

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Year 9 and 10 students getting a tour of our new building last Friday!

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I cannot believe how quickly the end of term is coming round now!

A confession: I normally struggle with the end of term.... You see, my driver is always improvement, which means I love a good strategic plan and the start of a term when we can implement stuff.

The end of term has a completely different feel. Luckily there is a team of staff and students who have this end covered – they are pros... sports day, mount cook, university visits, France trip – my End of Term Heroes – you all know who you are. 😊

Me: I'm already excited about September. Our Futures Building is starting to look awesome, with an amazing library, Year 11 study area, fantastic new bespoke classrooms and our most inspiring Year 11 students working to make it theirs. I also met the teachers and staff who will be joining us in September – goodness me, it's exciting. As an oversubscribed school, we have needed to appoint additional teachers to meet demand – a very tall order in a recruitment crisis. We have pretty much handpicked an awesome bunch of specialists – they were amazing.

What with that and the new building and the absolutely brilliant step up that our students have made in behaviour and culture terms – I can't wait to get back to it. I'll be drumming my fingers through the summer, waiting to get back.... As a person who walks their dogs to manage excitement – please have sympathy for my dogs.... 😊

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



What's In This Week's Issue:

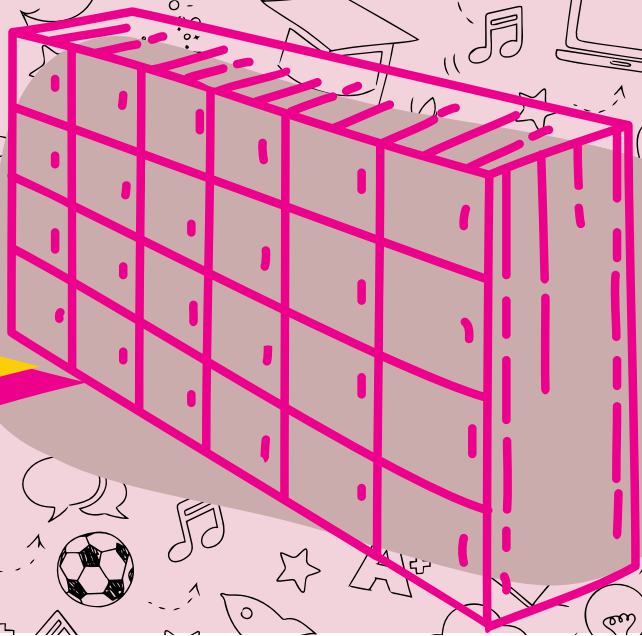
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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2023

- **Wednesday 28th June - Sunday 2nd July** - Year 10 France Trip
- **Monday 3rd July & Tuesday 4th July** - New Year 7 Transition Days
- **Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th July** - Year 7 Mount Cook Residential
- **Monday 3rd July, 3:10pm** - Uniform Try-on Event for New Year 7s
- **Tuesday 4th July, 5pm - 7pm** - New Year 7 Parent Information Evening
- **Wednesday 5th July, 5pm - 8pm** - One Night Only Show
- **Thursday 6th July, 5pm - 8pm** - One Night Only Show
- **Thursday 6th July** - St Francis Catholic Primary School Transition Day
- **Thursday 6th July** - Sports Day
- **Friday 7th - Monday 10th July** - Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition
- **Monday 10th July** - Year 9 Alton Towers Trip

YEAR 11 STUDENTS!
PLEASE EMPTY YOUR
LOCKERS BY
WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY!
(Or your stuff might get thrown
away!)





Online Safety



Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer? An influencer is somebody prominent on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions and ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account. Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share their own opinions, which could be misogynistic or racist for example. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact. It is important to talk to your child about the spread of misinformation online and how we should fact check what we see and hear online. What we see on social media platforms is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, so we don't see a balanced picture.

You can find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/> Further information The NSPCC have created an article detailing what you need to know about online influencers. You can read it here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/onlinesafety-blog/2023-05-16-the-influence-of-influencers/>



Money savvy online

Have you been scammed online? As scammers become more sophisticated, it's important that we learn about the different approaches that they might use and what to look out for so we can protect ourselves. Barclays have listed some of the most common scams on their website: <https://www.barclays.co.uk/fraud-and-scams/scams-protection/>

MoneySense from NatWest - NatWest have an area on their website full of useful articles and guidance to support your child and enhance your understanding. Articles include avoiding fraud and online scams, information on digital game currency, the dangers of fraud and do you know what a money mule is? The site also includes activities to complete with your child to enhance their understanding of money including a 'savings challenge' for ages 5 – 8 and 'money and your mental health' aimed at young adults. You can find this information and lots more here: <https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/parents/>





Online Safety



Fortnite

Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age. What is Fortnite? There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to one hundred players compete against each other. What do I need to be aware of? • Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour. • In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases. Parental Controls Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on. Further information Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available: <https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>



From the Financial Times – 'Capture: who's looking after the children?

