



FHS NEWS

JUNE 2026

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



The day was topped off with a speech from the Duke of Edinburgh himself, Prince Edward. We're looking forward to seeing a few of our own pupils at the Palace in the coming years to celebrate them completing their own Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards!



Featherstone High School had the privilege of being invited to Buckingham Palace to celebrate the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards 70th anniversary at their yearly Gold Awards day.

Mr O'Donovan, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator, represented the school at the event which included a garden party and a number of talks from well-known public faces. These included Gladiator 'Comet' and extreme adventurer Ed Dykes.

YOUNG CARERS

Our Young Carers worked with Talk Nice Studios & Blanks Factory to design a T Shirt which will be available to purchase.

If you are a Young Carer and need support email: SRughani@featherstonehigh.ealing.sch.uk



FHS ALUMNUS VISITS FROM CANADA

We were delighted to welcome former Featherstone High School student Davinder Dhatt, now Director of Rail Fleet Engineering in Toronto, back to our school.

University, as he did.

Reflecting on his visit, Davinder said: "I'm very proud to be an alumnus and I encourage others to continue supporting the school however they can." We thank Davinder for taking the time to visit.

During his visit, he toured the site, met senior leaders and shared memories of his time at Featherstone.

Davinder was particularly impressed by the Sixth Form, highlighting the value of Head Students as role models for younger pupils. As an engineer, he was also pleased to see our Destinations Board and learn that several Featherstone students have gone on to study engineering at Loughborough



HYGIENE BANK: HELPING OUR FAMILIES

A new project to tackle hygiene poverty in Ealing has delivered the first products to students and families in need at FHS.

Ruth Brock, to the school to distribute hygiene products ranging from period products to shampoo. This project will help to tackle hygiene poverty as a critical barrier to school attendance, wellbeing and the long-term economic participation of young people.

We welcomed Shamir Dawood and Amy Hamilton-Wason of Helium Capital, alongside CEO of The Hygiene Bank,

If you need help please email Ms Witts: FWitts@featherstonehigh.ealing.sch.uk



Photographer Peter van den Berg

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

A Term of Opportunity and Achievement

As we move through the second half of the summer term and into the final half term of the school year, there is much to celebrate across our school community. There has been a strong sense of purpose and momentum, with students continuing to represent Featherstone positively in lessons, events and the wider life of the community. Above all, this has been a period marked by participation, aspiration and the confidence with which students have embraced all that school life has to offer.

Students have continued to benefit from an exceptionally rich range of experiences and opportunities beyond the classroom. Over the last six weeks alone, students across Years 7 to 13 have taken part in university visits, employer engagement, theatre trips, sporting competitions, leadership programmes and a wide range of enrichment activities that have broadened horizons and strengthened confidence. From performances at the Royal Albert Hall and visits to the National Theatre, Shakespeare's Globe and the Haymarket, to STEM experiences with Imperial, Brunel, GSK and Oxford, students have been able to see their learning brought to life in powerful and memorable ways.

It has also been encouraging to see so many students representing the school with distinction through competitions,

community work and student leadership. Young people have taken part in maths and chemistry challenges, Young Enterprise events, borough and London-wide sporting fixtures, public speaking and performing arts opportunities, as well as programmes such as Duke of Edinburgh, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Sports Leaders and Reading Buddies. Alongside this, a number of targeted support and mentoring opportunities have helped students build resilience, manage exam pressures and continue to thrive.

Our focus now turns firmly to the public examination season, which is now well underway. I would like to congratulate our exam year groups on the excellent way they have begun their GCSE and A Level examinations: with calmness, maturity and real determination. They have approached this important period with seriousness and resilience, and I know that the support provided by staff, both in lessons and through additional sessions, has helped them start strongly. We remain, as always, guided by our motto: Together We Achieve.

While this is a particularly important time for students in Years 11 and 13, I would also like to commend every year group for their continued effort, focus and positive contribution to school life. There is much still to look forward to this term, and it is important that all students continue to work hard,

attend well and make the most of every opportunity available to them.

