

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I am writing to you today with an important update about the leadership of the College.

Following this week's leadership update, I am pleased to share that I am formally returning to John Ferneley College as Executive Headteacher. I will not only be supporting our school's excellent senior leaders during this transition, but I will continue in this capacity, alongside my role as CEO of the Trust. Please rest assured that together we will continue to ensure we secure long-term improvements and provide high-quality education and opportunities for our pupils and colleagues.

Having been the headteacher at the College for five years between 2012 and 2017 and working at the College in the leadership team before that, I will bring with me both in-depth knowledge of our school community as well as my experience of exceptional school improvement from across the Trust.

I will also be basing my office at the College which will only serve to strengthen our community for all schools within the Trust. We strongly believe that every child has the right to a first-class education, irrespective of their starting point and it is by working together that we can achieve the best outcomes and opportunities for our pupils. This will provide the unique opportunity to ensure this ethos is truly embedded across the College.

I am already working closely with our wonderful senior leadership team to implement exciting plans for improvements. We will provide more information on this in due course.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support as we work to provide the best possible education to our pupils. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Stansfield
Executive Headteacher – John Ferneley College
CEO - Mowbray Education Trust



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2023

- **Wednesday 1st March** - possible Industrial Strike Action day > [read more here](#).
- **w/c 6th March** - some Year 11 Mock exams continued
- **w/c 6th March** - National Careers' Week
- **Monday 6th March, 5pm - 6pm** - Milan pre-trip Parent Information Evening
- **Wednesday 8th March** - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 7pm
- **Thursday 9th March** - Year 9 teenage booster and meningitis vaccinations (Year 10 and 11 outstanding also)
- **Tuesday 14th March** - Year 10 Careers' Networking event (in the school day)
- **Wednesday 22nd March** - Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 7pm
- **Thursday 30th March** - JFC Community Easter Eggstravaganza (times TBC)

EASTER



Donated Winter Coats - Thank you

Thank you very much for all your donations over the past few months, they have been gratefully received by a number of students. However, now that we are gradually moving into warmer months, we will not be requiring any further donations this academic year.

Lost Property

If your child has lost a coat or school blazer or other school items, please ask them to speak to a member of staff at the student services desk after half term, to search the lost property store.



WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Did you know?

Students with no absence are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5 GCSEs.

Did you know?

17 missed school days a year = GCSE grade drop in achievement

Did you know?

90% attendance for 1 school year = 4 weeks of lessons missed

If you attend school you will learn more and be better able to achieve your full potential - which is brilliant!

YEAR GROUP ROUND-UPS

Year 7 and Year 8

It has been a busy and productive term for our Year 7 and 8 students. We started the term with assemblies on goal setting and each student gave themselves three targets for the term. We have many more students now attending extra-curricular clubs which is great to see.

I have visited lots of lessons over the past few weeks and have been blown away with students' engagement in learning and have really enjoyed seeing their class work. A shout out to Mrs Baldwin's English class who created some brilliant work (including cakes!) on 'What Makes a Monster' – we celebrated this work in assembly.

We have also been looking at attendance and why it is important to get to school and lessons on time each day. We discussed that attendance data is the number one piece of information that providers will ask for when students leave John Ferneley College in Year 11, or apply to get part time jobs.

I also shared an assembly on the dangers of 'Frozen Water' with the key message to 'Stay Safe, Stay Off the Ice'. It was a sensitive topic but one I felt crucial to share with the students and we talked about real examples from Leicestershire Police and how to make safe choices and support their peers in doing the same. We are looking forward to a restful break and welcoming everyone back after half term.

Miss Meek

Year 9

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone that attended the Year 9 options and 'meet the tutor' evenings this half term. Your support in helping Year 9 to pick their options has been amazing and there have been lots of positive conversations in school with students and staff on supporting them in their next steps. More information will be given to students on their options next term. To support this, our assemblies this half term have been focused around Post 16 and future next steps. We have had some great external speakers in, including MARS apprenticeships and students giving an overview of University life from Nottingham University.

