

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 22nd November 2021 week 11A

1. Diary

Monday 22nd

Tuesday 23rd

Wednesday 24th

- Y11 Careers Interviews

Thursday 25th

- Y11 Careers Interviews
- 16.00-19.00 Y10 Virtual Parents' Evening

Friday 26th

Reminder: Monday 29th November 2021 is an INSET Day - the school will be closed for students

2. Year Group Notices

Year 11

Mock timetable changes for students who study Performing Arts

Please note a whole day has been added to the timetable for a practical Performing Arts exam, this will now be on Tuesday 7th December. If your child also studies Food Preparation & Nutrition or Computer Science these exams will move to Monday 13th December in the morning, and their written exam paper for Performing Arts will take place in the afternoon (this now has been moved from Wednesday 8th December). If you or your child need any further help with understanding their timetable please let me know. I can be contacted at exams@felpham.org.uk or the students can come to my office which is the Data, Cover & Exams Office at the end of the Geography classrooms.

Mrs Whelan, Data & Exams Manager

Mock business exam

Please be advised that the Year 11 mock business exam is now 1 hour 45 minutes long, rather than 1 hour 30 minutes. This will probably mean that students will not finish at 2.50pm, please can you make alternative arrangement for after-school travel, thank you. Mr Darbyshire will inform the students of this change.

Mrs Whelan, Data & Exams Manager

Creative Writing masterclass: reminder

Ms Constantine is running a session on creative writing on Wednesday 24th November in the lead up to the mock exams for those students who are aspiring to 7+ grades and have signed up with their English teacher. It is not too late if you are interested and have not done so - please see Ms Constantine before Wednesday.

History Club

A reminder that Year 11 History Club will be taking place in the main hall afterschool on Tuesday for invited students. This will focus on the skills needed to answer interpretations questions on the forthcoming Year 11 history mock exam on 1st December.

Mr Pilling, Curriculum Leader: History

3. Charity update

Further to the voting that took part during UK Parliament week, the charities we will be supporting on the non-uniform days in the Spring and Summer Term 2022 are as follows:

- February half-term: The Sussex Snowdrop Trust
- End of Spring term: British Heart Foundation
- End of May half-term: British Red Cross
- End of Summer term: Earlier due to Youth Action Week, please see below

For each of the above, 50% of the money raised will go towards improving the outdoor facilities at FCC

Youth Action Week - July 2021

The money will be split four ways, as below:

1. Chestnut Tree House
2. Macmillan Cancer Care
3. Blue Cross
4. FCC

Thank you to the students and staff who took the time to vote.

4. Geography Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to view the latest geography newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading it!

Mrs Sloggett, Curriculum Leader: Geography

5. Year 7 Girls' Football

Felpham Year 7 girls are still unbeaten in their conquest for district football dominance. The sunny afternoon of Wednesday 17th November saw FCC travel to Bishop Luffa in an away fixture that appeared, on paper and given the result 2 weeks ago, a warm-up match for Ardingly College in the next round of the county cup. We could not have been further wrong, when arriving the girls saw over 30 Bishop Luffa girls warming up and the sheer shock in their eyes was entertaining. Instead of coaching, Ruby was tasked with refereeing so the usual inspirational talk was put on hold, taken over by the less experienced Mr Whiffin. When trying to pass on instructions, the girls were fixated to what Luffa were doing, and which 9 of the 30 they would be up against, only calmed when a Luffa player explained that some other year groups had training also. With the girls now focused, the game got underway.

Felpham were faced with a much more organised team and questions began to echo across the field on whether Luffa were playing older players, which we found out was the case for their development; this did not stop Felpham from getting stuck in on winning the ball and playing nice football - which was really good to see. The first quarter was scrappy with Felpham trying to work off their mini-bus lag from the long trip, but the game came alive in one moment of magic when a shot was drilled home by Grace. The ball was won superbly by Evie in midfield, played around the defence by Izzy, Mille and India for Grace to be in the right place at the right time.

