

WEEKLY BULLETIN



John Ferneley College

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Year 9s recently made Swiss Rolls!

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is definitely feeling a lot like Christmas now... tomorrow I am running the first of a week of assemblies, looking at the JFC values.

A while ago, we asked students to think about what we stand for as a school - our values - and choose some words that best describe us (trying to neatly fit them into a J, and F and a C, obviously 😊).

As I was pulling all this information together, I couldn't help thinking of 'A Christmas Carol'. I'm an English teacher by trade, and any opportunity to get involved with Charles Dickens and ghosts ticks all my boxes.

The outcome of this is (what I think to be) a series of very exciting English lesson/assemblies, where we look at both alongside each other.

I'm very excited – I'm imagining that there won't be a dry eye in the house – we'll see!!!!

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



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- MV16 College Tours
- Santa Fun Run
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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2023

- **Wednesday 6th December - Tuesday 12th December** - Half Price Scholastic Book Fair
- **Tuesday 12th December, 3pm - 8pm** - Fame Rehearsal
- **Friday 15th December** - Non School Uniform Day and Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 21st December, 6pm - 8pm** - Carol Concert and Christmas Community Event
- **Friday 22nd December** - Last Day of School before Christmas!



Oakham Late Night Shopping

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

STALLS ALONG THE HIGH STREET, MILL STREET
& IN THE MARKET PLACE

INDOOR STALLS AT THE ADMIRAL HORBLOWER

FUNFAIR & LIVE MUSIC

SANTA'S GROTTO AT THE WHIPPER-INN

4PM-9PM

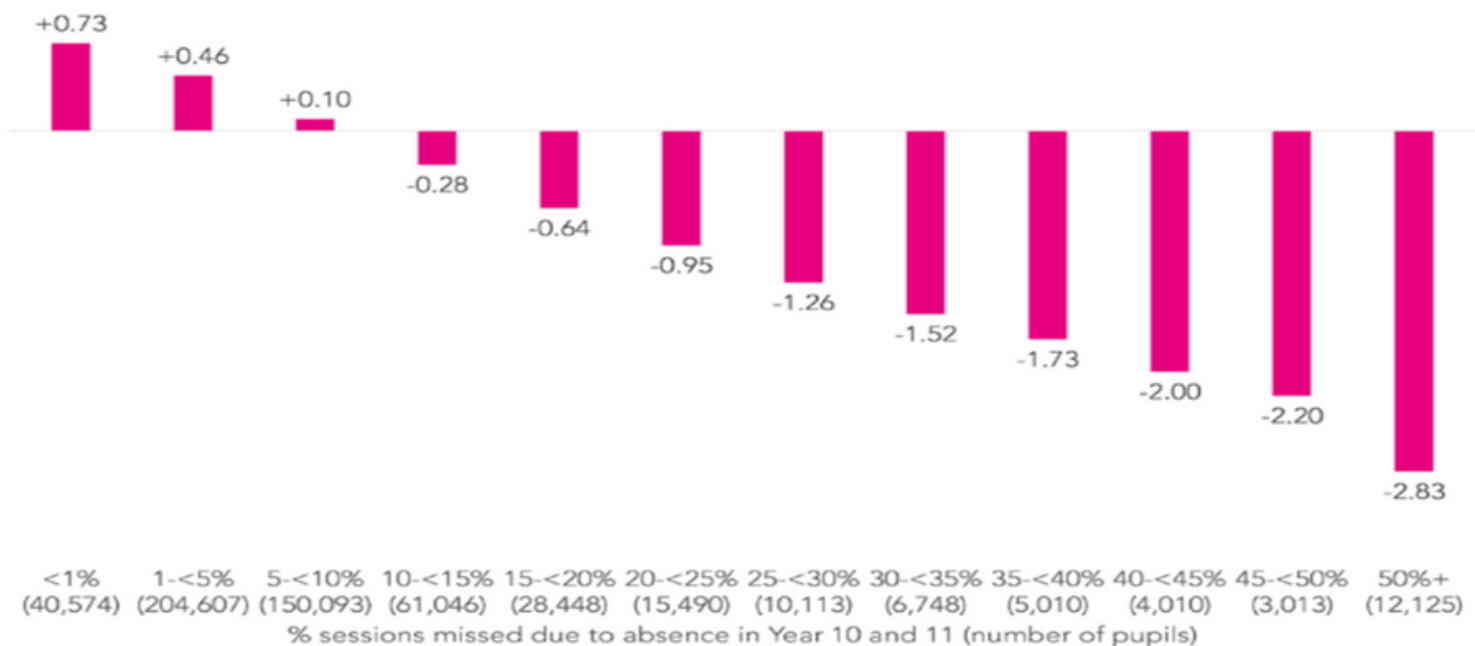
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attendance ~~MATTERS~~



