



'LIFE CHANGING' SCHOLARSHIP TO HARVARD

Featherstone Sixth Former, **Gurdit Singh** incredibly also secured full scholarship offers from three other US Universities including Princeton!

A keen physics student, Former Deputy Head Boy, Gurdit, has been on an amazing journey over the past year with help from the Sutton Trust and his teachers at Featherstone High School.

The programme helps UK students apply to American universities and even features a funded week to the US to gain an insight into studying in the States. Gurdit said: "Over the past year I've been on the Sutton Trust US Programme and it has honestly been a life changing experience! I ended up applying to many US schools and got into Harvard, Princeton, Rice, and the Georgia Institute of Technology all with full scholarships. I've committed to Harvard and am so excited to go to the campus this autumn."

Reflecting on his years at Featherstone High, Gurdit concluded: "My school truly opened many doors and the multitude of opportunities that were provided to me over the 7 years were inspiring. I particularly would like to acknowledge Ms Samson who taught me physics for three years. She is such a role model and inspired me through every physics lesson we had. All my peers here were so supportive and I owe all my success to the brilliant teachers who have taught me and helped me over the years."



He is of course being very modest. Gurdit spent a lot of time pushing himself to enter competitions outside of school,

including winning the Imperial College London Science and Innovation Award. He was judged on problem identification, originality of solution, strength of



science, feasibility and communication, and he was awarded first place in the 16-19 age category. Gurdit added: "It was both inspiring and gratifying to have presented my project in front of many esteemed scientists and engineers at an incredible institution!"

He concluded, "I would highly encourage any current Year 12 student to apply to the programme if you think you'd like to study in America! It was a lot of work, but I'm so glad that my teachers encouraged me to go for it."

We wish Gurdit all the best with his exams and look forward to celebrating with him on results day in August.

ESSAY WINNERS

Three of our Year 10 students have earned recognition for their outstanding essays on Southall's recent history since the 1970s and its relevance today.

Awarded by the Southall Community Alliance at their Southall Resists event last half term, we want to congratulate Jess and Jeeva for their winning essays, and a special mention to Kriya for her highly commended work.



The Southall Resists Event showcased fantastic artwork from schools around the borough, including 20 canvases

and 4 silk paintings produced by students here at Featherstone.

Some of our Year 7 artists attended with hundreds of other students to see their work, learn more about their local history and mark the 45th anniversary of the death of Blair Peach.

ARTS FESTIVAL



Our award winning student band were invited to play at the Croydon Performing Arts Festival during half term.

Headteacher Mr Walters attended and commented on how professional their performance was. Well done to you all, you did Featherstone proud.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

SPORTING SUCCESS



In a few weeks the Paris Olympic games will begin. Undoubtedly, there will be a great display of sporting excellence on show and I think we can be confident that Paris will deliver a wonderful spectacle.

The Olympic movement uses symbols to represent the values of the Games. The Olympic rings are five intertwined rings and represent the five inhabited continents (North and South America are seen as one in this context.) Even the colours of the rings, blue, yellow, green, black and red were chosen as every nation has at least one of these colours in their flag.

Probably you can see already what the Games stand for: they stand for unity and the coming together of nations in a shared spirit of togetherness and mutual respect. I am sure that like me, you can see that our world now could do with a few more of these values. Let's hope that the Games represent the best of countries working together

and enjoying each other's company.

Of course, the Olympic Games will unearth some heroes. There will be individuals who capture the public's imagination and who win the hearts of people across the globe. They will stand on rostrums and have medals draped around their necks and flowers pushed into their arms. They will stand proudly as their country's national anthem is played and they will be emblazoned across the newspapers and social media sites of the world. They will be seen as conquerors and feted as heroes.

What are these heroes doing now? They are working hard, away from the gaze of the world. In most cases, we do not know their names yet and they do not mind. They know that the work they put in now will be rewarded later. They know that if they watch their nutrition, get enough sleep and put in enough work, the glory will be theirs.

Of course, so it is with the work of school. We do not know now what the future holds but if we can work hard; make all the right choices and be calm and patient; we can be confident that success and even glory will follow.

Perhaps that is why the Olympic Games has such appeal. Perhaps it is because we see what we can achieve. Perhaps it is the lesson of the Games that we need to appreciate this Summer.

Mr Walters, Headteacher



WITH SPORT IN MIND, NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK IS COMING UP SOON. YEARS 7 & 8 WILL BE ABLE TO COMPETE IN A QUIZ POSTCARD COMPETITION FOR PRIZES. SPEAK TO YOUR PE TEACHER OR HEAD OF YEAR FOR MORE INFORMATION. GOOD LUCK!

