



## Fountains High School

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### INFORMATION LETTER AUTUMN TERM 1 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new students into the school.

We are well into the Autumn Term now and the students are working extremely hard. School is as busy as ever and we have lots of exciting events on the horizon.

The GCSE and accreditation results were a credit to our young people this summer. Thanks to the students focus and hard work they earned themselves an excellent set of exam results, full details of which can be found on the school website. They should all be very proud of their achievements.

It was with great sadness that we had to inform you of the death of Hannah Arnold, our very special teacher, friend and colleague. The support and kindness that you have given to the school has been much appreciated and together we have raised a much appreciated donation for Sarcoma UK.

Thank you to the parents, carers and students that attended our first Parents' Evening. It gave parents and carers an opportunity to familiarise themselves with their child's form tutor early on in the academic year. We will look forward to discussing your child's progress in further depth on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Please feel free to contact school if you require any support or advice. Your child's form tutor is always the best person to contact in the first instance.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half term break.

Jackie Percy  
Head of School

#### Jeans 4 Genes

On 21st September Jeans 4 Genes Day raised a grand total of £80.00. The money raised will provide vital care and support for thousands of children with life altering genetic disorders.

A massive thank you to parents and carers that provided cakes for the Bake Sale and to all of the students that donated money for the privilege of wearing their jeans for the day.

The day was a great success!

#### MOBILE PHONES

Please remember we do not allow the use of mobile phones in school. Therefore please **DO NOT** use them to take photographs of your child within the setting. All students are required to hand their phones in at the beginning of each day.

#### Holiday Activities

For activities offered by East Staffs. Borough Council over the school holidays please use the link below for school holiday activity brochure

[www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/holiday-activities](http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/holiday-activities)

## Sixth Form Enterprise Projects

Our Sixth Form students currently run various enterprise projects. These projects are really important for our young people as it provides them with valuable work experience, which is essential for them moving into adult life.

The Enterprise Projects are as follows:

**The Coffee Bean Café** is open on Tuesday's and Wednesday's at The Pavillion, Clays Lane, Branston, Burton upon Trent (term time only) from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

**The Potting Shed Horticultural Centre** is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's and is located at the Greenhouse Centre, Stapenhill Cemetery, Burton upon Trent (term time only) from 9:30am – 2:00pm.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Absences:** It is the schools statutory requirement to record all absences by 9:15am; therefore the school has to record an absence as unauthorised if no absence reason is given. If your child is off school for whatever reason it is your responsibility to inform the school office (**and not escorts**) by **8:30am** by calling 01283 247580. If attendance drops below a certain level we will ask parents/carers to join us for attendance clinics and will request medical evidence of their illness.

**Medical Appointments:** Parents should send in appointment cards for all medical and hospital appointments.

## Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy

**A reminder about our school Child Protection procedures.**

Parents should be aware that the school will take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its pupils. In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be subject to ill treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse, staff have no alternative but to follow County Child Protection Procedures and inform Social Services of their concern.

In case you have a safeguarding concern over the summer, we have put some useful telephone numbers and advice on our website:

[www.fountainsfederation.co.uk](http://www.fountainsfederation.co.uk)

- Click Parents
- Scroll down to 'Safeguarding Advice' – this will then take you to the correct page

## MEDICATION

In line with our Medication Policy in school, all medication sent into school for pupils **must** have a dispensing label on it from the pharmacist; no loose pills will be accepted at any time.  
Any queries please contact the School Nurse.

## False Nails

Please note false nails should only be worn by students in the school holidays as these prevent them from participating in school activities if worn in term time.

### Fashion Show and Sale

13<sup>th</sup> November

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Contact Amy Dunne on 01283 247600 for

£3.00 Advanced Tickets

£5.00 Door Tickets

### Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival took place at St Mary's Church on the 11<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to all of the families and friends that supported this event. The students put on an excellent performance once again.

The money raised has been donated to Sarcoma UK

### TOAST CLUB

Any pupils wanting to attend toast club in the mornings are quite welcome. It starts at 8:30 and just bring some money along – 10p per slice. Parents of Gluten Free children can you please let us know beforehand – this bread will be toasted separately.

