

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL 2022



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good afternoon to you all at the end of the first week of the Summer term. I can't believe how quickly this year is flying by and now it seems there is a lot packed into the next few weeks. Our **GCSE exam series kicks off in just under two weeks** so please do encourage your son/daughter to attend as many of the valuable intervention sessions that our teachers are running every night after school. A copy of the timetable can be found here > www.johnferneley.org/year11supportingsuccess. It is so vital, in these final weeks, that students put their very best efforts for one last push and there is so much support for them in school. Lots of students took up the offer to attend Easter sessions so I thank you for your support with this.

Also during Easter, some of our lucky students took part in two trips – to **NASA** and **Iceland**. Both trips were incredibly successful, and we have received some wonderful feedback from the companies involved. I thank the students for their exemplary behaviour and also our staff who gave up their valuable time to support and accompany the students. Over this term, we hope to plan further enrichment opportunities in school that all students can access as we start to approach the Summer.

In other news, we now have the **go-ahead to kit out a brand new gym on site** so I will be looking forward to sharing photographs and updates as this progresses over the weeks. This is a very valuable addition for our students, and I hope it will be very well used as part of our PE curriculum and for additional enrichment opportunities.

We have several **clubs and lunchtime/after school activities** taking place this half term (details included in this bulletin) and I'd encourage your son/daughter to attend. These include a brand new KS3 Debating club which will take place on a Monday after school in the Communication Zone.

Finally, our **transition programme** for new starters is well underway and we are looking forward to hosting the new students onsite over the coming weeks. Please do share our Open Morning event dates with friends and family as this is an excellent opportunity for potential new starters to come and take a look at the school in action.

In the meantime, take care and please get in touch with any queries you may have.

Best wishes,
Natalie Teece
Head of School
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ICELAND 2022

During the Easter half term, a group of students visited Iceland as part of a Geography trip. Students visited some amazing places, which included the Secret Lagoon, Skogafoss Waterfall and Solheimajokull Glacier Walk.

You can view the full gallery, here > www.johnferneley.org/tripsgallery.

We received some amazing feedback from the tour company, praising our fabulous student's behaviour and manners. As always, we are so proud of our John Ferneley community.



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In my role as Field Studies Tutor for Rayburn Tours, I recently had the pleasure of accompanying a group from John Ferneley College on their trip to Iceland.

I was particularly impressed by both staff and students during our short time together, and the behaviour of the whole party was a genuine credit to the college.

The staff were very professional and extremely well organised, and displayed positive and caring relationships with the students.

The manners, deportment and good humour of the students contributed to a particularly enjoyable trip, while their thoughtful questions and conversations demonstrated a keen desire to learn.

I can only hope that my next groups live up to these high standards!

RAYBURN TOURS





NASA 2022

A few photos from the long-awaited NASA trip. Students enjoyed a visit to Universal's Islands of Adventure in Florida.

You can view the full gallery, here

>

www.johnferneley.org/tripsgallery



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT JOHN FERNELEY COLLEGE

3G PITCH

There has been a lot of progress on our 3G pitch during the Easter half term break. We are so close to the opening!

This is going to be such a fantastic resource for the students who attend John Ferneley College as well as our local community.

To find out more about the 3G pitch, or our other facilities which are available to hire, please visit >

www.johnferneley.org/communitylettings or email bookings@johnferneley.org



HAPPY RETIREMENT MR O'HIGGINS

Yesterday, Mr O'Higgins, our Transport Executive, retired after over 10 years at John Ferneley!

We are so grateful for everything he has done for the school throughout the years. He will be greatly missed by everyone at John Ferneley.

Mr O'Higgins - we wish you a wonderful retirement. Enjoy every moment, we hope you can fill it with lots of new adventures. Best wishes and good health to you and your family!

TENNIS COURTS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Are you looking for somewhere to play tennis with a group of friends? Our tennis nets are now back up on our MUGA and are a perfect option.

It is only £8 per hour for one court!

There is free parking available onsite and our friendly staff are always available to help.

Available on Saturdays, weekday evenings during term time, and throughout the day during half term breaks!



