium.

The agenda will focus on school uniform, and in particular, the possible introduction of a longer length, embroidered John Ferneley College skirt.

To register your interest, please complete the below form **before Friday 18th February 2022**.

[Parent Forum Registration Form](#)



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.

COVID-19 vaccination clinics are open this half term for those aged 12 plus



Find a walk-in clinic near you by visiting
www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/my-health/coronavirus-advice/coronavirus-vaccine/

You can also book an appointment at a clinic near you on the NHS website.

If you need help, call the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland COVID-19 booking team on **0116 497 5700**.

Please note parents of 12-15-year-olds should attend appointments to provide consent.



Year 11 Prom

TICKETS ON SALE NOW - VIA
SCHOOL GATEWAY

Wednesday 29th June 2022
6.30pm – 11.30pm

Brooksby Hall, Melton Mowbray, LE14 2LJ

MORE INFORMATION HERE > [YEAR 11 PROM](#)

The School Day

All students must be at school for **8.40am** and the school day ends for students at **3.00pm**.

The School Day

School day starts at:	8.40am
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Tutor / Assembly:	8.45am - 9.05am
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Lesson 1:	9.05am - 10.05am
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Lesson 2:	10.05am - 11.05am
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Break:	11.05am - 11.25am
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Lesson 3:	11.25am - 12.25pm
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Lesson 4:	12.25pm - 13.25pm
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Lunch:	13.25pm - 2pm
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Lesson 5:	2pm - 3pm
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After school:

(3pm - 4.30pm): Extra-curricular activities open to all students (termly timetable is updated regularly and available to view on the school website).



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WORK-IT-WEEKLY

A multi-sport programme
focusing on different sports
each week!

**Starting Monday 7th
March 2022**

**3.30pm - 4.30pm |
Sports Hall**

For more information, please speak to Mr
Weekes