We are also pleased to see continued

progress around the school site, with improvement works helping to enhance the environment in which our students learn each day. These developments matter because they reflect our wider commitment to providing the very best conditions for teaching, learning and school life.

Alongside these major events and milestones, the day-to-day life of the school continues to thrive. Classrooms remain purposeful and focused, with students engaging thoughtfully in lessons, completing regular assessments and building the habits that underpin long-term success. Across all year groups, we are seeing positive attitudes to learning, strong attendance and a willingness to contribute to the wider life of the school. These steady, consistent efforts are what sustain a strong community and enable young people to grow in confidence, knowledge and character. They speak to the kind of ambitious, inclusive and high-achieving school we are proud to be – and to the future we are continuing to build together.

Mr Walters, Headteacher



SPANISH PLAY

Year 9 students of Spanish were recently treated to an exciting performance by Onatti Productions,

who brought their Spanish-language play: "Un ensayo desastroso" to life.



The interactive performance gave Year 9 students a unique opportunity to take part, with several students stepping into acting roles and performing confidently in Spanish.

Their enthusiasm and willingness to participate helped create a lively and immersive experience for all involved. The play was a great success, showcasing not only students' developing language skills but also their excellent behaviour and engagement, making them a real credit to the school throughout the event.



THE BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE

Fifteen Year 9 students attended a French study day at the BFI Southbank on 11th June.

The event deepened their understanding of French language and culture through film-based activities and discussions, conducted largely in French. Students built confidence in listening and speaking while exploring cultural themes. They represented the school exceptionally well, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and engagement throughout. The visit enriched learning beyond the classroom and encouraged further interest in French. We thank Ms Ursu and Ms Tamber for organising and supporting the trip.



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LEARNING FROM OUR PARTNER SCHOOL

We were delighted to welcome pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5 from Woodlands Primary in Ealing at the start of term.

Woodlands Primary is part of our Trust and we work together to improve the outcomes for all of our students.

Here's what the teachers of Woodlands had to say about their day here: "What an energetic start to the term it has been! Our Year 3,4,5 pupils experienced a range of exciting subjects including Art, Dance, Geography, History, French, Drama, PE and Science. From choreography to acting and fieldwork, pupils had a chance to develop their skills and get an insight into high school life as well

as think about their futures. Thank you to the staff and students at FHS for the warm welcome and for giving us a day to remember. This was a great example of working in partnership with the Multi Academy Trust."

At FHS we were delighted to learn from the younger pupils and their teachers. This will help us when we welcome our new Year 7s in September.

YEAR 3



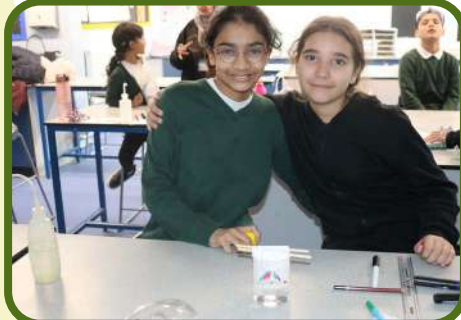
Woodlands Academy 



YEAR 4



YEARS 5



FHS LIBRARY NEWS



AUTHOR VISIT

Author Sue Divin Featherstone visited 80AK as part of a tour of schools and bookshops to promote her brand new book.



took part in a Q & A and discussion afterwards.

DISPLAYS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Recent Book Displays in the Library have celebrated special events and highlighted books on a wide range of topics and genres including Pride, History Wider Reading in Fact and Fiction, and the Football World Cup.



PUPIL LIBRARIANS

The Library staff have recently recruited 7 pupil librarians from Year 7.

These students have received their training and will assist with issuing & returning books, helping other students and tidying & shelving the books. Well done to Aliza, Alketa, Anaya, Diya Priyesh, Durgesh, Maryam and Zeeshan.