Students have been gaining lots of positive class chart points for great progress in lessons and involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities across the college. Well done to everyone who has been a Class Chart Champion this half term. Next term we are going to be having an attendance drive focusing on the importance of being in school. Competitions will be within tutor groups and also the year group as a whole with lots of great prizes to be won over the next half term.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and I hope you all have a great half term.

Mrs Hibbitt

YEAR GROUP ROUND-UPS

Year 10

Year 10 are now in the full swing of their GCSEs and have adapted so well to the increased workload and expectations upon them. We are so glad to see so many of them rising to the challenge and doing themselves proud.

A huge thank you to our amazing futures team for providing a wealth of information for Year 10 to help them prepare for their next steps beyond John Ferneley.

Have a well earned break and we will see you after half term!

Mrs Seed and Mr Kachhela

Year 11

This half-term has ended halfway through the mock exams. This will give the year 11s a well-earned rest, but also the opportunity to fit in a little independent revision as well! When the students return, they will have one more week of mocks, and then just 8 teaching weeks until the actual exam season starts – I know, sounds scary! But with sensible revision – remembering to have a life as well – I'm sure all will go well.

Last week we launched an attendance initiative for students who are between 80-90% attendance so far this year. I know illnesses can't be helped, but we have set 100% attendance targets for these students between now and Easter – again hoping to help these students reach their potential. Please can I take this opportunity to praise and thank those students who turn up without fail, on time, every single day. You are a credit to yourselves and the college.

I hope that everything goes well in the run up to the exams – remember staff are here to help so please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Have a lovely half term.

Mr Beaver

MATCH REPORT

SOUTH WIGSTON MAY HAVE THE WIN, BUT JOHN FERNELEY COLLEGE HAVE THE HEART.



Pictured above: John Ferneley College Year 7 Football Team

The Year 7s travelled to South Wigston High School for a county cup quarter final on Thursday.

The game started off very close, with both sides having a handful of chances and with both keepers making very good saves.

However, a long ball over the top saw South Wigston striker run onto it and finish it right in the corner, leaving the keeper with no chance.

A clever, quick corner routine and good feet from Henry caused a mistake in South Wigston's defensive line and handed John Ferneley College a penalty.

The well-struck penalty was heading for the corner and forced a superb save from the keeper to keep it as 1-0 going into the half time break.

John Ferneley College kept their heads up after the break with both teams coming out of half time up for the second half.

South Wigston hit the bar twice within 5 minutes, but John Ferneley College calmed it down again with the midfield getting control of the play and trying to find the equaliser.

Just after, South Wigston had a chance down the right wing, having a shot heading towards the bottom corner and Reece P making a great goal-line clearance by throwing himself onto the line to avoid conceding a second time.

As we were searching for the equaliser, pushing bodies forward, South Wigston caught us on the break and found that second goal with the last kick of the game.

All of the students played really well and Mr Baker and Mr Cragg are very proud of the way they represented the school.

Mr Cragg
PE Technician

Team sheet: THEO E, GEORGE G, ABED A, NOAH K, LOGAN N, REECE P, JOSH S, OSKAR B, HENRY D, VILIAME C, JAIDEN W, JORGE W, HARRY C.





**This half term,
we want you to:**



Have a safeguarding concern?

**Report directly to
the police on 101**

**Or call Social Care
on 01163050004**



Online Safety

REMEMBER! →



- The legal age to use Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Tik Tok, Instagram and many others is 13. (Whatsapp was recently changed to 16.)
- It is advised that you regularly check your child's devices (phone/iPad/xBox/PlayStation etc.) to ensure that they are not putting themselves at risk when using technology.
- It is good to talk regularly with your child about internet safety and who they may be talking to online.

If you or your child spot any material that appears unpleasant or is of a graphic/inappropriate nature please do the following:

1 Report to the police

2 Report on the social media platform

3 Remove the account, block and delete all elements.



YEAR 9 CLASS CHART CHAMPIONS!



