

FCC News

Summer 2021



Summer Term

As we reach the end of a unique and challenging school year, now is a chance to reflect on what we have achieved. We have successfully navigated 3 terms of split timetables, another lock down, mass COVID testing at school and then at home, no formal examinations and minimal school events being allowed to take place. Every year group has overcome hurdles this year and our school community has stayed upbeat and supportive of each other throughout. We are proud of the strength, resilience and determination everyone has shown and what we have all achieved together.

Two of our long-standing members of staff retire this year, Mrs Ballantyne in the maths department and Mr Cooper from English. We wish them, and other staff leaving us, all the best for their next chapter.

I wish you all a relaxing and safe summer break. We look forward to welcoming students back in September and welcoming our new year 7 students who will be joining us for the first time. Take care, stay safe and enjoy our newsletter.

Mark Anstiss, Headteacher

Farewell to our leavers - we will miss you!

On Friday 28th May, after a busy half term of controlled assessments and evidence portfolio gathering, we have said a fond farewell to our year 13 and year 11 students.

Year 11 students enjoyed a leavers' pizza picnic on the field on the 27th. It was a beautifully sunny afternoon, filled with huge amounts of pizza and enjoyed by all; followed up with a leaver's assembly the next day. Both events were filled with laughter, shirt signing, excitement for the summer and even some tears. Our year 13s enjoyed an afternoon tea on the Friday, with a chance to reminisce about time at FCC, celebrate achievements and say goodbye to staff and each other.

The week was bittersweet after such a strange year. There were no nerves for upcoming exams, no talk of revision plans or even prom outfits. All of our students have done so well this year. However, our exam students in particular have shown great resilience in coping with everything that has been sent their way.

Thank you to our local Tesco, Sainsburys, Marks and Spencer and One Stop Middleton for their kind donations which provided a lovely celebration after a tough year.

It was a lovely couple of days saying goodbye and well done to all the students, and we are very much looking forward to seeing them again in August to celebrate their successes.

Ms Kelly, Deputy Headteacher



Dates for your diary

September*

2nd INSET Day 1
3rd Year 7 Transition Day
6th Term starts for Years 7 and 12
7th Term starts for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13
9th KS5 Parents' Information Evening
16th Year 7 and 9 School Photos
23rd Year 7 Parents' Meeting – Form Tutors
28th Open Evening – Prospective Year 7
29th INSET Day 2
30th KS4 Parents' Information Evening

October

7th KS3 Parents' Information Evening
19th 6th Form Open Evening
20th Year 7 Baseline Data to Parents
20th Year 11 Data to Parents
21st Sixth Form Quiz Night
25th - 29th Half Term

November

3rd Year 12 Baseline Data to Parents
3rd Year 13 Data to Parents
3rd Year 7 and 8 Flu Vaccines
17th Year 9 and 10 Data to Parents
25th Year 10 Consultation Evening
29th INSET Day 3

December

9th Drama production
13th Year 7 and 8 Disco
15th Year 8 Data to Parents
15th Carol Service
20th - 31st Christmas Holidays

January

3rd Bank Holiday
4th Spring Term Starts – All Year Groups

*The start of term arrangements may change due to government guidelines on lateral flow testing for all students at the beginning of term - TBC

LGBT+ Summer Party!

To mark the end of a successful Pride month in June, our LGBT+ club met for a fabulous celebration!

The students enjoyed everything rainbow themed from fancy dress to cupcakes. They even showed off their amazing outfits on the catwalk!

It was a fantastic event and a joy to see all students feeling welcome and part of a growing community. LGBT+ club runs every Wednesday in B37, all students LGBT+ or otherwise are welcome.

LGBT+ Team



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Improvements to the campus

Our new perimeter fence and gates has increased the safety of our school campus.

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We also need to remind parents / carers of the importance of using the Arun Lesiure Centre car park at drop off and pick up times, for the safety of our students and the general public using the leisure centre. Cars pulling up on the double yellow lines outside the Leisure Centre is extremely dangerous for both pedestrians and cars using the area.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe around the school site.

