

WEEKLY BULLETIN

 John Ferneley College

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Mrs. Stansfield reading an extract from 'A Christmas Carol' at the Carol Concert!

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your support this term; it has been incredibly positive and we are so proud of the progress made.

Our focus on supporting the most vulnerable in our community has brought us to feel as one very aligned team. The impact of this is that over £1,300 was raised for Children in Need; over £500 was raised to provide hampers for families in need in Melton; our annual storehouse collection was a huge success and 120 gifts and Christmas cards were delivered to the elderly, with the support of AgeUK.

Thank you.

I would like to wish all families a very happy Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back into school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

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





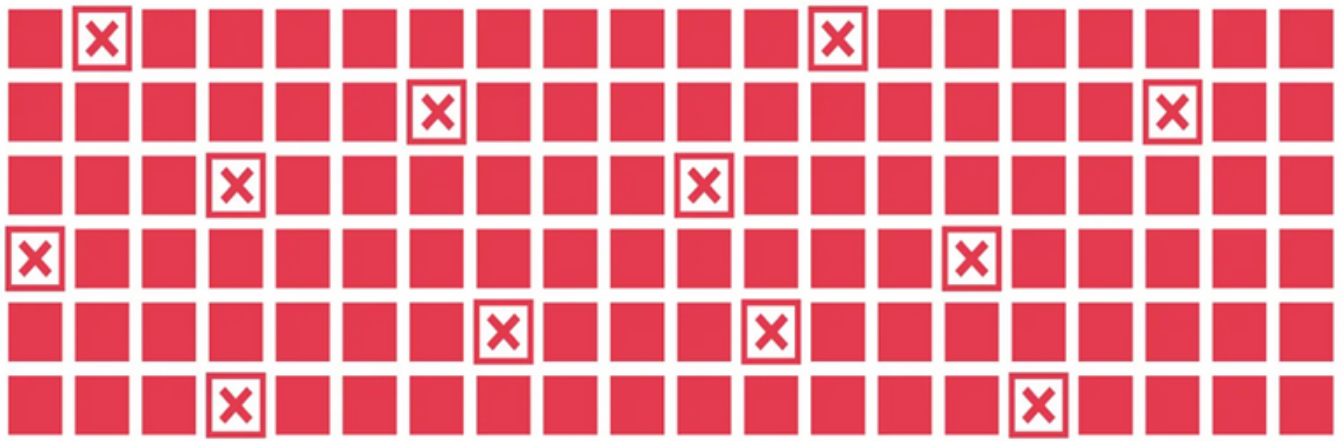
KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2023 / January 2024

- Friday 22nd December - Last Day of School before Christmas!
- Monday 8th January - Staff Inset Day
- Tuesday 9th January - Students back to school!
- Wednesday 10th January, 5:30pm - 6:30pm - Year 11 Supporting Success

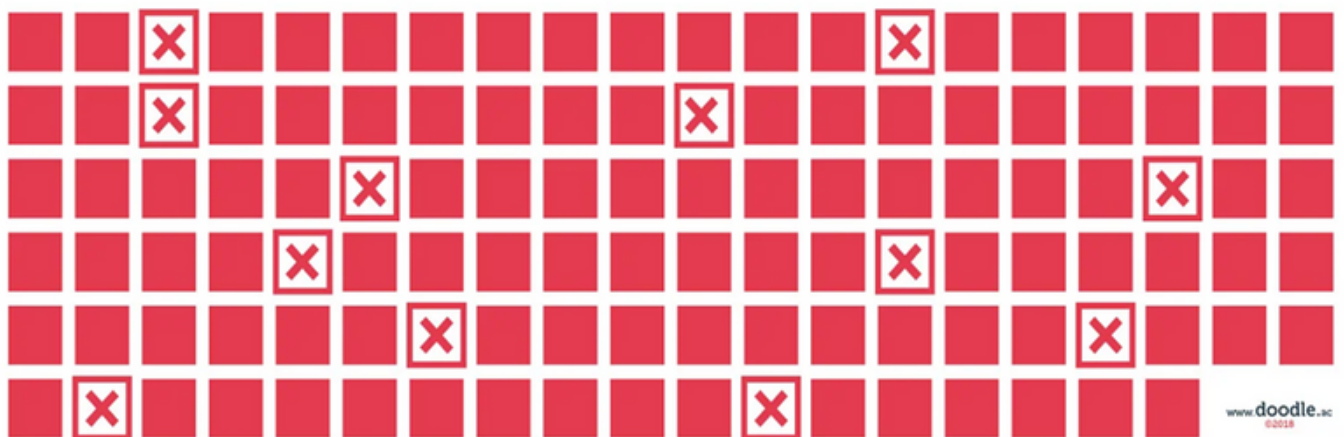
"I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round — apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that — as a good time: a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time: the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!"

Fred in 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens



ABSENCES ADD+UP!

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





Winter WATER SAFETY

EVERY YEAR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK WHEN THEY ARE TEMPTED TO PLAY ON THE ICE FORMED ON OPEN WATERS AND ADULTS FIND THEMSELVES AT RISK AS THEY ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEM. OVER 50% OF ICE RELATED DROWNING INVOLVED AN ATTEMPTED RESCUE OF ANOTHER PERSON OR A DOG

TOP TIPS



Keep away from the edge of the water



Only walk in well lit areas



Keep dogs on their leads



Walk with an adult or group of friends



Never go on the ice under any circumstances

WHAT TO DO IN DANGER



Shout help and call 999. Use your what3words location



Never go onto the ice to try and rescue a person or animal



Keep an eye on the person in danger



If possible lie flat to spread your weight



Wait for the emergency services

REMEMBER

Christmas is a time of joy and festivities for many, but not all. Please, if you do struggle at this time of year, remember you are not alone and there is help and support out there. Some useful links are included here to offer some potential routes if you are struggling.

