

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,



We have had a good first week back after half term, it's been great to welcome students back and get settled into lessons again. The Year 11 countdown is now on, with mocks taking place this week and next week. I am so pleased to see how students have responded to these as we are aware of the anxiety that some students have about their GCSEs. Intervention sessions will be back up and running after the mocks have taken place (a copy of the timetable can be found here >

[www.johnferneley.org/year11supportingsuccess](http://www.johnferneley.org/year11supportingsuccess)) and please remind your son/daughter to see Mr Amli (Head of Year 11) or Ms Teesdale (Assistant Head of Year 11) if they need more support.

On Wednesday, we hosted our first Parent Forum of this year. The agenda focused on uniform and it was a really good discussion with some great feedback. Feedback is so useful to us in school and we always welcome parents/guardians to share their thoughts. Building on this, I'm really excited to be launching a new initiative called '**John Ferneley Community (JFCommunity)**' in a bid to make even better links with our parents and local community. We hope to set up a series of events to help fundraise for the school. Our launch event is taking place on **Tuesday 8th March at 5.00pm**. We really hope you could spare a little of your valuable time to come along for an informal evening, to meet the committee and gather initial ideas - cheese and biscuits included!

Something that is really on our minds in school at the moment is our approach to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. We acknowledge that there is much we can do to improve our provision and support for our entire community. Our Personal Development curriculum is a fantastic source of education for our students, but we are also looking to build a closer link with parents who are keen to work alongside us to improve our provision. Therefore, we will be sharing information on a weekly basis as we work towards building an explicit policy and embedding best practice. We are looking to develop a '**Parent Partnership**' group which will welcome parents and staff who are committed to improving our awareness of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. Please do look out for further information and an invite to this and do get in touch with me directly if you feel you would like to be involved in this.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
**Natalie Teece**  
**Head of School**





John Ferneley College

**We are recruiting**

**- School Reception /  
Administrator  
Apprentice -  
applications close at the end  
of this week**

**- Learning Support  
Assistants**

**- Exam Invigilators**

Apply at:

Visit [www.johnferneley.org/vacancies](http://www.johnferneley.org/vacancies)



## SPOTLIGHT ON A SUBJECT

This week, as part of our 'Spotlight on a Subject', we have been focusing on Geography! 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/geography](http://www.johnferneley.org/geography).

We'd like to introduce you to our wonderful Geography department:

- Mr Potter (Head of Department)
- Miss Lewis
- Mrs Seed
- Miss O'Hagan

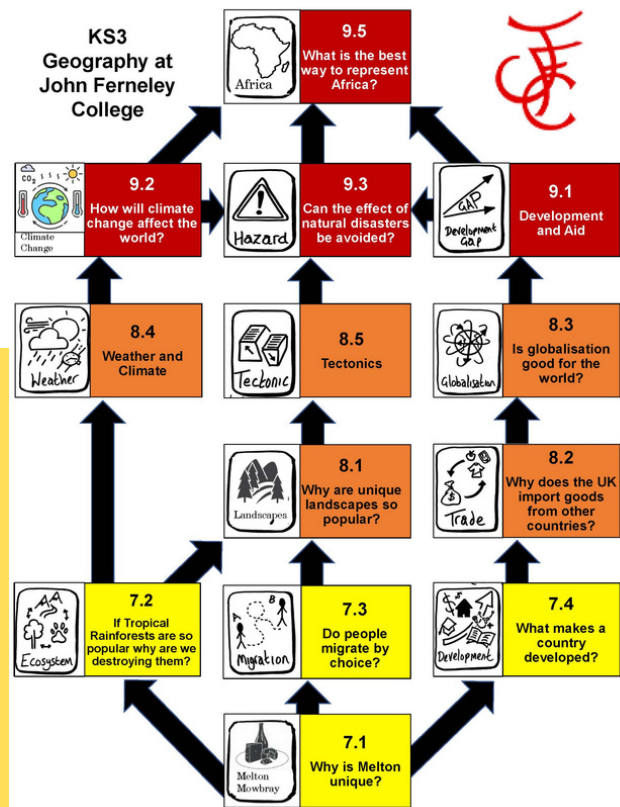
We are super proud of our Geography teaching team, who are all specialist within their area. The department really do go above and beyond to support students and encourage them in their lessons.



### Trips and visits

Students that choose to study GCSE Geography, all take part in a field trip to Leicester to enhance their GCSE course.

Also as part of the Geography curriculum, students have the opportunity to visit Iceland. This cultural and curriculum trip brings the world to life.



As part of the Geography curriculum, we encourage students to look at the 'Big Picture'. We want our students to leave John Ferneley being able to understand why the World is the way it is; both physical and human processes that have shaped it and continue to shape it.

The curriculum focuses on 'A Big Question', which is outlined in the Subject Learning Journey.

Year 7 are currently looking at 'Do people migrate by choice?'







## Why join?

- Support the school
- Flexible
- Be better connected
- Change school for the better
- Create lasting memories
- It's fun!

# We Need You!

**Fundraising**

**Fun**

**Parent Voice**

**Sign Up Now**

[jfcommunity@johnferneley.org](mailto:jfcommunity@johnferneley.org)

**Join us for our launch event ~ Tuesday 8th March at 5.00pm**



# 6 REASONS TO JOIN

## IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as distributing letter or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.



## SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

JFCommunity is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better

## CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

## BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, JFCommunity is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. You will see how things work from both sides.

## CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Children are only at school for a few years, but they will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using the resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep JFCommunity going so future students can benefit too.

## BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Suggest your ideas and watch as it turns into reality. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.



# FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022

## KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES

- **Saturday 26th - Sunday 27th February** - Duke of Edinburgh Training Days
- **Monday 28th February - Friday 4th March** - Year 11 Mocks
- **Wednesday 2nd March** - World Book Day  
Trip to Waterstones Nottingham [Year 7 and 8]
- **Thursday 3rd March** - World Book Day
- **Monday 7th March - Wednesday 9th March** - Drama Exam
- **Monday 7th March** - World Maths Day
- **Monday 7th March** - Teenage Booster and Meningitis Vaccination [Year 9]
- **Monday 7th March and Tuesday 8th March** - COVID-19 Vaccinations
- **Tuesday 8th March** - International Women's Day
- **Tuesday 8th March** - JFCommunity Launch Event [5.00pm - 6.00pm]
- **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



## VACCINATION PROGRAMME - MONDAY 7TH AND TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2022

The COVID-19 vaccination programme will be returning to John Ferneley College on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March (alongside the Teenage Booster vaccination – open to Year 9). The vaccination team will be offering either the 1st or 2nd vaccination to students aged 12-15 years old.

**All school vaccination programmes, as always, are being managed and delivered by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust – School Community Immunisation Team.**

Please find an NHS information letter and online consent form below for parents/guardians to read and action consent. **The vaccine will NOT be offered at school to any young person without parent/guardian consent. You will need to consent again for the second dose of the vaccine.**

- [NHS Covid Vaccination Programme \(12 to 15 year olds\) - Information Letter and Online Consent Form](#)
- [NHS Covid Vaccination Programme \(12 to 15 year olds\) - Second Dose Information Letter](#)

The NHS Community Immunisation Team are encouraging parents/guardians to keep their phone close-by on these dates, in case the immunisation team need to make contact on the vaccination day.

### Queries about the COVID vaccinations - Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March

Please can you ensure any vaccination queries for the upcoming COVID vaccination programme taking place in school on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th, are directed to the NHS community immunisation service (see contact details below), and not the school.



## TEENAGE BOOSTER AND MENINGITIS VACCINATION - YEAR 9

As part of the national vaccination programme, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's Community Immunisation Service would like to offer to all young people in school Year 9 the Teenage Booster and Meningitis vaccination in school.

The vaccinations will be taking place on Monday 7th March 2022. Please find an NHS information letter and online consent form below for parents/guardians to read and action consent.

### [NHS Teenage Booster Vaccination Programme - Information Letter](#)

#### **Please note:**

- Only students whose parent/guardian have sent consent for will receive the vaccination.
- You can not give consent via the school, only by completing the online form.
- Consent needs to be completed electronically by Friday 4th March 2022.
- The school code (required to complete the consent process) is: LE137617



Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any additional support that may be required during the vaccination, you can contact the NHS Immunisation team by telephone: 0300 300 0007, or by email on [communityimmunisations.service@nhs.net](mailto:communityimmunisations.service@nhs.net).



I'M SUPPORTING

#NCW2022

#NCW2022

07-12  
MAR 2022

#NCW2022

     National Careers Week

National Careers Week

**NCW**

Headline Partner:



**NatWest Group**

**COMING SOON**

**07 - 12 MARCH 2022**



## DROP DOWN DAY - THURSDAY 10TH MARCH

We are excited to be holding our next Drop Down Day on **Thursday 10th March**. A Drop Down Day at John Ferneley College is where students have a day off timetable to spend within Year groups to focus on Personal Development and Futures topics. These days are planned and delivered by tutors and the wider Heads of Department to ensure all students are engaged and enriched on topics not usually covered within the traditional curriculum.

Please see below for the activities being planned for the Thursday 10th March:

Year 7	Year 7 will be working with the Year 7 tutor team on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Being a Citizen in the UK</li><li>2. Social Equity</li><li>3. Well-being sessions / work life balance</li><li>4. Being a good citizen - community focus - Postcards to Year 6 pupils</li><li>5. Police assembly regarding anti-social behaviour</li></ol>
Year 8	Year 8 will also be working with tutor team to look at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Human Rights</li><li>2. Animal Rights</li><li>3. Work life balance</li><li>4. Unifrog – ICT platform for careers</li><li>5. Police assembly re anti-social behaviour</li></ol>
Year 9	Year 9 will be with their tutor team looking at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Where do laws come from – Police</li><li>2. Restorative Justice</li><li>3. Work life balance</li><li>4. Unifrog – ICT platform for careers</li><li>5. "Kayleigh's Love Story"</li></ol>
Year 10	Year 10 will be with their tutor team looking at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. External assembly by motivational speaker focusing on careers and resilience – Dan James</li><li>2. Government and the Economy</li><li>3. Be your own Councillor</li><li>4. Work life balance</li><li>5. Online careers session</li></ol>
Year 11	Year 11 students will spend the day with their tutor team looking at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. External assembly by motivational speaker focusing on careers and resilience – Dan James</li><li>2. Well-being theory</li><li>3. Revision tips and strategies (work life balance)</li><li>4. Revision planning</li><li>5. Well-being activities – options for students</li></ol>

If you require any further information about the day, please contact **Mrs Geraghty (Head of Futures)** [lgeraghty@johnferneley.org](mailto:lgeraghty@johnferneley.org) or **Mrs Strickland (Head of Personal Development)** [estrickland@johnferneley.org](mailto:estrickland@johnferneley.org).



**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**



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# WORK-IT-WEEKLY

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

**Starting Monday 14th  
March 2022**

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

For more information, please speak to Mr  
Weekes

