

College News

Spring 2019



Welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter

Welcome to the spring term edition of our newsletter. The spring term is very important in school as we build on the good start to the academic year.

I am delighted to report that students across our school have been working well and showing commitment by trying their hardest in lessons. Our older year groups are focused on their impending summer exams, which begin about 3 weeks after the Easter break.

This term we also had a visit from OFSTED inspectors on the 26th March. As a Good school, we only have a one day inspection and we will circulate the report letter as soon as it is received.

Finally, I would like to thank the students for their patience and understanding during our extensive building work. Much of our site is cordoned off at the moment but we are all very excited about the new facilities which should be completed mid-September.

We hope you find this newsletter summary interesting and informative and we wish you a relaxing Easter break.

Mark Anstiss, Headteacher

FCC make the national news!



Photo above - ITV footage from the on-line article - students working in the Learning Support Unit with Mr Etienne, TA

On Friday 10th January, Felpham Community College were featured on the 6pm and 10pm ITV evening news, as part of the WorthLess? campaign for fairer funding for West Sussex schools.

ITV spent two days filming at FCC (Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th January); interviewing staff and students and seeing the school in action.

The news piece highlighted the pressures schools are in with funding and budget constraints, and the possible risk of having to cut some of the valuable services schools currently provide for students due to a lack of funding.

The full on-line article is available [here](#)

Up-to-date information on the WorthLess? campaign and the article which was shown on ITV is available [here](#)

A full update on the FCC building work is available within the newsletter, but we now have our drone videos available for viewing - please see links below
[Autumn Term](#) [Spring Term](#)

Friday 1st February - back field at lunch on snow day!



Dates for your diary

April		June (cont)	
23rd	Start of Summer term	26th and 27th	Musical production
24th	Year 12 data collection to parents	27th	Welcome day 2 (year 6 students)
May		28th	Year 11 summer ball
2nd	Year 12 higher education parents' information evening	July	
6th	May bank holiday	w/c 1st	Year 12 work experience
w/c 13th	Year 11 and 13 external exams start (complete 20/06)	1st, 2nd, 4th	Magic day 3, 4 and 5 (year 5 students)
15th	Charity week cheque presentation ceremony	2nd	Year 7 and 8 reports to parents
w/c 20th	Year 7 - 10 internal exams start (complete 07/06)	3rd	Year 9 and 10 reports to parents
27th - 31st	Half term (27th bank holiday)	3rd	Transition day (year 6)
June		3rd	Summer concert
11th	Year 10 awards' evening	8th	New intake evening (year 6)
12th	Year 9 awards' evening	10th	Activity day (year 12 and year 12 intake)
w/c 17th	Year 12 internal exams start (complete 27/06)	11th	Year 12 mock results to parents
18th	Year 8 awards' evening	11th	Summer Arts evening
19th	Year 7 awards' evening	12th	Year 7-10 sports festival
20th	Welcome day 1 (year 6 students)	23rd	End of summer term
24th and 28th	Magic day 1 and 2 (year 5 students)	August	
25th	Inset day 5	15th	A level results day
		22nd	GCSE results day

Year 11 working hard

On the 9th January, FCC hosted a formal mock GCSE results presentation ceremony, as a follow up to the exams which took place at the end of last term.

Preparations for the mocks started back in October, including after school revision sessions and at home revision programmes. We wanted students to experience exactly what the fast approaching summer GCSE exam season will be like and all exams were completed in strict exam conditions.

Students were nervous before the presentation ceremony and were able to open their results with the support of their form tutors, myself and Mrs Peterson, Year Manager. Interim reports went home that day to parents, with the final year 11 consultation evening taking place the following day for parents and students to have the opportunity to raise any questions.

Since the exams, students have been working incredibly hard in their final run up to their GCSEs. Attendance has been good at the after school revision classes and well done to everyone who has signed up to the Easter revision sessions we are running over the holidays. We have distributed personalised revision booklets to all year 11 students and we ran a workshop in March for parents, aimed at how they can support students going through exams. We have also been running 'DEAR' (Drop Everything and Revise) in tutor time. Practical exams have got off to a good start. The end is in sight, everyone just needs to stay focused and keep up the good work they are doing.