This is a 15-minute drama produced by the Financial Times looking at online harm, regulation and responsibility. The drama features Jodie Whittaker and Paul Ready. You can watch it here: <https://www.ft.com/video/ea39f3a9-8993-477d-a763-317ba51c2e75>

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.



Anti Social Behaviour Parental info

Recognising the importance of linking children's learning at school and among peers to their life at home, it is recommended you speak to your son/daughter about their safety and behaviour when out with friends. This is also an opportunity to set boundaries and give reassurance that they can speak to you if they ever find themselves affected by any issues or concerns. Children can be victims of anti-social behaviour too.

What is Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)?

Anti-social behaviour is an incident that falls short of a crime, where the behaviour and actions of an individual or group causes, or is likely to: Anti-social behaviour is an incident that falls short of a crime, where the behaviour and actions of an individual or group causes, or is likely to:

- Cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person of another household
- Cause a person to feel personally threatened
- Cause a public nuisance or detrimental impact upon the environment
- Cause a detrimental effect upon the quality of life of an individual or the community as a whole



What is the Law?

Anti-social Behaviour is not a crime in itself, the acts and behaviours within incidents of ASB can amount to offences and would be dealt with accordingly. There are systems that record ASB that the Police and the Council have access to. The Police have various powers and laws to assist them to tackle ASB and keep communities safe; in addition to fines and court sanctions, other outcomes include:

- Community Resolutions
- The Incremental approach which may lead to court order
- Community Protection Notice (CPN)
- Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)



Local authorities and social landlords also have powers to deal with anti-social behaviour. These include issuing CPNs, PSPOs and evicting tenants whose children, or themselves, are responsible for causing ASB.

Under the Police reform act, Police also have powers to arrest individuals believed to be involved in Anti-social behaviour under section 50.

What can I do as a parent?

Young people often feel they are blamed as the main cause of anti-social behaviour; the stereotype arises largely from the fact that groups of young people often hang out on the streets. Certain behaviour, which is not always intended to cause nuisance, can be perceived by people in the community as ASB when it has an impact on their everyday lives.

It is recommended you have talk to your child about ASB when the time comes that you let them venture out without you, in just the same way you would talk to them about staying safe. Explain how their behaviour will affect others and how it can be perceived, encouraging them to be mindful and considerate. It is also important to make them aware of the consequences for them and the family if they became involved in causing ASB.



Before they go out, ask them:

What are they planning to do?

Who are they going with?

Where are they going?

What time, and how will they be getting home?

Tell them:

To think about what they are doing

Not to put themselves or others in danger

No to cause distress or annoyance to others

Not to cause damage to property

Access to Alcohol:

- ASB and accidents are commonly linked to alcohol, children often take it from home without parents' knowledge
- Keep alcohol in a safe place
- Keep a regular check on the alcohol you have to know if any goes missing.



Young people can also be the victims of crime and disorder:

- Make sure they know how to stay safe
- Make sure they know what to do if they are victim of crime
- Make sure they can contact an adult at any time and who it is
- Make sure they know how to use the police 101 and 999 services



Reporting ASB?

If you or your child experience anti-social behaviour, you can report this to your local authority or the police. Although it is not possible to send police officers to every incident, reports are recorded and help build a picture of merging issues and hotspots for local police to include in their community response plans and patrols.

The Local Police Beat team hold regular surgeries around the town, if advice was needed please attend one of these meetings and speak to the Officers.



Support Services



Local authorities, social housing providers and community organisations can provide support and advice to the public to help with nuisance and ASB. Many will have a designated ASB officer. Contact your housing provider directly or visit our support service directory for contact information.

Victim Support

www.victimsupport.org.uk

Tel: 0845 30 30 900

8am – 8pm Mon-Fri; 9am – 7pm weekends; 9am – 5pm bank holidays



Report ASB online to Leicestershire Police

<https://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

For further information please see Leicestershire Police website, link below.

[Antisocial behaviour | Leicestershire Police \(leics.police.uk\)](https://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/)

LUCY, THE RISING BASKETBALL STAR!



John Ferneley College are proud to report that, after Basketball trials last weekend, Lucy U has made it through to play in the Leicester Riders U16s girls' premier team for the next season!

Lucy is sure to continue to make us all proud by playing her absolute best every game!

Good luck Lucy!

FOOTBALL BOOTS DONATIONS

If you happen to have any old/spare football boots at home, the JFC PE department are asking that you consider donating them to the school so we can have spare boots for students who need them.

Thank you!





YEAR 9 CLASS CHART CHAMPIONS!

