

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 13TH MAY 2022



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good afternoon on this sunny Friday afternoon. I am reliably informed that we are due to have a heatwave this weekend, so I am very much looking forward to that.

This week we formally took possession of our new **3G pitch**, and we are really excited to be gradually starting to use this with our students over the next few weeks. We are also planning a formal **Opening Event to celebrate on Saturday 18th June** and will be sharing more details about this over the coming weeks.

This week and last week we have been undertaking our **Music Review** so please do take a look at their 'Spotlight on a Subject' included in this week's newsletter. Music is such an important subject to offer in school to provide breadth for our students and we are lucky enough to have a team who are passionate about their subject, also producing some fantastic shows every year.

Our **GCSE exam series** began as well this week with students taking their MFL speaking exams. We are all very proud of how our Year 11 students are preparing for these exams and are regularly coming along to after school intervention. Preparing mentally for the exams is a huge priority and the students have been completing wellbeing pledges in Personal Development as part of **Mental Health Awareness Week**.

Tonight, John Ferneley Community are hosting a **Year 7 disco** and we hope they have a fantastic evening.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Natalie Teece
Head of School
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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

YEAR 11 EXAM DATES FOR MAY



- **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 1
- **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



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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](#)

STAFF REWARD

We have been continuing our staff nomination initiative to recognise the hard work of our staff and to boost positivity across the school. Staff can nominate another member of staff and it is intended to spread a bit of thanks and appreciation around.

At the end of the week, all names are added to a draw. This week's winners are **Mrs Sutherland** and **Mrs Teece**.

SPOTLIGHT ON A SUBJECT

This week, as part of our 'Spotlight on a Subject', we have been focusing on Music! 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/music

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

- Mrs Mitcham (Head of Department & Performance Ambassador)
- Miss Henshaw (Teacher of Music)
- Mr Singer (Performance Technician)

We are super proud of our Music 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. The team really do go above and beyond!



Each year, our Music and Performing Arts department produce some fantastic shows!

Our latest performing arts show, Encore, was a spectacular success with outstanding performances from our talented students.

Rehearsals will soon be starting for our next two upcoming shows: **Back to the 80s (Every Tuesday)** and our **KS3 Show (Every Monday from 6th June)**, where our new Year 7 cohort have been invited to join us to participate.





Mental Health Awareness Week

9 - 15 May 2022

Together we can
tackle loneliness

#IveBeenThere

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from 9 to 15 May 2022.

For Mental Health Awareness Week this year, the Mental Health Foundation are raising awareness of the impact of loneliness on our mental wellbeing and the practical steps we can take to address it. To find out more about Mental Health Awareness Week, please visit the Mental Health Foundation website, here >

[Mental Health Awareness Week.](#)

In all Personal Development lessons over the next two weeks, students will be making wellbeing pledges to themselves. We are actively promoting that students make time to do something that makes them happy and relaxed.

JFC RADIO PODCAST

In this episode our Podcast Host, Adith, speaks to Mrs Oates about anxiety to discuss ideas and solutions to help support these issues in young students. He also asks students how they cope with stress and what they do to relax.



We hope you enjoy our first episode!

Please click here to listen > [JFC Radio - S1 E1 - Mental Health](#)



As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, Year 8 Personal Development classes have been working hard on some wellbeing posters which have been displayed across our wellbeing notice board.