Darcy B

Toby H

Ethan B

Beth C

Jason H

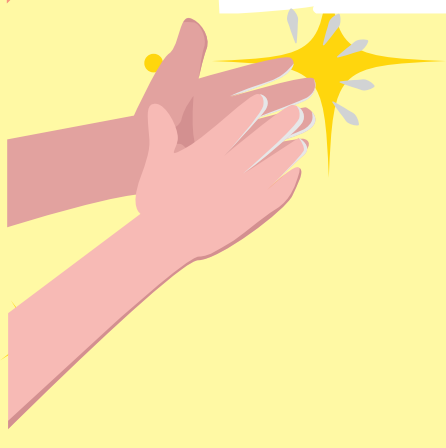
Kyson L

Katie M

Lilly T

Simran M

Polly P-S



YEAR 11 GCSES

SUPPORTING SUCCESS - INTERVENTION SESSIONS TIMETABLE



	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime		Dance Practical (Dance Studio)		
After School	Art (P1a) Computer Science (E7) Creative iMedia (E1) Dance Theory - week 2 only Design Technology (Enterprise Zone) French - All (K11) Health & Social Care (K1) History (K2 and K4) Spanish - Higher (MFL Block)	Biology (D4/D5) Chemistry (D4/D5) Design Technology (Enterprise Zone) English (Communication Zone) Enterprise & Marketing (E1) GCSE Business (E3/E5) History (K2 and K4) Physics (D4/D5) Spanish - Foundation (MFL Block)	Biology (D4/D5) Chemistry (D4/D5) Design Technology (Enterprise Zone) French - All (K11) GCSE Business (E3/E5) GCSE PE (Performance Zone) Geography (Culture Zone) Maths Physics (D4/D5) Sports Studies Catch Up (P2) Support with Post-16 Applications (E7)	Drama (P8) Geography (Culture Zone) Media Studies (Communication Zone) Music (P7)



Duke of Edinburgh Latest

Training day – BRONZE and SILVER – Saturday March 11th 2023

The instructors from our new Approved Activity Provider Badger Adventures will be joining us on Saturday March 11th to deliver workshops on First Aid, Map Reading, Stoves and Food, and Kit Packing. All participants will need to arrive at school on the Saturday morning at 9am for a 9.30am start and will be here for a full day until 4.30pm – so don't forget your packed lunches!



SILVER – there will be refresher training on all the above but you will largely be working on creating your Practise Expedition routes for April 14th – 16th 2023 when we will be going to the Peak District - hopefully you have remembered some of your map-reading skills!

BRONZE – start thinking about who you might like to be grouped with, as this will be our first job on the Saturday morning, to organise ourselves into the groups you will eventually be on expedition with.



Volunteering Opportunities

This week we have launched the DofE Fund-Raising Club – for BRONZE participants to raise money for a chosen charity - which will count towards the Volunteering Section of the Award. The plan is to meet weekly in school one lunchtime a week to organise some in-school fund-raisers and create awareness of our chosen charity – so please keep your eyes peeled for events coming up to help us raise some funds. We are a small group at the moment, and have room for a few more volunteers to join us, if anybody is looking for an opportunity. Please speak to Mrs Woolaston for more details.



SILVER – Last year some of you volunteered with the Friends of Melton Park and helped create the Covid Memorial Garden. They are looking for help again for a new project (and the usual litter-picking!) So, if you would like to volunteer again, or want to try something new, please see Mrs Woolaston as soon as possible – the first meeting will be on Saturday March 4th and participant numbers are limited so you will need to get in quick.

Mrs Woolaston
SEND Officer



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

CURRENT VACANCIES

COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM!



TEACHER OF PE

Full time (permanent) – April start.

Closing Date: Midnight, Sunday 12th March

Interviews: w/c 13th March

Apply [here](#).

HEAD OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Full time (permanent) - April start.

Closing Date: Midnight, Thursday 23rd
February

Interviews: w/c 27th February

Apply [here](#).

SENIOR EXAM INVIGILATORS AND EXAM INVIGILATORS

Interviews will be arranged
upon receipt of applications.

Apply [here](#).

