

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 7th February 2022 week 20B

1. Diary

Monday 7th

Tuesday 8th

Wednesday 9th

Thursday 10th

- Year 9 Options deadline (see year group notice below)

Friday 11th

- INSET Day 4 - school closed for students

2. Year Group Notices

Year 7 to 9 - History Club

A reminder that KS3 History Club takes place in B28 afterschool on Tuesday (8th February).

Mr Pilling, Curriculum Leader: History

Year 9

Options deadline

Just a reminder that the deadline for students to choose their Options is next Thursday. **Students** have been emailed a link to the options form via their school emails. Both students and parents/carers have been emailed the guidance notes for this. Please do not hesitate to contact the Year 9 Office if you have any queries regarding the Options process.

Students and Parents/Carers - Which Way Now? - How to choose your Key Stage 4 options

The Which Way Now? guide contains a lot of useful information and advice to support the decisions students are making about their options choices. There is also a useful parents and carers supplement, again with useful information to help you support your child at this time; please see links below.

- Which Way Now? Click [here](#)
- Parents / Carers – Helping with subject and career choices.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Geography as an Option Choice

You are currently deciding which options to pick for your GCSE studies. Below are some useful video clips which will help you decide if continuing your journey in Geography is the choice for you!

- An introduction to GCSE Geography (AQA specification) Powered by [@Geography Hawks](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhxpF8FJINI>
- Why it pays to study geography: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrNd7qItKVI>
- Choose geography | Three words that geography means to you:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iATfXV4lu4M>
- [#ChooseGeography](#) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCgcSG_C4K0
- Why Choose GCSE Geography? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FVgg_u3auA
- Where can Geography take me? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZ-APqIuBlw>

Mrs Sloggett, Curriculum Leader: Geography

Year 11 - Students meetings with Governors

Just a reminder for the students who have been invited to meet with Governors next week (either Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th February) to go to the Blake Building promptly at the start of lunchtime, thank you. Students invited would have received a notice on Thursday with the rooms etc. Lunch will be provided.

3. Culture Club

Please click [here](#) to view the Culture Club activities for this half-term. The club runs every Thursday at the top floor of the Blake Building - all year groups welcome. The session next week on 10th February will be Spanish Pinxos in B39.

Mrs Cauchy-Duval, MFL Department

4. Lateral Flow Tests - home test kits for students

Next week tutors will have the next batch of at-home kits for students whose parents have given consent; students can collect and sign for these as usual.

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

5. **Non-uniform day**

The last day of this half-term (Friday 18th February) will be a non-school uniform day for students and staff. Everyone is encouraged to donate £1, with proceeds being split between improving the outdoor facilities for students at FCC and The Sussex Snowdrop Trust.

Parents / Carers can pay online via ParentPay from 14th February and cash donations can be made on the day. Sixth Form students will be getting involved and wearing red/pink in recognition of Valentine's Day.

Thank you to the Sixth Form Charity Committee and student council reps for their help collecting in the money, and thank you to parents/carers and students for their support with helping us fundraise for these two worthwhile causes.

Ms Kelly, Deputy Headteacher

6. **Uniform donations**

Our pre-loved uniform event last week was a great success. It is great to see good quality clothes and shoes being recycled. We are now requesting more donations so, if you have any good quality uniform at home (or school shoes, trainers, football boots), please remember that we can make good use of it! Please bring donations (in tied bags) to our Reception, thank you.

7. **St Wilfrid's Hospice donations**

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Bag-A-Thon for St Wilfrid's Hospice. We have now delivered it all to them - over 50 bags - and they were very grateful!

8. **Attendance reminders**

Please see below:

1. **Reporting Absences** - All absences need to be reported to the attendance office (only), no later than 8.30am and a reason needs to be given. Absences that are not reported to attendance, or are without a reason, are marked as unauthorised.
Tel: 01243 826511 – Option 1 Direct: 01243 838028 Text: 07943 110012
Email: attendance@felpham.org.uk
2. **Sickness** - If your child has a sickness bug, they will need to remain off school until 48 hours after their last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea to prevent spreading the illness. They will be sent home if they arrive in school before this time limit.
3. **COVID-19** - If your child has symptoms please do not send them into school, but arrange for a PCR test instead. If they have had a positive LFD test whilst displaying symptoms a PCR test is not required. If they have had a negative LFD test whilst displaying symptoms, a PCR test is still required. Be sure to regularly check the Covid-19 guidance and isolation periods as it continues to change (click [here](#) to view).