Book sponsorship

We are excited to be launching our 'Morning Reading' initiative next term, where students and tutors read together. We have devised a library of books, tailored for specific ages and abilities, which we hope all students will read before they leave us in year 11 or year 13. From September, time has been allocated to tutor time twice weekly for reading and over the summer, we will be purchasing class sets of these books.

We would like to give a big thank you to the FCC Governors, The Cheeky Panda, Dando Drilling, GRN Locksmiths, The Bognor Regis Lions Club and Class Technology Solutions, who have all sponsored this initiative. There is still time if you are a local business and would like to get involved! A class set of books costs between £100 and £200 and all books purchased by sponsors will come with a label showing the sponsors logo and a message of their choice. Please email the school if you feel you could help us complete the acquisition of so many books.

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher and Mr Thraves, Librarian

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FCC School Governors



Welcome to our new year 7 students

Summer term at FCC is usually busy with events, and in particular a number of events for younger students. For 10 years we have hosted the year 5 Magic Days, for 500+ students from 7 local primary schools. We had to miss 2020 and now 2021, so we are now looking forward to starting them up again next year.

We also had in the school diary the Year 6 Welcome Days, Transition Day and New Intake Evening. Following Government guidelines, we were not allowed to hold these events face to face. On Friday 9th July, students were sent a virtual assembly to watch, including a virtual tour of the school and introductions to key staff. They were also given a 'Moving Up to FCC Guide' and information on the Identify Project that they need to complete and bring with them on their first day in September. Form Tutors have also telephoned parents / carers in July to introduce themselves and answer any questions.

We will be holding the on-site Transition Day for our new Year 7 at the beginning of September, where students will meet their form group and Form Tutor, get their timetable and have a chance to tour the school in person. They then have a day on campus with just year 12 students before the rest of the student body start the Autumn term .

Mr Whiffin, Deputy Headteacher

Student information

It is vital that we keep student information up to date and correct. If your contact details / address / email has changed, please let us know. Please contact the data office at data@felpham.org.uk or click [here](#)

Youth action sponsor week - a big success!

Monday 24th – Friday 28th May was the first 'Youth Action Sponsor Week' at FCC.

Students had the opportunity to take part in a fun-filled week and raise money for charity. Key stage 3 students were encouraged to take part in a year group event held after school on separate evenings. Year 7 students enjoyed Olympics with a difference, with space hopper races, water races, wellie throwing and trying to score a goal against our brilliant Mr Darbyshire the goalie! Year 8 held their own summer fayre, with traditional stalls such as a tombola, 'guess the number of sweets' and various other competitions set up for students to compete in. Year 9 showed their sporting skills with a football and rounders tournament. Year 10 and 11 students enjoyed a charity tuck shop held throughout the week at break and lunch. Our sixth formers started off the activities with a quiz and pizza event on Thursday 20th May, competing against each other and staff, with student teams storming the top 3 places! All events were supported by our Eco Warriors – ensuring we were as eco-friendly as possible.

All events were well attended and were raising money for the 3 charities the students voted to support – My Sister's House, The World Wide Fund for Nature and Cancer Research UK (links to the charities at the bottom of the page). Students were also encouraged to arrange their own sponsored events throughout the week, using their initiative and talents outside of lesson time to fund-raise and have fun. There were bake sales, breakfasts, comic books, football tournaments and an 8-hour basketball session to name a few!

Including the non-school uniform day(details on next page), the youth action week raised over £3700 which was a brilliant achievement. On Tuesday 14th July, we held a celebration event at school, attended by the charities and a small selection of our students. It was an opportunity for the charities to collect their cheques and let us know what the money will go towards. Students who had put in particular effort with the youth action week were invited to attend and were presented with certificates for their charity contribution.

Thank you to all the students, parents / careers and staff who supported the week of activities. This was the first youth action week we have run, to replace charity week which could not take place because of lockdown. Whether we run charity week or youth action week next year, we are looking forward to it already!



Thank you for raising money with non-school uniform days

On Friday 11th June we held a non-school uniform day in support of Youth Action Week. Students and staff were encouraged to pay a £1 fine to wear non-uniform, with sixth formers joining in and having a 'summer fun' theme.