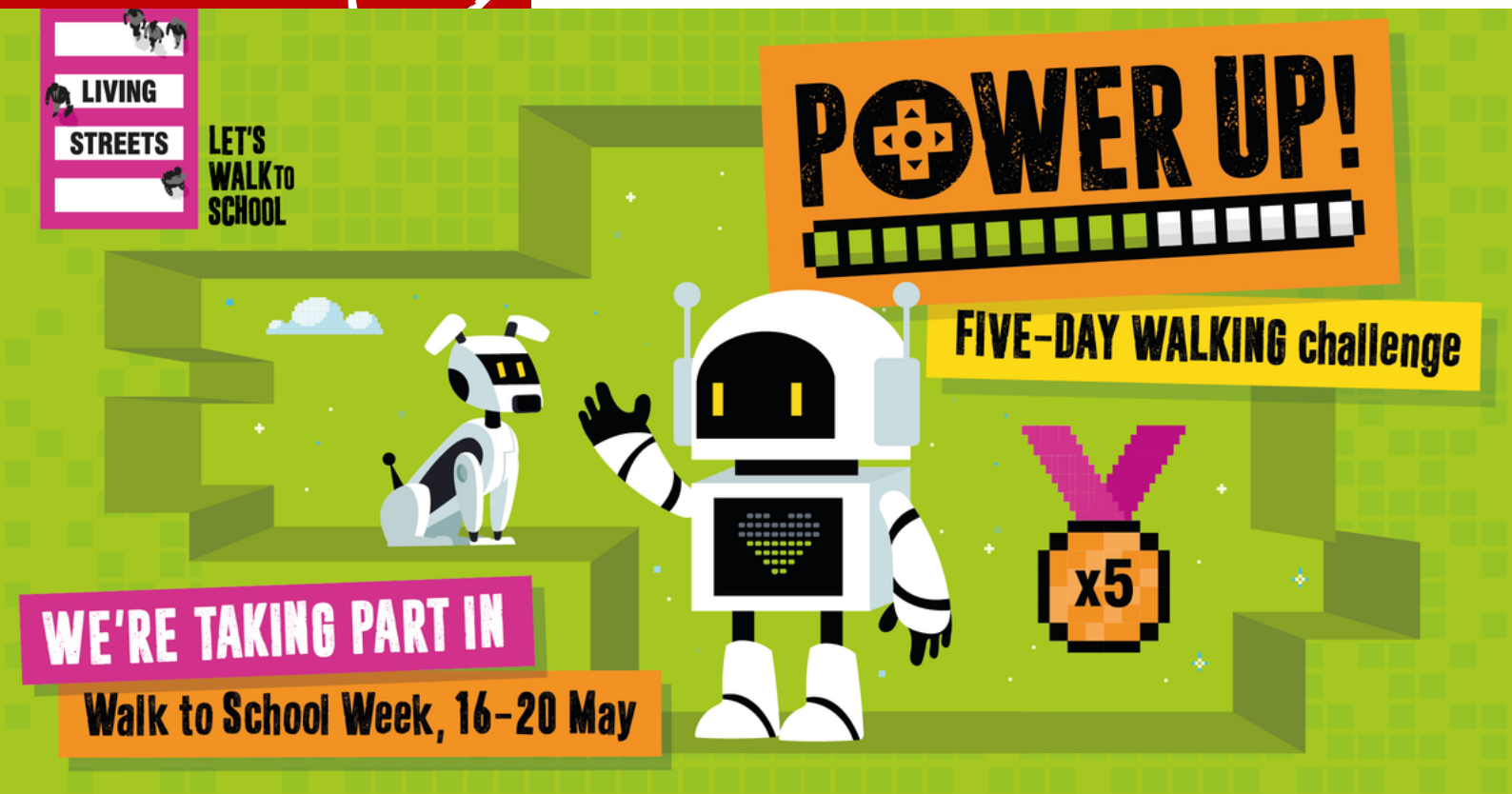
I just wanted to update you about Year 11 wellbeing – in Personal Development lessons students are now completing wellbeing activities to give them a “mind break” from the stresses of exams. This week we have had students competing mindfulness colouring, games, wellbeing pledges and reading during our lesson time. This is so vitally important for students to see the benefit of allowing some time for their wellbeing – we are hoping they will see and feel the benefits and make it part of their exam prep routine.



