



**Our Overview newsletters contain the key information you'll need each term.**

Briefing on curriculum content, extra-curricular opportunities, current school messages and more, parents and carers can use this outline to support students and help them succeed at school.

## Learning

For a full breakdown of subject curriculum content, please visit our [Curriculum Maps](#) webpage.

**ENGLISH:** *Character Poetry* – Students will study a range of poetry based on characters. They will explore poetic method through analysis and through their own poetry writing, ultimately producing an analysis of a single poem.

**MATHS:** We continue work on Number topics, looking at Place Value, Ordering, and Rounding. This set of skills is also useful in Science, when processing results of experiments. Classes will then begin their first Algebra unit.

**SCIENCE:** Students will be completing a Chemistry topic on the particle model and changes of state. They will also complete a Biology topic on organisms, looking at cell biology and the skeleton.

**ART:** Students will explore a range of skills influenced by myths, monsters, legends and stories of cultures from across the globe and timeline. From the Minotaur to the Gruffalo, students will use drawing and collage to develop ideas and invent their own creatures, working towards creating a clay version in Ceramics next term.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE:** Students will take part in the national Bebras Competition. Students will learn to program with code blocks using Scratch and create a simple computer game. Students will also learn the basic concepts of programming: Sequence, Selection, and Iteration.

**DRAMA:** Students will be working with the text *Romeo and Juliet*, and they will explore different ways to receive and deliver bad news to someone in a dramatic scenario.

**FRENCH:** *Toys and bears* – A journey through childhood via tales and toys. Students will study adjectives, “there is” and “there are”, and possessive adjective, and gain cultural knowledge of toys and tales from around the world.

**GEOGRAPHY:** *Exploring the UK* – Students investigate the physical and human geography of the UK as a whole.

**HISTORY:** *Who should be king in 1066?* – Students begin by looking at Anglo-Saxon England and the problems it faced in 1066. We then look at the Norman invasion and the impact this had on England.

**MANDARIN:** Students will learn about some Chinese festivals, and learn how to talk about birthdays, months of the year, days of the week, and yesterday, today and tomorrow.

**MUSIC:** *Rhythm and Pulse* – Pupils will be learning how to read and write from Western Classical musical notation.

**PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS:** *What are key Jewish beliefs?* An investigation into key aspects of Jewish belief including the nature of God, worship, holy books and texts, holy places, life after death, and festivals.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Students continue exploring Invasion Games: Netball, Football and Rugby. Some students will experience Dance with simple choreographed routines, allowing students to enjoy PE in a different way. For the final three weeks of term, we will follow a programme designed to develop students’ cardiovascular fitness with a progressive training programme culminating in an inter-house competition.

**PSHE:** *Celebrating Difference* – Students delve into the significance of prejudice, discrimination, and stereotypes. Emphasis is placed on the importance of understanding human rights, the impact of bullying, and the role of bystanders. The curriculum promotes empathy, inclusion, and challenges harmful biases.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Students follow a rotational system, all starting at different points. Key topics covered across year 7 are: a Christmas cracker project, making a drawstring bag, healthy eating and key knife skills for cooking.

## News

School website: [Home page](#)  
Facebook: [@fitzharrysschool](#)  
Instagram: [fitzharrys](#)  
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## Key Contacts

Heads of Year 7 & Transition:  
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## Queries

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# Aspiration

## APPROACH TO LEARNING REPORTS

Year 7 have had a brilliant start to the year with most students being graded as active or ambitious in their Approach to Learning, and Approach to Homework. This is a fantastic reflection of all the positivity and hard work taking place in classrooms. Congratulations, Year 7!

## SUPER CURRICULAR CHALLENGES

Our subject leaders have put together some ideas for extra challenges and enrichment opportunities that students could undertake, to sit alongside their studies this term: see our [Super-Curricular Challenges – Term 2 list](#).

## CAREERS FAIR

We are hosting a Careers Fair during the school day on Thursday 5th December, open to all students. A variety of employers and training providers from our local community will set up stalls in the hall; organisations already booked to attend include universities, colleges, and the NHS. Students will have the opportunity to informally speak to employers about their business and potential job roles, apprenticeships, and pathways into employment and training.

# Opportunity

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Our [extra-curricular offer](#) is online and is regularly updated. Why not try a new club or activity this term?

## SILENT DISCO

Year 7 are having a Silent Disco on the evening of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December (7-9pm). Tickets will cost £6; this price includes £1.50 for on-the-night purchases from refreshments stalls – no need to bring cash. More details to follow.

# Integrity

## CHILDREN IN NEED – NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November in aid of *Children in Need*. The school council has set the contribution at £1 per student participating, and donations will be collected via ParentMail accounts. Students may bring and wear an appropriate alternative PE kit for their PE lesson if they wish to do so. We are grateful for the support of parents and carers in reminding students that jewellery is not permissible for health and safety reasons.

## FOODBANK COLLECTION

In the lead up to Christmas, we will once again be collecting items for [Abingdon Foodbank](#) to support their aim to combat poverty and hunger, bringing emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. Donations need to be brought to form tutors by the start of December. Further details will be shared in assemblies and via ParentMail soon. The school will deliver donations to the foodbank before the end of term.

## FITZHARRYS COMMUNITY: CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We regret to announce there will be no Fitzharrys' Staff Panto this year, but there are already plans afoot for it to return in December 2025. We are looking forward to bringing the wider school community together for our annual [Carol Concert](#) at Trinity Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm. This is not a ticketed event; all are welcome to come along to join in the festivities on the night. More details will follow later this term.

## FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations are being offered to Year 7-11 students at school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. An email with full details including a [letter with a link to the online registration form](#) was sent out on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – please ensure this is completed ASAP if you would like your child to receive this vaccination at school.

## Key Dates

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7–9pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm start

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

*Children in Need* – Non-School Uniform Day

Y7-8 Girls' Trip to Wembley: Lionesses v USA (Signed-up students only)

Y7 Silent Disco

All Years – Careers Fair

Carol Concert – Trinity Church

Flu Vaccinations

End of Term 2 (school closes at 1.10pm)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Start of Term 3 (Week B)