While the school is closed between 3pm on Friday 22nd December and Monday 8th January, staff will monitor the dsl@johnferneley.org email but will not respond until term starts again. Therefore if you have an urgent concern for a child please consider whether it is a 999 call to the police (if there is an immediate risk) or get support from Leicestershire social care on **01163050005**.

Many young people will get new devices this Christmas or will have the opportunity to be on their existing devices more than usual. As parents/carers you should be monitoring what they are accessing and who they are in contact with. A reminder that the age for young people to have a social media accounts is 13 with Whatsapp set at 16.

Online safety advice / internet matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/14plus/>

Mind 03001233393 [mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)

Shout 85258 - Text shout to 85258 24/7 text service [Giveusashout.org](https://giveusashout.org)

Samaritans 116123 24/7 helpline [samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)

Papyrus 08000684141 [papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org) – helpline for under 35s

Calm 0800585858 helpline for men

Harmless - <https://harmless.org.uk/>

Kooth – online counselling

NHS 5 ways to wellbeing – <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/>

Winston's wish for grieving children [winstonswish.org](https://www.winstonswish.org)

Childline <https://www.childline.org.uk/> 0800 1111

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.

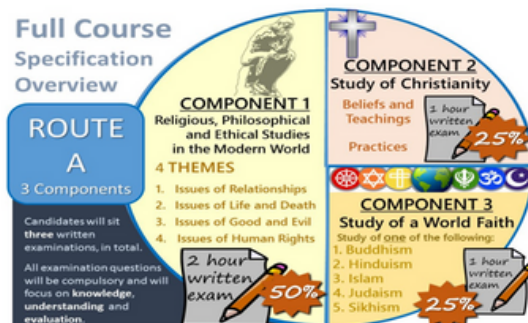
Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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

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GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES



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

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!





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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



Are you struggling with your mental health?

You are invited to take part in our nature-based wellbeing programme at Bradgate Park in Leicestershire.

Am I eligible?

We welcome referrals for customers living in Leicestershire (excluding Leicester city), who are struggling with mental health issues. You don't need a mental health diagnosis to take part in this programme.

What does it involve?

Our aim is to boost your wellbeing with outdoor activities!

- 'Green' activities such as:
 - Art therapy and outdoor painting
 - Wall building
 - Planting and garden works
 - Wellbeing walks
 - ...And more!
- Ongoing peer support for participants.
- Opportunity to become a volunteer at the end of the programme.



Any questions?

please contact Jolene Nell,
NCHA Referrals Coordinator, at

> greenspark@ncha.org.uk.

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WINTER HAF ACTIVITIES



**CHILDRENS
ICE SKATING &
BOWLING PACKAGE,
CINEMA PLUS
COAVILLE HOLIDAY
CLUB**



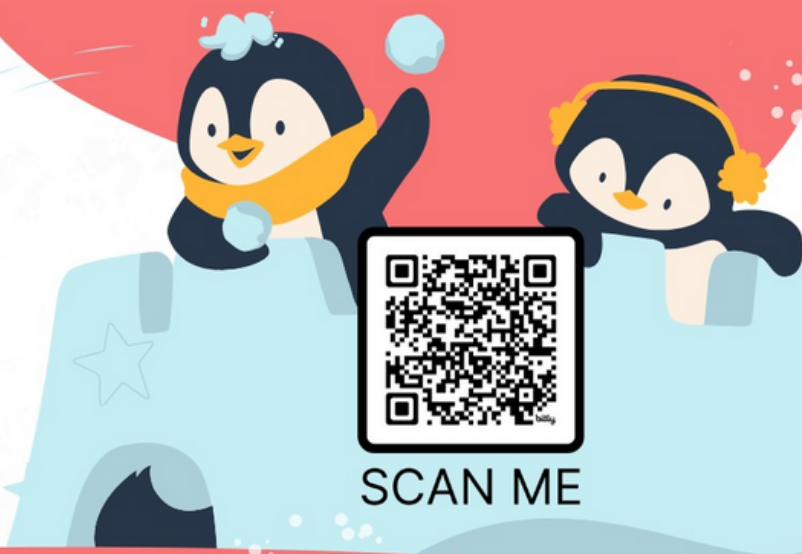
**AGE 4-16
YEARS**

FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR TO
BOOK A PLACE-

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE
YOUR UNIQUE HAF CODE
BEFORE BOOKING

[HTTPS://TBSPORT3.CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK/CAMPS](https://tbSPORT3.class4kids.co.uk/camps)

EMAIL- HAF@TBSPORT.UK
WEBSITE- WWW.TBSPORT.UK



DURING OUR CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES PARENTS MUST REMAIN ON THE ACTIVITY SITE AT ALL TIMES TO SUPERVISE THEIR CHILDREN AND HAVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS. TB SPORT STAFF ARE ON SITE TO ASSIST WITH REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE HAF PROGRAMME AS COVERED BY THE DFE'S FUNDING.



Rotary



P R E S E N T S

**THE YOUNG MUSICIAN
COMPETITION**

3RD FEB 2024

AGE 6-18 YEARS

**ALL INSTRUMENTS &
VOCALISTS WELCOME**



**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AT
YOUNGMUSICIANMELTON@GMAIL.COM**

T&Cs apply



CURRENT VACANCIES

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CLEANERS

(Mowbray Education Trust)

Part Time

Closing Date: 7th January 2024 11:59 PM

[Apply here.](#)

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

(The Grove Primary School)

Full Time

Closing Date: 18th January 2024 11:59 PM

[Apply here.](#)

IT SERVICES TECHNICIAN

(Mowbray Education Trust)

Full Time

Closing Date: 28th January 2024
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