



## CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



**W**e marked the Coronation of King Charles III at Featherstone High.

The Hall was filled with bunting and flags and the canteen served a British menu of coronation quiche, fish & chips, Victoria sponge and scones with cream and jam.



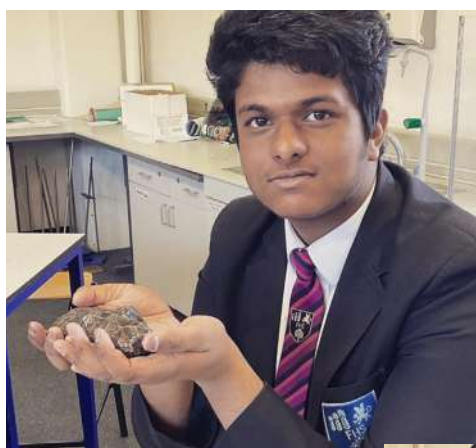
## TOUCH THE MOON!

**P**upils and staff were given the unique opportunity to touch a piece of rock not of this Earth when they were allowed to handle some genuine meteorites and moon rocks.

These rare samples were loaned free of charge by the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), which provides educational packs to inspire young people to get involved in science beyond their classroom studies.

The pack provided by STFC includes a 1.2 billion-year-old piece of Mars rock and a 4.3 billion-year-old nickel meteorite.

The lunar samples were collected in the late 1960s and early 1970s during some of NASA's first manned space missions to the Moon.



It is unlikely that students will ever get the chance to hold an object older than this as Earth itself was formed 4.6 billion years ago.



## WORKING WITH OXFORD UNIVERSITY

**T**he Inspire Programme is run in conjunction with St John's College.

The students pictures have been selected for a three day Summer School with exciting STEM, Arts and Humanities sessions, lectures, social events and a formal dinner. Huge congratulations to the students (Amrita,

Srijay and Tarandeep) for being chosen to be part of this.

We also want to congratulate Malika and Shaili in Year 11 who won an online workshop & competition organised by Oxford University. They have shown great dedication participating in extra curricular activities, even during the exam session. Well done to them both.



# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

## EXAM YEARS AND PARENT/CARER EVENINGS

**D**The exam years students have been continuing with their exams this week and they are doing really well. It has been impressive to see them turning up on time and using the last minutes before going into the exam hall to consult notes and look back over revision cards. There is a real team atmosphere too and it is good to see them working together and being supportive of each other.



Exams will bring out a range of emotions in students and that is perfectly normal. Some students will feel nervous at the prospect whilst others will be excited to put their learning to test. I know

that parents and families will be seeing some of this so well done for keeping the students going. If we can be of any assistance do let us know. This applies for all students across the school too.

The most important things with the exam period is to keep going and that is true for everyone in the school in all their endeavours too. A good start is crucial of course but everyone must carry their best effort through to the end.

Half term will bring a necessary break to the exam years and a chance to double their efforts, recover their strength and be ready for the last few weeks. Again, this is true for all students across the school. Of course, it important to take some time to rest but a well planned half term can reap rewards after the break.

It has been a very good half term packed, as ever, with a vast number

of learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Visitors to the school continue to be impressed by the attitudes of our students and the commitment of our staff.

In the first week after half term, we have the Year 7 Parents and Carers Evening. We are having this in person and it will be such a good opportunity to meet the parents and carers. We look forward to our first full face-to-face evening for one of our large lower school year groups since the pandemic.

I hope everyone is able to use half term holiday well and comes back ready for the last weeks of the school year. Just like the exam years, we have started well and now we must ensure we finish well. To our students; have a good week, stay safe, be grateful and most of all, be kind.

**Mr Walters, Headteacher**

## EX-STUDENT WINS EDUCATION AWARD

**O**ur very own ex-FHS student, Jasmine Dotiwala (highly accomplished broadcaster, producer, director and columnist at brands like Netflix, Media Trust, Channel 4 and MTV), has received the "Award for a Businesswoman with a Significant Contribution to Education" from the Trustees of the Worshipful Company of Educators.