Mr James, Year 11 Leader

Year 11 students opening their mock results



Premier League Enterprise Challenge



The team at the regional finals with Mr Treharne (top) and then the national finals in London

Rudy Garrigoux, Chloe Juniper, Tiffany Millis and Jessica Stemp, all year 9 students, have done exceptionally well with a national competition - the Premier League Enterprise Challenge.

Back in November, the team competed in the first round of the competition, held at Brighton and Hove Albion. Their task was to come up with an idea of how the club could encourage young people aged between 18-23 to go to football matches at the stadium. Their entry proved successful and they won the first heat of the competition, leading them on to the next stage, again hosted at Brighton and Hove Albion. They spent December and January researching and developing their business plan ready for these regional finals.

The regional competition was held on the 29th January with the FCC team representing Brighton and Hove Albion and competing against Arsenal FC, Chelsea FC, Fulham FC and Southampton FC. Again the FCC team stormed to success and won this heat of the competition!

The team then went on to the national finals held on the 18th March in central London where they competed against Stoke City, Blackpool, Queens Park Rangers, Swansea and Newcastle United. They presented to a panel of judges including Theo Paphitis from Dragon's Den, and were thoroughly grilled by them! Stoke City won the finals.

The students worked incredibly hard with the competition, right from their first ideas back at the beginning of academic year, through to developing these ideas into a competent and professional business plan and presentation and going on to adapt this further for the regional and then the national finals.

The competition was high, out of over 12,000 students who entered, our winning team made it through to the final 25. Everyone who took part was extremely professional. Our team were driven and did an outstanding job which we are really proud of them for.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

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The 'Smashed' theatrical team with year 8 students after the workshop

Smashed Workshop

Year 8 students took part in an interactive workshop educating them on the dangers of under-age drinking on the 14th February.

Run by Collingwood Learning, the 'Smashed Project' is an educational theatre initiative who work with governments around the world and the alcohol beverage industry to promote the dangers and risks associated with under-age drinking, with the vision of reducing alcohol related harm to young people around the world.

Students watched a performance and then took part in a question and answer session.

More information on the 'Smashed' project can be found [here](#)

FCC students scoop the awards at the Arun Rotary Community Awards 2019!

FCC swept the board at the Rotary Arun Youth Community Awards, held on the 13th March, with 3 out of 4 FCC nominees winning their age categories and an ex-student winning the 4th!

The Arun Youth Community Awards, held in conjunction with the Rotary Club in Arun, have been running for a number of years. They take place annually in March at the Windmill Theatre, Littlehampton. The Awards are presented to young people between the ages of 11 and 19 years, resident in the Arun District, who are nominated for being an exceptionally caring person / an especially brave person / someone who has volunteered or someone who has raised money for charity. All local schools and the local community are invited to nominate anyone they feel deserves recognition. All nominations were submitted to the Arun Youth Council for judging and everyone who made the final nomination list was invited to attend the ceremony.

Congratulations to all our students who were nominated for awards this year, with particular congratulations to our winners: Sally Atkins, year 8, who won the 11-14 category for her kindness and being an amazing support to her peers and friends, Ellie Pett, year 11, who won the age 15 category for her fundraising for Southampton hospital, and Charlotte Roberts, Tallulah Powell, Katy Ribbons and Summer Polman, all year 7 students, who won the group award for the FCC Holocaust memorial team project. The 16-19 award was won by Harry Mason, an ex-student from FCC. We also represented the ceremony by Nancy Newstead, year 8 student and a member of the FCC Student Council, reading out all the awards for the evening.

We are so proud of all our students who were nominated and well done to everyone who won. It was an evening to highlight just how amazing FCC students are.