Average Progress 8 score by % absence in Year 10 and 11
Pupils in 2022 Key Stage 4 performance tables



There is a clear link between attendance and progress at GCSE. A pupil that is at school 90% or more will get expected or better GCSE results. A pupil who is at school less than 90% will not achieve expected results and even at 75% attendance will drop ONE GRADE per subject (on average).



YEAR 10 TRIP TO

Disneyland Paris

Contact tdoran@johnferneley.org for more information

WHEN?

June 2024

FOR HOW LONG?

3 nights in 4* Dream Castle Hotel in Paris!



TO DO WHAT?

Two whole days in Disneyland Paris and another day visiting Choco Experience and seeing the sites of Paris on a river cruise!

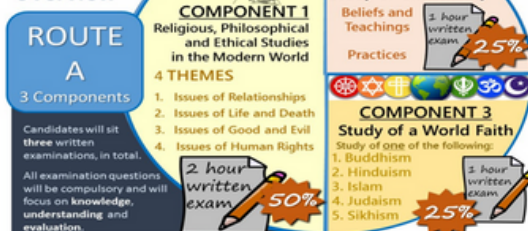
HOW MUCH?

The cost is estimated to be £795 per student.

£100 deposit payable by 19th December!

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Full Course Specification Overview



Component 1 :Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World	Component 2: Study of Christianity	Component 3: Study of a World Faith
Written Exam	Written Exam	Written Exam
2 Hours	1 Hour	1 Hour
50% of qualification	25% of qualification	25% of qualification
100 % Examination		

As part of the GCSE Religious Studies course, students develop their knowledge and understanding of different faiths, non-religious viewpoints and a wide range of moral and ethical issues. They complete an in-depth study of two world faiths - **Christianity and Hinduism**, exploring the beliefs, teachings and practices of each. They also explore four separate themes; Relationships, Life and Death, Human Rights and Good and Evil.

This course enables students to :

- Deepen their understanding of the relationship between people
- Become informed about common and divergent views within traditions in the way beliefs and teachings are understood and expressed.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the fact that religious traditions of Great Britain are, the main, Christian
- Understand that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse and include the following religions: Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism, as well as non-religious beliefs, such as atheism and humanism.

Jobs and career links

If you want a job where you meet and work with people, RS is a subject which would be helpful for you. It will help you understand other people's point of view and develop a sense of empathy. RS allows you to develop desirable skills such as the ability to analyse, evaluate and synthesise arguments and ideas. An appreciation of different views, beliefs and practices is necessary due to the multicultural nature of society. It is especially useful if you wish to work in:

- Social work
- Law professions
- Public services
- Medical professions
- Author
- Journalist
- Anthropologist
- Charity Worker
- Teacher
- Activist
- Scientist
- Religious Life

**AVAILABLE
NOW FOR
YEAR 9S!**

Development of Skills

Analysis
Evaluation
Team work
Ability to form balanced arguments
Communication (written and oral)
Problem-solving