MAY 2022

KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES



- **Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday**
- **Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th May - Deaf Awareness Week**
- **Thursday 5th May - John Ferneley Community Formal Meeting [4.00pm - 5.30pm]**
- **Tuesday 10th May - Year 9 Book Talking**
- **Wednesday 11th May - Mount Cook Parent Information Meeting [4.45pm - 5.30pm]**
- **Friday 13th May - Year 7 Disco [6.00pm - 8.00pm]**
- **Thursday 19th May - Year 7 Parents' Evening [4.00pm - 7.00pm]**
- **Thursday 26th May - Year 7 - 10 School Photographs**
- **Friday 27th May - Last Day of Term**

Deaf Awareness Week

Deaf Awareness Week takes place from 2 to 8 May 2022.

There are over 50,000 deaf children and young people in the UK, and the National Deaf Children's Society has asked some of those they work with to share their deaf story with them. They've called it, #MyDeafStory.

Children will be sharing what they love about being deaf, what being deaf means to them, and what might surprise people about being deaf. By sharing their stories, they aim to empower and inspire other deaf children and young people to celebrate their deaf identity and feel confident with their deafness.

What are John Ferneley doing?

- Our Hearing Impaired students have created a PowerPoint which will be delivered in assemblies and during tutor.
- On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week, Mrs Kitchen is hosting a 'Signing Workshop' where students and staff can participate to learn basic sign language. Students can sign up to take part in these workshop by popping into the Inclusion Room.
- Throughout the week, we will be sharing some facts and information across our social media channels.

To find out more about Deaf Awareness Week, please visit the National Deaf Children's Society website, here > [Deaf Awareness Week](#).





John Ferneley College **OPEN EVENTS**

for August 2023 starters

June Open Morning Guided Tours

9.00am - 11.00am

To book your place, please visit > www.johnferneley.org/openevents2023

Monday 13th June 2022

Wednesday 15th June 2022

Friday 17th June 2022

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September Open Day

10.00am - 12.00pm

No booking required.

Saturday 10th September 2022

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September Open Evening

5.00pm - 7.00pm

No booking required.

Wednesday 14th September 2022





Year 7 School

DISCO

**FRIDAY 13TH MAY
6.00PM - 8.00PM**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL GATEWAY

Deadline to purchase: Friday 6th May at 3pm



We Need You!

Fundraising

Fun

**Parent
Voice**

Sign Up Now

jfcommunity@johnferneley.org

Why join?

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

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**Join us for our formal sign up
meeting ~ Thursday 5th May
at 4.00pm**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

JOHN FERNELEY COMMUNITY - WE NEED YOU!

We are proud to re-launch our new PTA group, under the new name, John Ferneley Community. We recently held our first fundraiser, our Easter 'Eggstravaganza' which was a huge success.

Our association is about much more than simply fundraising. John Ferneley Community exists to provide closer links between home and school, and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and the community together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal.

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if you only have a small amount of time available. If you would like to join our John Ferneley Community Committee, please do get in touch! Our first formal sign-up meeting is taking place on **Thursday 5th May at 4.00pm.**

As a committee member, you are responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent. Usually, the School Leadership Team provide a 'wish list' of items that the school would like us to consider funding, but we also invite input from parents too. Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting.

To sign up, please email >jfcommunity@johnferneley.org.

We can't wait to have you on board!



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Enrichment Clubs Summer 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	International Film Club (Years 7, 8 & 9) K9	Card Games Club (Years 7 – 10) CE9	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	Lego Club (All Years) K3	Nintendo Switch Club (own device*) (All Years) K3
	KS3 Show Rehearsal (Drama Studio & Music Room)	Silent Reading (All Years) P1 – Art Room	Lego Club (All Years) K3	Back to the 80s Rehearsals (Drama Studio & Music Room)	
After-school		KS3 Show Rehearsal (Drama Studio & Music Room)	Back to the 80s Rehearsals (Drama Studio & Music Room)		
	Work It Weekly (All Years) Sports Hall	Back to the 80s Rehearsals 3.00pm – 4.00pm From 17 th May		Radio Club (All Years) C5	
	Health & Social Care Drop In (Year 10 & 11) K1	Alpha Club (Year 7) CE13		Code Club (Year 7 – 10) E1	
	D&T Club (All Years) E6	Maths Help Club (Years 7 – 9) CE10		Meditation (All Years) Dance Studio	
	Food Technology Club (Year 7 & 8) E2	Food Technology Club (Year 9) E2	Staff training/meeting night	English Stretch Classes (Year 10) C1	
	Enterprise Club (All Years) E3	Book Reading Club (Year 7 & 8) Library			
	STEM Club (Years 7, 8 & 9) D4	Year 11 Futures Drop In – CV, personal statement, college applications (Year 11) E7			
	Debate Sessions (KS3) C1				
	KS3 Show Rehearsals 3.00pm – 4.30pm From 6 th June				

*DISCLAIMER – the use of personally owned devices in school is at the user's specific risk for which the school is not responsible.