The second quarter saw five changes with Paris coming in goal and Juliet, Neve, Holli and Willow coming out on field. Again, this quarter was tight and Luffa had some chances, but they were quickly wiped out by Paris's efforts in commanding the box and closing space down. In the third quarter the game picked up. Neve worked some excellent chances only to be denied by the keeper with some great saves, Grace was ever the professional throughout - trying to bring other players into the game - and it was only when Hattie put the ball through to India to shoot that Felpham began to believe they could beat whatever was in front of them. This sustained pressure by Felpham opened up opportunities for Luffa to counter-attack but the ever-impressive rotating defence of Juliet, Daisy, Millie, Isabelle and Hattie always appeared calm and in control and they were not frightened to tackle - even the biggest players on the pitch. It was only a matter of time before Felpham scored their second; the ever-adaptable Sophia won the ball in midfield, passed it to Holli - who worked it well down the line into Grace - to dribble into the box and again slot it home with a sweet left foot.

The final quarter saw lots of changes throughout with the girls having training for their clubs that night; with so many changes it was inevitable that Luffa would have an opportunity to score and that's what they did with a well-worked cross and neat finish. Felpham came away 2 -1 winners, but most importantly they learned to be resilient, strong and develop the attitude that anything is possible. Well done girls - next week is the important tournament at The Regis School.

Mr Whiffin, PE and Deputy Headteacher



Team: Sophia Cummings, Paris Neville, India Montague
Isabelle Whiffin, Millie Stallard, Hattie Rainey, Grace Kill,
Daisy-May Goodier, Juliet Driscoll, Evie Patterson,
Neve Everson, Holli Bennett, Izzy English and
Willow Hallett

Coach/Ref: Ruby-May Rainey

6. Year 7 West Sussex West Rugby Festival

The Year 7 boys, pictured below, played in their first Rugby tournament against other schools in the local area. It was the first time many of them had played a competitive match of Rugby and the progress each of them made throughout the tournament was hugely pleasing to see. They represented the school extremely well and played with sportsmanship throughout.

Some standout performances were made by George King, who eluded three oncoming defenders to score a great solo try in the corner; as well as Tobi Vowles who made some powerful carries as well as some thumping tackles. A special mention to Louie Cornell who put his body on the line to make a tackle and dislodged a tooth in the process! They will be looking to continue the progress made in the upcoming Rugby Festival at Bishop Luffa school.



Team: Alan Kus, George King, Max Reddie, Archie Dowling, Louie Cornell, Phoenix Cronk, Peter Hope, Drew Merritt, Tobi Vowles, Max Maycock and Harley Isted

Year 8 West Sussex West Rugby Tournament

In a hotly anticipated Rugby Tournament, due to Covid-19 preventing the boys from playing fixtures last academic year, the Year 8 boys were raring to go as they got to Chichester High School.

In their first game they won 25-5 against a good Bishop Luffa 'A' team and scored some well worked tries through slick handling, to create space in the wide channels. In their second game they were victors against Chichester Free School, 30-0, and Gus Stonelake was able to use his pace and power to go over for a hat-trick. This meant that they progressed through to the final, where they faced Chichester High School. Unfortunately, they got off to a slow start, conceding from the kick off; however, they soon kept possession of the ball and forced the opposition into two outstanding cover tackles to prevent a try being scored. Eventually, after a series of phase play, they managed to score and tie up the game. Chichester High School finished the game strongly and, with the light fading, scored two quick tries to end the game 15-5.

The boys played and represented the school extremely well and I look forward to seeing them evolve as a team in the near future. Player of the tournament was Gus Stonelake due to his prolific try scoring, but special mentions also to Ted Lang who led the team by example and James Dawson for his terrific game awareness to put others in space.



