

WEEKLY BULLETIN

 John Ferneley College

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HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

Good afternoon,

This week we welcome a new secondary school to our Trust: Iveshead School in Shepshed have joined the Mowbray Education Trust this week which will provide valuable opportunities for our staff and students to collaborate and work together in the future.

Christmas is here at John Ferneley College! This week we feel well and truly in the festive spirit and the school is looking great.

So much has been taking place on site. On Wednesday our Year 9 students took part in a valuable 'Futures Day' with external visitors and Channel 4 input. Feedback from students is that it was a really great day.

On Thursday we welcomed our past Year 11 students back to collect certificates and have the opportunity to reconnect with friends and Year 10 also had a curriculum Media Studies trip to Melton Theatre. On Friday our Year 11 students were given the opportunity to take part in a mock interview with a huge range of businesses and employers – there was such a fantastic buzz in school.

We also welcomed on site visiting Year 13 students from Iveshead School who are keen to know more about a career in teaching.

Also on Friday was the first of our Christmas rewards trips for Year 9 who visited Nottingham Winter Wonderland and the photos look great! Please don't worry if you didn't get a chance to get a place on this trip as there will be other opportunities for enrichment throughout the year.

In other news, please do make sure you go and see our John Ferneley 'Positivitree' at St Marys Church along with the MET wide reading tree. We are very proud of the children's hard work in creating these.

I am off to judge the Christmas card competition now so watch out for next week's bulletin when I'll be sharing details of the winning entry.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Mrs Teece
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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2022

- **Monday 5th December** - St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival Trip [Invite Only]
- **Monday 5th December** - Year 9 Parents' Evening [4.00pm - 7.00pm]
- **Tuesday 6th December** - Year 10 Food Technology Trip to London Markets
- **Thursday 8th December** - Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 8th December** - Christmas Lunch
- **Friday 9th December** - Year 10 Christmas Rewards Trip [Invite Only]
- **Tuesday 13th December** - Year 7 Christmas Rewards Trip [Invite Only]
- **Wednesday 14th December** - Year 8 Christmas Rewards Trip [Invite Only]
- **Thursday 15th December** - John Ferneley Community Christmas Fair and Carol Concert [5.30pm - 8.00pm]
- **Friday 16th December** - Last day of term

YEAR 9 CLASSCHART CHAMPIONS

A huge congratulations to last week's Year 9 Classchart Champions. It is amazing to see so many students achieving lots of positive points. Keep up the good work!

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| • Polly A (9SS) | • Bella-Mai B (9NL) |
| • Connie H (9TB) | • Fiona A (9NL) |
| • Grace G (9SNA) | • Millie B (9TB) |
| • Huey B (9TB) | • Ewan D (9SDR) |
| • Katie D (9TB) | • Ryan F (9SS) |
| • Holly G (9SDR) | • William H (9SNA) |
| • Kaci J (9SS) | • Danny O (9SDR) |
| • Megan O (9SS) | |



LETTERS FROM THE WEEK

Please click on the links below to read our current letters:

- [Christmas Jumper Day](#)
- [Year 11 Revision Planning Information Letter](#)

POLITE REMINDER - SCHOOL JUMPERS

We are noticing a variety of jumpers creeping into school which do not meet our uniform policy. Please can you ensure that if your child is choosing to wear a jumper, in addition to their blazer, that it is a plain black v neck or round neck jumper. PE jumpers, including GCSE PE, or branded jumpers are not acceptable.

You can view our full policy, here > [School Uniform Policy](#)

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK



CROSS COUNTRY

We had another great turn out for the final Prestwold Hall County Schools Cross Country race this weekend.

- Noah P-S ran in the Inter race and came 6th place with a very strong run!
- Next up in the Junior Girls, Megan O came 6th and Millie B came 8th putting in a strong team performance!
- And finally a huge congratulations to the Year 7 Boys team who ran a fantastic race. Jaiden W finished 3rd, Evan W finished 10th, Jack M finished 13th and Lucien O finished 20th which will hopefully mean they have secured the County Year 7 Boys title. Jack followed up this result with a 2nd place finish at parkrun on Sunday!

Cross Country Club will continue every Monday after school up until Christmas. In the new year there will be the County Finals for Year 7 and the English Schools qualifying races for Years 8 – 11. More details to follow soon.

DEBATE CLUB

We had another fantastic debate at lunch on Tuesday; this time the subject was private schools. Each side had to put forward their opposing arguments with the moderator closing with a final decision.

Each week, Debate club focuses on a new topic and takes place at lunch every Tuesday, in C4, and is open to all years. Why not pop along next week?



DUKE OF EDINBURGH FUNDING

We are very pleased with our new Duke of Edinburgh expedition kit, received thanks to funding from the DofE.

Tobbell's Funding helps to encourage SEND students to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award by reducing the financial burden of the expedition. This is fantastic new kit which will help our students – all we need now is the weather!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK



ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - INTRODUCING OUR 'POSITIVITREE'.

On Wednesday we visited St Mary's Church to decorate our Christmas tree ready for the Christmas Tree Festival. The handmade decorations look fantastic.

The Christmas Tree Festival takes place from Friday 2nd December to Tuesday 6th December at St Mary's Church!



YEAR 9 FUTURES DAY

On Wednesday, we welcomed Channel 4's 4Schools to John Ferneley College as part of our Year 9 Futures Day. 4Schools hosted a day of workshops and a Q&A session with a focus on different careers.

ENGLISH / MEDIA YEAR 5 AND 6 TRANSITION EVENT

On Thursday, we welcomed primary students on site to enjoy a taster of our English and Media Studies curriculum as part of our Year 5 and 6 Transition Events.

Students completed a murder mystery style task where they had to figure out who stole the candy canes.

A huge thank you to everyone that signed up and took part - it was wonderful to see so many students! A massive thank you to Mr Lakins, Mrs Oxbrough and Mrs Baldwin for hosting, and to our wonderful students who volunteered to help.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK



STUDENT FEEDBACK

Event: Mock Interviews
School: John Ferneley College
Date: Friday 2nd December 2022

As a result of the event I participated in...

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I know more about the interview process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am more aware of the skills required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My confidence and communication skills have improved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel more motivated to succeed in my studies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel more prepared for life after school/college	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel I benefited from the guidance I received	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please rate the event overall out of 10:

YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

Today we welcomed a variety of businesses and employers to John Ferneley College to run mock interviews with our Year 11 students. It was a fantastic session and very valuable for our students.



YEAR 9 CHRISTMAS TRIP

As part of our on-going commitment to student voice, today a group of Year 9 students visited Winter Wonderland in Nottingham as part of a Christmas trip.

We had a wonderful day full of ice skating, shopping and delicious food!





John Ferneley College are supporting the Christmas Jumper Day initiative, organised by Save the Children, on **Thursday 8th December 2022**. Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for children in the UK and across the world.

Staff and students **are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt** alongside the rest of their usual school uniform, but in place of their school blazer. Student lanyards must still be worn as usual.

Please may we ask for a suggested donation of £1 which will all go straight to the charity. Donations can be made via your child's School Gateway account, under the payment item 'Christmas Jumper Day 2022 Donation'. **The payment item will be open until Friday 9th December 2022, 3pm.**

Please take the time to have a look at www.savethechildren.org.uk/ website to find out how your donation will help those in need.