### STAR FOUNDATION

We have a Star Foundation Clothing Bank in the car park for old clothes, etc. School benefit from this clothing bank so please would you all consider using this when having a clear out!!

### Supported Internships

Supported Internships with Hobbycraft Distribution Centre started on 11<sup>TH</sup> September. This is a very exciting partnership for Fountains High School. With the support of job coach Lesley Blockley, three of our sixth form students Lauren, Faisal and James are able to access and learn job roles within Hobbycraft.

All of the students will start work in the E-Commerce department and learn to order, pick and pack the items before going on to the customer. They will work for three days per week over the next academic year as a valuable introduction to the world of work.

We are very excited as this is the second year of our partnership with Hobbycraft and we hope that this work will lead on to future employment opportunities within Hobbycraft for our students.

### Parental Drop Offs

Due to an increased number of students being transported to school by their parents or carers, we feel the need to ask for your co-operation and extra vigilance at the beginning and end of the day. We are currently investigating ways in which the number of parental drop offs can be reduced, but in the meantime we ask if families work together to possibly car share, or for young people that are able to and live close enough, to walk to school.

### Re-Opening of the Potting Shed

Our Vocational and Enterprise project The Potting Shed was officially re-opened on Tues 11<sup>th</sup> September. We have a brand new seasonal range of enterprise products including baskets and tubs to purchase. Please come and view these new and exciting products.

## After School Clubs

Clubs for next half term are as follows:

Monday	Dance	£3	3.10-4.10
Tuesday	Able Too	£1	3.10-4.10
Wednesday	Table Tennis	£2.50	3.10-4.10
Thursday	Signing Choir	£1	3.10-4.00

A polite reminder that clubs should be paid for in advance and the permission slip should also be returned prior to your child starting the clubs.

## Reminders

Please can all students make sure that they are wearing school uniform. This and all other clothing and equipment brought into school should be **clearly named**.

Students should also bring basic stationery equipment where appropriate, such as pens, pencils, etc.

## Car Park

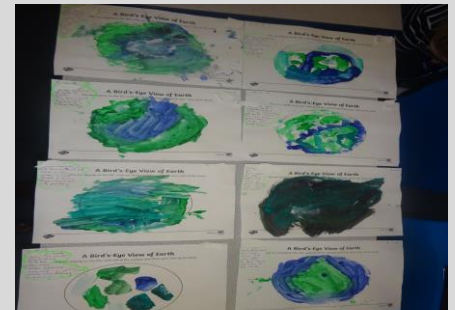
**Polite Notice:** At pick up time at the end of the school remind you to inform the office of any change of address etc. so that we have the most up to date information held on file day if you are collecting your child by foot can you please walk around the car park via the gated pathway instead of across the car park as this is unsafe due

## Morning Drop Offs

School staff are not responsible for students arriving early to school each morning. Students are not allowed into school until 8:30am, if they are attending Toast Club, or 8:45am if they are not.

## Science

In science we have been looking at planet Earth and the Solar System. This week we viewed images of earth from the International Space Station and then painted our own pictures.



## Polite Reminder: Parking

Unfortunately, the school car park can be very busy especially during the hours of 8:35am–9:10am and 2:45pm–3:20pm. Please can all parents that are collecting their children by car wait in the bottom car park for their child to be escorted to you.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## New E mail Address

The new e mail address for Fountains High School is enquiries-high@fountains.staffs.sch.uk

## The Fountains Federation Website

Please ensure you take some time to browse our Federation website. [www.fountainsfederation.com](http://www.fountainsfederation.com). The website has lots of information about our school as well as past and forthcoming events. Please note that there is no need to log into this website to access any information.

### **Burton Albion Community Trust**

You can subscribe to receive the most recent newsletter for the Burton Albion Community Trust through the website below:

<http://burtonalbioncommunitytrust.co.uk>

or go to the newsletter link below:

<http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=f804414e22259ee903f88016d&id=8617d16ec2>

#### **REMINDER:**

Burton Albion Community Trust are running a programme of half term holiday courses.