OVERDUE BOOKS

A reminder that books are borrowed for 2 weeks and then should be returned or renewed. The Library is open throughout the school day, and before and after school, so there is plenty of opportunity to do this. Thank you to parents and carers for helping students to hunt for missing books. Please contact the Library if you have any questions.



Remember that all books should be returned before the end of term but the ePlatform is still available through the summer with lots of ebooks and audio books to read.

YEAR 12 TECH SCHOOL TEAM

On May 1st our Year 12 Tech School team came second in a national competition, creating a start up to tackle key medical issues and winning pitches and prototypes of wearable tech to tackle allergic reactions, heart attacks and endometriosis.

The students pitched to real industry investors at the Monday.Com London headquarters and designed apps and an AI agent for their start up, as well as



delivering a conversational pitch and

managing the marketing aspects by designing a fashion show.

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DESIGNING OUR NEW MURAL

We had a very creative morning with two workshops led by Manu from House of AEIOU in preparation for artist Pablo Thomas designing and painting a new mural in our playground.

You may already recognise Pablo's work from the striking mural on the bridge on Norwood Road in Southall. Our students explored themes of identity, free time, and our school values as they began creating characters to represent our students and school life.

Listening to music from local bands and full of imagination, the children got their creative hats on and produced some fantastic ideas.

We can't wait to see how Pablo uses their ideas to bring the mural to life. Watch this space!



GARDEN UPGRADES

Move over, Chelsea Flower Show – we've got a beautiful garden of our own!

Thanks to funding from the Department for Education, administered through the National Education Nature Park grant by the RHS, we have recently upgraded our pond area, adding a new path and sleepers to sit on and purchased new equipment, including pond-dipping kits, wellies, seeds and overalls.

These resources are helping our pupils explore, learn and connect with nature right here at school.



ATTENDANCE



We are delighted that Featherstone has once again been recognised as one of the top 10% of schools nationally for attendance.

This achievement reflects the commitment of our students, families and staff. Special thanks go to Satpal and Parveen, as well as all of the staff who work tirelessly to maintain these high standards.

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MEDICAL WORKSHOP

Students took part in an 'It's Not Just Doctors and Nurses' workshop, which explored the many different career paths within healthcare through the journey of a young man who had broken his leg.

During the session, students learned about a wide range of NHS roles and discovered careers they had not previously heard of, with phlebotomist, pathologist and podiatrist proving particularly popular. They also worked in groups to take part in practical, hands-on activities using healthcare equipment, including checking blood pressure and oxygen levels, taking X-rays and carrying out physiotherapy



exercises. The workshop provided an engaging insight into the diverse careers available within the healthcare sector.



UK MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all our talented Year 7 and Year 8 students who dedicated their time and effort to participate in the Junior UKMT Maths Challenge!

Your passion for mathematics is truly commendable, and your participation showcases your individual mathematical talent.

We are incredibly proud of your achievements and the dedication you've shown towards enhancing your mathematical skills.



CRICKET SCORE

Scores:

Drayton Manor 50-3

Featherstone 51-3 Won (10pts) 13

Team sheet:

Jaspreet Bajaj (Captain)

Yousaf Khan

Hritish Rehan

Arshdeep Singh

Adil Khan

Shaan Asghar

Anshdeep Singh

Aayush Chandok

Jasmeet Singh

Mayank Kumar (Vice Captain)

Mohammad Hannan

Highlights: Mayank and Arshdeep scored the most runs for FHS



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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COMMUNITY ACTION DAY

WESTERN ROAD URBAN GARDEN

SATURDAY, 20 JUNE 2026

**Join us for planting and clearing up of our
Urban Garden**

Time: 10:00 am – 1.00 pm

Location: Western Road Urban Garden, Entrance
Next to 217 Western Rd, Southall UB2 5HR

Children are more than welcome to join!

Food and refreshments provided at Western Road Urban Garden

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