

WEEKLY BULLETIN

 John Ferneley College

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Year 7 & 8 Art trip this week!

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a week to finish out November and kick off Christmas!

I'm delighted that our Year 7s and 8s had the opportunity to go out on a fantastic Art trip into Melton to join the 'Kick Up the Arts' movement. It was amazing to see them getting creative and taking part in the local community.

I'm proud that JFC were named runner up for the Secondary School Team of the Year in the Melton Sport and Health Alliance 'Let's Get Moving Melton Awards' 2023! What a brilliant achievement and thank you to all who took part.

In festive news, we've decorated a window in St Mary's for the Tree festival with wonderful homemade decorations from students and staff - go and have a look if you get the chance!

Sadly, on Monday, one of our student's experienced a house fire. Thank goodness everyone was safe. But in turn this has also become a time when we as a school community have been able to come together to support those in more need than ourselves. This is the time of year when we think of others and I want to take this opportunity to thank our students, their parents, carers and our staff for the kind words and support they offer to each other on a daily basis.

In a similar theme of kindness, we have numerous opportunities laid out in this week's bulletin for all of us to come together, get into the spirit of giving and help out those in need around us. We hope you are able to get involved this Christmas season!

What's In This Week's Issue:

- Mrs Russell's Statement
- Key Dates for Your Diary
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- Storehouse
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- Scholastic Book Fair
- Year 11 Supporting Success
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- MV16 College Tours
- Santa Fun Run
- Current Vacancies

Mrs Russell
Assistant Headteacher – John Ferneley College





KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2023

- **Wednesday 6th December, 4pm - 7pm** - Year 11 Parents' Evening 2 (F Band)
- **Wednesday 6th December - Tuesday 12th December** - Half Price Scholastic Book Fair
- **Tuesday 12th December, 3pm - 8pm** - Fame Rehearsal
- **Thursday 21st December, 6pm - 8pm** - Carol Concert and Christmas Community Event
- **Friday 22nd December** - Last Day of School before Christmas!

IT'S DECEMBER...

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

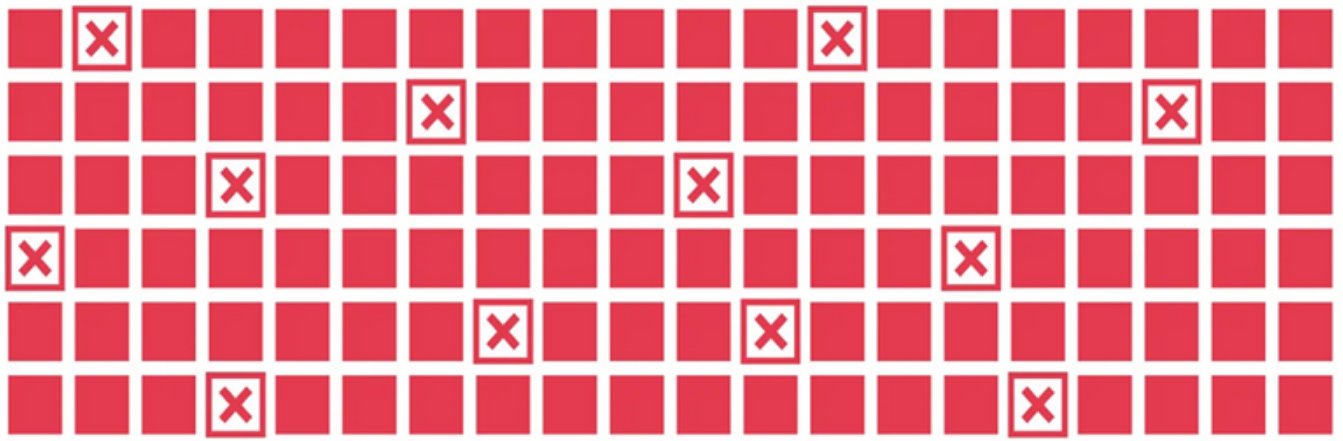
Bad Weather Contingency

As the weather turns more wintery and the evenings get darker, I thought it was a good time to remind you of our bad weather contingency plan in the unlikely event of the school having to close for bad weather. We will do our very best to keep our school open so if you do not hear anything please assume we are open as normal. There are rare circumstances when we decide it is sensible to close the school for the safety of pupils and staff.

