



Fernbrook

Fernbrook Centre News

March 2021

Important Dates:

End of Spring Term April 1st

Start of Term April 19th

Curriculum review days April 19th and 20th

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	Monday—Thursday end of day	Friday end of day
Start 8.50	2.20-2.30 Tutor Review	11.45 –12.00 Tutor Review &
9.10 Registration and Tutor check in	2.30-2.45 RnR	Lunch given
	3.00 Return to school and Twilights	12.00-12.30 RnR
		12.30 Return to school/Meetings

Curriculum Review Days

Please ensure you have an appointment with your child's tutor on one of the curriculum review days.

These meetings are vital, they provide opportunity to talk through your child's progress and talk about their future.

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.

COVID TESTING

Thank you to those who gave permission for Lateral Flow Testing.

We were impressed by the behaviour and maturity of the students that took part.

Lateral Flow Testing at school has now stopped for pupils, kits have been given out and testing is taking place twice a week at home.

Staff are also testing twice a week at home.



College courses are back!

The college carousel courses have restarted.

Swindon New College takes place on a Tuesday and pupils have returned to study photography.



**New College
Swindon**

Chippenham College takes place on Wednesdays and students are working in Wood trade

**RED
NOSE
DAY**



Friday 19th of March was Red Nose day, Kelly and Bryan arranged a series of events to add fun to the day as well as raising some money for this worthy cause.

A fun quiz was held in tutor groups

Bacon Baps were available for lunch cupcakes were on sale.

Donations so far have raised £35



Year 11 Exams

Congratulations to all the year 11 pupils who sat their mock exams in February.

Due to the Covid situation this year, there will be no GCSE exam papers this summer. Instead teachers will need to provide evidence of predicted grades for year 11 pupils. These exams were a vital part of gathering that evidence. This year's Year 11

pupils, took these exam very seriously and worked sensibly and maturely through out.



Hot Meals

Fernbrook provides all it's students with a meal at lunch time. Until recently these lunches have been in the form of sandwiches or burgers. Currently we are trialling a hot lunch once a week.

If all goes well these will continue after Easter and may increase to twice a week.



**ONLINE
SAFETY**

Keeping your child safe online

Whilst knowledge of the potential risks to children online may seem very worrying, there are actions that you can take as a parent or carer to support your children to have safe and positive experiences online.

Anybody can post and share videos, pictures, or ideas on social media. This means children may see things they don't want to. Inappropriate content can be pictures, films, messages or posts which worry, scare or upset them. For example, content meant for older children or adults, sexual or violent content, or content which encourages your child to engage in dangerous behaviours. Some content is also illegal. This includes nude or semi-nude pictures of children and sexual messages to children.

If you've found out your child has shared a revealing pic or video, don't panic. There are plenty of ways to stop things getting out of hand, see www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ for videos and advice

It's important that children and young people always know where to go if they come across something that worries them or makes them feel uncomfortable online. Make sure they know that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online.

To help, you could encourage them to speak to you or another adult immediately if they have any worries or concerns. Help them to identify a trusted adult that they can approach, if they feel they can't talk to you, even if this means on the phone.

For more information go to www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

Alternatively [The Childline website](#) or [Get Safe Online | Free online security advice](#)