She said of her days at FHS: "It was a dynamic, multicultural environment that immersed me into an international vision from an early age as there were pupils from so many different cultural backgrounds...I was always on

stage during assemblies dancing and speaking via Drama and PE lessons. I hope my job, journey and visibility will encourage and motivate current and future Featherstone pupils".

This is the Featherstone that we still see everyday. Thank you Jasmine for sharing your success with us.



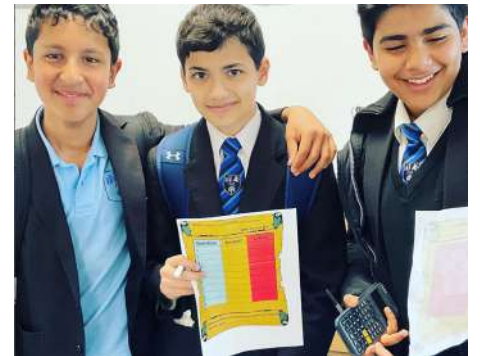
## BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

**T**hank you to the Southall Community Alliance and Vodaphone for providing 460 SIM cards with 6 months of data for students on Free School Meals.

Chair, Mr Bains met with our headteacher, Mr Walters to drop off the cards. These SIMs will help students access their work online at home.



## NUMERACY DAY



**T**hank you to the Maths Department for organising lots of fun activities, quizzes, games and a popular treasure hunt.

The Maths Department raised £126.44 for MacMillan Cancer Research. Joint winners of "guess the number of sweets in a jar" were Joel Lobo and Nawaz Mohamed who both guessed the same number so shared the sweets. Winners of the Treasure Hunt were

1st Place: Manpreet Kapoor (£20 voucher)

2nd Place: Nyah Gill (£15 voucher)





# FHS LIBRARY NEWS

## KARL NOVA VISIT

**A**ward-winning Rap Poet and Author Karl Nova paid a return visit to Featherstone recently.

He talked about his life and influences and performed some of his poems for excited students in Year 8 and 9.



## READING FOR INFORMATION

**T**here is a focus on Non-Fiction books and Reading for Information in the Library this term with displays highlighting books to support students with their studies, and also general interest books about hobbies and topics such as sport, space travel, crafts, and the environment.

In library lessons students learned about the research skills needed to find useful information in books and online.

## ePLATFORM

**D**on't forget that the FHS ePlatform Library has lots of ebooks to read and audio books to listen to wherever and whenever you want on a range of devices.



Log-in through the FHS portal or download the ePlatform app.

## YA READ CHALLENGE

**S**tudents in KS4 have been challenged to read and review 4 books from the YA (Young Adult) collection.

They can win rewards, and everyone who takes part will be entered into a prize draw at the end of term. Their reviews and recommendations will be shared to encourage other students to get reading.

Follow us on Instagram: [@featherstonelibrary](https://www.instagram.com/featherstonelibrary)

## READATHON

**C**elebrating a love for reading has always been important at Featherstone High and it's lovely to be recognised for this.

Thank you to the Chief Executive at Read for Good for acknowledging our commitment to Readathons at school. We have completed 14 since its inception, raising nearly £6,850 for charity! Long may our love for reading continue!

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

**T**his was marked in both school libraries with displays of resources from the Wellbeing Collection which includes books on confidence & self-esteem, anxiety, stress & worry, and other teen life issues.

They contain information and advice and useful self-help tips and techniques. Reading these books can change your life! Students could also relax with some mindfulness colouring.



## CORONATION

**T**he Coronation of King Charles was celebrated in the Library with a display of books about Kings and Queens, quizzes, colouring, and a writing competition.

Students wrote about what they would do if they were "King or Queen for the Day". The Winner was Anikate, with Hamilton and Suvethiga as runners-up.



## CHESS ON FRIDAYS



**S**tudents enjoy playing chess in the Main Library on Fridays at lunchtime and after school.

# TEA WITH THE HEAD

**O**n the afternoon of Friday 19th May nine wonderful year 9 pupils were invited for Afternoon Tea with Mr Walters.



Luvjeet, Rayjolina, Abshiro, Josval, Primit, Tarandeep, Alissa, Ishmeet and Srijay were chosen out of 283 pupils, recommended by their form tutors and Head of Year. They demonstrate our

key values every day in school and in the wider community.

