

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



Silver Duke of Edinburgh Students in Yorkshire on Thursday

## What's In This Week's Issue:

- Mr. Claridge's Statement
- Key Dates for Your Diary
- Open Evening Information
- Communication and apps update

Dear Parents / Carers,

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Our first full week back at school has come to an end. It has been a really successful week and I am really pleased that our students have come back with such a positive attitude and have settled back into school life. As I mentioned last week, our new Yr7 continue to impress as well, which is a really great sign for their future progress and development. I am delighted that at the start of my first full year at John Ferneley we have a real sense of purpose about the further improvements we want to make and a clear direction of travel for the school. Spending time this week walking the corridors and seeing the learning taking place, with the embedding of our new teaching and learning strategies has also been very pleasing and is testament to the hard work of staff and the willingness of students to engage positively. Next week is an important week for us in the calendar as we host our open days and open evening presentation for Yr6 parents. We have been overwhelmed with requests for school tours and I know our students will want to impress any visitors next week.

This month during tutor time students have been learning about 'Second Hand September.' This is a really great initiative that we are delighted to inform our students about and we hope they come home and tell you about it too. Second Hand September is a campaign started by Oxfam in 2019, which asks people to resist buying new and only buy second hand clothes for the 30 days of September. This is intended to inspire you to make kinder choices for the planet and shed light on the often underpaid workers who make our clothes.

Also this week, we have had our group of 'Silver Expedition' students on the Duke of Edinburgh programme away on a trip to complete this part of their award. We wish them well and look forward to their return next week. A wonderful opportunity for them!

I hope everyone is able to enjoy the weekend with some better weather.

**Mr. Claridge**  
Headteacher - John Ferneley College



# KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2024

- **Wednesday 4th September - Saturday 7th September** - DofE Year 11 Silver Expedition
- **Wednesday 11th September, 5pm-7pm** - Open Evening
- **Tuesday 17th September** - Vaccination Team in School
- **Wednesday 25th September** - Year 7 Meet the Tutor evening 5pm - 6.30pm



## OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER / 5:00PM - 7:00PM

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

## School Apps and Comms

**School Gateway App** – Existing system for payments and communications. Here you can top-up lunch money, pay for trips, revision guides and order replacement lanyards/locker keys. This app is also our current route for school letters and emails. Attendance is noted here.

**Class Charts App** – You will have received information about this if it is new to you. Classcharts enables you to track and see in real time your child's positive points enabling you to congratulate them when they get home from school. This app also shows you in real time any behaviour issues enabling you to have restorative conversations with your child.

**Weduc** – This app is in development by the school – we are aiming to transition to this through the year once the initial teething issues are ironed out. We recommend you download this to become familiar with it.

## Login information

**School Gateway App** – Download the app, add in your email and phone number (this must match the ones you have given to us) and click pin reset. A pin will then be texted to your mobile number for you to login.

**Class Charts** - Your child was given a user code to enable you to access ClassCharts. This enables you to clearly see both positive and negative behaviour points that have been awarded to your child. The code provided is personal to each child - this means it can be used by more than one Parent/Carer to log in.

**Weduc** – We do not currently need you to login to this app.

