



FERNHILL SCHOOL

## COMMUNICATION HOME

4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Welcome to my weekly update - and what a busy week it has been here at Fernhill.

Following the really successful Open Evening two weeks ago, we have been inundated with visitors on our tours this week. The school is a calm and purposeful place to be and we are expecting a large number of applications for places for Year 7 next year. We still have tours at 9 am on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Speaking of Year 7, I am delighted to say that their attendance for the last two days has been 100% and 99% respectively. We have been working hard to engage with families and improve attendance at school and we appreciate your support. Well done Year 7.

Year 7 had a fantastic day out at Runway's End Outdoor Centre where they took part in a day of team building, challenges and fun. Staff said that it was great to have the time to get to know the students better and also for the students to get to know each other and their tutors.

Well done to those students who went to the Anti-Bullying Conference at Yateley School yesterday. They were impeccably behaved and have returned with lots of great ideas.

Thank you to the PE department who ran a great taster session in Sport for Year 6 students from The Grange Junior School on Tuesday afternoon. These students enjoyed sessions in short tennis, dodgeball and team building with our new PE team - it was a really great fun afternoon.

All parents should have received an email and text regarding the vacancy we have for a Parent Governor. The deadline for applications is the 17<sup>th</sup> October at noon. Please see the website for details under News and Events/Letters/Whole School.

Can I finish by making an impassioned appeal please? We have had a number of occasions recently where parents have failed to turn up for appointments made with members of staff at school. There will always be occasions where things change at short notice and you need to cancel or postpone. We simply ask that you phone through to let us know please as teachers' time is also pressed. It is easier to re-arrange an appointment than it is to make up the time lost waiting in reception for someone who does not arrive.

I normally encourage you to enjoy the good weather or avoid the poor weather - but the way things are at the moment, who knows what the weekend will bring weather-wise!! Enjoy it either way.

**Mark Kingswood**



## Letters and Information issued this week

Parent Governor Vacancy letter to parents and application form.

To view letters home <https://fernhill.sites.schooljotter2.com/news-and-events/letters-home>

## Careers

### Year 11

**HEON Student Pathways** – parents have requested this Surrey University presentation from the Post 16 Evening, please find it attached.

### College Open Evenings/Mock interviews

Parents please see the attachments. One is a list of college open evenings, we strongly advise you to attend as many open evenings as possible. The other attachment is an example mock application for students to complete in preparation for their mock interview. A number of students have completed this work already and have been interviewed this week, or have a mock interview scheduled for Monday 7th October.

The mock interviews are put in place to support your child. Completing a practice application and experiencing a mock interview gives them feedback to ensure that the real college application and interview go really well! Please ask how they are getting on. Thank you. We are very grateful to all the business people who support us with this annual event. Volunteers from Amazon Filters Engineering UK, BMW, Enterprise Cars, The Aviator Hotel, Vivid Homes, Rushmoor Borough Council, SSE, all of the local colleges, Royal Holloway University and Surrey University gladly give their time.

## Calendar of Forthcoming Events

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
<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
<b>20th</b>	<b>School closes at 12.20 pm for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>

## January 2020

<b>6th</b>	<b>Return to school for Spring Term</b>
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
<b>17th – 21st</b>	<b>SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
<b>24th</b>	<b>Return to School</b>

## 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

<b>3rd</b>	<b>School closes EASTER HOLIDAYS at 12.20 pm</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>Return to School for Summer Term at 8.35 am</b>

## May 2019

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

## June 2019

<b>1st</b>	<b>Return to School at 8.35 am</b>
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
<b>17th</b>	<b>School closes for SUMMER HOLIDAYS at 12.20 pm</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>INSET DAY 3, school closed to students</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>INSET DAY 4, school closed to students</b>
<b>22nd</b>	<b>INSET DAY 5, school closed to students</b>

## August 2019

20th	GCSE results issued
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