Thank you for being wonderful year 9 pupils.

# PROJECT GUARDIAN

**R**epresentatives from The Metropolitan Police and TFL's "Project Guardian" visited recently to lead a workshop with Year 9 students.

They covered how to stay safe when using public transport, and what to do if you witness harassment or crime. The visitors were very impressed with our students; they said "Your students were wonderfully respectful, which is always lovely to see."

# YOUNG ENTERPRISE

**C**ongratulations to our Year 12 Young Enterprise Team 'Bloom' who won the Marketing Award at the West & Central London Finals held at Euro Clear Financial Services Head Quarters in Central London.

This team has worked so hard and deserve plenty of praise for their success. Well done



# MASTERCLASS

**O**ur school was invited to send a group of year 9 students to a series of weekend Computer Science masterclasses.

Mitzi, Amrita and Simranjit got up early on a Saturday morning and travelled under their own steam to Brunel University.

What an experience they had! Building Lego robots for one on one battles, programming robotic hamsters to follow a trail and programming a small Microbit computer to flash lights.

Apart from the practical side they had lectures from experts, one from a rail signalling company who talked to them about the importance of testing critical systems, another about mathematical probability calculations and the bias that can occur. The lounging around on bean bags in a space dome sounded fun but I'm sure it wasn't just for the rest! A NASA representative spoke to them about the design of one of the Mars explorer robots and the features it needed to incorporate. – Maybe this experience might inspire them to take on such a challenge themselves – who knows?

# COACHING EXPERT

**W**e welcomed mentoring and coaching expert, Steve Sallis, who met with 6th formers & Year 11s in small groups and presented to our whole sixth form cohort.

Former teacher turned mentor, Steve has worked with top athletes, Premier League footballers and top coaches and

managers to improve their mindset and performance. He helped students ask themselves "Will my 'future self' thank me for the decisions I make today?" He examined the difference between "wanting to achieve" and being told "you should achieve". A refreshing style which gave staff and students plenty to think about. Thank you Steve!



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# YEAR 9 SPORTS LEADERS

At the beginning of May, our Year 9 Sports Leaders went to Harrow Leisure Centre to lead the yr3/4 Primary School Athletics finals.

They were in charge of the javelin, speed bounce and medicine ball finals in the morning and then they were the judges for the relay races. They showed excellent organisation and motivation all day.



## FHS POETRY CORNER

Two students have written powerful poems considering mental health and wellbeing. Well done to both.

*Life is really wonderful,  
Sometimes ☀️ sunshine and some  
times 🌧️ rain,  
Then everything will be fine,  
There may be some thorns there in  
the way,  
But there will always be some  
pretty 🌸 flowers,  
There will be at least smiling huts,  
So why do you need to bother about those frowning towers?  
So don't be afraid of the darkness,  
Life is a very very beautiful story,  
Memories are the pages to turn,  
Lovely 🎵 songs can be heard,  
When sweet memories pass over,  
It becomes lovely,  
Filled with love, care and happiness,  
Bloomed with each and every flower,  
Rain pours and cries for happiness,  
Life can't be cheated,  
But love can be cheated.  
Life is a paradise.*

**By Eragavi**

### PAIN IS PERSISTENT by Yasmin

Wherever I go, wherever I land,  
Something troubling is always at hand.  
No matter the day, no matter the hour,  
all of this pain consistently towers.  
I often empathise with wilting flowers.

When spring has passed, and it often showers.  
They fall like floods - everything's devoured.  
The sky is blanketed with clouds that are grey -  
They appear in a threatening sinister way.  
Some insults can really poison your day.

The howls of people reverberate in my mind.  
Poor mental health can lead you to fall behind.  
A gentle soul, we often need to find.  
To handle so much pain, some of us were not designed.

Flowers prefer to bloom in the sun.  
Sometimes when you're upset you need to find someone -  
a teacher, a friend, or even your mum.  
Then you can smile and have some fun,  
For your pain is finally done.

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# TERM DATES FOR PARENTS

Half Term: Monday 29th  
May to Friday 2nd June  
2023

End of term: Friday 21st  
July 2023

Summer Holiday: Monday  
23rd July to Friday 1st  
September 2023

# OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

As the end of the academic year approaches it is time to return any overdue library books.

