

The Ferrers News



09 February 2018

Learning and Progress

With only 43 school days until the first GCSE and A Level exam papers, every day really does count! There are a few things that can help with this preparation:

Attendance: Students need to be in school every single day (and be on time!). They need to make full use of each and every lesson and work hard in all classes.

Revision Sessions and 'Making the Grade' Programme: Staff will be offering a wide range of revision sessions. Students need to be there! There will not be time to re-run revision sessions and revisit topics already covered. As an incentive to attend the sessions we have also launched the 'Passport to the Prom'. Students will be rewarded for attending the additional sessions and taking part in private study in the run up to the examinations.

Revision Material and Online Tools: Students have revision guides and workbooks in most subjects to support their independent study. In addition, we would recommend using GCSEPod, Sam Learning, and the PiXL Maths App to add a bit of variety to the revision strategies they use.

Home Study: There must be time set aside at evenings, weekends and during the holiday periods, for revision at home.

**If there is anything further that we can do to support, please do not hesitate to contact us!
By working together in partnership, we will secure success.**

Your Views Matter

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete our online survey. With nearly 200 responses it has provided us with some invaluable feedback that will help us to drive forward improvements in the coming weeks and months. Our first focus will be on sharing our work on Anti-Bullying and the improvements to the rewards system. Please do not hesitate to contact Miss K. York, Assistant Head Teacher by emailing Kerry.york@theferrers.northants.sch.uk if you wish to discuss our parental engagement opportunities.

Student Union Representatives

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic students to be part of our new student union group. Assemblies have taken place this week and application forms are now available on Edmodo and through Student Services. Please encourage your child to consider the role.

Your student union needs you

- Are you ready for a challenge?
- Do you feel passionately about being heard?
- Do you want to be part of a student union who make positive changes in our school community?
- Are you prepared to work hard to see those changes?
- Do you feel passionately about democracy?
- Do you want to make a real difference in our school and local communities?



We are looking for a team of dedicated students to run projects in school which will make our school a better place for EVERYONE. Positions are ready to apply for and application forms available from Student Services.

Deadline for submission is Wednesday 21st February.

All applications will be considered.

Ferrers students experience Cambridge University like real undergraduates!

Three of our high-flying sixth formers Indra, Rafael and Ella had the amazing opportunity this month to each shadow an undergraduate student at Cambridge University for three days. The Ferrers School was privileged to be allocated 3 places out of just 300 nationally, showing the real potential in these three students. Ella, who shadowed an Engineering student, said "I found the Cambridge shadow scheme to be really inspiring. It was amazing to have a university student truthfully answer all of my questions, and to see what life at Cambridge is really like. The lectures that I attended were fascinating, and the buildings in Cambridge were beautiful. The Cambridge students were really lovely and down to earth. I made friends with so many other year 12 students who were also taking part in the scheme from all around the country".



Indra, who shadowed a Natural Sciences student said "Not only did the experience provide an opportunity to attend practical classes and lectures at the university, it also gave an insight into student life at Cambridge. From being able to get involved in sports and recreational activities, to having meals in the formal halls, it has shown me that you don't have to come from a certain stereotypical background to fit in at Cambridge. I would strongly recommend any prospective Oxbridge students to apply for the scheme."

If you require any further information regarding The Ferrers Sixth Form please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. M. Smith (Head of Sixth Form) by emailing Michele.Smith@theferrers.northants.sch.uk

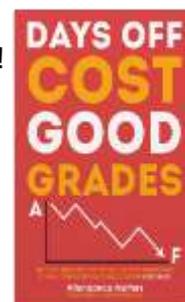
Attendance Winners!

Congratulations to the following forms for having the highest attendance in their year group!

7CEY, 8BLE, 9GYO, 10GTA, 11IJO

Individual students with 95%+ attendance will be rewarded with a certificate and a ticket to be entered for the iPad raffle!

Well done to all involved!



Ferrers Students Perform at Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Mr Gammon said it was an absolute privilege to take 11 talented young musicians in partnership with FutureDJs (their peripatetic DJ tutors) to perform at the AQA Creative Education conference at The Bridgewater Hall in Manchester on Thursday 1 February. The conference was well attended by delegates discussing the importance of creative subjects in the curriculum, the students from Ferrers were used as an example of how this can work practically and bring so much enjoyment and success for the students.