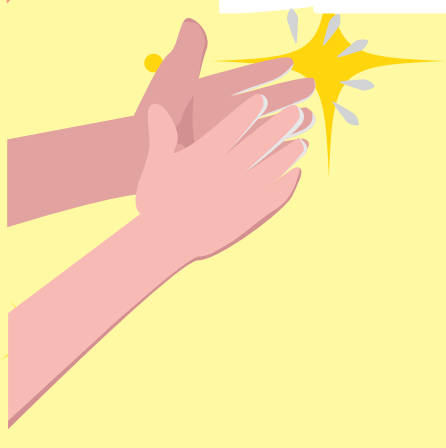
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Ethan A

Charlotte-Grace F

Holly G



#LetsGet Moving Melton



We are showcasing **FREE** beginner physical activity sessions across the Melton Borough at various facilities, such as: Wheelchair Basketball, Kettlercise, Nordic Walking, Yoga, Baby Signing Classes and much more!



@MeltonSportHA

Sunday 9th July

Hub Venue:

Wilton Park

Opening Ceremony: 10am

Ends: 4pm

Bookings are now LIVE!

Follow the link below or scan the QR code for the timetable of activities:

www.meltonsportandhealth.org.uk

Alternatively call or text **07909008193** where we can sign you up personally.

Scan to
sign up





Running from Monday 17th July to 10th August

Summer Scheme

30 places available

At the Venue

Doing multiple
activities like:


- sport
- crafts
- cooking
- trips

To be eligible you child must be
receiving free school meals and
between the ages 11 to 16

To secure your place email
Michael.connolly@mlh.org.uk

From 9am
to 1pm
On Monday to
Friday





This summer, we're offering five schools the chance to start rebuilding their libraries by inviting teachers, parents, carers and communities to nominate their school for our big prize draw. Each winning school will receive £1,000/€1,000 in National Book Tokens and a year's free membership to the School Library Association – PLUS one overall winner will also get £500/€500 to help them create a fun and welcoming library space for all.

Nominate your school using the form below, and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also win a £100/€120 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshop! Remember, the more entries received for your school, the higher the chance they'll win – so don't forget to spread the word. If you work in a school, check out our downloadable banners and posters below.

Winners will be drawn at random after Monday 31st July and announced in September 2023. Check out the full terms and conditions below.

**WIN £1,000/€1,000
FOR YOUR SCHOOL'S LIBRARY!**



A thick, wavy rainbow graphic with bands of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple, curving from the top left towards the center.

LGBT YOUTH GROUP

Where - The Venue, Phoenix House


When - 5.30-7.30pm

The last Wednesday of each month



The group is free

We welcome all LGTBQ+
and allies, ages 13-17
years old

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New Bus Route?

Families interested in a potential bus service from the Vale into John Ferneley College

The Trust is currently looking at how it can support families with transport both to and from John Ferneley as well as to Post16 providers outside of Melton.

As part of this work, we are supporting the investigation into the potential demand for a bus service that could transport young people from the Vale villages into John Ferneley College. Currently there is no commitment, but Sharpes of Nottingham have kindly agreed to collate interested responses to see if it is viable for them to offer a service.

They are looking at a bus route that might be able to offer a service from the following villages or a nearby pick up point.

Redmile

Barkstone

Plungar

Stathern

Eastwell

Harby

Hose

Long Clawson

Scalford

Holwell

Waltham on the Wolds



If you are interested in knowing more, or if your village is not listed but you would be interested in a service, please contact Sharpes of Nottingham directly using this email: enquiries@sharpesofnottingham.com



IGD

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

**Develop skills with
industry experts and
gain CV experience**



**Daily from 10.30-12pm
10th - 14th July**

We're back with Work Experience better than ever!

From Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July, join us every single day between 10.30am - 12pm for a daily dose of fast-paced interactive sessions developing key skills with the help of Industry Experts from companies like Mondelez, Pepsico and Tesco to name a few.

Each day we'll delve into different themes, with experts from each field showcasing industry innovations, sharing employability tips and tricks to stand out - and you'll receive a certificate as evidence for your CV.

Monday: Intro To Industry	 Sign up
Tuesday: Sales & Marketing	
Wednesday: Food Science	
Thursday: Engineering	
Friday: Employability Skills	

Virtual Work Experience week is a set of live, interactive and engaging online sessions. Throughout the week you'll meet experts, gain skills and get a certificate as evidence of your participation for your CV.

Sign up using the button below, as an individual or as a teacher.

Sign up now

In advance, we'll send you a simple one-click Zoom link to join. You don't need to download anything - you can even join from a browser.



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*

CURRENT VACANCIES

COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM!



MATHS TEACHER

Full-Time or Part-Time (Permanent)

Closing Date: Monday 10th July 2023 (9am)

[Apply here.](#)