If we needed to close the school for bad weather please see the processes below:

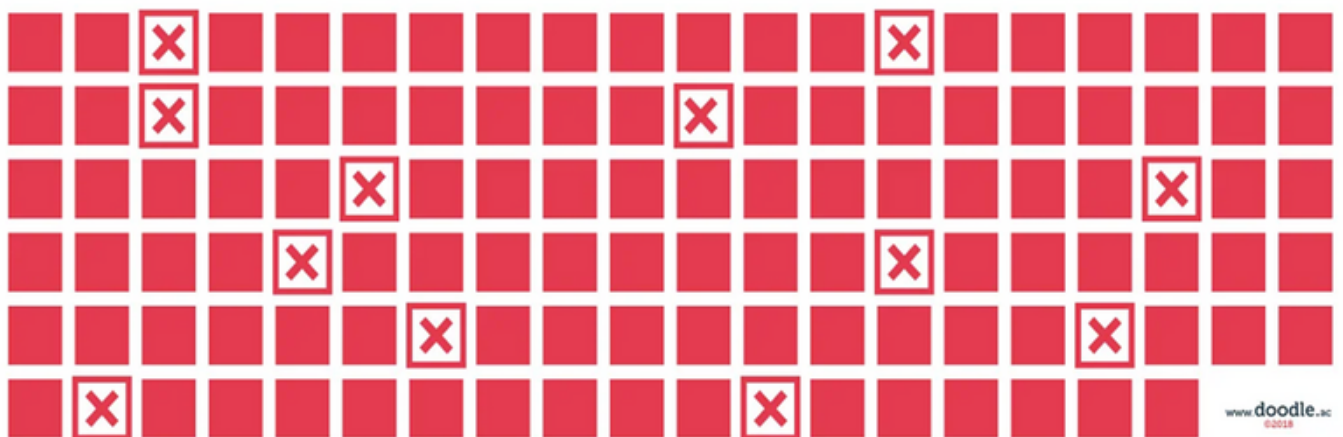
Full day closure – if the decision is to close for the day decisions will be made before 7am and communications will come out via text and email to all parents and carers. We will also post on our social media channels. Communication via telephone will be limited so if you need to get in touch please do so via our school website.

Half day closure – if there is a decision made to close through the school day all students who travel to school via bus or taxi will leave site first. Once companies have been called, parents and carers will be notified via text and email and students will be allowed to leave in class groups once the school transport has departed. Once again in this situation we would ask you use the online contact form if you need to contact us as our phone lines will need to be kept clear for school



ABSENCES ADD+UP!

MISSING JUST 2 DAYS
A MONTH MEANS YOU MISS
10% OF THE **SCHOOL** YEAR!!!



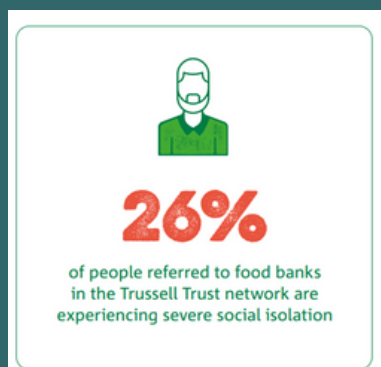
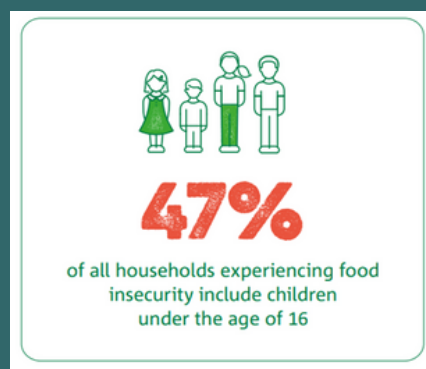
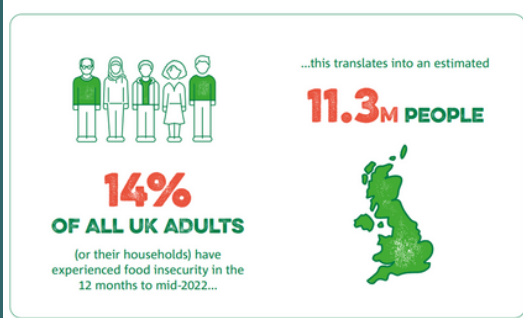