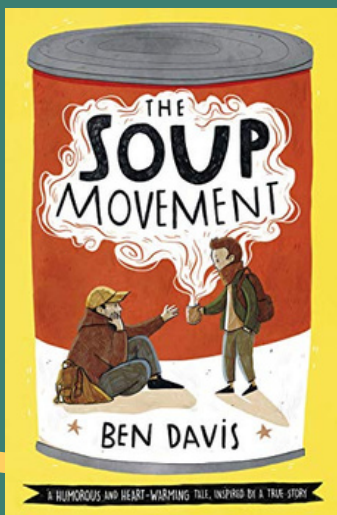
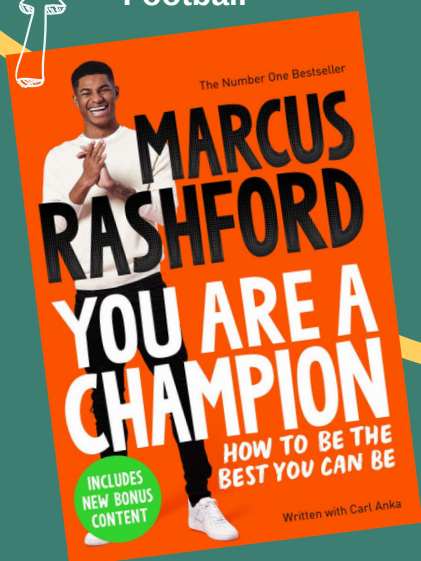


Let's get reading over the half term!

John Ferneley Recommends:

For Year 7...

Autobiography
Football



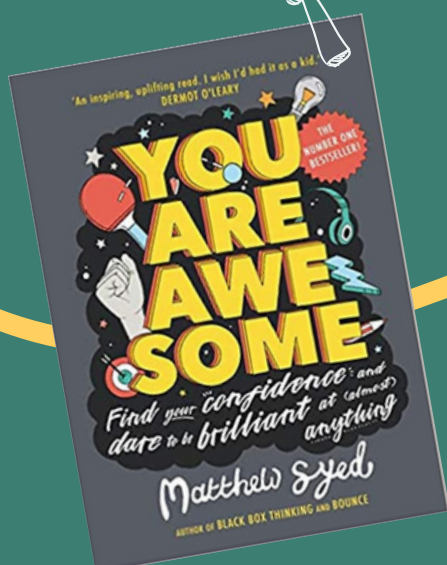
Fiction
Heart-warming
Funny

Poetry
Reflective



For Year 8...

Nonfiction
Psychology



Historical Fiction
World War II

Young Adult
Contemporary
Poetry

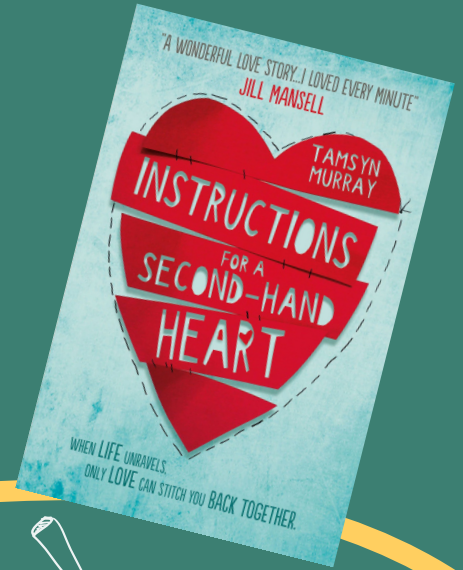
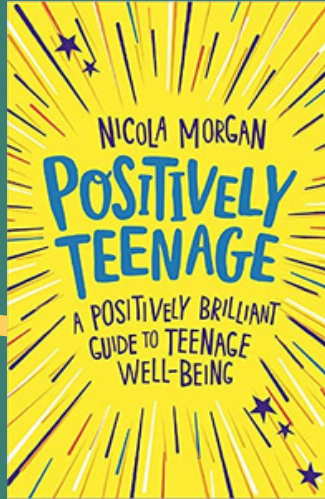


For Year 9...



