

# Student & Parent School Bulletin

## End of the Summer Term / Start of the Autumn Term

### 1. Diary

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

- LFT Test 1 for students

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

- LFT Test 1 for students

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

- INSET Day

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

- LFT Test 2 for students

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

- LFT Test 2 for students
- Y7 Transition Day
- Y12 Induction Day

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September

- Whole school return

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

### 2. LFT Testing

Please click on the links below to view the letters regarding the LFT for students in September, this includes the schedule for each year group.

- Please click [here](#) to view the letter and schedule for Y7 students.
- Please click [here](#) to view the letter and schedule for Y8 to Y13 students.

### 3. FCC's Euro 2020 Fantasy Football League

I would like to say a massive 'thank you' for every student and teacher who got involved in the FCC's Euro 2020 fantasy football league. It was a tight competition, with people changing positions throughout the tournament.

- In 3<sup>rd</sup> place and winning a £20 Amazon voucher is Luca Franzini in 8A
- In 2<sup>nd</sup> place and winning a £30 Amazon voucher was Nicky Good in Year 12
- And in 1<sup>st</sup> place winning a £50 Amazon voucher - and coming 750th out of nearly 4million people who joined it globally is Ellie Jefkins in 10C

Congratulations all winners and, once again, thanks to all who participated.  
Oliver Stone, Year 12

### 4. New website for parents to help their children catch-up

Message from the Department of Education:

*The department has launched an [information site](#) for parents, to support children of all age ranges and abilities catch up on lost learning from the pandemic. The site features advice and support for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as programmes, resources and activities for children and young people this summer.*

*Further information can be found on the [education catch-up for your child](#) homepage.*

### 5. WSCC Distance Learning Opportunities for Colleagues, Parents and Families

WSCC have asked us to share the following information:

*Aspire Sussex Ltd provide Adult Community Education courses on behalf of West Sussex County Council. Included in their offer is a wide range of Distance Learning courses and Family Learning / Parenting courses. Aspire has continued to deliver throughout the pandemic and were asked to provide a course for parents over the Summer holiday, they have worked with our Family Learning colleagues to deliver this.*

*Aspire offer a total of 23, free, accredited distance learning courses (please click [here](#) to view a flyer with more information).*

## 6. WSCC - Early Help Summer Offer

WSCC have asked us to share the following information with our parents/carers:

*Are you finding the summer holidays difficult? Do you need someone to talk to? If so please call the Integrated Front Door on 01403 229900 or email us at [WSChildrengservices@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:WSChildrengservices@westsussex.gov.uk) and tell us you would like a face to face summer offer appointment The Summer Offer will run from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.*

## 7. Catch-up Vaccination Clinics - Years 8 to 11

Please click [here](#) to view a flyer from the Sussex Immunisation Team regarding missed vaccinations. This has information for anyone who has missed their child's vaccinations this academic year to book an appointment at one of their catch-up clinics over the summer and beyond.

## 8. A message from the music department

The last 18 months have probably been the quietest that the music department has ever known. We have desperately missed our regular clubs, choirs and rehearsals and the usual myriad of live events. However, all of the talented music students have shown amazing resilience and flexibility, and truly kept us going. Our students have featured in the virtual carol celebration, woodwind students have multi-tracked their parts in lieu of wind band rehearsals, a number of students took part in the recent filming and several have been successful in their instrumental examinations - huge congratulations!

We have also welcomed some new peripatetic teachers - Naomi, Pippa and Martin from IMM - to the team. They, along with our existing instrumental teachers, have worked tirelessly to offer as much tuition as possible, throughout a heavily disrupted year. I know that students and parents are really appreciative, and the number of students taking lessons at FCC has more than doubled in the last year and a half.

A special 'thank-you' must go to all of our BTEC students from Year 10 through to Year 13. They have worked with professional regard for the additional restrictions, and coped with the disruptions to their practical and group work caused by periods of isolating. They have worked really hard, producing some fantastic performances and production work in the recording studio - you should all be really proud of what you have achieved.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year for more clubs, more activities, much more singing and lots more live music events!! Keep practising everyone!  
Mrs Deal, Miss Clark and Miss Matthews

## 5. Praise Points

The tutor groups with the highest number of praise points in their year group last week were:

- 7O, 8E, 9L, 10E and 12DMG

## 6. Careers Information from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

### Students in all year groups

#### Are you interested in a career in engineering?

Tomorrow's Engineers have produced two booklets that will give you all the information you need to decide if this could be the career for you.

[Engineering at university](#) – Everything there is to know about studying engineering at university.

[Vocational and apprenticeship routes into engineering](#) – how to earn money while training to be an engineer.

### Students aged 14 and over - Summer virtual work experience

With the summer holidays stretching before you, now is the perfect time for you to take part in some virtual work experience. Find out more about a career that interests you, add to your skill set and have something different to put on your CV.

Springpod have a range of experiences starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August - these involve 10 hours of activity over a 2-3 week period. Why not sign up for one of the following?

- Engineering
- Finance & Accountancy
- Journalism
- Law
- Psychology
- Politics
- Veterinary
- Dentistry
- TV & film
- Business management
- Sustainability
- Architecture
- Social media marketing
- Vodafone Innovators
- Kuehne+Nagel (logistics)
- Consulting with Deloitte

Starting on 16<sup>th</sup> August there is an opportunity with Barclays Lifeskills and coming up in September/October are the following - allied health professions, nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, midwifery and diagnostic radiography.

To find out more about, and apply for, any of these experiences, click [here](#) and scroll down the page.

Speakers for Schools also have a wide range of opportunities coming up. If you have not already registered with them you will need to do so [here](#) to be able to access the details of the opportunities on offer, and to apply for them. Please do not leave applying for a Speakers for Schools experience too long as, once you have submitted your application, I will be asked to authorise the placement, before it is submitted to the employer for consideration.

There are too many experiences to list them all here so here are just a few of those taking place over the summer holidays, to whet your appetite.

2<sup>nd</sup> August: March McLennan, 4 days - Y11 and 12

17<sup>th</sup> August: Presenting yourself with confidence post exam results - Y11 and 13, 10-11.30am

24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August: RAF careers insight - 1 day (repeated over 4 days), 10.00-3.00pm

### **Year 10 - CVs and careers interviews**

You should by now be aware that in the autumn term of Year 11 you will not only have your mock interview day (5<sup>th</sup> November), but you will also be invited for a careers interview with our independent careers advisor, Mel Ponterosso. Over the past few weeks you have been working on your CV in citizenship, with a deadline to email them to me by today - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. I have received 111 CVs so far and would urge those of you have not already done so to email them to me as soon as possible. My email address is [gwoodman@felpham.org.uk](mailto:gwoodman@felpham.org.uk).

Due to the changes at the start of the new term careers interviews will now start on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Students who have completed the form that has been shared with you by your tutor, and was in the bulletin last week will be seen first. Only 167 students have so far completed the form, which should take fewer than 5 minutes to complete. The link to the form is [here](#) for those that still need to complete it.

### **All students and parents/carers - Careers programme evaluation**

The links below were put in the bulletin last week but I have only had one response from a student and none from parents/carers. In an effort to ensure that the careers programme we run in school meets the needs of all users, I would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes to complete the form, to let me know what information you would want to see on a dedicated careers website.

[Student evaluation form](#)

[Parent/carers evaluation form](#)