



FHS NEWS

MAY 2025

OFSTED REPORT

Following a thorough and rigorous review, we are delighted to announce that Featherstone High School has been judged Outstanding in all of the following areas:

The quality of education: Outstanding

Behaviour & attitudes: Outstanding

Personal development: Outstanding

Leadership & management: Outstanding

In addition, the **Sixth Form** was graded **Good** which is also a strong result.

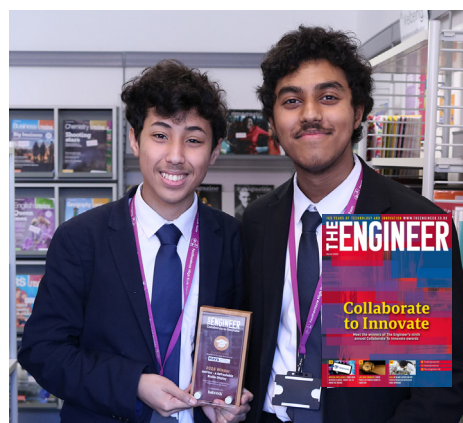


This exceptional outcome is a testament to the dedication, passion, and hard work of our students, staff, and the entire school community. The inspectors praised the high quality of teaching and learning, the exceptional behaviour and attitude of our students, and our strong leadership and vision for continuous improvement. [Click here to read the full report.](#)

YOUNG ENGINEERS

Meet the winners of The Engineer Magazine's Collaborate to Innovate, Young Innovators: Mohammad and Nizar.

The Sixth Formers have invented 'dotFlow', a single celled refreshable braille display, designed to make the learning process accessible and cost effective. The idea was developed through the Maker Challenge at Imperial and they have been recognised by The Engineer's Magazine for their achievements. [Click here to see the magazine article.](#)



DANCE FESTIVAL

At the end of term we held our Annual Dance Festival, a celebration of talent from FHS and a range of other schools.

Thank you to the Performing Arts Team and the staff from all the other schools involved. It really was an evening to remember.



SPARK! AWARD



Congratulations to Sixth Former, Malika who recently scooped the 'Young Leader of the Year' award from Spark! a careers charity who recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people, communities and employers.

MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our Year 10 and 11 UKMT Maths Challenge Gold and Silver

Award winners:
Primit, Nikita & Aarav.

A really great achievement.



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RESPECT

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Life and education at Featherstone go on every day no matter what! Every day matters and every day is an opportunity for our students to make progress, acquire skills and develop as young people.

For some of our students however, the next few weeks are loaded with greater significance that at any other time in their education. This is true for those in Year 11 and Year 13, they are on the cusp of their public exams and I just want to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best for their exams. There is still time to put in some critical revision. It is never too late

to pick up some key content that you may be able to turn to in the exam.

It is also really important to look after yourself during the exam season. It is key to eat well and to sleep well. It is a short but intense time and there is no question that it will make a difference to your next steps.

For those of you with brothers or sisters undertaking exams – do be supportive; you may need to be quiet around the house and you might even be involved in testing them.

For everyone at this time, and on behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you all the best.



Mr Walters, Headteacher

Ofsted

Quality of education:
Outstanding

"Pupils receive an excellent education."

(Ofsted 2025)

GARDEN UPDATE

Our school garden is really taking shape now.

Over the Easter Break we had some new paths put in and our pond is under construction. The Value Reps helped the Year 7 Community Ambassadors plant saplings and the

Good Gym have been supporting staff landscaping the area. The Community Ambassadors have been litter picking and tidying up and the Value Reps will be planting seeds from the Royal Horticultural Society.

The garden even got a mention in the recent Ofsted Report!

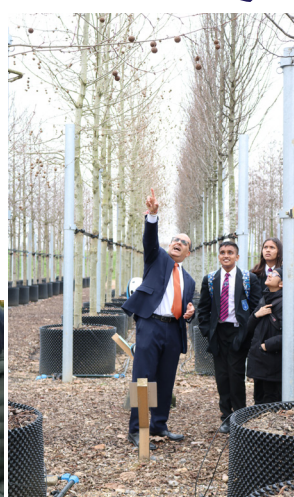


VISIT TO THE GREEN QUARTER

Thank you so much to Jags Sanghera and his colleagues at Berkely Homes for hosting our Year 7 Community Ambassadors at their Open Doors Event.

It was so interesting to understand the history of the site, planning

the regeneration, landscaping and sustainability of the area and building a community. We also picked up lots of ideas for our developing school garden.



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GEOLOGISE THEATRE

Students in Year 7 recently welcomed the Geologise Theatre company to school to find out more about the impact of climate change.

Working with scientists from Oxford University and the Science Museum they explored the causes and impact of climate change in a workshop which saw the students creating songs about the issue.

Later in the day students watched a performance of Chrissie and the Skiddle Witch, a play about 13-year-old Chrissie who is a budding climate change campaigner, but her family just don't get it. When a huge storm hits her seaside town of Skiddle, Chrissie is reluctantly roped into helping the town's recluse, a strange old lady the kids call the Skiddle Witch. To Chrissie's surprise, she finds an unlikely ally with a big secret!