Our new enrichment timetable for the Summer term is now live!

Click the link below to view:

[Enrichment Timetable](#)



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Sports Enrichment Clubs Summer Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Football (Year 7)	Football (Year 8)	Football (Year 9)	Football (Year 10)	Football (Year 11)
			Dance Club (KS3)		
After-school	Athletics (Year 9 & 10)	Rounders (Year 9 & 10)	Athletics (Year 7 & 8)	Rounders (Year 7 & 8)	Basketball club (KS4)
	Tennis Club (Year 7)	Tennis Club (Year 8)	Tennis Club (Year 9)	Tennis Club (Year 10)	
				American Football (Year 10 & 11)	



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Year 11 Supporting Success Timetable

Teachers of Science are available every
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Every week 8:00am – 8:40am		PE (P2)		
Week 1 After School	Science – Chemistry (D7/D8) Drama (P8) Art (P1) Enterprise & marketing - invite only (E7) Health & Social Care (K1) Spanish – Higher (K10) Hegarty Maths Session (CE14)	English (Communication Zone) Science – Biology (D1/D2) Computer Science (E7) Geography (K5) Art (P1) iMedia (E1) Business (E3) French - Foundation & Higher (K8 and K9) Spanish – Foundation (K10) Hegarty Maths Session (CE14)	Maths Science – Physics (D1/D4/D8) Computer Science (E7) Geography (K5) History (K3) PE (P3) French - Foundation & Higher (K8 and K9)	Design Technology (E6) Music (P7) Media (Communication) French - Foundation & Higher (K8 and K9)
Week 2 After School	Enterprise & marketing - invite only (E7) History (K3) Health & Social Care (K1) Drama (P8) Dance (CE8) Science – Chemistry (D7/D8) Spanish – Higher (K10) Art (P1) Hegarty Maths Session (CE14)	English (Communication Zone) Computer Science (E7) Geography (K5) Business (E3) Science – Biology (D1/D2) Art (P1) French - Foundation & Higher (K8 and K9) Spanish – Foundation (K10) iMedia (E1) Hegarty Maths Session (CE14)	PE (P3) Computer Science (E7) Geography (K5) History (K3) Science – Physics (D1/D4/D8) Design Technology (E6) French - Foundation & Higher (K8 and K9)	Design Technology (E6) Drama (P8) Music (P7) Media (Communication) French - Foundation & Higher (K8 and K9)

Our new Year 11 Supporting
Success timetable for the Summer
term is now live!

Click the link below to view:

[Year 11 Supporting Success](#)

YEAR 11 EXAM DATES FOR MAY

- **Wednesday 11th May** - Health and Social Care Exam
- **Monday 16th May** - Computer Science Exam
- **Tuesday 17th May** - Biology 1 Exam
- **Wednesday 18th May** - English Language Exam: Component 1
- **Thursday 19th May** - History Exam: Paper 1B
- **Thursday 19th May** - Drama Exam
- **Friday 20th May** - Maths P1 Exam
- **Friday 20th May** - Business Studies Exam: Paper 2
- **Monday 23rd May** - Geography Exam: Component 1
- **Tuesday 24th May** - French Exam: Listening and Reading
- **Tuesday 24th May** - Sports Studies Exam: Physical Factors
- **Wednesday 25th May** - English Literature Exam: Component 1
- **Wednesday 25th May** - Enterprise and Marketing Exam
- **Wednesday 25th May** - Media Studies Exam: Component 1
- **Thursday 26th May** - Spanish Exam: Listening and Reading
- **Friday 27th May** - Chemistry 1 Exam
- **Friday 27th May** - Computer Science Exam



**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