Ms Kelly, Deputy Headteacher



FCC students at the awards ceremony in March

Request to parents: cars on the school site

All visitors are asked that if they drive on to the school site they do so at a slow speed and are vigilant for pedestrians.

Drop off / pick up at the beginning and end of the school day

Please note that students must not be dropped off or collected near the school building or by the staff car park at the above times. Parent cars should not proceed beyond the Arun Leisure Centre - please can parents use the ALC car park if required.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

This is particularly important whilst the school building work is taking place.

Charity at FCC - Spring Term 2019

Charity Week

Charity week is a firm favourite in the school diary and has been for over 40 years! Each year, students vote for what charities they wish to support, with [MacMillan Cancer Support](#), [Great Ormond Street Hospital](#) and the [Sussex Snowdrop Trust](#) being chosen for 2019. Please click on the charity names above for more information.

Running across year groups and overseen by the sixth form charity committee, it is an action packed week of activities with the aim of students raising as much money as possible through a wide range of different events. Year 7 students worked hard throughout the week with their inter-form enterprise challenge - making and selling a variety of goods including candy floss, cupcakes, pick and mix and valentines gifts. A cinema and hot drinks rooms was set up for students to visit at lunchtime for a price and there were sweet and soft toy competitions for students to take part in. Other events included the annual FCC sponsored dog walk (over 90 dogs and students walking 10 miles along the seafront!), a sponsored swim and the always popular sponge a teacher. The annual FCC talent show – Felphams Got Talent – proved very successful, with students across year groups (as well as parents and staff), purchasing tickets to watch the star studded show, which showcased some of the great talent at FCC. Also students across year groups, and staff, took part in the mid-week non-school uniform / fancy dress day for a £1 'donation', with sixth form students choosing a 'Wear it Smart' day. Some photos from the day are below, with more available [here](#).



Purple for Polio Tea Party

On the 27th February, we hosted the annual 'Purple for Polio' community tea party, held in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Bognor Regis.

The Rotary Club has been campaigning for over 30 years to eradicate polio. This year's campaign sees them linking up, once again, with the Royal Horticultural Society to raise awareness by planting thousands of purple crocuses across the United Kingdom. FCC planted their bulbs across the school site last term, and the annual tea party was held in February to celebrate the campaign and the flowers coming into bloom.

Guests included representatives from local schools, the Parish Council and Arun District Council, as well as students, parents, staff and Governors from FCC. It was a delightful event enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Ms Kelly, Deputy Headteacher

Photos from the tea party opposite.

More information on the Rotary Club and the campaign available [here](#)



The final charity event of the spring term was the non-school uniform day on the 5th April, raising money for UNICEF.

More information on UNICEF is available [here](#)

All of the FCC press releases, with news and photos, are located on our website within the press release section, or please click [here](#)



Student Council

At the beginning of each academic year, every form group votes for their two school council reps. These reps make up the student council, who meet regularly at either year group meetings, or as the whole school council. Aisyah Stevens and Owen Mawbey, our Head Boy and Head Girl, chair the whole school council.

The student council leads on influencing change at FCC and leading student voice. So far this academic year they have contributed to some uniform changes, led on the youth parliament vote, campaigned for hooks on toilet doors, helped run the school Christmas fayre, taken part in the 'Purple for Polio' planting and tea party and met with the Rotary Club to help initiate a new forum. This term they are also discussing the student planner and litter. Volunteers also stepped forward to help at 'Rox in the Park 2019' and in March we saw the 'Free your feet' walk to school week spearheaded by year 7.

The student council do a brilliant job at FCC and we value their contribution to school life.

Miss Greenland, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Photos opposite - Top - Year 9 students in their student council meeting. Bottom - Some of our year 8 student councillors

Youth Council

Our FCC Arun youth council representatives attended their second youth council meeting of this academic year on the 28th February, held at the Civic Centre in Littlehampton. The agenda this time included discussing a new youth facility planned for Littlehampton, the Arun Youth Community Awards and deciding topic themes for the annual debate day.

