

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 12th June 2023 week 34B

1. Diary

Monday 12th June

- Students follow their Week B timetable

Tuesday 13th June

- 18.00 Year 8 Awards Evening

Wednesday 14th June

- 18.00 Year 9 Awards Evening

Thursday 15th June

Friday 16th June

- Year 9 Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations

2. Year Group Notices

Year 9 Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations

Please note the following:

- The deadline for consent for these vaccinations is by 11.00am on Tuesday 13th June
- Students having the vaccination should wear a short-sleeved or PE top please

Year 10 Financial Education Unit 1 exam

Year 10 students who study Financial Education - the Unit 1 test will take place on Thursday 15th June starting straight after lunch (1.15pm). You should have received a timetable from your Form Tutor that tells you your seat number and where you need to go for the exam.

For those students in the Arundel Hall in the ALC you need to go straight to the gym for a pre-exam chat, those of you in CSC will need to go to the Sixth Form Study Room for the pre-exam chat.

If you have not attended tutor time please go to the year office to receive your paper copy, students and parents will also receive an email with this information.

Mrs Whelan, Data & Exams Manager

3. School canteen

Please [click here](#) to view the menu for next week. Our lunch menus run on a 3-week cycle, below is a link to our website which shows all 3 menus and the morning break menu, [click here](#).

4. Attendance reminders - Voicemail, text and email are available to contact 24 hours a day

All absences, holidays, appointments and late arrivals need to be reported to the Attendance Office only please and not to year offices, form tutors or class teachers. Please report absences **before 8.30am registration** and include a reason for the absence. Absences that are not reported to Attendance, or are without a reason, are marked as unauthorised. Please see full information below.

1. **Reporting Absences** - Absences that are not reported to Attendance, or are without a reason, are marked as unauthorised.

Direct: 01243 838028 Text: 07860 054358 Email: attendance@felpham.org.uk

Please note: Attendance/absences are no longer monitored on MyEd

2. **Appointments** - Parents should make appointments out of school hours. Where this is not possible, they should get the school's agreement in advance and the student should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. All appointments during school time require an appointment letter/card/email etc to be sent to attendance@felpham.org.uk so that it can be uploaded to your child's record to support the absence.

3. **Illness** – We expect parents to send their child in when they are felling unwell with mild symptoms. This includes colds, feelling sick and aching limbs.

4. **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.

Information on how to report absences of any kind are on the website under:

- Parents & Students - Attendance

Mrs Crook, Attendance Officer

5. PE Kit reminders

At the start of this half-term, we would like to remind students and parent/carers of the following:

1. PE Kit for lessons

Please note that students need to bring their PE kit to school for all PE lessons, including those who have brought a letter to advise they are unable to participate physically due to an injury or medical condition. Students with a note are still required to change into their kit for the lesson, this allows the learning to continue in a non-practical way and enables students to take on roles such as coach or an official.

2. Year 7 swimming

Students should bring in their PE kit if they are not taking part in a swimming lesson, along with a note from home.

Thank you for your support, The PE Department

6. Student health and well-being in school

1. 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 your support.
2. Please could parents and carers ensure their child brings a water bottle to school each day to keep them hydrated; we regularly have students coming to the Medical Room with headaches as they have not had a drink since breakfast.

Medical Room reminders

I would like to remind students and parents/carers of the following:

Hay fever: Parents/carers will be expected to administer a dose of antihistamine to their child before school for the treatment of hay fever. The school will only administer antihistamine for symptoms of allergic reaction and not as a precautionary measure.

Allergies: It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to inform the school if your child suffers from allergies. All students requiring an auto-injector as treatment must carry their own with them at all times and a second must be given to school to remain in the medical room.

Asthma: Immediate access to reliever inhalers is vital. Therefore, if an inhaler is the prescribed treatment, two must be bought into school. One inhaler the student needs to carry with them at all times and the other must be given to the school welfare assistant, in the labelled prescription box, to be kept in the medical room.

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. Students will be sent home if they arrive in school before this time limit.

Thank you for your cooperation with the above.

Mrs Stout, Welfare Assistant

7. Diabetes week - 12th to 18th June 2023

Next week is Diabetes week, [please click](#) here to view a flyer from the Adam Bell Foundation.