CULTURE DAY AT FHS

It was so nice to see our students and staff dressed up for Culture Day at the end of half term - the playground was a sea of colour.

Here at Featherstone we want to celebrate our different cultures and learn from one another. Students spent their day participating in specially planned cultural lessons which included sharing all of our wonderful languages at FHS.



Thanks to Head Girl Nabila and our fantastic canteen staff, we trialed a new Somali dish: Baasto lyo suugo tuuna. Nabila got her friends to taste test and they all really enjoyed the flavours. We hope to see it again on the regular menu soon.

CARE

RESPECT

CHALLENGE

RESILIENCE

PARTNERSHIP

INCLUSION

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 would also like to give a special congratulations to Samuel Watson (pictured) for getting the best in the school award. We are

incredibly proud of your achievements and the dedication you've shown towards enhancing your mathematical skills. Well done on your outstanding performance!

We also want to acknowledge Hashir Ali Khan from Year 11, who was best in school from Year 10 and Year 11.



SKY STUDIOS STEM

Students in Year 9 had the opportunity to show off their amazing creative skills during a visit to the Sky studios in Osterley, home to Sky News, Sky Sports and a host of other content creation from this global media giant.

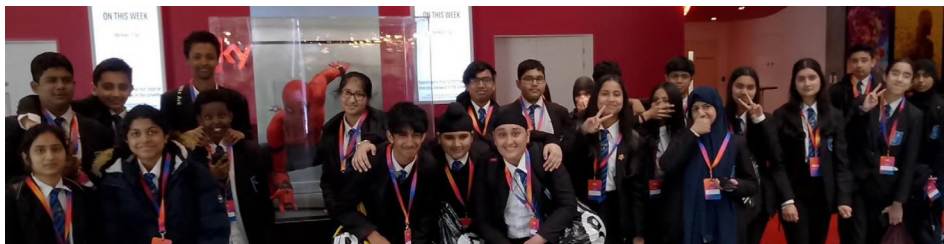
Following a tour of the campus to see the Sky Newsroom and Sky Sports studio, students were able to meet 2 of the 7000 people working on site for a chance to find out more about the range of career opportunities on offer.

They then moved into the studio where students created, filmed and edited their own movie trailer.



Before half term, we welcomed engineers from Harbour Energy to talk to Year 12 students about STEM careers in the energy sector.

The engineers spoke of their own professional journey from Primary School to their current careers and the importance of opening up more opportunities for women in STEM.



GOOD LUCK YEAR 11!

Our Year 11s are now well into their exams, and we said farewell to them (for now) at the end of half term.

Students celebrated with a fantastic shirt signing day and farewell assembly. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing many of them back to our Sixth Form in September.

Ms Thompson would also thank Arena and Jeevan for being such great Year 11 Reps on the School Council for Year 11.



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The FHS ePlatform is a library of 2000 ebooks and audio books available to students wherever and whenever they want.

As it is electronic they can even use it during the school holidays when school is closed. Access through the FHS portal or download the ePlatform app, and get reading!



COLOURING FOR WELLBEING

READING FOR INFORMATION

The Library doesn't just have lots of great stories. Librarians work with teachers to find and recommend books which will support students with their studies across the curriculum.

Also known as wider or disciplinary reading, this helps them to develop their knowledge and understanding of



a subject, and to learn and use subject specific language and vocabulary.

There are also lots of books full of facts and information on popular extra-curricular topics such as sport, cookery, animals, space travel, crafts and great lives.

D-DAY DISPLAY



JOIN YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Have you visited your local library recently?

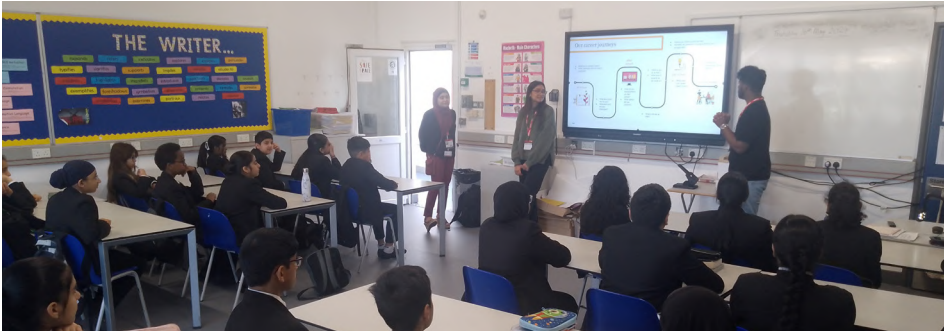
It's easy for all the family to join; just take along identification and proof of signature, complete the application, and start borrowing. Under-16s need an adult to recommend them.