We are having a final non-uniform day on the last day of term (23rd July), raising money to improve the outdoor facilities for students around the school campus.



Congratulations to our geography competition winners



Shayla-Grace Hill



Each year the world has a meeting called COP, where leaders from across the world come together to talk about and discuss how we can reverse the effects of climate change. The UK will host the UN Climate Change Conference COP26 with our partners Italy in November 2021 to bring together world leaders to commit to urgent global climate action.

We cannot afford to wait to act against the threat of climate change. We must work together to protect our planet and people and ensure a greener, more resilient future for us all.

'Creative Earth' is an art competition for people aged 16 and under from across the UK, run by the Climate Change Conference in collaboration with WWF. Students were encouraged to paint, draw or design a piece of art that shows how they would like the planet to look in the future. Winning artwork will be displayed at this year's conference in November.

As well as encouraging students to enter the national competition, we ran one internally for FCC students. Congratulations to Shayla-Grace Hill in 9A and Bethany Sanders in 10P who won our internal competition. We will let you know if any FCC students win the national one!

**Mrs Sloggett,
Curriculum Leader Geography**



Bethany Sanders



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Timings of the Day 2021 / 2022

This academic year, we have had to run a split timetable (including a staggered start and finish to the school day), due to COVID restrictions and government guidelines. We are proud of how well our students and staff adapted to KS3 and KS4 having different times for registration, lessons, break and lunch times and school finish - and how calm the school has stayed throughout the year, with a positive working atmosphere.

Full details of the 'Step 4 of the road map' were emailed out to parents / carers on the 8th July - please see [here](#) for details.

From September, we will revert back to the pre-COVID school day for students across all year groups:

Registration	8.30 - 8.50am
Lesson 1	8.50 - 9.40am
Lesson 2	9.40 - 10.30am
Break	10.30 - 10.50am
Lesson 3	10.50 - 11.40am
Lesson 4	11.40 - 12.30pm
Lunch	12.30 - 1.20pm
Lesson 5	1.20 - 2.10pm
Lesson 6	2.10 - 2.50pm

We will also be able to go back to opening our canteen for food and drink at morning break (in addition to lunch time).

At the beginning of June, a selected group of Year 9 and 10 footballers attended the University of Chichester to take part in a research project looking into dementia and heading in Association Football. The funded project was based on a comparison of football heading techniques with regulation and foam substitute footballs.

In 2020 the FA released new guidelines on football heading for children, suggesting foam footballs could be used in training to practice the heading skill. The research was assessing whether participants heading foam footballs exhibit the same technique as they would when heading regulation footballs, with the aim of confirming whether foam footballs are suitable for learning the heading technique or not.

The students attended the biomechanics lab on the Bishop Otter Campus and were fitted with retroreflective markers which were placed on certain parts of their body. They then had to do 20 headers each, using both types of football. The students enjoyed taking part (and laughing at each other about silly they looked!). It was a great opportunity to learn more about technique and risks associated. The boys showed great enthusiasm and were a pleasure to take.

Mr Hauxwell, Curriculum Leader PE

Summer Awards

On Wednesday 14th July, we hosted our virtual awards evening across year groups 7 to 10. Students watched presentations from Year Leaders in form time, giving a summary of the year and showcasing the achievements of our students. Certificates were distributed by Form Tutors and then the presentations were emailed home to parents / carers. Curriculum Leaders nominated students for departmental awards for their academic successes and students were also up for year awards for categories including Top Praise Points and Community Involvement. Form Tutors also nominated students for a Tutor Group Award.

It has been a strange year with students adapting amazingly well. This was a great opportunity to remind and reward students of everything they have achieved and the hard work they have put in.

Well done to all our students this year, and in particular those who were presented with awards. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight the students below who did remarkably well and received more than 2 awards each - amazing work!

Mr Whiffin, Deputy Headteacher

Year 7 Joshua Barbary 70

Year 8

Year 10 Poppie Bright 10E
Lizzie Brown 10H
Alex Cox 10M
Marcus Nelmes 10P
Bethany Sanders 10P



Chichester University research project



FCC artists enhance the school!

