

WEEKLY BULLETIN

 John Ferneley College

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Our wonderful catering team getting coronation ready!

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I can't believe it is the end of another week!

For our Year 11 students, the time is going even more quickly as their first exams gallop ever closer. They are working so hard and for many, their first written exam is only 10 days away.

This week, JFC has been celebrating the Coronation (one day is clearly not enough!), with our lovely catering team making delicious coronation-themed cakes and cookies for the students this week.

Some of our amazing Duke of Edinburgh students ran a coronation cake sale today – which looked both popular and delicious.

The warmer weather this week has also been a good indicator that the summer is on its way. This means endings and beginnings – always a strange time. Prom plans and Year 6 transition events have been running simultaneously.

All in all, school life is surprisingly normal, given everything that is happening in the world at the moment - a testament to our brilliant students and staff, who work together to make it so.

My thanks also to you, as parents and community members, for your continued confidence and support. I hope you have a lovely Coronation weekend and that you are able to avoid the rain. ☺

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



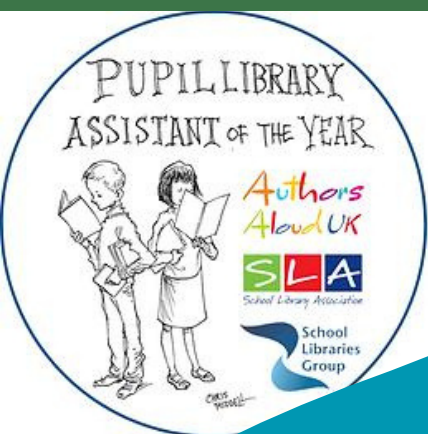
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- Staying Safe Online UPDATE
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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2023

- **Monday 8th May** - Bank Holiday; School Closed
- **Wednesday 10th May, 5pm-6pm** - Mount Cook Parent Information Evening
- **Monday 15th May** - First GCSE Written Exam
- **Monday 15th - Sunday 21st May** - World Mental Health Week
- **Tuesday 23rd May, 5pm-6pm** - French and History Trip - Final Parent Information Evening
- **Friday 26th May** - Break up for Half Term
- **Monday 5th June** - Back to school
- **Wednesday 21st June** - Last GCSE Written Exam



Well done to **Toby H in Year 9** who has been selected as a finalist for the UK Pupil Library Assistant of the Year Award 2023!

The judging panel felt their nomination showed "commitment, passion and a love of their school library".



attendance ~~MATTERS~~



Attendance Percentage	Number of days absent	Number of weeks absent	Number of lessons missed (hours of learning)	
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0 lessons/hours	Excellent
95%	9 days	1 week 4 days	45 lessons/hours	Satisfactory
90%	19 days	3 weeks 4 days	95 lessons/hours	Poor
85%	28 days	5 weeks 3 days	140 lessons/hours	Very Poor
80%	38 days	7 weeks 3 days	190 lessons/hours	Major concern
75%	46 days	9 weeks 1 day	230 lessons/hours	Major concern
70%	57 days	11 weeks 2 days	285 lessons/hours	Major concern

Just 2 weeks holiday taken during term time will reduce your child's percentage attendance to less than 95%.

All students with falling or lower attendance will be offered support to address this and parents are urged to contact the school with any concerns or advice sought.

Attendance below 90% requires medical evidence to back up absence.

HOLIDAYS are NOT authorised and will be referred to county hall for possible fining.

Group 1 100-96%	No Concern..... Students with this attendance should achieve the best grades they can leading to better prospects in the future.
Group 2 95.9% - 90%	Note Students with this attendance are likely to achieve their target grades but lowering attendance may mean more work to catch up on and possible missed opportunities.
Group 3 89.9% and below	Risk of under achievement..... Students with this attendance find it difficult to achieve their target grades, underachieve in subjects and miss out on other opportunities such as clubs and extra-curricular activities.



Being Unkind Online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps e.g. WhatsApp.