Team: Tommy Walker, Zac Allies, Gus Stonelake, Zak Stonelake, Cody Watson, Drew Marriott, Ted Lang, Marcus Cotton-Butcher, Jacob Muldowney and James Dawson

Well done to all who took part in both events!
Mr Davies, PE Department

8. West Sussex Schools Year 8 Football

On Wednesday Felpham showcased the first of three district competitions, involving the ten secondary schools from the association and 100 players. After nearly two years of disruption to school sport the squad did themselves and the college proud coming 3rd place overall. The team only conceded 1 goal in the competition and scored 20 goals, coming out top scorers in the competition. Two drawn games cost the team 1st place overall, with us winning our game against the eventual winners of the competition.

Despite the outcome, the group were a credit to the Year 8 team and should go on to bigger and better things in the new year. Well done and well played to all concerned.



Team: Hayden Teyhan, Mason Cleever, Rylee Newman, Leighton Bell, Blake Griffin, Oliver Osborne, Myles Simons, Jude Donovan, Max Chester and Lennon Pye

Mr Hauxwell, Curriculum Leader: PE

9. **At-home COVID testing continues**

Despite a rise in COVID cases across Europe, we remain in a good position at FCC. We did have a spike in cases in the week after half-term, however this has significantly reduced for both staff and students. It is clear testing at home does reduce the risk of spreading COVID and I would like to continue to request those who can, to keep testing using the at-home LFD kits. These are with your child's tutor and can be collected at any point, where parents/carers have given consent. Your child simply needs to sign for the test kit during tutor time whenever they need a new set.

The new tests are far easier to administer because they only require a nasal swab (no throat swabs needed). As we have done throughout the pandemic, we continue to follow government guidance which strongly recommends staff and students test twice a week. We suggest Sunday and Wednesday evenings are the best times to do the at-home tests. I would like to thank you for continuing this effort in helping to keep our school and community as safe as possible.

Finally, if your child does have any symptoms associated with COVID (especially constant coughing and/or no taste or smell) please do not send them into school. They will need to get a PCR test that returns a negative result before they can return. The LFD at-home tests are for people **without** symptoms.

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

10. **Student health and well-being in school**

Although it may seem obvious to many, please can parents and carers ensure that when sending your child into school they are well enough to attend that day. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to assess the health and wellbeing of the child in the morning before school, and it is very difficult if the Medical Room needs to make an assessment first thing. FCC will always respect a parent/carer's decision to send children into school and therefore will encourage your child to continue on, once they have arrived. It is worth noting, that if your child is sent home ill, after being unwell in school, they will be marked as ill (the same as if they were reported ill in the morning) and you will be contacted to collect them. Thank you for supporting us with these procedures.

Mrs Stout, Welfare Assistant

11. **UK Harvest**

A reminder that we are collecting donations of tinned, dried, packet food and toiletries for the UK Harvest drive, the deadline is Monday 29th November.

UK Harvest have asked us to share the following information for students aged 14 and under in receipt of free school meals:

Join UK Harvest this winter for a free, fun-filled afternoon of Christmas themed cooking and crafts! Open to children aged 8-14 and receiving Free School Meals. Make Christmas cookies, decorations and play fun Christmas games. Put on your aprons and help us prepare a Christmas lunch which we will all sit and eat together. All sessions include a free meal.

Chichester: Tuesday 21st December - 12pm-4pm

Bognor Regis: Thursday 23rd December - 12pm-4pm

For more information and to book, please click here: www.ukharvest.org.uk/event/winter-haf-programme

12. **FCC students selected for World Scout trip**

Congratulations to Morgan Evans (9G), Rory Lyne (8A) and Henry Macrae (9C) who have been selected to represent Bognor Regis Scouts at the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in South Korea in 2023. They had to pass a selection procedure to compete for the five available spaces. The WSJ is a huge gathering held every four years for Scouts from all over the world, they will get to meet Scouts from many other countries, learn about their culture and take part in a wide range of activities. The event will see 40,000 Scouts, camping together with the rest of the UK contingent; Morgan, Rory and Henry will be part of a unit of 36 explorers with 4 leaders.

