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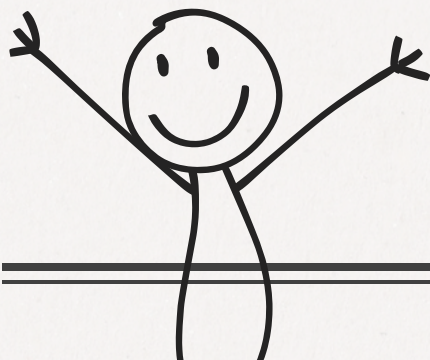
Attendance Spotlight

CHRIS MULVENNEY
ENGAGEMENT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICER

We are delighted to celebrate some fantastic attendance achievements this academic year!

- * 28 students have achieved an outstanding 99% attendance or above.
- * 133 students have had no unauthorised absences at all this year.
- * Whole-school attendance stands at 90.4%.

A special mention goes to K3 and K5, who are leading the way and aiming to finish at the top of the attendance leaderboard by the end of the year! Thank you to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support in ensuring students attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity.



EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER UPDATE

GARETH ALLEN

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank our students, families, governors, and staff for their continued support and commitment to Fountains High School.

This term has been full of opportunities for students to learn, grow, and celebrate success through educational visits, enrichment activities, sporting events, creative projects, community partnerships, and preparation for adulthood experiences. We are incredibly proud of how our students continue to demonstrate our values of Kind Hearts, Wise Minds and Brave Souls.

It has also been wonderful to welcome families, partners, and visitors into school. These strong community links help enrich our students' experiences and support them in preparing for successful futures.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated staff team for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

To those students moving on to their next stage, we wish you every success. For everyone returning in September, we look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Thank you for being part of the Fountains community. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved summer break, and we look forward to welcoming students back in September.



KEY STAGE 3

KS3 students have enjoyed a busy and exciting term, taking part in a range of activities both in and out of school.

Highlights included a summer cookout with hotdogs, ice cream, and outdoor games, a trip to the cinema to watch Toy Story 5, and activities during Mental Health Awareness Week that promoted kindness and wellbeing.

Students also brought their history learning to life with a visit to Eyam to learn about the famous plague outbreak. The visit brought their classroom learning to life.

We are incredibly proud of all our KS3 Nexus and Mosaic students for their enthusiasm, resilience, and achievements throughout the year. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.



KEY STAGE 4

KS4 students have enjoyed a busy and successful term, taking part in a range of exciting experiences. Highlights included a visit to Vitalise Equestrian Centre to learn horse care skills for our KS4 Mosaic classes, a trip to Cadbury World for enterprise, and a fun-filled seaside visit.

At the start of Summer Term, students from across KS4 enjoyed an exciting residential visit to Standon Bowers, where they took part in a range of outdoor adventure activities. The visit provided opportunities to develop teamwork, resilience, independence, and confidence, while creating lasting memories and having great fun with friends.

Year 11 students also completed work experience placements, receiving excellent feedback for their enthusiasm, commitment, and positive attitudes. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this year and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.



POTTING SHED

Students from the Potting Shed have made a wonderful contribution to both the school and local community this term. Highlights included planting along the Branston Pickle Trail, creating hanging baskets for Brewery Street Shopping Centre, and decorating school planters to celebrate the football season.

These projects have helped students develop their horticultural skills, teamwork, and pride in making a positive difference to their community.



COFFEE BEAN

The Coffee Bean Café has enjoyed another successful year, with learners continuing to develop their independence, practical skills, and confidence when serving customers.

Through a range of special events and café activities, students have had valuable opportunities to apply their skills in real-life situations, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, dedication, and professionalism.

The Coffee Bean Café is located at Stretton Bowls Club, Bitham Lane. The café is open Tuesday - Thursday during term time.





SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council and student committees have made a fantastic contribution to school life this year. Highlights included a visit to Parliament, promoting online safety, helping with staff interviews, and sharing ideas with senior leaders.

Thanks to their efforts, new breaktime resources and lunchtime clubs were introduced, helping to make a positive difference across the school. We look forward to more student leadership opportunities next year.



SUSTAINABILITY

As part of their Industrial Cadets Bronze Project, students explored ways to reduce paper waste at Fountains High School. They discovered how paper is reused in classrooms before being recycled, while shredded confidential paper is repurposed as bedding for our school pets.

The project highlighted simple but effective ways to support sustainability and reduce waste across the school. The students' hard work, creativity, and commitment to environmental responsibility were recognised when they were named winners of the Industrial Cadets Project of the Year Award!

KALEIDOSCOPE

Kaleidoscope students have enjoyed a fantastic term, with highlights including their first-ever residential trip to Lea Green, made possible through the support of parents and the PTA. Students took part in a range of accessible outdoor activities, building confidence, independence, and memorable friendships.