Horror
Mystery
Ghost Story

Nonfiction
Mental Health



Young Adult
Contemporary
Romance

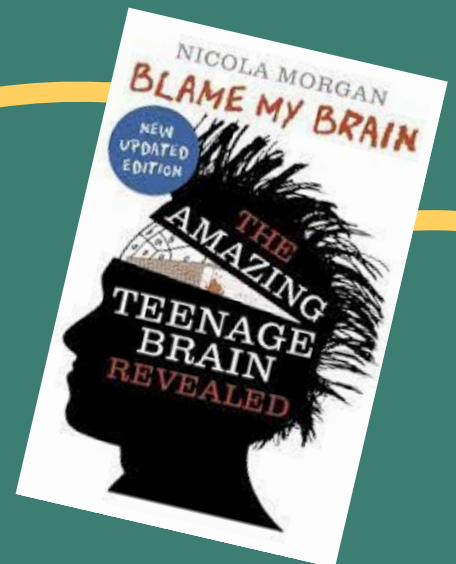
For Year 10 & 11...

Horror
Mystery
Fantasy



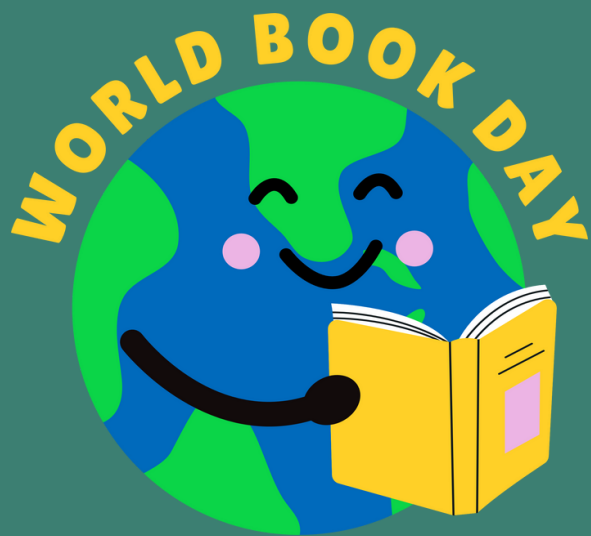
Young Adult
LGBTQIA+
Poetry

Nonfiction
Mental Health
Psychology



**NEVER
STOP
READING**





World Book Day!

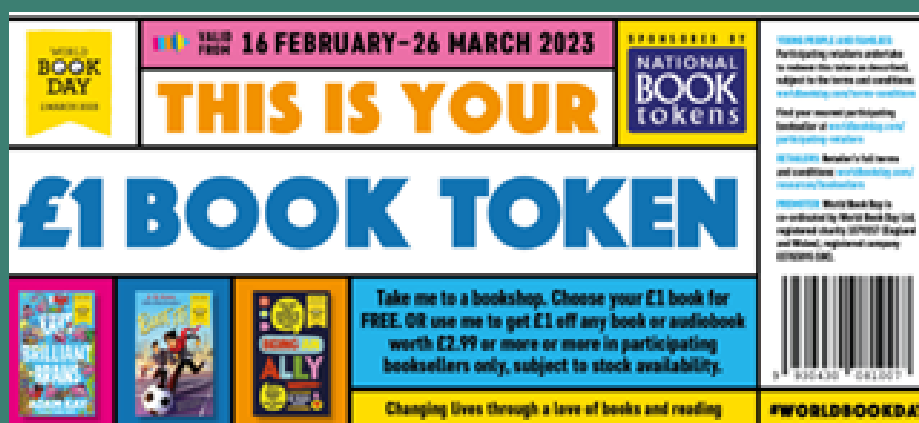
World Book Day is fast approaching (March 2nd) and we are preparing for lots of fun book-based activities!

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/john-ferneley/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by March 17th, 2023.

The book token this year is DIGITAL! You can exchange the digital book token for a free World Book Day £1 book or to get £1 off a full price book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. Simply scan the barcode using a mobile phone/ tablet at the checkout.

Not all retailers will be able to scan the digital barcode and some may require a printed version. If you would like a printed version please see Mrs Newman in the Library.



Access a PDF version [HERE](#).

Keep an eye on our socials over half term for some fun bookish posts and competitions!