The Ferrers School was the first in the country to offer DJ lessons from Future DJs and have been working closely with them for over a year ensuring that they offer a relevant and modern curriculum that engages and excites the students. In preparation for the Manchester performance students had been working closely on a project with their DJ tutor Dave Clarke. They combined their electronic music skills with those who play acoustic and electric instruments resulting in a fantastic arrangement of Taylor Swift's 'Shake It Off' showing students how successful it can be to mix different performance techniques and genres together.

The performance was very well received by the delegates with many of them coming up to discuss the success and find out how they could use it at their own school. The students are now very excited about the future and the possibilities that lie ahead. DJ, music production and instrumental lessons are available to all students at The Ferrers School, for more information contact Mr Gammon by email Chris.Gammon@theferrers.northants.sch.uk or visit futuresdjs.org

Sporting Achievements & Results

Rugby

Many thanks to Rushden & Higham Rugby Club for hosting the All Schools Rugby Festivals during the year. Year 7, 8 & 9 teams have participated with lots of boys playing a good standard of rugby; some of them joining the club as a result of playing at Bedford Road.

Also thanks to Mrs Avey for her organisation and hosting of Ferrers school staff at a recent 1st XV fixture v Bedford Queens.

Year 9 beat Weavers 40-10 with tries by Lewis (x3), Maurice, Diya & Louis. Five tries were converted by James.

Cross-Country

Congratulations to Lucy Year 9 who finished 5th in the Northants Cross Country Championships at Croyland Park in January. As a result Lucy went onto represent the Under 15 Girls at the Anglian Regional Cross Country Championship in Ipswich. She performed magnificently and has now been selected to run at the English Schools Cross Country Championships at Leeds in March.

Taekwondo

Well done to Ellis, Year 8, for competing in an Inter-club competition at Wellingborough Taekwondo. He won triple gold; in patterns, fighting (sparring 1v1) and special technique in the black belt category.

Indoor 5-a-side Football

Congratulations to the Year 7 football team who represented the W&EN District at the Midland Regional Championships at Pride Park, Derby. They finished 3rd in the league, narrowly missing qualification for the final stages by one goal.

Year 7 team; Josh F, Josh T, Callum, Thomas, Jack C, Jack B, Jack J & Charlie.

Also thanks to Joel, Year 10 for coaching the team.

Futsal

Congratulations to Kieran, Year 10 for excellent officiating of the Year 3 & 4 Kettering SSP Futsal tournament held at KLV, Kettering.

Reminders

Get Caught Reading This February

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 us your very creative photos. Closing date is Wednesday 21st February.

Uniform

If you are acquiring any new uniform items over the half term break, please can we remind you that trousers need to be full length (not cropped or denim) and that lycra skirts should not be worn. We have purchased a range of uniform items to support any temporary issues relating to school uniform items that cannot be resolved quickly by the student or parent.

We would also like to remind you that trainers are not allowed. From **September 2018**, we will be enforcing this aspect of the uniform policy fully and will be expecting all students to be wearing **formal school shoes**. Therefore, if you are buying or replacing school shoes in the meantime, please ensure that they are leather or leather like shoes and not branded trainers or plimsolls (even if they are black with black laces!)

Ready to Learn: Equipment Checklist for Term 4

The presentation of students' work in books is greatly improved this academic year and this has been helped by students having the correct equipment for all of their lessons. The equipment they need to be 'Ready to Learn' should include:

**Pen (blue or black),
Ruler,
Pencil,
Eraser,
Calculator,
Reading book,
Appropriate school bag**, large enough to carry everything needed.

In addition, for specific subjects:

**Geometry set,
PE kit,
Dance kit,
Ingredients** for Food Technology lessons

Please can you continue to support us by ensuring that your son or daughter has the correct equipment. Items can also be purchased from Student Services.

Contacting Us

If you need to make urgent contact with your child during the school day, please contact Student Services. It is not helpful if parents and carers contact their child during lessons via text messaging or calls to a mobile. We will confiscate mobile phones if seen during lessons and students will be placed in our daily detention.