Students also joined Mosaic for the first Fountainsbury Festival, enjoying live music, face painting, birds of prey, an ice cream van, and lots of fun activities.

In addition, our Post-16 students have been visiting Scropton Riding for the Disabled, where they have developed their horse care skills through grooming and mucking out.

We are incredibly proud of all our Kaleidoscope students and thank our families and the PTA for helping make these experiences possible.



POST 16

Post-16 students have enjoyed a successful year filled with achievements and exciting opportunities. Highlights included a sailing trip aboard the Queen Galadriel, where students developed teamwork, confidence, and independence while enjoying a unique experience on the water.

Our Year 14 students also completed their placements at Hobbycraft Distribution Centre, developing valuable workplace skills, confidence, and independence. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish our Year 14 students the very best of luck as they move on to the next stage of their journey.

We were also delighted to raise £1,167 through our Charity Curry Night Fundraiser towards the Post-16 Paris Trip. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, particularly Apne Burton for hosting the evening. As another fantastic year comes to a close, we are extremely proud of our Post-16 students and wish everyone a safe, happy, and relaxing summer break.



WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS!

It has been a fantastic year of celebrations and achievements across Fountains High School!

Our Holocaust Ambassadors proudly represented the school at the Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassador Conference in London, where they explored the theme "Upstanders, Not Bystanders" and returned inspired to promote kindness, inclusion, and respect.

Students showed great determination during the Sponsored Walk, travelling along the Jinnie Trail to Rolleston and back, with a picnic on the village green. Thank you to Rolleston Club for their support with refreshments and facilities.

We also enjoyed a brilliant Sports Day at Shobnall Leisure Complex, where students demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship while taking part in a range of events.

We also enjoyed an amazing Fountains Got Talent event, with students showcasing their talents through singing, jokes, performances, and fascinating facts. It was a wonderful celebration of confidence and creativity.

A huge congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh Award participants, including Mason, who was recognised at Buckingham Palace for achieving his Gold Award, and our Kaleidoscope students who successfully completed their Bronze Award.

The year concluded with a fantastic End of Year Prom, where students celebrated their achievements, enjoyed entertainment, awards, and danced the night away with friends. It was the perfect way to end another memorable year at Fountains High School.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th September - Inset Days (School Closed)

Monday 7th September - Return to School

Friday 18th September - Jeans for Genes

Tuesday 29th September - Post-16 New Parent's Evening

Friday 2nd October - Macmillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 14th October - Read with your Child Event

Wednesday 14th October - Progress Evening

Thursday 15th October - Post-16 Social

Friday 16th October - Children in Need fundraiser

Friday 23rd October - Children in Need '25 Challenge'

Friday 23rd October - Post-16 Parliament Visit

Friday 23rd October - Break up for Half Term

Monday 2nd November - Inset Day (School Closed)

Tuesday 3rd November - Students Return



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REMINDERS

NEW SCHOOL MENU

School dinners are available daily and cost £2.70.

Our new September menu is now available to view here [Fountains High School Meals](#)

You may also be eligible for Free School Meals. Please check using the Staffordshire online checker: [Staffordshire Free School Meals](#)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we look ahead to September, please take a moment over the summer holidays to check that your child's school uniform still fits and meets our uniform expectations. A uniform helps promote pride in our school and supports a positive learning environment for everyone. Please view our website for more information and supplier information [Fountains High School Uniform](#)

ALLERGIES

As we prepare for the new school year, please let us know of any changes to your child's allergies, medication or medical needs. Keeping this information up to date helps us keep all children safe and well supported at school.

If anything has changed, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



ONLINE SAFETY

Children often spend more time online during the summer holidays. Taking an interest in their online activity can help keep them safe.

Top tips for parents:

- Check privacy settings on apps and social media.
- Encourage children to only connect with people they know.
- Remind them not to share personal information online.
- Talk regularly about their online experiences.
- Encourage them to tell a trusted adult if something worries them.

Useful links for parents

[UK Safer Internet - Parents and Carers](#)
[NSPCC Online Safety - Keeping Child Safe Online](#)
[Internet Matters - Information, Advice and Support](#)

SUPPORT FROM THE FASST TEAM

The Family and Student Support Team (FASST) offers support to children, young people and families with areas such as attendance, emotional wellbeing, parenting support and accessing wider services. If you feel your family would benefit from additional support contact the FASST Team directly by visiting the FASST Team website [FASST Team](#)



SUMMER SAFETY

We hope everyone has a happy and safe summer. Please take care around water, in the sun, when travelling, and when using barbecues. Help prevent household accidents by keeping medicines and hazardous items out of reach, and remember to stay safe online by checking privacy settings and talking regularly about internet use.

A few simple precautions can help everyone enjoy a safe and enjoyable summer break. Take a look at the Summer Safety newsletter for more information [Summer Safety Newsletter](#)



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