

The Ferrers News



29th March 2018

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Unbelievably we are at the end of Term 4 and such a lot has been packed into a few weeks. We have been delighted with how Year 11 have responded to the challenge of the new-style GCSE exams they will be taking. In the 6 weeks since the launch of 'Passport to the Prom', the headcount at 'Making the Grade' revision sessions is at 819: we're hoping to break the 1,000 mark by the time we hit the Easter holiday next week. In addition, GCSE Pod streams have soared to over 10,000, showing how much revision is being completed at home online, together with SAM Learning and the new PiXL Apps launched last month.

However, it is not only Year 11 who have been working hard! Year 10 have experienced maths challenges and a trip for some to the University of Northampton, Year 9 have been spectacular in their Passions Project, Year 8 have excelled in recent community events, Year 7 have been taking part in a creative writing competition and the Year 12 debating club have been working with the police by taking part in one of their 'Reasonable Grounds' panels.

After a really busy and productive term, I wish you all a restful Easter and I am very much looking forward to what Term 5 and 6 has to bring.

Uniform and Behaviour Update:

As in previous years, students are permitted to wear the white polo shirt with Ferrers School Logo for the summer term, this must be worn with the blazer and not under a jumper.

Please ensure trousers are full length (not cropped or denim) and that skirts are knee length and are not made of lycra or other clingy material. Please do refer to the uniform pages on our website if you are in anyway unsure. <http://www.theferrers.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=32>

A reminder - 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 (even if they are black with black laces!) From September 2018, we will be enforcing this aspect of the uniform policy fully and will be expecting all students to be wearing school shoes.

In addition, please do not allow your children to have piercings over the Easter Holiday that break the Ferrers School expectations. They will be expected to be removed and will be a waste of money.

Staffing update

We are saying goodbye to some of our colleagues who are moving on to pastures new after the Easter break this week.

We wish Mr Campling, Mrs Ellis, Miss Eyre, Mrs Leech, Mrs Rai and Mr Whatley well in their new ventures.

Learning Centre Update

Short and Tweet Competition

There is still time to enter the Learning Centre Short and Tweet competition. Write a SHORT, SHORT STORY! It can be as short as a Tweet or as long as a paragraph, use your imagination, make it fun, make it mysterious, make it interesting! Closing date extended to 20th April with prizes for the winners.

Homework Club

Come along to Homework Club in the Learning Centre Monday - Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm. This is a great time to get your homework done, use our computers and printers, use our books and Library resources. Get some help from Mrs Brown and our 6th Form helpers, refreshments also provided.

'Be Wise and Revise' in the Learning Centre.

Come along at Break, Lunch or after school to revise. Revision Guides and past exam papers available.

Student Union

On Thursday 22nd March the Student Union Representatives presented their work to Northampton University Changemakers. The students were amazing and confidently delivered their ideas about what they would like to focus on to make the school a better place. In Term 5 and 6 we will be working on projects to raise awareness of Fairtrade, Mental Health and Anti-bullying.

Safer Schools Evening 2018

By invitation only

100% ADULTS ONLY 100%

Unity in the Community
Thursday 26th April
2018

THE FERRERS SCHOOL
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Tennyson Road
Infant School

Whitefriars Primary School

Higham Ferrers
Junior School

Higham Ferrers
Nursery and Infant School
Together, we enjoy learning in a happy, caring and friendly environment!

South End Infant School
SEIS
ENGAGE EXPLORE ENQUIRE

South End Junior

Northamptonshire Police

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

e-safety

ALFRED STREET
Junior School

When: Thursday 26th April 2018

Where: The Ferrers School

Since the start of the academic year all the schools identified on this invitation have been working together to plan a community event to raise the profile of keeping our young people safe, not only in school but in our community.

There will be representatives from Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue, Northamptonshire Police including the local PSCO and a guest speaker from Northamptonshire e-safety team and the opportunity to talk to them about any concerns or questions you may have. There will also be a representative from each of the schools supporting the event.



