

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 29th November 2021 week 12B

1. Diary

Monday 29th

- INSET Day 3 - School closed for students

Tuesday 30th

- Year 11 Mock exams begin (see year group notice below)

Wednesday 1st December

- 17.00-18.30 FCC Christmas Fair (see item 3)

Thursday 2nd

Friday 3rd

2. Year Group Notices

Year 7 and 8 - Disco

There will be a disco for Year 7 and 8 students on Monday 13th December from 6.00-8.00pm. Tickets are £2.50 each and can be purchased from the Year Offices. Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

Year 7 to 9 - History Club

Just a reminder that KS3 History Club takes place after-school on Tuesday in B26.
Mr Pilling, Curriculum Leader: History

Year 11 Mocks

Year 11 mock exams start on Tuesday 30th November. Students must be in school by 8.25am every day. There is the possibility that some afternoon exams may go on past 2.50pm, students will not be allowed to leave until the exam is finished. Students need to bring all their equipment in a clear pencil case. Any questions please contact the student's form tutor, subject teachers or the year office. Good Luck Year 11.
Mrs Elkins, year 11 Leader

3. FCC Christmas Fair - Wednesday 1st December

A reminder that our Christmas Fair takes place next Wednesday. There will be a number of stalls with items for sale and activities for students to take part in - all student and their families welcome!

Year 7 students will be running their own fund-raising stalls; all money raised will go to improving outdoor facilities for students at FCC. We do hope you can join us!

4. Uniform Donations

A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who has donated their pre-loved uniform recently, we really appreciate it and this is what helps us run these events!

We will be running the next Uniform Donation Event on Wednesday 1st December 5-6.30pm as a sub-branch of our Christmas Fair. As usual, there will be a wide range of FCC pre-loved uniform and PE uniform available, as well as some trainers / football boots. We ask that people only take what they require and, if possible, leave a donation towards cleaning costs. We look forward to seeing as many students and parents/carers as possible at this event and at our Christmas Fair.

5. Student Council

The Whole School Council met on 18th November, student council reps will be sharing the minutes from this meeting with students. Student Council Reps are invited to join a choice of two action committees - full details are on the Student Council Teams - please can students check Teams and respond, thank you.

6. COVID testing

Despite low COVID numbers at our school, we are aware of rising cases in and around West Sussex. In the context of this, we fully support students and staff who choose to wear a mask in communal areas - such as corridors or the dining hall - and also in classrooms during lessons or in assemblies. We will review this on a regular basis and, should the situation change, we will update you.

Please continue to test using the LFD at-home testing kits every Wednesday and Sunday evenings to keep our community safe. More test kits will be ordered ready for the Christmas holidays and students can pick these up in the last week of term from their tutors. If your child has symptoms (constant cough, high temperature or no taste or smell) please **do not** send them into school. They should get a PCR test to get a definitive result and isolate for 10 days if it is positive, with parents/carers emailing the results to Mrs Crook our Attendance Officer at HCrook@felpham.org.uk. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

7. Student health and well-being in school

Although it may seem obvious to many, please can parent/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 parents/carers' 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 your support.
Mrs Stout, Welfare Assistant

8. COVID catch-up clinics for students aged 12-15

The NHS Immunisation Service has asked us to share the following information with parents/carers:

If your child has not yet had their COVID-19 vaccine and you wish them to do so, additional evening and weekend clinics are being run between 4th and 19th December 2021. These clinics will not be held in your child's school, but at sites across the county.

Please click [here](#) to view a letter setting out further details, including who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, and how to consent if you have not yet done so.

- Parents/Carers **who have** already completed a consent form for the COVID-19 vaccine **should not** complete another one, and instead use their booking reference (found in their consent form submitted email) to book into a clinic at:
<https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/ClinicBooking/Booking>
- Parents/carers who **have not** completed a consent form for the COVID-19 vaccine **will need to** complete a consent form in order to book an appointment at one of our clinics.
- If your child has already been vaccinated for COVID-19, please do not book into a clinic via the booking service above.

Alternative clinics are available via the National Booking Service which anyone can book on to using this link: <http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine>. These clinics are suitable for children who are clinically extremely vulnerable and require a second dose.

Please be aware guidance has recently changed. If your child has had COVID-19 they will not be able to be vaccinated until 12 weeks (84 days) since *onset of symptoms (or positive test) rather than 28 days as was previously the case.*

9. Children's Mental Health survey

West Sussex County Council is gathering views about how the pandemic has affected the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people in West Sussex. They have asked us to share the following link with our students and families to complete (it takes 5 minutes to fill in), please see below.

