

WEEKLY BULLETIN



Team Maths and Computer Science at options evening this week

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is my first newsletter of the year I would like to take the opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy 2025! I was thrilled to see our students return full of enthusiasm and ready for the new year ahead. Last week we had a productive inset day where our staff worked hard to plan for the further implementation of our new teaching and learning strategies, aimed at fostering deeper engagement and critical thinking. We are already seeing positive feedback from students about the changes since September, and we encourage them to continue sharing their thoughts with us as we refine and improve the learning experience.

A special highlight this month is the launch of our Year 9 Options program. This is an exciting opportunity for our Year 9 students to explore different subjects and pathways, giving them greater control over their learning journey. We look forward to seeing how this shapes their academic experience in the months to come. We have included a timeline of events into this newsletter for your information.

With mock exams just around the corner, Year 11 students are focusing on exam preparation, with plenty of support from staff and additional revision sessions available.

I would like to take a moment to recognise the hard work and dedication of our students who have started the year with enthusiasm and a strong commitment to their studies. We are proud of all their efforts and look forward to celebrating their successes throughout the year.

Mr Claridge
Headteacher



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



January 2025

- *Wednesday 22nd January - Y9 3 in 1 vaccinations all day*
- *Wednesday 29th January - Y9 Parents evening 4-7pm*
- *Wednesday 5th February - Y7 Parents evening 4-7pm*

Transition EVENTS



 **John Ferneley College**

Year 5 and 6 Transition Events 2024 - 2025

Library - Wednesday 22nd January 2025
Media & Film - Thursday 27th March 2025
Humanities - Thursday 1st May 2025
English - Thursday 15th May 2025

Meet our wonderful staff and experience our exciting curriculum!

Visit > www.johnferneley.org/jfctransitionevents
to book your child's place!

OPTIONS PROCESS 2025



Many thanks to all the families who attended the Options Evening on Wednesday. Please see below for a timeline of important dates coming up

OPTIONS TIMELINE

Wednesday 29th January 2025: Year 9 Parents evening 4pm - 7pm

This is a chance to talk to your child's teachers and find out how well they are progressing in their subjects. For subjects that are options, it will be useful to think about the teacher's comments in relation to studying that subject in Year 10 and 11.

30th January to 13th February 2025: Students pick their options.

Deadline for submitting options: Thursday 13th February

17th February to 30th April 2024: Options for next year finalised.

The school data team will collate all the student option choices, working out the classes for the following year. During this stage students/parents may be contacted if courses are oversubscribed or do not have enough students selecting them to be able to run. Reserve subjects will be discussed at this stage, please prepare your child for this eventuality.

May 2025: Option confirmation

Parents will receive a letter confirming their child's option subjects.

Information about the options process will also appear on the John Ferneley College website: <https://www.johnferneley.org/optionsprocess>

It will continue to be updated and you will be alerted to the updates as they happen.

OPTIONS EVENING