August 2023 may seem a long way off but those attending have a lot to learn, at preparation camps in the UK, and they each have to raise around £3,000. All three students will have a table at the upcoming FCC Christmas fair, selling Christmas decorations to help with their fundraising.

13. **Publicity**

In the Bognor Regis Observer 18th November: Debate workshop with Nick Gibb as part of UK Parliament week (page 22). Please click [here](#) to view our press release for this.

14. **Praise Points**

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

- 7L, 8A, 9C, 10F, 11E, 12/13 GSL

15. Careers Information from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Students in all year groups - Job of the week

Each week I share with you a short YouTube video, created by Jamie Pywell of MyPath Careers, that introduces you to a job - what the job entails, what subjects are useful for it, what qualifications you will need to get into it, and the salary you might earn. This week's Job of the Week is [journalist](#).

All students (and parents and carers)

Cure Santa and Save Christmas! Wednesday 1st December from 6.30-7.30pm

The annual festive lecture from Brighton and Sussex Medical School is back! With the help of Santa's elf-care team, find the clues to work out what's wrong and how to make him better. You will have to work quickly though, if he's going to recover in time for Christmas Eve! This festive interactive lecture, aimed at students aged 8+, provides the opportunity to learn about and practise the skills needed to make a medical diagnosis. This event will be held online via Zoom and in person at the Medical Teaching Building on the University of Sussex campus. Click [here](#) to book to attend in person and [here](#) to attend via Zoom.

Students aged 11-13 Do you love reading?

Mrs Whippy, of Pinks Parlour, has started a young people book club on the first Wednesday of every month, from 4.30-5.30pm. Click [here](#) to view a flyer for information on how to register your interest in attending.

Girls in Year 10 and above

Females of the Future with Vodafone - Tuesday 23rd November from 6-7pm

If some of your favourite subjects are ICT, computer science or maths, this event is for you. Join this online session with Vodafone, where you will be joined by an inspiring panel of women from the Vodafone team! They will be there to empower young females that are interested in the Tech industry and fill you in on Vodafone's female focused initiatives, such as their 'Code Like a Girl' programme.

Hear from two current apprentices that got into the Tech industry via two different paths, and ask any questions you may have about their experiences! Find out when to look out for applications, what the recruitment process looks like, and what Vodafone looks for in applicants.

Find out more and register [here](#).

Females in Tech with Accenture - Thursday 9th December from 6-7pm

Accenture is a leading tech firm in the UK, and they want you to come and be a part of their team! Hear directly from HR staff about programmes they have on offer for females interested in tech, and how you can earn while you learn and come out with a degree. As an apprentice at Accenture, you will start on a salary of £17-18,000, while you're learning and working towards the opportunity of a permanent position upon graduation. If this sounds like something you would love to hear more about, be sure to catch this exciting event!

Find out more and register [here](#).

Year 10 and above

Life of an Apprentice at a big 4 Firm with Deloitte - Wednesday 1st December from 6-7pm

Deloitte, one of the 'Big 4', will be speaking about their exciting roles in tech and auditing! They will guide you through the roles they offer, and share more about their brand and life at Deloitte! Join to hear directly from current apprentices about their routes into Deloitte, and get any questions you might have answered live!

Find out more and register [here](#).

Year 10 - 13 Parents and Carers

IBM Parents' Insight Webinar (via Teams) - Wednesday 24th November

If your child is in Year 10-13 you could use this opportunity to find out about the varied school leaver opportunities that IBM can offer your child.

- Hear directly from IBM early careers managers on school leaver opportunities including apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and gap year roles.
- Hear from current apprentices on their journey at IBM so far.
- Plus, a Q and A session, giving you an opportunity to ask any questions.

Register [here](#) to secure your place.