MAY - JUNE 2022

KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES

- **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
- **Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June** - Half Term
- **Monday 6th June** - Return to school
- **Monday 6th June** - HPV Vaccination Year 8 & Outstanding Year 9
- **Wednesday 8th June** - Parent Forum Meeting
- **Monday 13th June** - Open Morning Tours
- **Wednesday 15th June** - Open Morning Tours
- **Friday 17th June** - Open Morning Tours
- **Tuesday 21st June** - Uniform Try On Event
- **Wednesday 22nd June - Monday 27th June** - Scholastic Half Price Book Fair
- **Monday 27th June - Wednesday 29th June** - Year 7 Residential Trip [Mount Cook]
- **Wednesday 29th June** - Year 11 Prom [6.30pm - 11.30pm]



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Next week it is Living Streets #WalktoSchoolWeek! Walk to School Week takes place during Living Streets' National Walking Month each May, with this year's campaign focussing on the health and environmental benefits of walking to school.

We are encouraging all of our students to walk to school to #PowerUp and learn about the benefit it brings to individuals, communities and the planet.

To find out more information, please click here > [Walk to School Week](#)

KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

We are delighted to be partnering with Leicestershire Police to bring students in Year 8 and 9 an interactive online workshop about knife crime. On Tuesday, all Year 8 and 9 students, alongside their classroom teacher, log-on to the workshop during their lesson time.

Please find some parent information below from Leicestershire Police.



What is knife crime?

Knife crime is any crime that involves a knife or sharp instrument. Offences with a knife can include threatening people, a robbery or burglary, a murder or assault. Simply carrying a knife – even if a young people hasn't used it – is also considered a crime and can get them in trouble.

99% of young people in England and Wales are living knife free. A safer Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is possible.

Warning signs that a young person may be carrying a knife – ask yourself the following questions.

- Has their attitude to school or education changed? For example - they really don't want to go to school, they are not doing as well as normal, they talk about school less, they stop going to clubs etc.
- Are they talking about or have new friends you've not heard of or met before?
- Are they protective and or secretive with their bag and or clothing?
- Are they more reserved, quieter or withdrawn than normal or are they more 'clingy' to you than normal?
- Have they been overly defensive when you've questioned them about their possessions?
- Do they send and receive more messages than they did before?
- Do they ever get up and leave the house abruptly?
- Are they more secretive about where they are going or have been than before?
- Are they out of the house more, particularly in the evenings and at night?
- Have they demonstrated a positive attitude towards those that carry knives, for example kitchen knife or screwdriver?

There are many reasons why young people decide to carry a knife or weapon. These can include (but are by no means exhaustive)

- They fear being a victim of knife crime – this could be from a specific threat or a perceived fear.
- General self-defence – the 'just in case' reason
- Peer pressure or being pressured into carrying for someone else
- They don't know it is wrong or they don't know it's illegal
- To intimidate others
- To earn respect
- Involvement in other criminal activities

Disposing of a knife safely

You will find amnesty bins in six different police stations across the Leicester and Leicestershire area. These bins allow anybody to get rid of knives without the fear of being punished, unless it is found to have been used for a criminal act.

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| • Beaumont Leys Police Station | • Keyham Lane Police Station |
| • Braunstone Police Station | • Mansfield House Police Station |
| • Hinckley Road Police Station | • Spinney Hill Police Station |

Further information

- www.livesafe.org.uk
- [#LivesNotKnives - Anti-knife campaign | Leicestershire Police \(leics.police.uk\)](#)
- [Gun and knife crime | Childline](#)
- [Knife Crime Statistics | The Ben Kinsella Trust](#)
- [For Parents | Knife Violence Prevention Scotland \(noknivesbetterlives.com\)](#)
- [Home - Fearless](#)





**Leicestershire
Police**
Protecting our communities



Violence
Reduction
Network

**#LIVESNOT
KNIVES**



FOLLOW OUR 10 STEP GUIDE TO HELP YOU TALK TO
A YOUNG PERSON ABOUT **NOT CARRYING A KNIFE**.

WE START THE

CONVERSATION

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A YOUNG PERSON OR A FRIEND?

