



FERNHILL SCHOOL

COMMUNICATION HOME

8th November 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

We had a busy start on our return to school after half term as we were hosting INSET day for local Primary Schools. 300 staff descended on our Sports Hall and our Year 7 helpers were a credit to us and got a round of applause from the assembled staff!

I understand from Mr Jackson that we have had some sporting successes this week. The Year 11 basketball team played their first cup game against Heath End and won 55 - 25. Year 10 also played against Courtmoor and won 50 - 22. Well done to all of you.

I look forward to seeing parents of Year 7 at the Parents' Evening next Thursday. Please do make sure your son/daughter make appointments for you with the staff. We also have a Year 11 Examination Preparation evening for invited parents and students next Wednesday at 6.00 pm, which we look forward to seeing many of you at.

I've been asked to mention, on a practical note, please could we ask that deodorants bought into school are roll-on and not of the spray variety. Students with asthma find these problematic in the changing rooms. Thank you.

Finally, you will be aware that there is an increasing amount of national and international media focus on climate change and on ensuring that our children have a safe and sustainable world in which to live in the future. In addition to the fantastic work which Mrs Cayless and her recycling and eco-team do, we now have our very own Greta Thunberg in Miss Speed from the Geography team. Miss Speed has been designated as an official global Climate Change teacher, making us one of the only schools in the area with one! Miss Speed will be working with colleagues and students to raise the profile of climate change and environmental awareness within school and I look forward to telling you about future events and work in school when the time comes. www.educateglobal.org



Talking of climate, please take care in the cold weather this weekend. Have a great one.

Mark Kingswood



A fantastic photo of the Year 10 and 11 Shakespeare for Schools event from Drama attended before half term.

Letters and Information issued this week

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

Library

RBC Lottery – Christmas poster attached

Thank you for your continued support for our 'Writer in Residence', Becci Hudson. It is very much appreciated. To sign up please go to <https://www.rushmoorlottery.co.uk/>

Careers

Basingstoke College

Open Day - Saturday 16th November 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Medicine Work Experience – limited grant places available with Premed Projects

We're excited to announce that thanks to Career Explorers we have 120 grants available for students who would like to attend one of our award winning medicine work experience days.

This means your students are able to attend at zero cost. All courses are for students interested in healthcare careers aged between 14 - 18 years old. Students must use the code **CAREERS** when making a booking and they are limited to 1 place per student. Book from Monday 11th November using the link below:

<https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/career-explorers-grants>

BASCITT

Parents - train to teach with the Basingstoke Alliance SCITT, Fernhill is an alliance school

<http://www.basingstokealliancescitt.com/basingstoke-alliance-scitt/basingstoke-alliance-scitt>

Calendar of Forthcoming Events

November 2019

13th	Year 11 Examination Preparation Evening 6.00 pm
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
2nd	GCSE Mock Exams begin
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