The annual debate day on the 28th March also took place at the Civic Centre, where over 30 youth councillors from across the locality took part in a whole day event, debating a variety of topics including should we lower the national voting age to 16 and is there too much emphasis in schools on exams and testing in the school year.

The day was very successful with our students enjoying having their say and getting their views heard!



FCC Arun Youth Council representatives who attended the debate conference: Adam Francis (7M), Hollie Jones (7A), Amy Barnett (8C), Kyan Jajua (8C), Kimberley Harmen (9H), Katie Sanderson (9H), Joseph Reavey (10M), Eadie Swanton (10L), Owen Mawbey (Head Boy). Photos above left - Katie and Kimberley, right - Hollie, Kyan and Owen.

Well done Jake!

Congratulations to Jake Stoneham in year 13, who has successfully achieved a scholarship with an American college to study business, alongside developing his golf and playing for the college's golf team.

Future Pro USA, an international company based in London, helped Jake source his placement and scholarship. He will complete a 2 year business course at Dodge City Junior College in Kansas, whilst playing for their elite golf team. On completion of the course, Jake plans to transfer to a NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) university in America to finish his business degree and possibly then focus professionally on his golf.

Well done Jake, all your hard work and commitment inside and outside the classroom has paid off.

Mr Ross, PE department



Dance House Success!

Year 7, 8 and 9 students took part in 'Dance House 2019' at the Alexandra Theatre, Bognor, at the end of February.

The students are part of an extra-curricular dance group at FCC, and had to produce and choreograph a piece of dance to perform along with other local secondary and primary schools as part of the 'Dance House' showcase – giving young dancers a chance to showcase their work in a professional setting to a public audience.

Felpham students did an amazing performance of their own version of 'The Greatest Showman'. The team worked really well together and they were excellent at editing and progressing their piece to get it as good as possible.

Well done to everyone involved for their effort and enthusiasm.

Miss Tetra, Acting Curriculum Leader drama



Ski Trip 2019

The FCC annual ski trip took place over the February half term to Altenmarkt in Austria, with 52 students from years 8-13 taking part.

The students, as always, were fantastic, being praised by the ski instructors and hotel staff on their politeness and manners.

The conditions for the first 4 days were amazing with clear sunshine, followed by 2 days of snow, so the group had a full range of skiing conditions and an all-round skiing experience.

All students did themselves proud by following the ski way code all week and stopping to help each other when they fell. Everyone took part in the ski race, which was recorded for each student to take home with them as a memory of the week.

Other memories for the students were the stunning views, ski race presentations, the ski awards from staff, an evening at a local water park and the quiz. The students were able to entertain themselves in the fantastic hotel with the use of the sports hall, table football and table tennis each night.

The ski trip is more than just the skiing, it is a great experience for them to grow in confidence, self-belief and perseverance.

Thank you for all the kind words and messages from parents and carers. We are already looking forward to Ski 2020. If you are interested in attending, please contact the PE team.

Ski Team 2019

Students on the dance house team:

Emily Akmenkalns, Lucy Andrews, Matylda Czurejino, Nikole Glazuna, Polina Ivanova, Charlotte Roberts, Joseph Mackley, Summer Polman, Tallulah Powell, Katy Ribbons, Georgia Robson, Nicola Rypien, Jessica Stemp, Hannah Thomas, Libby Wood.



Well done music

Congratulations to Jude Raza, 8P, who passed grade 6 classical guitar in March.



Points for prizes!

Congratulations to the students who won awards at the end of last term for the highest amount of praise points:

Matthew Dobbin 7F - £30 vouchers
Millie Towse 8L - Kindle fire
Matthew Johnson 9F - £50 vouchers
George Dewey 10M - £50 vouchers

Winners for the Spring term will be announced in the next newsletter.

WE Day

A group of year 12 and 13 students attended a truly inspirational day, full of reflection and motivation, by attending the national WE event. This was held at the SSE Wembley Arena, London, on the 6th March. This is an international event held in London and across venues in America, bringing together world-renowned speakers and performers with millions of young people and families to celebrate and inspire.

