

The Ferrers News



26 January 2018

This is an incredibly short and busy term and we would like to thank all parents who attended the Year 9 and Year 11 Parents' Evenings and also the Year 11 into Sixth Form interviews. We are rightly proud of our strong Post-16 provision and parents will be aware of our excellent academic performance last year in Level 3 qualifications. With a progress score of +0.27, the school is rated as being 'Above Average' and 2nd in Northamptonshire for students' progress at Post 16.

If you haven't applied for a place in the 6th form yet or you have any queries about the process, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Michele Smith, Head of Sixth Form by emailing Michele.smith@theferrers.org. In some circumstances, we may be able to consider late applications.

Your Views Matter!

Our short online survey is closing on **Friday, 2nd February 2018**. We have had more than 250 responses already but, to ensure your views are heard, please can you complete the survey before the deadline. It will give us a great starting point to see what is going well and areas where we can improve further as a school. To access the questionnaire please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/RIUkZFqUsGknVDZn1>. If you would like to speak in more detail about parental communication and engagement, please do not hesitate to contact Miss York, Assistant Head Teacher, by telephone or email kerry.york@theferrers.northants.sch.uk

Raising Standards

As part of our continual drive to raise standards, we were delighted to see our attendance percentage increase again. Well done to 7JCR, 8CGA, 9DHA/9SMA, 10EBR and 11RMO for having the highest attendance in their year group last week. An extra special well done to 8CGA who are the Attendance Champions for last week with 97.2% and also to 11JSC who have improved their attendance by 3%! Whole School attendance for last week was 94.4%. We would like to exceed the national average of 95% and need your help in ensuring children are coming to school every day to do so.

Who will be attendance champion next week? Watch this space!

Thank you, as always, to parents for your support in ensuring students maintain a very high level of attendance and also for your support in the completion of homework and revision tasks. As you are probably aware, we use a learning platform site called Edmodo to support extended learning. As parents you can also login. To set up your Edmodo parental login please ask your son or daughter for their Edmodo parental code. You will then be able to see all of their homework and when it is due. Login here at www.edmodo.com.

Get Caught Reading This February

To celebrate our love of Books and Reading, we are organising our second reading challenge to all students and staff. Have you ever read a book that's so good you just couldn't put it down? Missed your bus or lost track of time when engrossed in reading? Sound familiar?

If so you have a good chance to **GET CAUGHT READING!**

This February, we want to celebrate a love of reading by taking photos of yourselves reading, preferably in an unusual place or situation, the more creative and inventive the better! However, do stay safe.

With half term coming up there will be lots of opportunities to take a photo and get caught reading. Please send your photos to Mrs Brown in the Learning Centre, there will be a **PRIZE FOR THE WINNER!**

Read on a train, read on a plane, read in the park, read after dark! Just read, read, read and send me your very creative photos. Closing date is Wednesday 21st February

PiXL Maths APP



The Ferrers School Mathematics Department are pleased to announce that we have signed up to PiXL Maths. All of Year 11 should have logged onto PiXL and be using the app to support their revision. The app can be accessed on any computer, tablet or phone and is a fantastic way to get instant feedback on the work they are doing in class. The app provides questions, video tutorials and step by step guides to solving all areas of the Maths curriculum. Students can design a test by selecting as many topics as they want and this feature then provides the students with questions on each topic. **This tool is also available for Year 9 and 10.** Students are already buzzing about it – so do get logged on! If students have any problems accessing the app, they should speak to their Maths teacher in the first instance.

The login details are below:

<https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk>

School ID: FR5527

Username: surnameletteroffirstname

Password: surnameletteroffirstname

Design and Enterprise Intervention Day

The Design and Enterprise department hosted a Coursework Intervention Day for forty-six Year 11 students. There were sessions for Textiles, Product Design, Food & Nutrition, BTEC ICT and Business GCSE. Students attended a range of different sessions that were tailored to their coursework needs and requirements. All students arrived with a fantastic attitude and saw the benefit in having this extra time off timetable to improve their grade. A big WELL DONE to all of those staff and students involved.

'Making the Grade' Programme for Year 11

January						
	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
Lunch	Business & Graphics revision D3	French <i>Drop in</i> L1	Drama: development session Drama Studio	Drama: development session Drama Studio	Dance: Set Works revision	Music: Recapping The Beatles Set Work 9:00 – 12:00
After School	German <i>Revision</i> L2	English <i>Poetry Anthology</i> H21 PE: GCSE L4 & Gym (trampoline) French <i>Drop in</i> L6	History <i>Medicine</i> H14 Science <i>Aiming for that 7, 8 & 9 in Trilogy</i> S7	Maths <i>Foundation Paper</i> H5		
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	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31			
Lunch	Business & Graphics revision D3	French <i>Drop in</i> L1	Drama: development session Drama Studio			
After School	GCSE PE <i>Revision</i> M8 German <i>Drop in</i> L2	<i>Going for That Grade 5 in Physics</i> S8 PE: GCSE L4 & Gym (trampoline) French <i>Drop in</i> L6	Geography <i>Natural Hazards</i> H10 Science <i>Aiming for that 7, 8 & 9 in Biology</i> S5			

YOUTH SPORT TRUST - GIRLS ACTIVE

The Ferrers School has been given the opportunity to deliver the 'Girls Active: Stepping up for change' this year. This exciting project will enable us to work collaboratively with local primary schools to improve the PE, school sport and physical activity experience for girls aged 7-14 years, and, support them at key phases, such as the transition from primary to secondary school.

We are currently in the process of identifying the primary schools we will be working with so we can launch the initiative in the coming weeks.

Come and join our Team: check out our current vacancies

Are you, or someone you know interested in working at The Ferrers School? We currently have vacancies and if you are interested, we would love to hear from you. Please follow this link for further details: <http://www.theferrers.org/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=8>

Key Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
7 th – 15 th February	Year 13	Uganda trip
9 th February	All	School closes for half term break
19 th February	All	School re-opens to all students
21 st & 22 nd February	All	High School Musical (Tickets available from student services)
22 nd February	Year 10	Year 10 Vaccinations
13 th March	Year 10	Year 10 Parents' Evening
22 nd March	Year 8	Year 8 girls 2 nd HPV vaccination
29 th March	Year 7	Year 7 Disco
29 th March	All	School closes for Easter break
17 th April	All	School re-opens to all students



Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM STUDENT SERVICES