



FERNHILL SCHOOL

COMMUNICATION HOME

27th September 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

It has been a very important week here at Fernhill with Open Evening on Wednesday. We were really thrilled with the turnout, with numbers attending significantly up on last year. We were very pleased to see some Year 5 as well as Year 6 prospective students and their parents in attendance. There was a real buzz about the place and many existing and prospective parents commented that they have heard about what a positive place to be the school is this year. It is never too early to start the process of choosing a secondary school, so please do come to one of our Open Mornings even if you have a child in Year 4 or 5. We had lots of fantastic feedback from our visitors who were very impressed with what they saw in the classrooms and very complimentary about the student guides and helpers. Thank you so much to everyone for their support with Open Evening. Students and staff showed the school off with pride and energy, a great job!



Our new website went live on Wednesday, and now looks great despite an initial technical hitch! Over the coming weeks we will continue to add new content so that it is an increasingly useful resource for students, families and visitors. We will shortly add a Facebook link to the website. Check it out at: <https://www.fernhill.hants.sch.uk>

We have also had three extra football pitches marked out, two for 11-a-side games, one for 9-a-side and one for 7-a-side. Currently these are heavily booked on a Saturday morning but are available at other times at extremely competitive rates. I know there is difficulty getting hold of pitches for competitive football locally, so please do get in touch if we can help. Please see our website for details, as well as details of all the facilities we have available for booking.

And talking of football, a personal plug please to Year 7 and 8 parents and students - Camberley Boys FC U13 is looking for new players. It is a well-run and fun club so please do contact me at school if your son or daughter is interested in playing.

After a busy week we all deserve a restful weekend, whatever the weather - do enjoy it.

Mark Kingswood

Letters and Information issued this week

- Post 16 Evening letter
- Scientific Calculator order
- Penalty Notice Information for Parents
- Food Technology Ingredients letters Years 7 to 9
- Images consent form – please return to tutors asap, thank you.

To view letters home <https://www.fernhill.hants.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters-home>

Fernhill School Library

Rushmoor Community Lottery

A big thank you to our new contributors to the lottery. **Becci Hudson** is our 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. 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

September 2019

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 – GCSE 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

28th Oct AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY

to 1st Nov

November 2019

4th Return to school

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