Students from Felpham were chosen to attend for the commitment and work they have done within the sixth form charity committee and with extra-curricular FCC activities, helping to enhance community school life. This year there were performances from A list stars including Liam Payne, Tom Walker and Pixie Lott. Motivational speakers included the Duke of Sussex and numerous others, including Barany Ndume a former child refugee from Congo who achieved international attention for winning the 2009 International Children's Peace Prize - his story was both heart breaking and empowering.

The WE day is just one event run through the WE movement - an organisation and charity aimed at inspiring people to work together to make change.

Miss Matthews, Year 8 Leader

Photo right - students and Miss Matthews outside the SSE Arena before the event. More information on the WE movement can be found [here](#)



Student information

It is vital that we keep student information up to date and correct.

If you change your contact details / address / email please let us know.

Please contact the data office at data@felpham.org.uk or click [here](#).



World Book day 2019

Students and staff took part in World Book day on the 7th March, with everyone being invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book of their choice and discuss them! In previous years it has been only the English teachers dressing up – it was fantastic this year to open it up to everyone and see all departments and students joining in.

Some brilliant costumes were on display throughout the day including Willy Wonker (Mr Anstiss, Headteacher), Mary Poppins (Ms Constantine, Curriculum Leader for English) and various characters roaming the corridors including stomping dinosaurs and Harry Potter students casting spells. The variety of books represented illustrated the wealth and diversity of reading happening in school.

As well as fancy dress, the English department also organised a 'Great Book Exchange' where all students and staff were invited to take part and swap old favourites for new reads. Staff were also invited to decorate the doors to their classrooms / offices representing a book of their choice. As a school, we certainly raised the bar this year for the day!

**Ms Constantine,
Curriculum Leader, English**

World Book Day is a registered charity and this year marks their 22nd anniversary. The charity is on a mission to give every child and young person a book of their own. It is also a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading.



More World Book Day FCC photos available [here](#)

National Careers Week 2019

We ran a varied and informative programme of activities in support of National Careers Week, which ran across the country from the 4th – 8th March. Students were encouraged to sign up to talks and presentations from a wide array of different careers including nursing, apprenticeships (gas, electrics and plumbing), the Royal Navy, hairdressing, construction, engineering and fashion buying. Chichester University also attended to give information on degree apprenticeships.

As well as presentations, students took part in tutor time career based activities and careers were at the forefront of lessons, with students watching video clips and discussing different options and career paths in lessons.

National Careers Week (NCW) is run as a not-for-profit company to promote the importance of good careers education in schools and colleges. More information can be found [here](#)

The government launched the statutory Careers Strategy in December 2017 and it has 8 benchmarks that schools have to work towards meeting by 2020. At FCC we are well on our way to already meeting all of the benchmarks. We offer a full and varied programme of events and trips for students across year groups throughout the academic year, which give information and advice on careers and career pathways, in addition to our activities in Careers Week.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader



Photos:
Left - Students attending the 'Buzby and Blue' Hairdressing presentation.

Right - Students attending the talk with the Royal Navy, led by CPO (Chief Petty Officer) Mr Derek Jones.

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The Big Sing

Nominated students from FCC took part in the Annual 'Big Sing', held at the Arena on the 14th March. This FAB initiative has been running for a number of years and sees primary schools across the locality coming together for a community singing event, with each school teaching the other participants a song of their choice.

Our FCC band, choir and some sixth formers opened the event, performing 'Waving through a window' from the 'Dear Evan Hanson' musical sound track. They were then on hand throughout the day, with students from The Regis, to support the primary schools. It was a good community event enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our students were a credit to FCC, thank you and well done.

Mrs Deal and Miss Matthews, music



FCC students opening the 'Big Sing'

Chichester Festival



I have taken part in the Chichester Festival of Music, Dance and Speech every year since I was 11 and it is always a brilliant experience. This year I performed Mr Cellophane from the musical Chicago and I achieved a first place, gaining an outstanding grade. I was also asked to perform at the festival concert at the end of March which was the finale to the Chichester Festival, this was a great event to be a part of.