Top Internet Manners Internet Matters have produced a list of 'manners' that we all should follow to create a safer and kinder online world: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/top-internetmanners/>

What should I do if my child is being bullied online? Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

Further information: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/how-do-i-know-if-imbeing-mean-online>

Nude Selfies: What Parents and Carers Need to Know

CEOP look at what to do if your child has shared a nude pic of themselves. The page includes four videos - understanding why your child has shared a pic, talking to your child, looking at when you should be worried and finally where you can get help from. Find out more here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Nude-selfies-a-parents-guide/>

Online Scams

Internet Matters have published an article detailing common online scams targeting teenagers. Are you aware of scams involving social media spoofing, webcam and remote access scams and health and beauty scams? Internet Matters highlight a list of different scams, how they work and actions you can take to protect your teenager online. You can read the article here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/common-onlinescams-targeting-teenagers/>

Useful websites

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Online Safety

Impact of Social Media

A recently published video by financial times films, gives an important insight to the impact of social media on our children and our family life. The video is well worth a watch and in particular for parents:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk>

Snapchat Update

Family Centre: New Feature Snapchat launched Family Centre last year, which includes features such as allowing you to see who your child is friends with on Snapchat and who they have been communicating with (you will not be able to see the contents of conversations). Snapchat have now announced their latest feature for Family Centre - Content Controls. Content controls will allow you to limit the type of content your child can watch on Snapchat by filtering out stories. You can find out how to set this new feature up here: <https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/introducing-content-controls-onfamily-center>



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.

JFC YR7 & 8

'Charity Colour Dash'

April 28th 2023

It was an absolute delight to host our first ever 'Colour Dash' at JFC on April 28th 2023. We were invited along with all the other MET schools to take part in order to raise sponsor money for Leicester Childrens Holidays. The charity provide support for students and families who are facing difficulties, including bereavement support, respite, trips away and counselling.

We had over 150 students from Yr7 & 8 that signed up and began collecting sponsor money. On the day we did an 'on mass warm up' in the Auditorium which was good fun, before completing stretches on the field. Students then prepared at the start line and they were off! Our wonderful YR11 GCSE PE students acted as leaders during the event, throwing clouds of paint over the runners as they passed through four different colour stations. They also led a cool down at the end.

Thank you to all staff and students that took part and helped out – what a great time we had.

Thank you also to everyone who sponsored our students – we managed to raise an amazing **£2.500** for the charity. Towards the end of term we will be handing out prizes to those students who raised certain amounts in a celebration assembly.

Thank you all for your efforts – what a fabulous event.

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Leicester
children's holidays

JFC YR7 & 8 'Charity Colour Dash' April 28th 2023



**If you're a young woman
considering a career in STEM
(Science, Technology, Engineering
and Mathematics), then we have a
great opportunity for you to attend
a Q&A with the Head of Human
Factors at PENDYNE Engineering on
Wednesday 17th May!**

**Speak to Mrs Stanley in the
Enterprise Zone to register your
interest!**

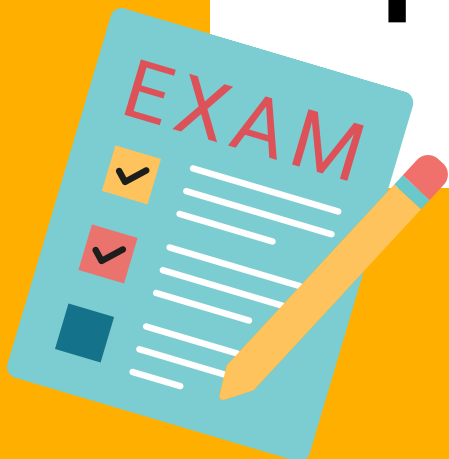




DO YOU SPEAK PORTUGUESE?



**We are in need of
a Portuguese
speaker, over the
age of 18, to aid
with some of our
spoken exams!**



Please get in contact via
our '[Message Us Here](#)'
form on our website if you
are interested.

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)



Loughborough University

Are you passionate about studying Engineering at University?

Engineering Experience, Loughborough University's 2-day on-campus event, is taking place on 5th and 6th July 2023 and is perfect for Year 11 students looking to explore their futures in this sector.



The event includes:

- Practical workshops and masterclasses in a range of Engineering subjects
- Opportunities to talk and network with industry experts and Loughborough students
- Tours of our campus and subject-specific facilities

This is not a residential event; therefore, students can attend either date or attend both dates.

