

# The Ferrers News



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## Countdown to Christmas .....

### Winter Showcase

We were dazzled last week by the performances in the Winter Showcase, it was brilliant to see such talented students across the Expressive Arts. It was a celebration of the very best Art, Dance, Drama and Music that The Ferrers School has to offer and it was a joy to watch. Thank you and well done to all the students and staff involved in this event.

### Carol Service

To continue with the Christmas theme, we extend a warm invitation to The Carol Service which is taking place at St Mary the Virgin Church, in Higham Ferrers on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6.30pm.**

The Hamper competition is also well and truly underway. The hampers will be delivered around Higham Ferrers to warden controlled houses and other members of our community. We will also make a delivery to the Rushden Food Bank.

### Christmas Jumper Mufti Day

On the final day of term (**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**) we will be inviting our students to wear full mufti including a Christmas Jumper (there will be prizes for the best ones!) To support our ongoing charity work students can make a voluntary donation of £2.00 to take part in this event. £1.00 will go to Save the Children (the organisers and founders of Christmas Jumper Day) and the other £1.00 will go to charities selected by each year group.



Year 7 - Alzheimer's Research

Year 8 - British Heart Foundation

Year 9 - Cancer Research

Year 10 - Toilet Twinning

Year 11 - Prostate Cancer Research

On the last day of term we will be having a slightly earlier finish time of **3.00pm** after year groups have had an opportunity to celebrate their terms success stories in the end of year assemblies

### Routes to Success - Year 9 Pathways Evening

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018, our Year 9 Preferences Evening took place. The evening gave students and parents the opportunity to find out more information about courses available from specialist staff. All information pertaining to Year 9 Preferences is available to both students and parents via our website. Please click [here](#) to access our Y9 Preferences Booklet

Careers advice can be found at <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

As a follow up to this evening, please do attend the Year 9 Parents Evening on **17<sup>th</sup> January 2019** and ensure all preferences forms are return to the school by **18<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

### **The Ferrers Encore Singers**

The Ferrers Encore singers and some KS3 musicians represented the school with great pride by singing in the local community on Tuesday 4th December. In the morning, they performed at Lodge Care home in Higham Ferrers where they performed a mixture of carols, piano solos and a cello solo for the residents. Later in the afternoon they took part in the annual 'Sing for Serve' concert at Park Road Baptist Church in Rushden. Seated amongst a couple of hundred people made up of local residents, local primary schools, musicians and dignitaries, our students performed with great confidence. Well done to all those involved and thank you for representing us so well!

The Encore singers meet every Tuesday lunchtime in Music Room 1, all students and staff are very welcome to come and join us. Please see Mr Gammon for more details.

### **Good Food Show Trip**

37 Year 11 students attended a trip to the Good Food Show at the NEC in Birmingham on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Mr Hedley led his GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students to experience street food in action as part of the preparation for their NEA. Students enjoyed the opportunity to sit and watch a range of cooking demonstrations at the stages situated around the venue as well as observing the cooks at the Street Food section just outside. Throughout the day notes were taken on different areas of focus from preparation and cooking time, to presentation of dish and accompaniments. The day ended with a 30 minute cooking demonstration from Great British Bake Off winner Nadiya Hussain.

Miss Bulley organised for her Certificate in Digital Applications (CiDA) class to experience a real food market as part of the preparation for their Unit 3 Artwork and Imaging coursework. They observed stall canopies and stands, as well as the programme, logos and how graphics all link together for a brand in order to help inform their design decisions when creating their own range of graphics for their Food Market coursework brief.

### **Sixth Form**

The sixth form are very excited that of the 31 students who have applied for degree courses through UCAS so far, they have received 83 offers between them, including some of the most prestigious Russell Group universities. Exciting times! #whereyourjourneycontinues

### **Keeping Your Child Safe Online**

The UK Safer Internet Centre <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-tiktok-looking-latest-lip-syncing-app> recently published a guide on TikTok, which used to be called Musical.ly. This social network app has often given adults cause for concern; the app allows users to create videos using current and popular music, some of the songs contain explicit swearing, sexual content and references that may be inappropriate for younger users. Also, as users create their own content some videos posted in the app can contain inappropriate clothing or gestures.

Although the app has an age-limit of 13 years old, in practice there will be younger children using it and the content may not be suitable. We would recommend that parents and carers read the guide carefully and decide for themselves if their child should be accessing this app.