STOREHOUSE APPEAL 2023

Storehouse is a food bank in Melton that offers food, clothing, bedding, baby equipment and other household items to those living in the borough of Melton who are in need and who have been referred by one of the local agencies.

They also have a café to provide hot meals, shelter bags and hygiene facilities where people who are sleeping rough can shower, brush their teeth etc.

WHAT IS THE SCALE OF HUNGER IN THE UK?



We are asking each tutor group to collect 2 printer boxes worth of donations for the food bank. If every tutor group filled 2 boxes, that would be 80 boxes! If possible, if every student could donate just one item, that would be over 1200 items!

In their busy periods, Storehouse are giving out more than 200 food bags a week as demand has trebled since the pandemic.



STOREHOUSE APPEAL 2023

Items most needed:

- Tinned Veg
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Pasta Sauces
- Spray Deodorants
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shower Gels
- Pasta
- Rice
- Baked Beans
- Soup
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Tinned Fish
- Biscuits
- Rice Pudding
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Meatballs/Hotdogs
- Tinned Curry/Stews/Chili
- UHT Milk Cartons
- Coffee
- Dog Food
- Washing Powder
- Washing Up Liquid
- Tinned Vegan items

We will be delivering donations on Friday 15th December. Donations for tutor boxes need to be handed in by Monday 11th December. Individual donations will be accepted right up to Friday 15th December.

There will be a prize/certificate given to the most generous tutor group in each year.

AGE UK CAMPAIGN

Christmas is an important time to think about everyone in our community. Whilst we often associate the season with gifts, food and family, some people may find themselves without those things during the festive period.

Our aim is making sure that the elderly residents of our community feel special too. Many older people can go for days, even weeks without leaving the house or speaking to anybody.

Gloucester House is at the bottom of Scalford Road, and, every Friday, hosts a group which meets for tea and coffee, bingo, crafts etc.

We would like to visit the group on Friday 15th December and take each person a homemade Christmas card and a small gift.

Christmas cards will be made by Years 7 and 8 in their Business Studies lessons in December.

Ideas for gift donations:

- Box of biscuits/shortbread
- Toiletries
- Bath sets
- Chocolate
- Scarf
- Hat
- Gloves
- Pack of playing cards
- Candle
- Wash bag/soaps
- Blanket
- Socks
- Homemade or reusable masks
- Lip balm
- Moisturiser
- Puzzle books
- Pens
- Hand cream



Revision

Time!

Exams are fast-approaching and we want our students to be as prepared as they possibly can be.

We will be selling some revision resources to help students access everything they need leading up to exams.



Grab your
'revision in a bag'
ASAP!





Scholastic Book Fair!

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am really pleased to tell you we are hosting a HALF PRICE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in our school from Wednesday 6th December – Monday 11th December. Our students will have the opportunity to browse and purchase half price books from the displays. We will have a range of books from nursery books to teenage fiction.

When the Scholastic Book Fair arrives, your children will be able to browse over 200 of the books they really want to read, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices. Plus, for every book bought, you help to earn free books for our school!

The book sales will be available during break and lunchtimes, on Wednesday 6th until 4pm if you would like to come to visit the Book Fair with your child/ren.

