



# Fountains High School

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## School Newsletter - December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Fountains High School has been a busy and exciting place over this last half term. Teaching and learning conferences throughout all of the departments have demonstrated just how much progress our students are making. The lessons are motivating and inspiring, and students are all actively engaged. The school provides an exciting curriculum and vocational offer that meets the individual needs of our young people.

Students have participated in many opportunities for enrichment including a visit to the Skills Show, the Mayor's Christmas concert for the signing choir students and the grand opening of the new Coffee Bean Café.

I am retiring at the end of this term and would like to thank you all for your tremendous support and commitment to our school. I have had a very enjoyable career at Fountains and will miss it dearly. Mr Gareth Allen will be taking over the Head of School role until the end of the school year. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year!.

Jackie Percy - Head of School

### Mobile Phones

Please remember we do not allow the use of mobile phones within the school. All students must hand in their phone at the start of the day. Please do not use mobiles to take photos of students in school.

### Dinner Money

This should come to school in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and form group. Dinner's cost £2.45 (£12.25 per week).

### Medication

In line with our medication policy all medication sent into school for pupils must have a dispensing label on it from the pharmacist. It must be handed in to taxi escorts or directly to school staff.

### Contact Details

Please remember to keep your contact details up to date. This is essential to enable us to contact you in an emergency and for you to receive texts from school. Please inform the office of any changes.

### Transport

It is the parent/carer responsibility to arrange transport to and from school. When dropping students off at school please keep to the footpaths.

### Donations

Many thanks for your donations for the Poppy Appeal. We raised £59.56.

### Attendance

The school attendance figure for 2018/19 was 92.47%. This is below our target of 95%.

So far this year we are currently:

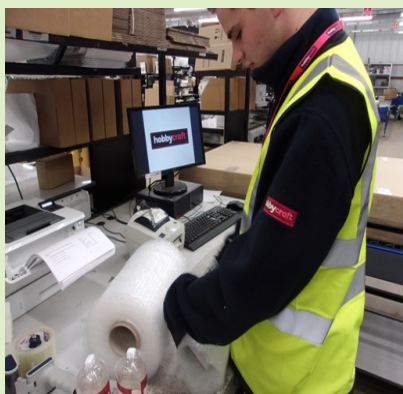
Year 7	91.13%	Year 11	95.39%
Year 8	91.77%	Year 12	86.97%
Year 9	91.93%	Year 13	95.55%
Year 10	89.07%	Year 14	94.37%

### Holidays / absences

Due to government guidelines all schools have been requested not to authorise holidays during school term time. In exceptional circumstances they may still be authorised by the Executive Head Teacher.

## Hobbycraft Supported Internship Programme

The Hobbycraft Interns are working hard to fulfil customer orders at this busy time of the year. Not only is it the run up to Christmas but we also have the Black Friday deals which means a boost in the online sales and provides us with lots of orders to pack. Both Interns have rose to the challenge during this busy period and have been able to work well with their colleagues in the Ecomm team.



## KS5 / Enterprise Projects

The grand opening of the Coffee Bean was held on Tuesday 19th November and attended by the Mayor of Burton. Our wonderful teams have worked exceptionally hard and continued to delight both old and new customers.

The Potting Shed teams have been very busy completing 3 units of their Winter Horticulture Award. We are approaching our busiest time of year and now taking last orders for winter hanging baskets.

We also sold a selection of our products at the Tutbury Christmas Market on Sunday 8th December.

## Clubs

Please return your club requests with the money in advance. The clubs available in the new year are:

Monday	Table Tennis	3.10pm-4.10pm	£12.50
Tuesday	Able Too	3.10pm-4.10pm	£10.00
Wednesday	Dance	3.10pm-4.10pm	£15.00
Thursday	Signing Choir	3.10pm-4.00pm	£10.00

## Friends of Fountains

The next meeting for the Friends of Fountains is on

**Tuesday 14th January 2020**

at the Primary School.

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th December—Drop in for parents BSD College ( 10-2pm )

Thursday 12th December - Mince Pie Meeting for parents (1.15-2.30pm )

Friday 13th December— Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation to Save the Children

Monday 16th December - Christmas Disco (1.15pm )

Monday 16th December—Christmas Celebration Day (Post 16 students)

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch 11.30am

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Carol Concert 10am KS3 and ELP

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Carol Concert 1.30pm KS4 and Post 16

Friday 20th December - Christmas Jumpers can be worn in school.

## Mince Pie Meet and Greet

Sarah Gilbert will be hosting a Mince Pie meeting for parents on Thursday 12th December from 1.15-2.30pm. All are welcome.

## Developing Football and Coaching Skills

14 candidates successfully passed the Sports Leadership Level 1 Course. We are very proud of their Achievements. Thankyou to Burton Albion Community Trust for their support.