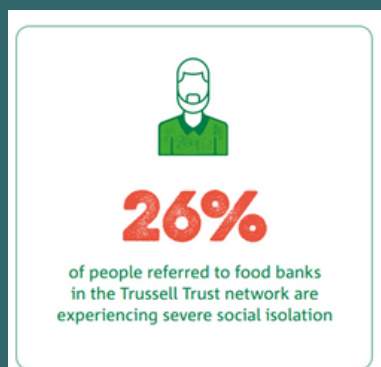
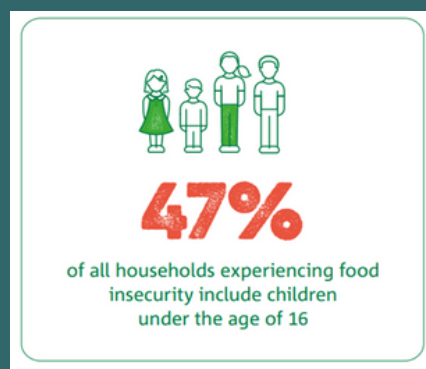
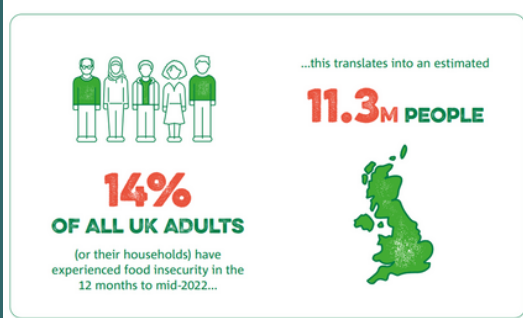


STOREHOUSE APPEAL 2023

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!

UPDATE

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

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

Inside....

- Cue cards
- Highlighters
- Coloured pencils
- Post-Its
- Revision time aids
- Grid whiteboard
- Whiteboard pen
- Revision technique cards
- Revision booklet
- Sticky tabs

Grab your
'revision in a bag'
from School
Gateway ASAP!



Revision

Time!

**PARENT
EDITION**

Mr. King will be conducting some 'parental training sessions' in December to help with producing revision plans and looking at methods of revising.

The following dates and times are available to book on to a session:

Monday 11th December 6.00pm

Tuesday 12th December 4.00pm

Tuesday 12th December 6.00pm

Thursday 12th December 4.00pm

SIGN UP
HERE





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)
Afterschool	Study room (F1) Art (P1a) Business studies (F6/F7) Health & social care (F5) Spanish (L3) Design technology (E7) History (K2) & (K4) All sciences (Discovery zone)	Study room (F1) Art (P1a) Sports studies (P2) Creative iMedia (F4) Enterprise & Marketing (F5) Business studies (F6/F7) Health & social care (F5) English literature – poetry anthology (C5) French (L2) Design technology (E7)	Study room (F1) School meeting night	Study room (F1) Art (P1a) Business studies (F6/F7) Health & social care (F5) Media studies (F3) Maths – Higher tier (M7) Maths – Foundation tier (M4) Spanish (L2) German (L1) Design technology (E7) All sciences (Discovery zone)	Study room (F1) Health & social care (F5) French (L2) Design technology (E7) Geography (K4) Drama (drama studio) Biology & chemistry (Discovery zone)

