



FERNHILL SCHOOL

COMMUNICATION HOME

18th October 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

It's been an amazing week here at Fernhill.

Today we ran our first ever Taster Day for prospective students who are currently in Year 6. We were very pleased to have 95 students arrive this morning for their day of fun activities which included The World Around Us, Sports Stars, Musical Mayhem, Fun, Food and Frolics, Code Masters, Mrs Cayless' Menagerie and Do You Know Your History?

I would like to thank the Fernhill 'Student Ambassadors' who helped to look after Year 6. They are trained to look after younger children and to help ease their worries. I'd also like to thank the staff who taught or supported the lessons. The day was a great success and I'm sure there will be lots of applications for next Year's Year 7!

There have been other exciting visits this week. Year 10 and 11 Drama attended the Shakespeare for Schools event and I understand that the students' production was of the highest quality. Mrs Murdoch attended a Hampshire Book Awards ceremony in Winchester with some of our students, and Mrs Cayless and a group of students attended a Hampshire Equality and Rights Advocates (EARA) launch event.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at next Thursday's Year 11 Parents' Evening – please do book your appointments with teachers.

The weather forecast looks variable but enjoy your weekend.

Mark Kingswood

Letters and Information issued this week

Basketball team kit letter.

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

Careers

Sixth Form College Open Evenings

Weds 23rd Oct and Thurs 24th October 3.30 - 9.00 pm

The online application process will open the day after, please take time to submit a really good application. Students must ask someone to proof read their application and help is available from school staff, Mrs Murdoch in the library and Will Crowhurst our Careers Adviser.

Rushmoor Community Lottery

Thank you to our new supporters!

To support Becci Hudson's status at the school as 'Writer in Residence' 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

October 2019

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