#### **NEW:**

Winter training courses have been exclusively offered to Fountains High School students. Further details to follow.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

Please remember to keep your contact details up to date. This is **essential** for us to be able to contact you in an emergency and for you to receive messages from our text messaging service.

Can we also remind you to inform the office of any change of address etc. so that we have the most up to date information held on file

### **Attendance**

Attendance at school is extremely important and being regularly absent will affect your child's ability to learn and do well.

Attendance letters will be sent out to all students in school half termly. These use a traffic light system and the majority of our students are usually on green, which is above 95% and is classed as outstanding attendance. Amber, which is above 90% attendance, is considered to be good. For students falling below 90% we as a school have concerns about their attendance. Parents/carers will be asked to join us at an Attendance Clinic where any issues can potentially be resolved. As a school our attendance this year so far is at 92.03 % which is currently below our target of 95%.

### **Authorisation of holidays**

Due to changes made by the Government, all schools have been requested not to authorise holidays during school term time. In exceptional circumstances, such as a family funeral, leave may still be authorised. A leave of absence form needs to be completed and returned to Mrs Sarah Gilraine, Executive Head, for consideration. When a child or young person has more than 10 days or more unauthorised absence over two half terms in a row, then a penalty notice may be issued to the parents/carers of that child.

### **Dinner Money**

A reminder that dinner money should come into school on a Monday morning in advance of meals being taken. This should come to school in a **sealed envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and form group**. Dinner money will remain at £2.30 (£11.50 per week). If paying by cheque, please make payable to: **FOUNTAINS HIGH SCHOOL** (with child's name and form group on the reverse). We have been advised that the school will now be responsible for unpaid debts and so credit will not automatically be given if payments are not made.

## Friends of Fountains

The Friends of Fountains continue to meet on the Primary Site half termly. All new members are welcome. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November ( 7.30pm- 9.00pm)

**Unwanted Presents:** If you have any unwanted gifts lying around your house, please feel free to donate them to the Friends of Fountains Association. These presents can be used as raffle prizes for the Easter Bingo and Summer Fayre.

**Match Funding:** If you know of anyone who works for an organisation, why not ask them about match funding schemes – some companies offer this as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. Companies could be able to match fund a stall at our Summer Fayre, please make our Treasurer (Amy Dunne) aware on: [adunne@fountains.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:adunne@fountains.staffs.sch.uk)

### Forthcoming Events:

Fashion Show and Sale – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 pm ( Doors open at 6.30 pm )

Christmas Fayre – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (11.00am – 2.00pm) on High School Site.

### School Uniform Supplier

School uniform can be obtained from:

[www.clothing4schools.com](http://www.clothing4schools.com)

#### **Burton Store**

Crown Industrial Estate    **Telephone**  
Anglesey Road  
Burton on Trent                    01283 548234  
DE14 3NX

#### **Tamworth Store**

11 Tower Gungate                **Telephone**  
Tamworth  
B79 7BA                                01827 50395

### Children In Need



There will be a cake bake sale on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November with all proceeds to Children in Need.

Any donations of cakes and biscuits would be gratefully accepted.

### DOGS ON SITE

Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school site. The only exceptions are guide dogs and our own school buddy dog.

### Football Skills Support

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October we commenced an introductory session with Adam Lawrence from Burton Albion of a brand new Level 1 Sports Leadership programme with 12 students.

We are very excited as this is a real privilege for Fountains to be involved in and the first time this has taken place.

We are also proud to announce that we have our own Fountains 6<sup>th</sup> form FC affiliated to Staffordshire FA.

### School Transport

A polite reminder that it is parents / carers responsibility to liaise with their child's taxi operators / appropriate transport departments regarding the day to day pick up / drop off arrangements for your child.

If you do not have any telephone numbers school will be happy to provide you with this.



### **Let's Get Together!**

We're going to start and have Parent/Carer 'Get-Togethers' once a month. It will be an opportunity to meet other parent/carers, share our experiences – what works, what doesn't, what's available locally and have cake!