FOOD BANK

Year 10 student Mohammed Asraf has been working hard on his project, "No one left hungry".

After the success of his pop up food bank over Christmas, Mohammed has been looking at other ways to help families.

The Community Champion, Samantha at Asda in Hayes organised a donation for his project and praised Mohammed for his good work and dedication.



We have also received a huge food delivery from the Southall Community Alliance, which Mohammed and his friend Deiwin helped to sort and pack into food parcels ready for families in need.

If you are or know of a student who is struggling with food poverty, please speak to our Safeguarding Team in confidence.



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

The Year 12 Young Enterprise group attended the West London Showcase Final at the University of West London in Ealing.

The team also went to Windsor Royal Shopping Centre to showcase and sell their products to the general public.

They are developing really important skills for the future through the Young Enterprise programme and they also made the school very proud.



RISE WORKSHOP

Thank you to the Talent Foundry for delivering the 'Rise' workshop to our Year 9 students.

Alongside industry representatives, the leaders spoke to students about the skills they will need for employment, touching on among other things, working from home, effective customer service and the pros and cons of AI.



Ofsted

Quality of leadership & management:

Outstanding

"The school lives by its motto 'Together We Achieve' & works in partnership with the community it serves."

(Ofsted 2025)



FHS ARTS WEEK 2025

ARTS WEEK WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH WORKSHOPS, VISITORS AND TRIPS ACROSS THE YEAR GROUPS.



A visit from the Old Vic for our Year 10 Drama students



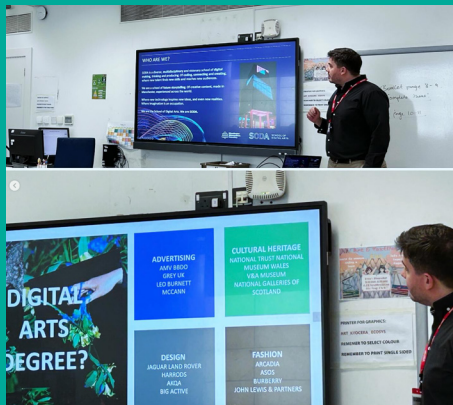
The Frantic Assembly workshop for Year 9s!



Architect, Harbinder Birdi spoke to Year 8s



The 'Mozartists' got our students singing with two opera singers



Snr. Lecturer in Games Technology taught Graphics students



Year 7s made a sea of clay figures - Antony Gormley style



Students were welcomed by Sky for production work shops



Year 7s worked with the Southall Community Alliance to produce artworks



Author Mr Elkon talked to students about creative writing

Trips to The Globe, British Library, The Old Vic & The Questors Theatre



Ofsted

Quality of personal development:

Outstanding

"The school has made the building of pupils' cultural experience a priority."

(Ofsted 2025)



FHS LIBRARY NEWS

WONDERFUL WORLD OF WORDS



The Wonderful World of Words Festival 2025 took place in March, with a whole month of special events and activities celebrating our love of books, words and reading.

HARRY POTTER DAY



Everyone enjoyed a day of Harry Potter and Hogwarts themed quizzes, colouring, crafts and magic.

BOOK FACTOR

Members of the Year 7 Book Group enjoyed sharing their favourite books at a special "Book Factor" event.

The winners were Harseerat and Sukhmanbir.



EXCUSES, EXCUSES! SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Well done to Diksha Ghotra for her winning story about how a wizard squirrel prevented her from returning her library book on time!

WORD GAMES

Students used their vocabulary and spelling skills to play fun word games including Articulate, Boggle, and Scrabble, and the popular Yes/No Challenge also returned.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Staff celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite characters from books.

Students enjoyed reading their favourite books in the reading room.



AUTHOR VISIT

Author Sara Grant visited Featherstone again and all students in Years 7 and 8 enjoyed hearing about her books and got tips on how to create characters and settings for their own stories.

Student librarians were also treated to a special writing workshop as a reward and thank you for giving up their time to work in the school library.



WORLD POETRY DAY

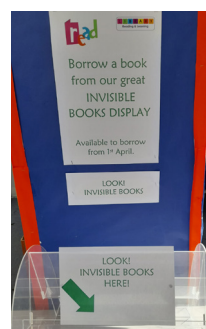
World Poetry Day was celebrated in the Library with a display of books and fun activities to get everyone rhyming and creating their own shape and acrostic poems.



APRIL FOOLS' DAY!

The library enjoyed planning an April Fools' joke!

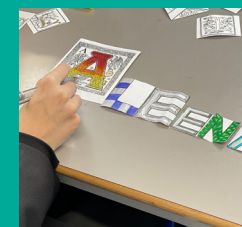
As the students said, "How will we know if the books have been returned?"



ARTS WEEK

BRITISH LIBRARY TRIP

A group of students went to the British Library for a creative writing workshop. They produced some fantastic work and staff there were very impressed with them.



ILLUMINATED LETTERS

As part of Arts Week, students learned about the art of beautiful books

and manuscripts and designed their own illuminated letters.



