



Fernbrook

# Fernbrook Centre News

October 2020

## Important Dates:

**October 22nd-1st November**—Half Term

**2nd November**—Return to school

**Staff Inset Day**—November 27th

**18th December** - End of Term

## **Attendance**

**It is a legal requirement that all  
pupils attend school**

**If your child is unable to attend please call 01793  
828941 before 9.00am**

## **School Day Timings**

### **Monday– Friday start of day**

Start 8.50

9.10 Registration and Tutor check  
in

### **Monday—Thursday end of day**

2.20-2.30 Tutor Review

2.30-2.45 RnR

3.00 Return to school and Twi-  
lights

### **Friday end of day**

11.45 –12.00 Tutor Review &  
Lunch given

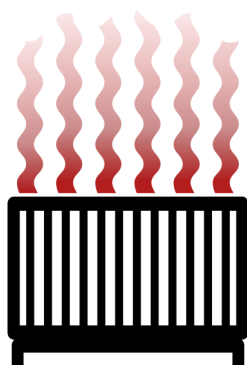
12.00-12.30 RnR

12.30 Return to school/Meetings

## **School Boiler**

The school boiler broke down earlier in the year and due to COVID complications it has taken longer to organise it's repair.

As a result pupils may find the school building colder than usual.



We are putting heaters in each classroom, but we also need to have the windows open to be COVID safe. For that reason we are suggesting that pupils wear extra layers under their uniforms. These layers should be discreet and can take the form of

t-shirts or items that are not visible by extending beyond the uniform collar or sleeves.

## **Uniform**

All students are required to wear the correct uniform. Which is as follows:

- Black trousers
- (jeans, joggers and leggings are not accepted).
- Plain black shoes
- School sweat shirt or fleece.
- School Polo Shirt.

Pupils who do not arrive in the correct uniform will be asked to go home and change.

If you require more uniform please ask your child's tutor in advance, uniform orders can take up to two weeks to arrive.

## **School Nurse**



Fernbrook will shortly be getting it's own dedicated school nurse. Pupils who need to, will shortly be able to make appointments. These will need to be done in advance .

## **Weekly Raffle**



Each day our behaviour team catch pupils being good, this may mean they have been working well in class, or they have been polite and considerate or helpful. These pupils will be given a raffle ticket . At the end of the week we draw the raffle and prizes are given

# Better Choices Better Lives

Welcome to EOTAS Swindon I am very proud and fortunate to be the Headteacher of such a unique school. EOTAS is made up of 3 Colleges across Swindon: Fernbrook, Riverside and Oakfield.

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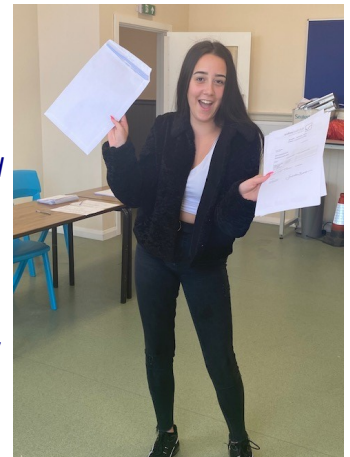
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<https://www.eotas.org.uk/>

## Exams

*With strict social distancing in place the Class of 2020 came into both Fernbrook and Riverside to collect their GCSE results in August. Results were issued under unusual circumstances with Centre Assessed Grades being awarded alongside the results from the examination boards. Congratulations to all our Year 11 pupils who achieved the results they needed to get onto their post 16 courses.*

*Given the on-going Covid situation teachers are gathering evidence to support Centre Assessed Grades for the cohort of pupils taking examinations in Summer 2021. More details of examinations that will be taking place in January and February to support this will be released in December.*



## Wiltshire College

Our carousel courses at Chippenham College got under way, after a two week additional delay due to Corona Virus. We have worked with Wiltshire Colleges for several years now and developed the Discrete Carousel Courses with them, this was done after a vacuum was created by Swindon College, by taking the Course, off their pre 16 College offer



The Discrete Course offer is for a maximum of 10 students from both Fernbrook and Oakfield College. The course is based at Chippenham College and has three vocational elements. The order is:

Motor Vehicle 10 weeks (this academic year, the course is incorporating motor sports element) within the programme

Brickwork 10 weeks programme

Carpentry 10 weeks programme



We believe, the pre 16 college courses can form an important start to our student's transition to Post 16. In addition, the vocational courses can meet the needs of many of our learners, especially if their pathway is a vocational one. It also forms an early part of our Transition framework.