Doors Open at 5.15pm for refreshments
5.45pm Simon Aston Guest Speaker (approx. 30 mins)
6.15pm Prize Draw (everyone who attends will be entered)



THIS EVENT IS AIMED AT ADULTS ONLY (due to content)
ALL PARENTS/CARERS ARE WELCOME

In preparation for the event, the cluster of schools have been working on collecting some parent voice on online safety to see if Rushden & Higham reflect the countywide and national picture for keeping children safe online. Please take a few minutes to help us by clicking the link below. The Survey link can also be found on students Edmodo Pages. <https://goo.gl/forms/aJqO71JIYBPixxsh2>

Height of Fashion

On Friday 23rd March we were very excited to welcome Jean Spencer (Ladies Store Manager of Rushden Lakes' House of Fraser) into the design and enterprise department to watch the year 10 Textiles GCSE class present their final collections, which were inspired by research they completed on current high street brands. The culmination of their work will be going towards the communications unit- a part of their Fashion and Textiles GCSE. All of the students impressed, but the winner will be receiving a £10 New Look voucher and special recognition in the final assembly of term. Well done to all involved. Miss B Leech



Judging panel: Mrs Phillips, Jean Spencer, Mr O'Grady, Miss Leech

Year 12 Debating Club

The Year 12 debating club enjoyed the opportunity of helping Northamptonshire Police by taking part in one of their Reasonable Grounds panels. They were given scenarios where the police have stopped and searched members of the public, and they had to then give their opinions on whether the stop and search was reasonable or not. It led to lots of healthy debate and helped the community too.

Igniting the Spark

On the Friday the 23rd March, 18 of our intrepid Year 10 students visited Northampton College to take a voyage of discovery to unearth the secrets of the solar system and find out more about the science of space. The day was organised in collaboration with the National Space Academy and included a brief introduction and four 'Igniting The Spark' sessions. During the day our students learnt how to build a telescope, build model comets using dry ice, launch their own compressed air rocket and discover what lifeforms need to survive in space. It also gave our students an insight into what it would be like to both study STEM subjects post 16 and possible routes to working in a field relating to Space in the future. The students who took part were a credit to the Ferrers' engaging with employees of the Academy, having fun and discovering exciting new techniques. Our thanks should go to Mrs Kenton who arranged the day for us.

Attendance Winners!

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

- **7KPI 98.3% ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS, for having the highest attendance in the whole school!**
- **8FFR 97.3%, 9CDA 97.6%, 10SHE 96.4%, 11JO 93.7%**

516 students had 97% and above attendance during term 4 and have now had another ticket added to the raffle. Congratulations to all of our attendance winners and prizes will be given out in assembly.

A special mention also to 7HDN, 8MKE, 9DHA, 10RJO and 11ESM who improved their form attendance the most in the year group. Whole School attendance for last week was 94%. We would like to exceed the national average of 95% weekly and need your help in ensuring children are coming to school every day.

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

Leadership academy - GIRLS ACTIVE



We were invited to take some of our girl's leadership academy to Loughborough University for a training workshop to help them become peer mentors for our primary school partners.

4 of our representatives will now cascade the training they received to the rest of our girl's leaders.

The girls had a great day and came back buzzing with lots of ideas to help encourage younger girls to become sports leaders.

'Making the Grade' Programme for Year 11 - Easter Revision

Each session is 3 hours. Morning sessions being at 9:00, afternoons at 12:30

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 9 th April	Maths exam prep	PE GCSE
Tuesday 10 th	Maths 6-8 & 5-7	
Wednesday 11 th	Art & Biology	Chemistry & Physics
Thursday 12 th	English Paper 2 Q4	English Paper 1 Q2&4
Friday 13 th	Drama: Boosting Component 1	

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>

Sporting Achievements & Results

Ferrers School Leadership Academy

Congratulations to all Year 8 Young Leaders who lead a Primary School Fun Run Activity day on Tuesday 27th March @ Redwell Centre, Wellingborough. The Young Leaders were excellent. They collaborated together to assist with sessions on New Age Curling, Karate, Soft Play, Badminton, Designing a flag for the OVO Energy Womens' Cycling Tour and a Fun Run.

Young Leaders - Charlie, Francesca, Alex, Jayden, Kyla, Mark, Kelsie, Emma A, Emma B, Jack D, Jude, Mollie, Brandon, Harvey, Jack J, Alfie & Rachel

Year 8 County Rugby Finals

Year 8 played well and finished 7th in the County Finals drawing with Burton Latimer but losing to Champion and NSB in the round robin stages.

Year 8 Boys; Alfie W, Alfie B, James, Harry, Ben, John, Sam, Charlie, Matthew, Max, Kyle, Niall, Jude & Jayden. Many thanks to Mr Ward, Mrs Hughes and Mr Hinchon for their support and assistance with transport. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Key Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
17 th April	All	School re-opens to all students
3 rd May	Year 7	Parents' Evening
7 th May	All	May Day Bank Holiday
22 nd May	Year 8	Year 8 Parents' Evening
25 th May	All	School closes – end of Term 5
27 th May	Year 9 & 10	Year 9 & 10 trip to Bude
4 th June	All	School re-opens to all students – Term 6
6 th June	Year 7	Year 7 History trip to Warwick Castle
11 th June	Year 10	Year 10 Geography trip to Cromer

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