Mrs Crook, Attendance Officer

9. **Student Council Reps**

1. Thank you to the Student Council Reps who completed the English survey. There is still time to do this if you have not already done so - it is available through the Student Council Teams.
2. Thank you to the Whole School Council Reps who attended the meeting this Thursday - minutes will be available to all students next week.

10. **Associate staff (non-teaching) vacancies**

We have a number of vacancies as below:

- Study Supervisor (we are flexible on the start and finish times advertised)
- Teaching Assistant
- Exam Invigilators

Please click [here](#) for more information and an application pack.

11. **Girls' Rugby opportunity**

Worthing Rugby Club are running a rugby and skills session during half term, please see below:

Worthing College will be hosting its 3rd Skills Clinic on Thursday 24th February at 10.30. The session will again be supported by Harlequins players and coaching staff, giving an invaluable insight into the female game. To sign up for the event please follow this google link: <https://forms.gle/4CYsfSEgsw08Q9dX6>

Miss Roberts, PE Department

12 Electric scooters (e-scooters)

Please find below a message from WSCC County Road Safety Team that we have been asked to share with parents and carers:

In recent months, it has been brought to our attention that there is an increasing number of individuals riding e-scooters on the public highway, pavements and in public open spaces, often causing a nuisance to other road and pavement users.

E-scooters are a relatively new mode of transport and as such the Government is trialling various schemes and developing the guidance around their safe use. However, (at the time of writing this letter) many are still unaware e-scooters are classed as 'Personal Light Electric Vehicles' (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Driving licence• Insurance• Number plates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighting• Brakes• Type approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road tax• Crash helmets etc
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*Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road and certainly not until legislation has been put in place. **In no circumstances is it legal to ride on an e-scooter with a passenger(s) and is considered extremely dangerous. The illegal use of an e-scooter, on the public highway or pavement, is considered a criminal offence and can potentially bring about criminal proceedings.***

The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. There will be more and more police presence in the coming weeks and months specifically targeting e-scooter users in West Sussex.

For further detailed information regarding e-scooters please visit GOV.UK:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

12. Praise Points

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

- 7P, 8C, 9C, 10M, 11A and 6th Form: 12/13SBU

13. 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 [tattoo artist](#).

National Apprenticeship Week - 7th to 11th February

How much do you know about apprenticeships? In a nutshell:

- An apprenticeship is a real job
- Apprentices are paid a salary
- Apprenticeships last a minimum of 12 months
- Apprenticeships range from level 2 to level 7
- Apprentices do not pay for their training
- There are thousands of apprenticeships in more than 170 industries

To find out more and to test your knowledge take a look at this [PowerPoint presentation](#). (If you have not opened a presentation like this before you will need to click on 'slide show' in the menu bar and then on 'from beginning' so that the links and video clips will work).

Degree Apprenticeships - what are they all about?

Monday 7th February, 7pm - a free online and interactive workshop to help you understand how degree apprenticeships work, where you can find them and if they could be right for you. Book your free ticket [here](#).

Students aged 15 and over - Are you interested in a career in medicine?

Medical projects are hosting two courses - A&E Live and Ward Round Live. Developed to help you develop and demonstrate skills that universities are looking for in potential medical school students such as communication skills, teamwork, problem-solving and decision making - all whilst giving you the chance to speak to NHS doctors.

The one-day courses are not free - currently on offer for £159 - but do pack a lot in.

The [A&E Live](#) course takes students to a virtual A&E where they:

- Take on the role of a Doctor
- Assess and diagnose A&E specific cases
- Determine management plans for patients
- Discuss patient investigations

[Ward Round Live](#)

- Interpret pre-ward round observations, notes and medical charts
- Run a daily review and summary with ward patients
- Determine management and discharge plans for patients

The courses take place at the weekend or in school holidays taking place at least once per month right up to September.

Year 9 Parents/Carers - Careers Evening - Tuesday 8th February, 4-7pm

Following on from Thursday's Parents' Evening you have an opportunity to sign up, via School Cloud, to chat to me about anything careers related - option choices, pathways, etc. Bookings will be open until 9.00am Tuesday morning.

Parents/Carers of students in year 10 and above

Google apprenticeships parents' insight webinar - Wednesday, 9th March at 6.30pm

If your child is interested in technology, and you would like to find out how they could kickstart their career at one of the biggest technology companies in the world, then joining this insight webinar is a great place to start. You can register [here](#).