Survey: <http://ow.ly/Vef550GRTZ1>

WSCC are asking:

- How has the pandemic impacted the emotional health of the young people you know?
- How much do you know about where to go for advice and support?
- How confident are you talking to children and young people about their mental health?

The survey closes on Sunday 28th November, feedback will help WSCC shape their future messaging and work to raise awareness of the resources available locally and nationally.

10. WSCC Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme - Winter 2021

West Sussex County Council have asked us to share the following information:

We are pleased to let you know that WSCC will be working with a number of organisations to offer provision during the Christmas holiday for children eligible for Free School Meals. There are a wide range of activities, Parents and Carers can search for activities near them on the Family Information Service Online Director, click [here](#). More information can also be found via the HAF webpage, click [here](#).

11. Exam Certificates for Y11 and Y13 who completed their GCSEs or GCE's Summer 2021

If you had a child who completed their GCSEs or A Levels/BTECs/OCRs in the Summer 2021 their exam certificates are now available to collect. The student must collect these themselves, or complete a form which they can fill in and request for someone to collect on their behalf, or payment can be made for the certificates to be posted home. Please [here](#) to view the form.

Please note: These certificates are required by many universities and employers so it is important they are collected (or posted) and kept safe. We are only required to keep these for 1 year and then we must destroy them. Replacement cost between £40-50 per certificate and students would need to request these directly from the exam boards.

Mrs Whelan, Data and Exams Officer

12. Students changing for PE lessons

After receiving a number of requests for students not to change for PE, can we kindly remind parents/carers the reasons for **all** students bringing in their PE kit for **every** lesson and getting changed. Please click [here](#) to view the letter emailed to parents/carers at the beginning of the term outlining this.

After reading this letter, we hope parents/carers support our philosophy behind this changing for lessons policy and, hopefully, eradicate detentions being set for students not bringing in their PE kit.

Thank you in advance for your support on this matter.
The PE Department

13. Year 7 Girl's Football

Wednesday 24th November saw the all-conquering Year 7 girls' football team face up to the best teams in the area at the local district tournament. The set up allowed for Felpham to have 2 teams in the competition which saw two leagues running side by side to gain the most points overall. The biggest decision was deciding which players were going into which team and which league each team would go in. This decision was made by each team deciding on whether they wanted to play longer, but less games, or shorter but more games; a highly strategic and organised plan.

The league 1 team of Paris, India, Millie, Daisy-May, Neve, Holli and Willow were up against: Bishop Luffa 1, The Regis School 1 and Bourne Community College in a nail-biting competition. All the girls played every minute of each game showing their resilience and fitness levels throughout the tournament. Some great defensive performances from Paris, Millie and Daisy created lots of chances for Willow, India and Holli to open chances for Neve to attack the opposition goals. A win against Bourne Community College, a draw against Bishop Luffa and a loss to The Regis School saw the team finish second on 4 points.

The league 2 team of Sophia, Isabelle, Juliet, Hattie, Evie, Grace and Izzy were up against: Ormiston Six Villages, Chichester Free School, The Regis 2 and Bishop Luffa 2 in a fiercely contested competition. Again, all the girls played every minute and improved as each game progressed. The midfield of Grace, Hattie and Evie continuously supplied balls for Izzy to score many goals and set up others; this was complimented by the culture and calmness of Juliet, Isabelle and Sophia at the back. Comprehensive wins against all their competitors saw a clean sweep league position of 1st with 12 points.

With a total of 16 points, Felpham were overall district tournament winners followed by The Regis School in second place with 12 points. Well done everyone.



Teams: 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, Willow Hallett

Coach: Ruby-May Rainey

Mr Whiffin, PE and Deputy Headteacher

14. Year 8 Girls' Netball

Well done to the Year 8 netball team who played in the area tournament on Wednesday 24th November. This was their first fixtures of the year and they finished in 4th place.



Results from their games were:

- FCC v Bourne: 0-1
- FCC v Chichester High School: 10-1
- FCC v Bishop Luffa: 1-3
- FCC v The Regis School: 1-5
- FCC v Ormiston Six Villages: 8 -0
- FCC v Chichester Free School: 8-2

Miss Roberts, PE Teacher

15. Year 9 Girls' Basketball - West Sussex West Tournament

An outstanding performance from the Year 9 Girls' basketball team in the West Sussex West tournament, coming 2nd out of all the schools. Great team play for all the girls in attack and defence.



