



FERNHILL SCHOOL

## COMMUNICATION HOME

13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

We have been very impressed by the students since the beginning of term. They have been ready to learn, punctual to school, fully equipped for lessons and wearing the correct school uniform. There is a great atmosphere around the school, with staff commenting that students seem focused and happy. We would like to say a big thank you to the students and parents for helping to make this happen, and of course to the staff. We know that parents will appreciate us taking a hard line on behaviour to ensure that Fernhill is a fantastic, positive place to learn.

We have already hosted Welcome Evenings for Year 11 and Year 7 this week. We hope to meet many more of you at next week's Welcome Evenings - Year 10 on Monday 16th, Year 9 on Wednesday 18th and Year 8 on Thursday 19th of September.

I really want to share the success and good news from Fernhill, including a Facebook feed. Our new website also goes live on Friday 20th September. With this in mind, going home today are consent forms for parents to complete and return to tutors please regarding use of images. Please email [adminoffice@fernhill.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@fernhill.hants.sch.uk) if you do not want us to use images of your child. We need to ask parents to complete this consent form annually to comply with GDPR guidelines.

We are going to be enjoying some last minute sunshine on Sunday I believe, so have a wonderful weekend.

**Mark Kingswood**

### Letters and Information issued this week

**Images consent form** – a form regarding consent for using your child's image will be coming home. We would be grateful if this could be returned to tutors by next Thursday please.

To view letters home <http://www.fernhill.hants.sch.uk/Forms-and-Letters-home>

### School Meals

Please keep your child's account topped up online. Free School Meal accounts have £2.40 credited each day automatically which disappears if not used. If students have any problems at all, they can ask for help at reception or see one of the admin team at the top of F block.

## Fernhill School Library

### Library Club - Wednesdays 3 - 4pm

Every Wednesday for books, games and quizzes. We are reading Skulduggery Pleasant and planning a Harry Potter/Skulduggery Pleasant event for December. Everyone has heard of Harry Potter, but may not be so familiar with Skulduggery! He is a wise cracking skeleton detective working in a magical world full of demons and plots. See:

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/4562/Skulduggery-Pleasant-3-The-Faceless-Ones-by-Derek-Landy.html>

### Becci Hudson - Writer in Residence in school every Tuesday

Becci is a former student, trained teacher and published poet. We are so lucky that she works with Fernhill every Tuesday. Becci runs a writing club after school 3 - 4pm and all students are welcome to come along. We would love to meet new Year 7s!

To support Becci's status at the school we have a dedicated Rushmoor Lottery page and we would be delighted if you could sign up to help raise funding towards her continued residency. Please go to:

<https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/communitylottery>

### Calendar of Forthcoming Events

To view the school calendar <http://www.fernhill.hants.sch.uk/Calendar>

#### September 2019

16th	Welcome to Year 10 Evening 6.00 pm
18th	Welcome to Year 9 Evening 6.00 pm
19th	Welcome to Year 8 Evening 6.00 pm
23rd	Year 6 parent and student tours 9.00 – 10.00 am
24th	Year 6 parent and student tours 9.00 – 10.00 am
25th	Open Evening for Year 6 parents and students 6.00 – 8.00 pm
27th	Macmillan Coffee morning
30th	Year 6 parent and student tours 9.00 – 10.00 am

#### October 2019

1st	Year 6 parent and student tours 9.00 – 10.00 am
1st	Year 11 Post 16 Options Evening 6.00 – 7.30 pm
10th	Year 6 parent and student tours 9.00 – 10.00 am
8th	Kew Gardens visit – Photography students
11th	Year 6 parent and student tours 9.00 – 10.00 am
15th	HBA ceremony – selected students
17th	Year 6 parent and student tours 9.00 – 10.00 am
18th	Year 6 parent and student tours 9.00 – 10.00 am
23rd	Year 6 parent and student tours 9.00 – 10.00 am
24th	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00 pm
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>

#### November 2019

<b>4th</b>	<b>Return to school</b>
14th	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00 pm
27th	Ex Year 11 Certificate Evening 6.00 – 7.00pm

## **December 2019**

5th Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00 pm  
**20th School closes at 12.20 pm for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

## **January 2020**

**6th Return to school for Spring Term**  
23rd Year 8 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00 pm  
30th Year 9 Options Evening 6.00 – 8.00 pm

## **February 2019**

13th Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00 pm  
**17th – 21st SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY**  
**24th Return to School**

## **March 2019**

19th Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00 pm  
19th Year 6 coffee morning and tours 9.00 – 10.15 am  
20th Year 6 coffee morning and tours 9.00 – 10.15 am  
25th Year 8 Specialist Studies Information Meeting 6.30 pm  
26th Year 11 GCSE Success Fair

## **April 2019**

**3rd School closes EASTER HOLIDAYS at 12.20 pm**  
**20th Return to School for Summer Term at 8.35 am**

## **May 2019**

**8th Bank Holiday (re: VE Day) - school closed**  
**25th Bank Holiday - school closed**  
**26th – 29th SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

## **June 2019**

**1st Return to School at 8.35 am**  
25th Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00 pm

## **July 2019**

1st Sports Day  
2nd Year 6 Induction Day  
6th – 10th Year 8 Tile Barn residential visit  
6th Year 4 and 5 tours 9.00 – 10.15 am  
13th Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00 pm  
14th Finals Day 4.00 – 6.00 pm  
14th Prizegiving Evening Years 7–10, 7.00pm  
16th Year 4 and 5 tours 9.00 – 10.15 am  
**17th School closes for SUMMER HOLIDAYS at 12.20 pm**  
**20th INSET DAY 3, school closed to students**  
**21st INSET DAY 4, school closed to students**  
**22nd INSET DAY 5, school closed to students**

## **August 2019**

20th GCSE results issued