## Attendance & Punctuality & Uniform

We are pleased to continue to report a trend of improved whole school attendance which currently sits at 95.4%. Students with 100% or significantly improved attendance will be rewarded in the celebration assemblies on the last day and have been invited to pizza and film afternoons next week as a reward. Unfortunately a number of students choose to arrive late into school and miss valuable learning time. The bell to signal students to move to lesson 1 rings at 8.47am so registration and then learning can start promptly at 8.50am. From January our gates will be secured from 8.47am and late gate will commence at this time. Sanctions will be actioned for students who are persistently late. Please support us by ensuring your child is on time to start learning.

We have been impressed by the appearance of the vast majority of our students this term. Most of our students wear our uniform with pride and show a very positive attitude to all aspects of school life. However, there are a very small number of students who are presently out of step with the rest of the school and we will expect them to address any issues over the Christmas holiday period so they can return to learn following our policies.

There will be a uniform check on the first morning back, so please support us by ensuring your child is ready to return to school with all of the correct uniform. I am sure you appreciate that one part of the school's responsibility is to impart a sense of pride and collegiate spirit into our students and additionally prepare students for the world of work where they might have to adhere to a dress code.

## Winter Weather and Emergency Procedures: Snow!

We have been fortunate for a couple of years not to have experienced much extreme weather over the winter period. However, we cannot rest on our laurels and each year we plan early for potential significant snowfall. Whilst students would delight in having 'snow days', as parents and carers we know that you will support us in our aim to keep the school open as long as it is safe to do so. We have included with this newsletter our **Snow Procedures**. At this point we wish to highlight that one of the strategies that we may adopt in order to keep the school open if there is prolonged and heavy snowfall, but to ensure that students are safe, may be to shorten lunchtimes and finish the school day slightly earlier. This will only be as a last resort and, should we be in the position of considering this, we will let you know. We may also call for the support of the local community in clearing pathways should this be necessary!

## Sporting Achievements & Results

### Indoor Athletics

This week at the Indoor Athletics Competition, our lovely group of students won three trophies! They were absolutely fantastic all afternoon, showing relentless support for each other and for the other schools competing. They were a real showcase for our school! VERY VERY proud teacher moment!

Our Year 7 girls came 1<sup>st</sup> and the Year 7 boys came 4<sup>th</sup>.

Well done to: Charlie, Ed, Harry, Joe, Lewis, Rylee, Collis, Matthew, Isabel, Alex, Charlotte, Lucy, Devon, Bella and Keira.

Our Year 8 boys and girls both came 1<sup>st</sup>!

Congratulations to: Tom, Charlie, Jack, Josh, Aiden, Sophie, Daisy, Shannon, Lauren, Caitlin and Grace.

Our 3 winning teams will now go through to represent the District at the County Indoor Athletics Competition in January 2019. A fantastic achievement by all.

## Football

Well done to the Year 11 football team who have qualified for the semi-finals of the County Cup to be played in January 2019. A great team effort!

Click [here](#) for a link to our Term 2 Extra-curricular Sports Timetable.

## Vacancy

### **PART TIME MINI BUS DRIVER**

Commencing January 2019



The East Northamptonshire College (TENC) is looking for a professional person to drive students from one educational base to another on a casual contract. MIDAS qualified preferred however training can be arranged for the suitable candidate.

Hours per week are variable to the needs of the College, and working weeks per year would be 38 (Term time only) Salary is £8.70 per hour (time and a half for unsociable hours)

Further details are available from the The East Northamptonshire College: 01933 417037 or contact Chrissie Edden [c.edden@rushden-academy.net](mailto:c.edden@rushden-academy.net) or [e.brooker@rushden-academy.net](mailto:e.brooker@rushden-academy.net)

TENC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful candidate will be checked via the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS).

## Key Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
17 <sup>th</sup> December	ALL	Christmas Carol Service
20 <sup>th</sup> December	ALL	School closes for Christmas break
7 <sup>th</sup> January	ALL	Training day – school closed for students
8 <sup>th</sup> January	ALL	Term 3 – students return to school
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Years 7 - 10	F1 Challenge in Schools, Birmingham
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 12	Rewards trip to Planet Ice Milton Keynes
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Years 7 - 9	Presentations from “Prison a Reality”
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11	“Mad4Life” Mind Mapping Presentation
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9	Vaccinations
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 9	The Brilliant Club, Nottingham University
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 12	London Residential
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 13	Uganda Trip
15 <sup>th</sup> February	ALL	School closes for half term
25 <sup>th</sup> February	ALL	Term 4 - students return to school

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