The Chichester Festival of Music Dance and Speech was founded in 1955, to encourage and promote the performing arts for all age groups, and especially for the young. It takes place throughout February and March each year at a range of local venues.

I also took part in the Godalming Music Festival on the 16th March, I achieved a first with a distinction in the dramatic solo, a distinction for musical theatre and a honours for my Shakespeare.

Monty Hawkins, year 10 student

Felpham and Bognor schools together - Let's make change happen!

We hosted the annual FAB (Felpham and Bognor) school council day on Friday 22nd March, aimed at raising awareness about the environment.

Run by the Student Council from FCC and The Regis, all local primary schools were invited to send students to represent their school, with 68 students attending in total from across the locality. Students from year 1 right through to year 13 joined together to take part in the day which focused on environment awareness, recycling, climate change and what everyone can do to improve our future world. Students took part in a number of activities including up-cycling school benches by decorating them with mosaic recycled crockery, making model windmills to learn about reusable energy and taking part in challenges and games focused on what we are grateful for and what we can improve in our modern day world to be more environmentally aware.

It was great to see students across year groups and across schools all working together. We were really impressed with everyone's enthusiasm and their prior knowledge. Our students did really well organising the programme and activities and they showcased some great leadership skills. The day finished with a performance from the The Regis school junk band which was a fantastic end to a busy and productive collaborative FAB event.

Ms Kelly, Deputy Headteacher



Spring Term Sports... Well done to...

Cross Country

Well done to all students who competed in the West Sussex West cross country event at Bishop Luffa this year. The following went onto represent Felpham at the county championships at Christ's Hospital - Liam Aldred, Gracie Mae Cox, Oliver Durrant, Daisy Evans, Annie Gracey and Kian Josephs (year 7) and Marcie Faggetter, Sammy Hughes, Izzy Isitt and Jude Raza (year 8). Special mentions go to Nicole Boltwood, Ethan Ward and Jude Raza who went on to represent Sussex Schools at the inter-counties championships. Well Done to all the FCC runners.

Girls Football

The year 7 girls team have continued to go from strength to strength this year. They played in the U13s 6-a-side local football tournament, which was held at St Phillip Howard School on the 23rd January and also won the West Sussex West area 6-a-side football tournament. This led to them representing the area at the South East regional finals held at the Copper Box. They came up against tough competition but did themselves and the area proud. Well done to all girls involved.

Girls Basketball

Both the U16 and U14 girls competed in local tournaments held at Felpham against local teams. Both teams showed some excellent skills across all games, with the U16s finished 3rd and the U14s 4th overall.

Netball

Well done to both the year 8 and 9 netball teams who after winning their local league, got through to the final of the West Sussex West Area league. Year 8 came up against tough opposition from Midhurst Rother College playing their final at home and despite excellent team work, they finished 2nd. Year 9 played Bishop Luffa away in their final fixture of the season and were determined to secure the win, however another tough game resulted in them finishing 2nd overall. A great effort from everyone involved this season, well done.

Winter Intra-form sports event

Well done to all who participated in the intra-form competition 'The Great Escape'. It was great to see so many students from all tutor groups across years 7-9 participating in the event. The final standing from the event is shown in the table below.

PE Department

Position	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1st	P	M	F
2nd	M	E	A
3rd	H	A	M
4th	E	H	P
5th	L	C	E
6th	A	P	C
7th	C	L	L
8th	F	F	H



Left - Cross county.

Below from left - Year 7 football, under 16s basketball, year 8 netball.



