



Monday 3rd March 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Offer Day Letter

First of all, hello! I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the Headteacher for John Ferneley College. I took up the role in April of 2024, so I have been here for less than a year myself. This is therefore a really exciting time for me, for you and for your children. You and your child will be seeing and experiencing the changes we have made to John Ferneley in my time here so far. Not only that, but joining John Ferneley also means joining the Mowbray Education Trust. This means joining a school and trust that has at its heart the value that children come first, and that is paramount to all the work we do.

Your child will be joining a strong network of very supportive and experienced staff. A successful education is built upon a number of factors, but there is no doubt that the partnership between school and home is absolutely crucial to that success. Therefore, we aim to remain in close communication throughout your child's journey, from their starting point in Year 7 and all the way through to when they leave us at the end of Year 11, and indeed, beyond.

John Ferneley is a school that values academic success and absolutely believes that every child has the right to a world class education, allowing them to reach their full potential and to better their own lives and the lives of those around them. The opportunity for a great education also depends on the right support and pastoral care for all. As a parent myself, I know only too well that a happy and settled child, given great opportunities and great teaching, will thrive. John Ferneley's welcoming and supportive staff will help to ease the transition from primary to secondary school.

I know that as soon as your child joins us in August, that they will be given the opportunity to participate in and contribute to a wide variety of enrichment activities, trips, events, and student rewards. All these things will help to ensure that their experience is academically successful, as well as having enrichment as an experience. Most importantly, they will have the chance to be themselves and will know that we will value their individual contributions to school life.

As teachers, our role is primarily to prepare young people for their next steps in life and as such, they will benefit from a very broad and balanced knowledge rich and knowledge enabling curriculum, with chances to study a wide range of subjects, both at key stage three and key stage four. John Ferneley has very talented teachers, who are passionate about their subject and curriculum. That matters. Your child's education being delivered by knowledgeable, passionate teachers gives them every chance to succeed.





Headteacher:
Mr T. Claridge

I am honoured to lead a school that has high expectations. And this too, is a partnership. We will maintain these expectations because we expect parental support as part of your agreement in sending your child to us. This means supporting our expectations and policies as well as accepting that teachers' and leaders' decisions are taken with integrity and are final.

Now that your child's place has been confirmed we will continue to communicate with you over the coming weeks. Our Pastoral Team run the transition process with your child's needs at the heart of what we do. Pastoral teams will visit Primaries to gain an understanding of individual needs – for smaller primaries we invite students into school for an evening giving them an opportunity to meet friends. Our Transition Days will be on _____ this year and this is an opportunity for students to experience two days of life at JFC with our wonderful staff and support teams. As parents and carers you will be invited to attend an information evening on _____ where you can meet myself and the pastoral team ahead of your child starting in August.

Please keep up to date with information and events on the School's website
I look forward to meeting many of you in the Summer Term.

Kind Regards,

Mr T. Claridge
Headteacher
John Ferneley College