Reminders have been sent to students and families. Please look for these books and ensure that they are returned to the Library as soon as possible.

If there are any problems, you should contact the librarians during school hours.



# PARENTS: INTRODUCING CLASS CHARTS



We are now using Class Charts to communicate with all of our parents and carers.

You will be able to use Class Charts to keep track of your child's behaviour, view attendance records, access their weekly timetable, view assigned homework tasks and view announcements from the school.

Detentions will not be visible on Class Charts at present; however this will be added later in the year.

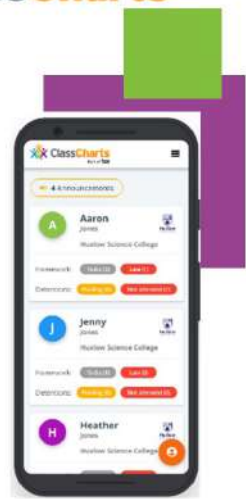
If you have more than one child, you can access Class Charts information about your children from a single, centralised parent account.

Class Charts for parents can be accessed via our website, or through iOS and Android apps.

You will receive a parent code from Class Charts which will look like the example code shown on the left. This code is used to set up your Class Charts parent account. [Please refer to this guide](#) for parents for further help on how to set up your account and use the app.

**ABC123**

Your child will be able to access Class Charts via a student app. This information will be shared with students in school.



## PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP



# CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING

Every child has the right to grow up in a caring and safe environment. However, some children live in families that are having a difficult time and cannot cope with their problems, whilst others are deliberately hurt or neglected by adults around them. The council's children and families department has a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare and safety of children in need in the borough. They aim to work with families where possible in order to do this.

## KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE & BEYOND

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when they are, if we don't know what's happening in their lives or on their devices!

Who are they talking to? What are they doing? Are they okay? Don't despair though... click the website to the right, scroll through this page for help or click a button to go straight to a particular topic for information and advice.

[www.parentsafe.lgfl.net](http://www.parentsafe.lgfl.net)

## Safeguarding & Child Protection

PARENTS

### Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility at Featherstone High School

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Noel, Senior Assistant Headteacher. The DSL has a legal responsibility to deal with safeguarding and child protection matters related to all students, providing advice and support to staff, liaising with the Local Authority, and working with a range of other agencies. There are seven Deputy DSLs who support Mr Noel to carry out these responsibilities. If we have concerns regarding the welfare of your child we will contact you. In some cases we will contact children social services and/or the police directly if we feel that your child is at risk of harm.

The overarching objective of our safeguarding strategy is to prevent children from being harmed or, where harm does occur, to protect the child from further harm.

A copy of the schools Safeguarding policy is available for you read in the schools reception or on our website.

Please go to these websites for more information on how to keep your child safe and how to report any concerns during the holidays.

[Child Protection & Safeguarding: Ealing Council](#)

[Ealing Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)



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If Mr Noel is not available, you can speak to one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:



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For more information on Safeguarding and Child Protection & how to keep yourself safe please go to [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)



# Are you feeling down? Are you worried or stressed?

## A wellbeing adviser can make a plan with you.

**Sign-up to chat to an adviser.** Tell them how you feel, and you can find help together. Then you can catch-up and see how things are going.

**Your adviser is flexible. They can:**

- Chat by phone, video call, or face to face.
- Offer different check-in times.
- Find different types of support.



# You can see a wellbeing adviser if you're aged 11-24.

They're not a counsellor.  
But they'll be there for you  
and help work things out

## Bringing other people

If you want, you can bring a parent or trusted adult to your first chat. Just show them this leaflet if they want to know more. For help talking to family and friends about how you feel, visit [mind.org.uk/talk-to-friends-and-family](https://www.mind.org.uk/talk-to-friends-and-family)

## Confidentiality

Everything you say is confidential. Your adviser will only share what you tell them if you or someone else is at risk.



## Sign-up

Sign-up or find out more at [mind.org.uk/wellbeing-advisers](https://www.mind.org.uk/wellbeing-advisers) or call **0208 571 7454**