Left- Year 9 netball and year 7 within the intra - form challenge (rowing)

Literature Quiz

On Thursday 14th March the sixth annual West Sussex Literature Quiz took place at Chichester College. Nine schools, including FCC, sent two to four teams of four students to test their knowledge of books in general and of recent titles by four local authors in particular. What made the day extra special was that the authors were all present to award prizes, answer questions and sign copies of their books for their eager fans. The Felpham students were drawn from years 7 and 8 and had prepared for the day by doing their best to read *Lucky Break* by Rob Stevens, *River of Ink: Genesis* by Helen Dennis, *Night Speakers* by Ali Sparkes, and *Liclle Bit* by Alex Wheatle.

The highest scoring Felpham team – consisting of Millie Towse, Lizzie Brown, Imogen Orde and Thea Hague – scored 55 points out of a possible 70, finishing a very respectable third equal overall. The Felpham 2 team finished 14th overall and the 3rd team were 25th. Students missing out on book token prizes had brought money of their own for any still-unread books which could then be signed by the authors. The day was enormous fun and a great success, and we all got to read some great books we might otherwise never have known about.

For the record, the 2019 Quiz winners were a team from Davison High Girls School in Worthing and Bishop Luffa were runners-up.

Mr Thraves, Librarian



Our FCC literature teams at the competition

Free your Feet!



Students from years 7, 8 and 9 recently took part in the national 5 day walking challenge for secondary schools, titled 'Free your Feet'. It was co-ordinated by the student council and particularly year 7. Students in years 7,8 and 9 were encouraged to walk to school on the 11th – 15th March, tracking how long it takes them to get to and from school.

Following on from the week of tracking, a group of us completed a walking audit, looking at one of the difficult routes to school – the pathway leading from Downview road in Felpham through to the pathway that links to the school grounds. We had to see what the hazards were and what could be done to make the pathway nicer and safer. We highlighted how overgrown some of the pathway was - how it was difficult to walk down in areas due to the bushes and stinging nettles and how it would be much easier if this was all cut back. We decided that there should be a bin for litter, and more than one dog mess bin as there was litter and dog mess down the pathway.

It is not just our students who use the pathway, primary school students and the local community use it a lot as well, so it is nice to think we might be doing something to improve the walkway for everyone. The Living Streets lady said she would be contacting WSCC with our findings and suggestions on what can be done. It was a good activity to be involved in and hopefully we can help make a difference!

Tallulah Powell and Adam Francis, year 7

'Free your Feet' is a campaign run by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking. Their mission is to achieve a better walking environment and inspire people to walk more, making us a nation where walking is the natural choice for everyday local journeys.

More information is available [here](#)

Easter fun with the local community!



On Monday 25th March, a group of students from our sixth form charity committee visited Oakland Court care home in Felpham.

They spent the afternoon making Easter bonnets with the residents, with certificates awarded for most creative, colourful and artistic. Competition was high and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who took part. We received amazing feedback from the home after the event, with them thanking us for arranging it and commenting on our student engagement, manners and politeness and how much fun their residents had.

Well done to our sixth form charity committee for this event.

FCC on-site building work update



SUNNINGHILL

New Development

The new development being built at FCC, in partnership with Sunninghill Construction company, is progressing well and is on schedule to be completed by the autumn 2019. The new science block extension, which includes two new science labs, is almost complete. Internally the classrooms have been decorated and fixed furniture is being installed.

Externally paths are being reinstated and surrounding grounds are being landscaped. The extension is due to be handed over to the school at the end of May.

Teaching Block

The internal steel framework, concrete floors and staircase were completed towards the end of January following some heavy lifting by a 90T crane. We closed the walkway around the south block during this period of intense activity for safety reasons.

Since then rapid progress has been made on the roof, external walls, windows and internal walls on the ground floor. Over the next few weeks the site will become even busier with up to 100 trades people working on the site on a daily basis.

The finished building will contain a state of the art drama studio with the latest lighting equipment. It will also include a new home for the music department with three classrooms kitted with Apple computers and integrated music keyboards. One of the classrooms will have a purpose designed recording studio and there will be six fully soundproofed practice rooms.