In partnership with Artswork, Arts Council England, Arts Award and Arun Inspires, FCC students this term have created a large-scale mural for the stairwells in the North Building of the school. A professional artist visited us for 2 days in June (23rd and 24th) to create designs with a selected group of students. These designs were then scaled up and painted by the students, in conjunction with the art department, over the course of 2 further workshops held in July.

It was a fantastic opportunity for some of our students who enjoy art to work with a professional artist and have their collective work displayed in school - a display that will be there for many years to come and will be seen on a daily basis by a large number of people! The ideas and creativity our students have showed has been outstanding. The quality of work they have completed is inspirational to us all - well done to everyone who took part.

Mrs Tompkins, Curriculum Leader



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- All schools receive additional funding from the government based on the number of students who are entitled and have claimed free school meals. Just registering your child for free school meals means that the school gets this extra money!

Please click [here](#) for more information, to see if you are eligible, and for the WSCC free school meals application form

Student Leadership Team 2021 / 2022

Thank you to the Student Leadership Team for 2020-2021. They survived a challenging year and still managed to accomplish a lot. We wish them all the best for their next chapter. Please find details below of our new Team, who started this term:

Andrea Webb - Head Student

Hello, I'm Andrea the current Head Student here at Felpham. My role is to chair the leadership team and the sixth form/whole school council meetings, as well as act as a spokesperson for student voice. I'm here to represent the school at public events and I am looking forward to getting to know you all in the coming year. I'm currently studying A level chemistry, biology and history, and have just completed an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) in Regenerative Medicine. I'm hoping to study medicine at university where I am excited by the prospect of making a positive impact on people's lives, alongside their families and loved ones. Please don't hesitate to come and speak to me or email me, it would be lovely to hear from you.

Ditso Mhutsiwa - Deputy Head Student

I assist the head student while also leading the sixth form council. At the moment I am studying maths, physics and french in hopes of doing an engineering or physics course at university. Within my role as Deputy Head Student, I want to work on building the relationship between sixth form and the rest of the school. I hope to be a friendly face that you can approach if you ever need to talk!

Phebe Allies - Assistant Head Student i/c Charity

I help organise the charity event programme for FCC. I currently study psychology, English Language and health and social care and I've just completed my EPQ. After sixth form I'm planning to go to university to study psychology, although I'm not sure on what I want to do with the degree yet! Feel free to talk to me or email me and if you have any cool ideas for charity events or fundraisers we can do.

Joseph Reavey - Assistant Head Student i/c Community Action

My job is to ensure that Felpham is the buzzing community we all know it can be. I will be working hard to break down barriers and improve communication between students and staff, as well as promoting projects which benefit both the school and the wider community. I'm currently studying maths, further maths, computer science and Spanish and hope to study maths at university. Please do get in contact if you have any problems or suggestions and I'll try my absolute hardest to make sure they are heard. After all, a problem shared is a problem halved!

Antoana Micheva - Assistant Head Student i/c RRSA

I'm the Head of RRSA (the Rights Respecting Schools Award). My main aim is to use the UNICEF Convention's articles as a tool to amplify student voice and bring about changes we may want to see. I am also passionate about creating more visibility and being more recognisant of the students in our immigrant and first-generation communities, and I hope to work on projects that will benefit them in the future. I currently study English Literature, French, and history at A level, and I have just completed my EPQ on intimate image abuse. I would like to study law at university and, much like my position on the leadership team, use the law and strategies as tools to improve other people's lives. If you ever need to speak to anyone or would like to discuss something that we can improve, feel free to email me.

Amber Hearn - Assistant Head Student i/c Youth Action

I support the work we do with the Arun Youth Parliament and the 'Make Your Mark' campaign, I'm also here to encourage students to get involved in youth action inside and outside of school. At the moment I am trying to push for more mental health awareness and help drop the stigma around mental health. I am currently studying business, economics and law at A level, I've also just completed an EPQ on corporate law. If you have any questions you are welcome to come and speak to me or any of the team!

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Photos from top - Andrea, Ditso, Phebe, Joe, Antoana, Amber



Change to uniform policy

School uniform is a key feature of a successful school. If students look smart it creates a work-like atmosphere in school and leads to fewer distractions from learning. Good uniform also reflects well on the school in the community and fosters a sense of pride and belonging.