Autumn Term Dates:

November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:15pm to 3:00pm.

Any queries please contact Sarah Gilbert on 01283 247583 or 07817 836867.

### **Toy Donation**

We are really short of any play equipment in S3 so would appreciate any donations. Things like building blocks, books, jigsaws, cars, car mats, games etc. Any donations greatly appreciated.

### **Medication**

If your child has an epipen, inhaler or other medication that may be needed whilst in school, please ensure that you have informed the School Nurse, Jo Mears. It is very important that all medication is labelled, in date and handed to the bus escorts with the appropriate form.

**If there are any changes in medical needs please inform school as soon as possible.**

### **Health Matters**

A reminder to parents to be vigilant in checking their child's hair for head lice please by using a head lice comb on conditioned hair at every hair wash.

There have also been cases of threadworms in school. If you notice your child itching around their bottom particularly in the evening this may be a sign, the whole family needs treating with tablets from the chemist.

Use [www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx) for more information.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning by attending and purchasing the cakes or sending in home made cakes. The proceeds were divided between our two charities:

Macmillan	£150.00
Sarcoma UK	£168.00

### **GCSE Results**

Fountains High School students were incredibly successful this year with their GCSE results. The school's Progress 8 score (the government's measure for league tables) places us in the top 8% of Special Schools Nationally and at the top of all special schools in Staffordshire, Derby City and Derbyshire.



### **Fountains Federation**

@fountainsschool

Generic special school for pupils aged 2-19yrs, providing high quality education and celebrating the achievements made by all!

#fountainsfederation

📍 Burton upon Trent, England

🌐 [fountainsfederation.co.uk](http://fountainsfederation.co.uk)

### **Twitter**

The Fountains Federation are on Twitter.

Please follow us @fountainsschool or @fountainshigh for the high school.

Below is a link to our KS3 YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCarR6TdFWqh5NUS3Qccyf7g>

Please take a look at this as students like to see how many view they get!!! 😊

### **NOTICE**

Please note the main pedestrian gate to the High School site will be locked every day from 9:30 – 2:30. Please use the main entrance for access to the school during this time period.

### **Diary Dates**

25.10.18 School closes for half term  
05.11.18 School re-opens at normal time  
06.11.18 Bonfire Themed School Lunch  
09.11.18 Centenary Enrichment Day  
14.11.18 Parents Evening 3.30-6.00  
16.11.18 Bake Sale for Children in Need  
23.11.18 NCS Celebration Assembly  
02.12.18 Christmas Fayre (High School Site)  
19.12.18 Christmas Dinner Day  
19.12.18 Christmas Disco  
20.12.18 Carol Concert  
21.12.18 School closes for the holidays.  
07.01.19 School re-opens at normal time  
14.02.19 School closes for half term  
15.02.19 Staff Training Day (school closed for pupils)  
25.02.19 School re-opens at normal time  
12.04.19 School closes for Easter  
29.04.19 School re-opens as usual  
06.05.19 Bank Holiday – school closed  
24.05.19 School closes for half term  
03.06.19 School re-opens at normal time  
25.06.19.Sponsored Walk  
04.07.19 Sports Afternoon  
07.07.19 Summer Fayre  
11.07.19 Transition Morning  
16.07.19 Awards Assembly  
17.07.19 Prom for KS5 and Y11  
18.07.19 Leavers Buffet and Assembly  
19.07.19 School closes for the Summer Holidays

### **National Citizen Service**

Students in Year 12 have had a fabulous time being involved in the National Citizen Service project.

#### **Phase 1 Adventure**

They spent 4 days at Standon Bowers with young people from other local special schools.

#### **Phase 2 Discovery**

The students engaged in workshops such as money management, food preparation and disability sport.

#### **Celebration**

Assembly in school on 23<sup>rd</sup> November for parents / carers.

### **Land Studies**

Our Land Studies group have been out and about visiting Lichfield Garden Centre and Rosliston Forestry Centre this term.