Family, friends, teachers and role models are an important influence on a young person, and we can have a powerful effect. It might be a difficult conversation – but talking about knife carrying is critical to finding a solution.

When you speak to a young person, it's important to be clear that they have a choice, even when they think they may not.

STEP 1

Find a time to chat comfortably

STEP 2

They might be reluctant to talk to you, so why not use recent news as a conversation starter

STEP 3

Discuss each other's views on knives, remember you're there to listen and support them.

STEP 4

Understand that they might feel like they don't have any other choices, support them to see that they do.

STEP 5

Explain that knives do not give protection. Carrying one could mean prison, serious consequences or getting hurt themselves.

STEP 6

Say the bravest thing to do is to walk away from a dangerous situation.

STEP 7

Explore excuses with them that they can use to walk away.

STEP 8

For example they might say they have to pick up younger sibling or you could arrange to call them if they send you a message.

STEP 9

Reassure them that most people their age and older do not carry knives.

STEP 10

Explain they can always report their concerns about anyone carrying a knife anonymously through Fearless, an organisation designed to help young people.



**I WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
KNIFE CRIME. WHERE CAN I GO?**

Visit our website to find more resources:



WWW.LEICS.POLICE.UK

FOSTER CARE FORTNIGHT IS FINALLY HERE!

Foster Care
Fortnight

#Fostering
Communities



Foster Care Fortnight™ is the UK's biggest foster care awareness raising campaign.

It is delivered by leading fostering charity, The Fostering Network, on an annual basis with the aim to raise the profile of fostering and show how foster care transforms lives across the UK.

This year, the event will take place from 9th-22nd May with a theme of community.

We would like to invite you to take part in this Foster Care Fortnight by spreading the word and helping us reach people across all Lincolnshire.

Would you like to know more about Foster Care Fortnight? For more information please visit: <https://thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/>

Top 7 things you can do to help your fostering community

Fostering can be a hard but very rewarding experience that we encourage everybody to consider.

We understand that fostering may not be an option for some people, however, that doesn't mean that you cannot help your fostering community in different ways!

There are many simple things that you can do to help us grow and reach more people, especially during Foster Care Fortnight. Will you help us?

1. Follow us on social media:

Facebook: (2) Lincolnshire Fostering Service | Facebook.

Instagram: Lincolnshire Fostering Service (@fosteringlincs) • Instagram photos and videos).

2. Like, comment and share our social media posts.



3. If you would like to learn more about fostering in Lincolnshire, please visit: Fostering – Our offer to foster carers - Lincolnshire County Council.

4. Recommend our services to anyone you know who might be interested in fostering.

5. Share Lincolnshire fostering news with parents, staff, or other members of your school.

6. Visit The Fostering Network to support them during Foster Care Fortnight.

7. Share this list with friends, family, and colleagues!



**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

Come and support your team!



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WASPS

Saturday, June 4
Kick-off 3:00pm



www.leicestertigers.com/schooloffer

CODE: SCHWASP22



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Leicester Tigers School Offer

Leicester Tigers are offering you special prices to experience the thrill of a live Gallagher Premiership match at Mattioli Woods Welford Road Stadium!

Leicester Tigers v Wasps Saturday, June 4, kick-off 3.00pm

Our special offer prices for this match start from:

Standing: Adults £20, U18s £10

Seated*: Adults from £25, U18s from £12

**Offer valid for tickets in Cat 4 and Cat 5*

Share this with your friends and family for a fun day out!

There will be a variety of FREE activities to join in with before kick-off, so head down early to enjoy what's on offer, including free access to our Junior Tigers Club.

Your Discount Code:

SCHWASP22

To purchase tickets use the above code at the checkout, or call the ticket office on **0116 319 8888** (option 2) quoting the offer code.

Book before **Friday, May 20** to benefit from these prices.

Please note, if you are booking as a group, in order to sit together you will need to book in one transaction.



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