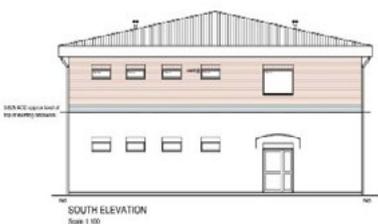
On the ground and first floors there will be six dedicated design and technology classrooms with all the latest equipment that will enable our students to use their creative skills without limitations.

A further 20 classrooms and ample office space for staff will provide a new home for ICT, business and vocational studies, and modern foreign language departments. The teaching block is built with the latest heating and lighting technology to ensure that our impact on the environment is minimised as far as possible. Handover to the school is due to be completed by the end of September and we are making plans now to move in, which will affect all teaching departments in the school.

PE Changing Rooms

The third phase of the new development is adding a first floor to the PE block. This work is due to start during the Easter break and it will be completed by the end of October. It will provide new changing facilities for boys and girls as well as dedicated teaching space for a large classroom and a seminar room.

Mr Rayner, Business Manager



Photos from top right- The new science labs (photos 1 and 2), the new building (3,4,5,6,7)
Above left - The design for the changing room extension

Lodge Hill 2019

A group of year 8 students took part in the annual residential trip to Lodge Hill on the 27th - 29th March, for a week of adrenaline packed activities and team building exercises. This was run as part of an enrichment programme for most able students.

29 year 8 students took part, accompanied by teachers. Students were encouraged to work outside of their comfort zone and challenge themselves both physically and mentally. Activities included low ropes, country hikes and problem solving tasks. Team work was important with all the activities, and support and encouragement were vital ingredients for every task.

The students hard work, motivation and enthusiasm was brilliant throughout the trip and it was great to see them working together and developing skills that they can transfer throughout all aspects of their life. This year's cohort were extremely determined and overcome many academic and physical challenges giving them a new found confidence and zest for challenge. Well done guys!

Mrs Marques-Darling, Associate Assistant Headteacher



Above - Students on the tour at Ricardo within the Antweight challenge. Below - Students with their trailer at the Slot Truck challenge.

More information on Ricardo available [here](#)
More information on STEM Sussex available [here](#)



Year 7 Workshop

The whole of year 7 will took part in a workshop delivered by the University of Sussex on Friday 29th March. The session was based on resilience and transition, and introduced students to the opportunities that may be open to them once they leave FCC, with the aim to inspire our students to be ambitious and to aim high.

Positive feedback was received from our students following the event.



More information on Lodge Hill available [here](#)

Antweight Robot Challenge

A group of year 8 students successful achieved third place for designing a robot in the Antweight Robot Challenge. This event was held on the 20th March at Ricardo, a global strategic engineering and environmental consultancy company who are based at Shoreham.

Our FCC team - Emma Barrasford, Aimee Clapperton, Megan Donohoe and Karina Lech – won third prize for the fantastic teamwork, communication, creativity and problem-solving skills they demonstrated throughout the day. 13 teams competed on the day, from a variety of schools across the locality. The competition was supported by STEM Sussex and the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

The challenge saw the teams put their design and engineering skills to the test by using various materials to design and decorate a robot. The robots then competed in a number of challenges and were judged on their design and challenge results. As well as the competition, students received a guided tour of Ricardo's cutting edge facilities including the McLaren assembly line and the environmental emissions testing and noise and vibrations testing facilities.

Well done to our team for their enthusiasm and team work and coming away with a trophy!

Slot Truck Challenge

On the 28th March, 8 year 9 students took part in the Slot Truck Challenge, again organised through STEM Sussex and held at Ricardo.

Students had to design and make a trailer to carry weights, which then competed in various challenges. Teams were judged on their team work and design skills and a number of schools from the locality took part.

Our students came up with some brilliant ideas, especially when their main material for the truck disintegrated and they had to problem solve and be inventive! On this occasion we did not come home with any trophies but our students did us proud with their enthusiasm and effort.

Students who participated: James Durrant, Stanley Hards, Adam Hughes, Damon Moore, Henry Page, Miriam Shelton, Christopher Sargent, Cian Tongue.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

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