SHAKESPEARE STORIES

Year 7 students learned about Shakespeare and his stories in their library lessons.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME: APPRENTICESHIP



Twenty-five students from Year 13 recently completed the Youth Engagement Apprenticeship programme delivered by Spark! and a range of local employers.

Across the last year students have been supported in a range of ways including creating CVs, practising interviews and

assessments. Congratulations to all the students involved and good luck with your applications for employment and apprenticeships.

YOUNG CARERS

Young Carers Action Day is all about helping young carers get the support they need and deserve.



We organised a lovely breakfast for our Young Carers to mark the day. If you are a Young Carer, and would like a

little extra support, please contact Mrs Rughani, our Young Carers Lead based in The Orchard or email srughani@featherstonehigh.ealing.sch.uk

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Behaviour & attitudes:
Outstanding

"Pupils value their learning & attend the school very well. They are safe & happy at school"

(Ofsted 2025)



STEM WORKSHOP

Our Year 8s had an amazing time at the STEM workshop organised by the Smallpeice Trust, an incredible educational charity inspiring young minds to explore careers in science and engineering.

Students worked together on exciting design-and-make projects, putting their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test



TERM DATES

Half-term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

Summer Curriculum Enrichment Week: 30th June to 4th July 2025

On line learning day and Pupil Induction Day 2 for Year 6: Friday 27th June

End of term: Tuesday 22nd July 2025



Family Support Website

Browse resources, programmes and support services available for families.

Please scan the QR code:



Scan the QR Code and Scroll down to browse resources, programmes and support services available for families or Visit: <https://padlet.com/featherstonehigh/featherstone-high-school-family-support-6fnipm4nh102br3i>

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TEEN WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Join us for four interactive workshops designed to help parents navigate the challenges of raising teenagers, build communication skills, and foster a supportive relationship with your teen.

WORKSHOP 1 24TH APRIL 2025

- Being a parent of a teenager
- The role of parents for teenagers
- Responding to difficult feelings

Inside every
teenager is a child
and an adult

WORKSHOP 2 22ND MAY 2025

- Understanding your teenager
- Understanding teenage development
- Parenting styles
- Praise and criticism

Parents can attend workshops individually of their choosing.
If parents attend all four workshops, a certificate will be issued

WORKSHOP 3 26TH JUNE 2025

- Communicating with your teenager
- Talking and listening
- Communicating clearly
- Handling difficult issues

Thursdays
7-9pm via
Microsoft Teams

WORKSHOP 4 17TH JULY 2025

- Managing conflict
- Rules and boundaries
- Choosing how to respond
- Problem solving

To book your place, please email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk with your full name, email, mobile number and which workshops you would like to attend.

Parenting Workshops - Summer Term 2025

To book your place, please email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk with your full name, email, mobile number and name/s of workshop/s you would like to attend

Date

Workshop Details

Understanding Domestic Abuse & Toxic Relationships

Tuesday 29th April
10am–12pm

This session will cover:
Identifying what domestic abuse may look like
How to recognise risk factors / red flags
How to create a safety plan and the importance of support networks
How to rebuild confidence and self-esteem
Where you can find support

Women's only workshop

Mental Health for Dads

Tuesday 6th May
10am–12pm

Fatherhood comes with unique mental health challenges, often compounded by societal taboos and assumptions. This workshop empowers dads to prioritise their mental health, break down stigmas, and build a supportive approach to well-being. Explore practical strategies to manage stress, boost resilience, and foster emotional strength—because a healthy dad makes for a thriving family.

Men's only workshop

Employment, Benefits & Training

Tuesday 20th May
10am–12pm

This session will cover:
Discover what support is available for you
How to access local training and courses
Advice on returning to work and how to retrain for a different career
What benefits are you entitled to when working and where to find advice on benefits
A chance to have your questions answered

This session is aimed at parents/carers of children and young people of all ages

Overcoming Guilt & Fear in Fatherhood

Tuesday 3rd June
10am–12pm

Fatherhood often brings feelings of guilt and fear—am I doing enough? Am I doing it right? This workshop helps dads unpack these common emotions and provides tools to overcome them. Learn how to embrace your imperfections, build confidence, and focus on what truly matters: being present and intentional with your family.

Men's only workshop

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Understanding Your Teenager

Tuesday 10th June
10:30am-12:30pm

The session will cover:
Child and adolescent emotional development
Understanding your child better
Empathising with your child
Adolescent emotional and mental health.

The session is aimed at parents/carers of young people aged 12-18

Introduction to S<

Tuesday 17th June
10am-12pm

This session will cover:
Tips on supporting your child's speech development and how to improve communication
What you can do if you have concerns for your child
The role of speech and language therapy
Advice to support children learning additional languages

This session is aimed at parents/carers of pre-school and primary aged children

Different Strokes for Fathers

Tuesday 1st July
10am-12pm

Every dad approaches fatherhood differently, balancing priorities, responsibilities, and personal values in their own way. This workshop celebrates the diverse ways men handle fatherhood and provides tools to help you navigate your unique path. Gain insights, share experiences, and build a fatherhood approach that aligns with who you are.

Men's only workshop