Please note that from September, hoodies and sweatshirts (branded or plain) are not permitted on the school site. Students can wear the school jumper (with the school badge) under their blazer should they wish, this is an optional item of the uniform.

Please click **here** for our full uniform policy.

Thank you for your support with keeping our students looking smart.

Sports day

As this newsletter goes out, we are happy to say that we are holding Sports Day for years 7-10 on Monday 19th July.

We are planning for it to be an action packed day of events, including rounders, team pursuits, tug of war and traditional athletics events all performed in year groups with the culmination of one tutor group winner per year.

Who will be victorious this calendar year ? Results will be published in the bulletin at the end of term.

PE Department



Performing arts workshops



Since coming back after half term, the drama department has been incredibly busy with exciting things going on! Our year 10 and 12 Performing Arts students have taken part in a project run by Chichester Festival Theatre called 'An Actors Insight'. The project has enabled students to take part in a number of different workshops run by industry professionals, therefore receiving direction and advice from people working in the performing arts industry. They have had the excitement of working with some cast members from Mamma Mia and Dear Evan Hanson, as well as working with Toby Wilsher; founder of Trestle Theatre Company. He is a genius at masks and puppetry! Phoebe Hyder, who has performed with The Royal Shakespeare Company, also ran a workshop for the students. She was brilliant at engaging the students with Shakespeare and her enthusiasm was infectious.

Our year 12 students also spent a session with Matthew Hoy; Assistant Stage Manager on the production of Les Miserable. He was very insightful in terms of career paths and job roles. The idea of the project came from actor Edward Bennett, he has spent 4 sessions with our year 12 students working on directing with them.

It has been an incredible experience for FCC students, working with industry professionals at the top of their games. Our students worked really hard, showed great enthusiasm and were a credit to the school – well done to everyone who took part.

Miss Coney, Curriculum Leader for Drama

School uniform donation events

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated uniform for our second hand uniform events.

We sent a record amount of donations to Felpham Laundrette at the beginning of the month, and held a successful event on Wednesday 14th July - the biggest one yet that we have had!

Parents / carers were able to help themselves to a wide range of good quality uniform in various sizes ready for students for September.

We will continue to hold these events regularly next academic year - details and dates will be confirmed in September.

Food technology: Great to be back doing practical assignments



The individual photos showcase some of the fantastic year 8 practicals completed this term, and the collage is year 10.

It has been a busy term in the food rooms at Felpham. This term saw a welcome return to practical lessons for both KS3 and 4 after COVID restrictions. All students have been producing some amazing products.

Year 7 have been looking at healthy eating, researching the Eatwell Guide and looking at a balanced diet for teenagers by making a presentation for their peers to see. In addition, they have learnt how to make a number of healthy dishes and produced excellent results in one of their pasta bake practical's.

Year 8 students have been learning how to prepare bread and pastry and sauces. The results were amazing and we have an excellent selection of breads, pizzas, pasties, chilli's and bolognaise made by all the groups. They are now finishing the year by carrying out their own investigations into the functional properties of ingredients - researching and experimenting what makes the perfect cake and how fats affect the results.

Year 9 students have been studying food choices and looking at international cuisine. We have challenged the students by introducing some of the recipes looked at for GCSE. The results for their swiss roll practical's showed a real level of competence which was great to see.

In year 10, it has been non-stop for the students as we have tried to fit in as much practical as possible since the return to school. Like year 11, they have just completed a series of assessments and it is so satisfying to see the progress they are making. They are a remarkable group of students with great resilience who always exceed my expectations and are never afraid to challenge themselves. We have learnt so much including different cuisines, dietary requirements, pastry and desserts. The results are astonishing and I'm happy to share some of their work with you - see photos above!

At GCSE level, year 11 students had the hard task of completing several assessments (both written and practical) for their evidence portfolios, I'm so proud of the continued commitment they showed, in what has been a very challenging time. I wish them the best of luck for their results and future studies following FCC. I would like to say well done to all the food technology students this year, you have been brilliant!

Mrs Wise, Food Technology

Summer term careers update

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