8. Youth Action Week - Monday 10th to Friday 14th July - dates for your diary!

Students will be off timetable for one afternoon taking part in a number of activities - to have some fun as a year group at the end of a busy year - and fundraise for charities chosen by the students. This week replaces the old charity week we used to run in February each year (for over 40 years!).

As well as the year group activities, there will be the hugely popular tuckshop running every day of the week, sponge the teacher (one lunchtime - date to be confirmed) and the sponsored swim (Wednesday morning).

Below are the dates for the Year Groups:

- Monday 10th July p5 and 6 - Year 8
- Tuesday 11th July p5 and 6 - Year 7
- Wednesday 12th July p5 and 6 - Year 9
- Thursday 13th July p5 and 6 - Year 10

Year 12 will be having their event within their timetabled enrichment (therefore on Wednesday 5th July, p5 and 6).

Full details for each year group will be emailed out and given to students soon.

9. RSPCA Photography Competition

The RSPCA Young Photographer Awards is a competition they run to inspire young people to connect with animals and is a great - and free - opportunity for our aspiring photographers. You do not need lots of photography experience or fancy equipment, just a camera or smartphone. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer. The deadline for entries is 15th August 2023.
Miss Watson, Photography Teacher

10. Magic Days

We continue with our Year 5 Magic Days, this time welcoming Arundel and South Bersted Schools on Tuesday 13th June. Please make the students feel welcome in you see them around school. Thank you to Miss Tweed for running the sessions - 'Exploring the Magical Powers of Colour' and to our amazing Year 9 students for supporting the students throughout the day.

11. EAL book suggestions reminder

We are looking to update our foreign language fiction books in the school library. If you have any suggestions for books or authors that would be appropriate, please can you let Ms Purcell know by Friday 16th June, thank you.

12. Student Council

Thank you to the students who attended the end of year Student Council event on Friday 9th June. The work you have achieved this year has been brilliant. Please see our end of term newsletter for full information, along with information on how the Council is changing for September onwards.
Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

13. Resilience Ambassadors

We have a team of student Resilience Ambassadors who have been trained to support students. They run the 'Safe Space for Everyone' lunchtime club, and are now also getting out and about at lunchtime to give younger students support. They will also be included in the summer activities for our Year 6 students joining us in September, and they plan to link in with Year 7 classes and assemblies next academic year.

We would like to recruit some new students to the team, students interested in becoming a Resilience Ambassador should email Mrs Chester at gchester@felpham.org.uk with their name/form/year group and why they wish to join. The deadline is Friday 23rd June.

Below are some of our current Ambassadors - say hello if you see them out and about!



14. Lockers audit - parents/carers of students in Years 7-10

Last year, as a trial, we asked **all** students to return their locker key before the summer break. This allowed us to clean all the lockers and allocate them so that students, on the whole, had one as close to their classroom as possible. We still found some mouldy towels, half-eaten lunches and unused and mouldy food tech ingredients in them, but not as many as in previous years! We even found 42 empty Suso cans and a toy dinosaur in one!

In the next week all parents/carers will receive an electronic form to complete.

- Parents/Carers of students who we have on record as having a locker will be asked to give us details of the locker/key that your child(ren) has/have and asking if they would like to have a locker again in September.
- Students who currently have a locker but do not want one in the future will be issued a refund of £2 in September, as long as they return the key they had.
- Parents of students who do not currently have a locker, according to our records, will receive a separate link to a form to let us know if your child/ren would like a locker from September. A £5 payment via ParentPay is required to secure a new locker.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

15. Psychology



Year 10 Psychology this week

This Thursday we had an outside speaker, Claire, come into my Year 10 psychology class who are currently studying the Psychological Problems topic. Claire took a lesson to talk to students about her experience with bipolar, psychosis and being admitted to a psychiatric hospital. The students got so much out of the experience, were engaged throughout and asked some insightful questions. I would like to say a big 'Well Done' to the students for being so welcoming and respectful towards Claire, she really enjoyed speaking with you all.

Miss Campbell, Psychology Teacher

16. Science Club



In science club this week, we looked at camouflage. There are now 9 butterflies hidden around the science department. Here is a picture of one - see if you can find the rest!

If anyone would like to make their own stealth butterfly, please [click here](#) for a template; alternatively, please collect one from L2.