The deadline for bookings is 4th June 2023.

Find out more information at www.lboro.ac.uk/study/school-college-liaison/key-stage-four/engexp/ or feel free to email at engexp@lboro.ac.uk

LSU

ACTION

COMMUNITY FUN DAY



SUNDAY 14TH
MAY, 12-4PM

- FACE PAINTING
- STALLS & GAMES
- PUNCH & JUDY
- PETTING ZOO
- FUN FAIR
- HAVE-A-GO CIRCUS
- BUBBLE FUN
- REFRESHMENTS
- & MUCH MORE!



 **Loughborough
Students' Union**

Ashby Road,
Loughborough, LE11 3TT



Will be held
inside if raining

**FREE ADMISSION
+ LOTS OF FREE
ACTIVITIES**



Summer Sport Club

Level 2 Sport Leadership Community Award

When?

July 17th - 21st
10:00am – 4:30pm

Where?

At De Montfort
University

Who is
it for?

Year 10 and 11

How can
I apply?

Scan the QR code or go to:

<https://www.pathwaystohe.ac.uk/opportunities/summer-sport-club-level-2-sport-leadership-award/>

What
is it?

A sport club where you will receive a **Level 2 Sport Leadership Community Award** upon completion*

This is a free opportunity for Leicester and Leicestershire students, where you'll take part in a number of activities and exercises throughout the 5 days in order to receive the award and get to work with our university sport students to find out about sport careers and courses in higher education.



**Please note that you must be willing to evidence leading on a sport or physical activity in a community setting for 4 hours once the 5-day course at De Montfort University is complete*

APPRENTICESHIPS

Below, we have provided some information on active apprenticeships in the areas of Rutland and Melton - Please read through carefully to see if there are any key opportunities you could take advantage of.

Apprenticeships in Rutland:

Apprentice Maintenance Engineer - RUTLAND PLASTICS LIMITED (Rutland) - 1 vacancy available - Salary: £14,900 - **Closing Date: 01/06/2023**

Apprentice Automation Engineer - RUTLAND PLASTICS LIMITED (Rutland) - 1 vacancy available - Salary: £14,900 - **Closing Date: 01/06/2023**

Apprentice Tool maker/ Apprentice Tool Maintenance Engineer - RUTLAND PLASTICS LIMITED (Rutland) - 1 vacancy available - Salary: £14,900 - **Closing Date: 01/06/2023**

Apprenticeships in Melton:

Apprentice HGV Technician - JCR COMMERCIALS LTD (Leicestershire) - 1 vacancy available - Salary: £10,004 - £19,760 - **Closing Date: 01/08/2023**

Early Years Nursery Nurse Apprentice - Little Rascals Day Nursery (Melton Mowbray) - 1 vacancy available - Salary: £8,504.08 - **Closing Date: 15/05/23**

Retail Fishmonger Apprenticeship - NC SEAFOODS LTD (Melton Mowbray) - 3 vacancies available - Salary: £8,236.80 - **Closing Date: 01/06/23**





APPRENTICE NATION

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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO GET A CAREER THEY'LL LOVE

Want to support your 16 - 24 yr old with their
career options but don't know where to
start?

Wish you could speak their language and
communicate the importance of considering
career options?

THIS PACK IS FOR YOU!



CURRENT VACANCIES

COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM!



TEACHER OF MATHS

Full-Time or Part-Time (Permanent)

Closing Date: Tuesday 9th May (9am)

Interviews: w/c 8th May

[Apply here.](#)

TEACHER OF SCIENCE

Full-Time or Part-Time (Permanent)

Closing Date: Tuesday 9th May (9am)

Interviews: w/c 8th May

[Apply here.](#)

TEACHER OF MUSIC

Full-Time or Part-Time

Closing Date: Midnight, Monday 8th May

Interviews: w/c 8th May

[Apply here.](#)

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TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY

Full-Time (Permanent)

Closing Date: Tuesday 9th May (9am)

Interviews: w/c 8th May

[Apply here.](#)

MATHS KS3 COORDINATOR

Full-Time or Part-Time (Permanent)

Closing Date: Tuesday 9th May (9am)

Interviews: w/c 8th May

[Apply here.](#)