Books are free to borrow, and most libraries also offer ebooks, audio books and online resources.

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

Students in Year 7 were welcomed by staff, including degree apprentices, from PwC into their class recently.

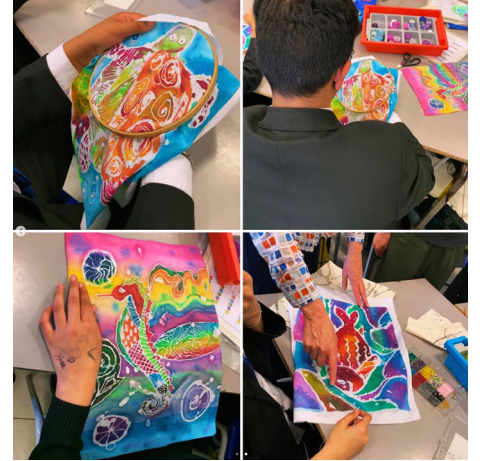
After finding out about the company and the opportunities on offer, the students learnt about the importance of teamwork in the workplace and how to be a great team member.



BATIK CREATIONS

Our Year 9s have been working on their batik creations with embroidery embellishment.

They really have produced some absolutely beautiful work

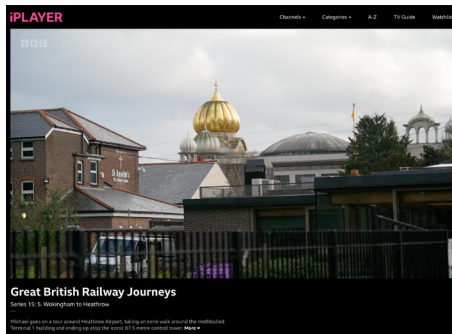


RAILWAY JOURNEYS!

The BBC aired an interesting show about our local history and train travel, stopping at Southall and then on to Heathrow.

Stop at 18.38 to see a familiar face!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001xj6f/great-british-railway-journeys-series-15-5-wokingham-to-heathrow>



WEAR IT GREEN!

We 'wore it green' to show our support as a school for Mental Health Awareness Week.

It can feel difficult to open up a conversation about mental health, but talking about it can help those suffering and make it more acceptable for anyone to seek help and get on the road to recovery.



REMINDER TO OUR OLDER STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

IN ORDER TO VOTE YOU NOW NEED TO SHOW ID. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A FREE VOTER ID

<https://www.citizencard.com/>

This ID card service is accepted by polling stations (for anyone without a driver licence or passport) and they can get it free with the code FREEVOTERID at checkout.

You can register to vote here: <https://www.registertovote.service.gov.uk/>



TERM DATES

On line learning day & Induction Day
Year 6: Fri 28th June

End of term: Tue 23rd July

Visit our website for the full calendar:
<https://www.featherstonehigh.ealing.sch.uk/schoolcalendar>

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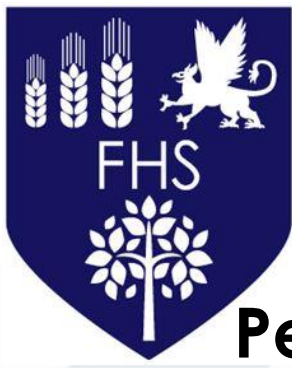
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Attendance Matters

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to **each** parent, for **each** absent child.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

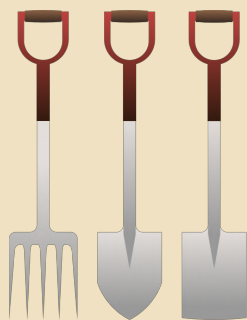
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the **Magistrates' Court**.

Magistrates' fines can be up to **£2500 per parent, per child**.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Western Road Urban Garden

COMMUNITY ACTION DAYS



We have arranged four Community Action Days at our Western Road Urban Garden on :

- * Saturday 15th June (10 am -1pm)
- Saturday 29th June (10 am -1pm)
- Saturday 13th July (10 am -1 pm)
- Saturday 27th July (10 am - 1 pm)

Entrance is next to 217 Western Road, Southall, UB2 5HR

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