At the Book Fair we accept cash payments, but this year Scholastic have provided an online parent system. Payments can be made by following this link [;www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)

There is also the opportunity to purchase book tokens for your children which they can use to purchase half price books at the Fair. Book Fair Gift Vouchers are the simple, secure way to ensure your child gets the books they want when the Book Fair arrives and are perfect if you can't make it to the Book Fair.

- Once a purchase has been made, you will receive the voucher in an email which can be printed and given to your child – much safer to carry than cash!

- Vouchers can be purchased up until 8th December.

Any queries about the Half Price Book Fair, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email vnewman@johnferneley.org or by phone on 01664 565901.

Yours sincerely

Vicky Newman
Librarian





John Ferneley College

Year 11 Supporting Success Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Study room (F1) Art (P1a) Enterprise & marketing (F5) Health & social care (F5) Design technology (Enterprise zone)	Study room (F1) Art (P1a) Enterprise & marketing (F5) Health & social care (F5) Design technology (Enterprise zone)	Study room (F1) Art (P1a) Enterprise & marketing (F5) Health & social care (F5) Design technology (Enterprise zone)	Study room (F1) Art (P1a) Enterprise & marketing (F5) Health & social care (F5) Design technology (Enterprise zone)	Study room (F1) Art (P1a) Enterprise & marketing (F5) Health & social care (F5) Design technology (Enterprise zone)
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SUCCESS



Associated with
Helping The Isolated

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR ANYONE IN NEED

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2023

Are you struggling with the cost of living crisis, working poverty, on a low income, elderly or vulnerable?

Would you or someone you know benefit from a hamper this Christmas?

Please scan the QR code, visit The Grapes Pub or Melton Sports to apply:



For more information please email
hti@mowbrayeducation.org



OR FOLLOW THIS LINK

COLLEGE TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Monday 11th December at 4.30pm (with taster sessions for new courses)

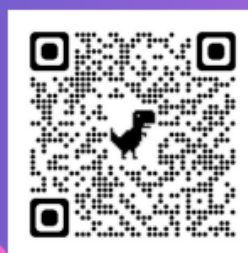
Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am

Taster sessions available for our new courses

Environmental Sciences A level

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 3 IN SPORT

Book your place here



MeltonVale
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



Rotary
in Melton Mowbray



Santa Fun Run (or walk!)

**10th December 2023, 11am
Melton Country Park
2 routes: 5km or 1 mile**

**Raise money for Rotary or
for your own Charity, Club or School**

Entry: Adults £10, children 5-12 £5, under 5s free
Free Santa Suits for all paying entrants
Medals for all at the finish

Best dressed Christmas Dog competition

**SPONSOR money goes to support the good work
done by Rotary, or to
Your Own Charity, Club, etc. as you wish.**

For more information and to enter
www.meltonsantafunrun.co.uk



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Rotary
in Melton Mowbray



**Rotary helping
our local community**

All money raised from entry fees goes to good causes supported by The Rotary Club of Melton
Mowbray Trust Fund, Charity Commission registered number 1016947

CURRENT VACANCIES

COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM!



TEACHER OF ENGLISH

(Iveshead School)

Full Time

Closing Date: 5th December 2023 11:59 PM

[Apply here.](#)

HEAD OF YEAR (NON-TEACHING)

(Iveshead School)

Full Time

Closing Date: 4th December 2023 09:00 AM

[Apply here.](#)

IT TECHNICIAN

(Mowbray Education Trust)

Full Time

Closing Date: 10th December
2023 11:59 PM

[Apply here.](#)

CURRENT VACANCIES

COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM!



CLEANERS

(Melton Mowbray Education)

Part Time

Closing Date: 3rd December 2023 11:59 PM

[Apply here.](#)

HEADTEACHER

(John Ferneley College)

Full Time

Closing Date: 4th December 2023 11:59 PM

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PRIMARY TEACHER

(Brownlow Primary School)

Full Time, Part Time

Closing Date: 4th December
2023 09:00 AM

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