Can we also remind you that parents, carers and visitors to the school must report to the **Main Reception** area. Parents, carers and visitors **are not permitted** to access any other area of the school site without being accompanied by a member of staff.

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>

'Making the Grade' Programme for Year 11

This has been added to significantly – the programme for the 2 weeks after half term is:

	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24
12:35	Drama Exam Rehearsal Drama Studio Mr Hall Business Unit 1 Showing Enterprise D3 Mrs Campbell Food NEA Make the Grade S2 Mr Headley	French Writing in 3 tenses L1 Mr Bialkowski	Drama Exam Rehearsal Drama Studio Mr Hall	Drama Exam Rehearsal Drama Studio Mr Hall	Drama Exam Rehearsal Drama Studio Mr Hall	
03:30	English Lit Macbeth The Baddies H20 Mr Downs	Chemistry Chemistry and numbers S8	Biology Digestion and blood S6	Maths 6-8: Circle - Sectors/areas/arc lengths Maths 3-5: Perimeter, Area, Volume and Surface Area (Including Circles) All Maths rooms	English Lit Macbeth The Goodies H19 Mr Hanson	
	German Writing accurately in 3 tenses H2 Miss Jones	French Responding spontaneously L6 Mrs Wilson	History Medicine H18	Chemistry Practical Chemistry S8	Food NEA Make the Grade S2 Mr Headley	
	Business Coursework catch up D3 Mrs Campbell	Food NEA Make the Grade S2 Mr Headley	Business Finance - CFF D5a Mr Watson	Food NEA Make the Grade S2 Mr Headley	Computing 6 mark question D5a Mr Davison	
	Food NEA Make the Grade S2 Mr Headley	Graphics Portfolio & Exam pre-release D4 Miss Leech	BTEC ICT Unit 3 - Pass criteria D5 Miss Bulley	Product Design Designing and making qual D10	Textiles Exam Portfolio D4	
	BTEC ICT Unit 1 revision D5a Mr Davison					

	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
12:35	Business 6 mark answers L3	French Writing in 3 tenses L1 Mr Blalkowski				Art Large scale canvas work 9:00 - 12:00
	Physics Electricity: all the formulae S9	English Lit Macbeth: Themes H17 Mrs Smith	Geography Urban Issues H8	Maths 6-8: Index laws - Basics, Fractional and Negative Maths 3-5: Percentages / Pie Charts All Maths rooms	Food NEA Make the Grade S2 Mr Headley	
03:30	Food NEA Make the Grade S2 Mr Headley	Food NEA Make the Grade S2 Mr Headley	Chemistry Metal, Acids and titrations S8	Food NEA Make the Grade S2 Mr Headley	Computing Keywords D5a Mr Davison	
	BTEC ICT Audio Assignment D5a Mr Davison	Graphics Portfolio & Exam pre-release D4 Miss Leech	Business Finance - Profit/B&E D5a Mr Watson	Product Design Product planning including D10	Textiles Exam Portfolio D4	
			BTEC ICT Unit 3 - Merit criteria D5 Miss Bulley			

This will continue to update & we will inform you of any changes & additions.

Logging on to GCSEPod & SAM Learning over half term:

GCSEPod

www.gcsepod.com

- Click 'Login'
- Click 'New here? Get Started'
 - Name
 - Date of birth
 - School
- Create a Username & Password

SAM Learning

www.samlearning.com

- Centre id: NN10FS
- User ID: 6 digit date of birth & initials (e.g. 230202AL)
- Password: Same as User ID (change when logged in)

Maths fortnightly challenge!

Complete the challenge below and give your answer to any maths teacher.

One selected winner will win a prize!

**Which number fits
into the last triangle?**

3	6	12	5
11	3	14	0
3 5	2 1	0 2	1 4
9			
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4 3			

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Safer Internet Day 2018

This week in assemblies and during lesson 7 we have been celebrating Safer Internet Day. We have been encouraging students to stay safe online and learning how to report any concerns they have. Students have also been learning about the consequences of leaving a digital footprint. You can find out more yourselves here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM STUDENT SERVICES

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

‘Aspire, Achieve, Acclaim’