Team: Amelie Nicolson, Evelyn Raza, Annalise Towse, Lizze Donovan, Freya Burton, Emily Hynan, Maia Clevett, Martyna Sanocka, Millie Isitt and Lani Smith

Mr Ross, PE Teacher

16. Ski Trip - Austria: Friday 10th to Saturday 18th February 2023 (February half-term 2023)

Following on from the continued success of the school ski trips, we are now taking deposits for the trip planned for February half-term 2023. The party travelling to Austria will consist of approximately 43 students, accompanied by 6 staff members, all of whom have had years of experience in running overseas educational visits.

The party will be staying in a traditional Austrian hotel, students will stay in rooms sleeping 4-6, all with private en-suite facilities. The hotel also boasts a large sports hall, entertainment room and games equipment. Please click [here](#) to view a PowerPoint with more information and photographs.

The total cost of this trip is **£1115.00, which is broken down into five instalments.** The cost includes:

- Luxury coach transfers to the resort
- Full-board accommodation (including breakfast, packed lunches and evening meals)
- Skis, poles, ski helmet and boot hire
- Six days lift pass, ski tuition (5 hours per day)
- Fully comprehensive medical insurance

You can register your interest by emailing jross@felpham.org.uk, you will then be set up on ParentPay (once we have all offers of interest); the first two deposits must be paid to secure a place on the trip.

Please click [here](#) to view the letter, copies are also available from the PE Department at break and lunch times.

Mr Ross and Mr Treharne, Ski Trip Organisers

17. Charity

Please can we have a final big push for the UK Harvest food and toiletry fundraiser - all donations to be in Reception by Wednesday 1st December. If all students could bring in just one item we would have an amazing collection!

Friday 17th December will be a non-school uniform day. Students are encouraged to make a £1 donation with the money collected being split - 50% to Stonepillow, a charity for local vulnerable and homeless people, and 50% to FCC to improve the outdoor facilities for students.

18. Sponsorship request - Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month (November)



Thank you to everyone who has sponsored me for my walk; I have completed this - a week early - and have walked 57 miles, raising £1,200 to date. This is a last request for sponsorship, if anyone would like to sponsor me before the end of the month the link is below, thank you.

[Pancreatic Cancer UK - Jane's Fundraising for Pancreatic Cancer](#)

Ms J Constantine, Curriculum Leader: English

19. Praise Points

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

- 7E, 8G, 9P, 10C, 11E, 12/13 DMG

20. 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 [kennel worker](#).

Are you interested in becoming an accountant?

The ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) are offering a suite of webinars aimed at introducing you to a career in accountancy, as well as developing your professional skills. Each session is repeated several times so that you can find a date that suits you. Click on the links below if you want to sign up for any or all of the sessions:

[Introduction to ICAEW and the ACA qualification – 30 mins](#)

[Enhance your transferable skills with ICAEW – 45 mins](#)

[Ready for work? – 45 mins](#)

[CV under the microscope: dissecting the ideal CV – 45 mins](#)

[Matching your skills to your dream job – 30 mins](#)

Have you ever wondered what an engineer does?

Could you see yourself exploring outer space, protecting the environment, designing apps or developing cures for diseases? Engineers do all this, and more! **Meet the future you** is a fun, free online quiz aimed at young people aged 7 to 16. In a few short questions, you can find out how your skills and passions could lead to an exciting job in engineering. The quiz matches you to profiles such as 'Future Lifesaver' or 'Universe Explorer' and gives background information about potential future careers in engineering.

Click [here](#) to take the quiz.

Students (and Parents/Carers)

Cure Santa and Save Christmas! Wednesday 1st December, 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'll have to work quick 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.

Parents/Carers - Apprenticeship information

The November 2021 edition of the Parents/Carers' Pack: Apprenticeship Information, from the team at Amazing Apprenticeships, can be found [here](#). This edition includes articles on the following:

- Apprenticeships and university: understanding the options
- Understanding and apprenticeship in advertising and marketing
- Subject spotlight: T level in digital production, design and development
- Life as an apprentice at IBM

Parents/Carers of students aged 12 and over - free of charge careers evenings for parents/carers

Investin are offering two more online evening seminars as part of their Success Beyond School series for 2021, designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential.

Register now for:

[Wednesday 1st December: Building a Future in Finance](#) - how your child can break into the finance industry - 7pm.

[Wednesday 8th December: Level up with Law](#) - support your child on their journey to becoming a top lawyer - 7pm.

Students in year 10 and above

Life of an Apprentice at a big 4 Firm with Deloitte - Wednesday 1st December, 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](#).