SUCCESS

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941



Associated with
Helping The Isolated

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR ANYONE IN NEED

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2023

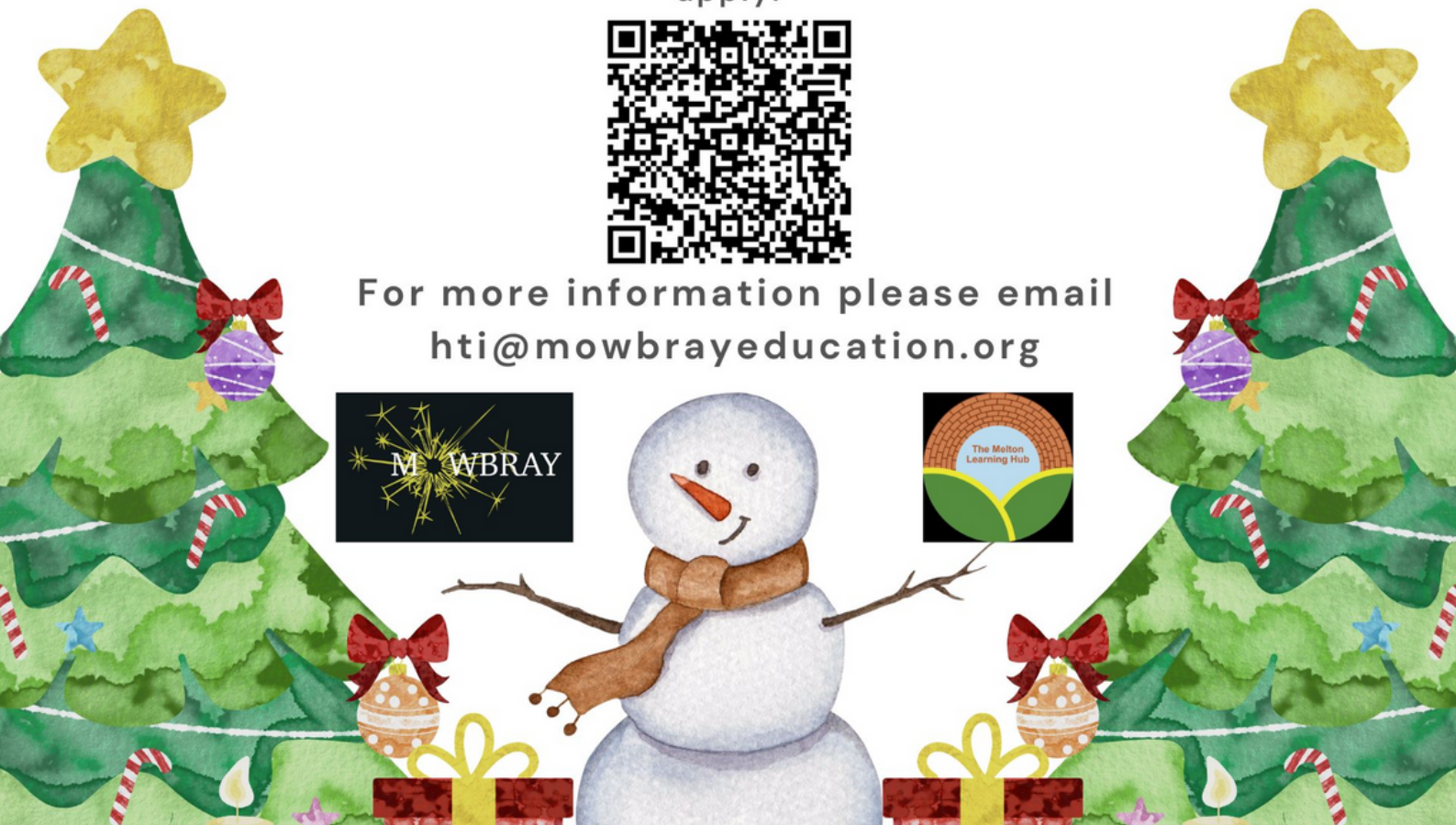
Are you struggling with the cost of living crisis, working poverty, on a low income, elderly or vulnerable?

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)

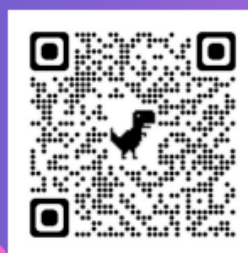
Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am

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
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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!



IT TECHNICIAN

(Mowbray Education Trust)

Full Time

Closing Date: 10th December

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