Ms Corcoran-Daldy, Teacher of Science

17. Student suggestion box

Thank you to the students who have used the suggestion box productively this week. So far, we have received the following:

- Uniform suggestions: These have been passed on to Mr Summers who has raised them with the Student Council
- Suggestion re menu change in the canteen: Teagan Smith from the Student Leadership Team is discussing this with the school canteen manager
- Footballs: As a reminder, each year group has footballs which they can borrow from year offices at lunchtime

Please remember the suggestion box is for positive suggestions only, thank you.

18. Newsletter advertising / sponsorship

Do you run a local business? Could you support FCC and sponsor the end of term newsletter? The cost is £50 per newsletter and there are three per year, you do not have to sponsor all three issues. The business provides the advert, around 10cm by 10cm, which features in the newsletter, is on our website and is an interactive link to the business website or Facebook page. We now have over 1,600 students on roll who all receive it, as do their parents/carers, staff and Governors. If you are interested please email Mrs Chester at gchester@felpham.org.uk

19. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer 1st June:

- Sam Shelton (page 3)
- Sixth Form Community Event (pages 8 and 9)
- Class Act photo spread (pages 48 and 49)

In the Bognor Regis Observer 8th June:

- Year 13 students are invited to the Palace - Maya Siddall and Holly Woodruff (22)

Please click on this link to view our latest press releases <https://www.felpham.com/news-events/news/>

20. PE Fixtures - Stoolball

'Well Done' to the Year 7 and 8 students (listed below) who participated in the stoolball tournament at The Regis School this week. This was the Year 7s first time playing stoolball and they did really well - they went on to win one, draw one and lose one. The Year 8s played very well, coming up against some really tough sides, they won two matches and lost one. All the students playing were excellent and their behaviour representing FCC was outstanding.

Students: Sophia B, Sophia R, Tari Kay C, Willow H, Lola W, Layla D, Ella W, Jessica H, Daisy May P, Isabelle W, Willow W, Evie P, Juliet D, Madelene P, India M, Evie Blackwell and Harriet R

Miss Shine and Miss Hudson, PE Department

Cricket



A shout-out this week also goes to the girls street cricket team who played at Bourne Community College this week.

The majority of the girls have never played any form of cricket before, they continued to take on advice given and performed very well - winning one of the games.

Behaviour, as always, was amazing and the girls should be very proud of themselves.

Miss Shine and Miss Pitt

21. Careers Update from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Year 7 students - Lucky Locker Quiz

If you have a locker and find a blue card in it, you will need to log in to Xello (via Office 365) to find the answer to the question on your card. You can do this at home - on your phone, tablet or PC - or come to the Careers Hub (S13b) at lunchtime and use one of our netbooks to find your answer. Once you have done this, bring the card to the Careers Office (s13a) and collect your prize!

Important: We are missing a large number of the lucky locker quiz cards. If you have found one please return it to the Careers office, regardless of whether you have found the answer to the question on Xello.

Students in Year 8 and above - BrightMed 2023 - Applications now open!

BrightMed is one of Brighton and Sussex Medical School's (BSMS) widening participation programmes, working with students in Year 9 to Year 13 to increase awareness of what it takes to study medicine and healthcare subjects through interactive sessions, supported by current BSMS medical students. The programme will increase awareness of what it takes to study medicine and healthcare subjects, through fun, inspiring and interactive teaching focused on medicine, health and science.

BrightMed works with students from Year 9 to Year 13. As a 'BrightMedder', young people will take part in regular Saturday sessions that involve knowledge sessions, activities, lectures and seminars. There is also an opportunity to experience life as a medical student with a Summer School at the end of Year 12.

BrightMed aims to instill confidence and develop vital skills in young people, enabling you to submit strong applications to medical schools throughout the UK. Providing advice, hands-on experience and practical exercises allow participants to make informed decisions concerning their future education; an approach that has already had great success.

[This leaflet](#) contains more information as well as links to apply.

Students aged 14 and over - Volunteers needed for summer holiday work

The Chanctonbury Community Playscheme (CCPS) are looking for volunteers aged 14 and over to commit to at least a week of volunteering at Oak Grove College in Worthing. The playscheme offers respite care to children with additional needs and will be running in the following weeks:

25th to 28th July, 31st July to 4th August, 7th to 11th August

If you would like to find out more about this opportunity you could first speak to Miss Moon, Year Manager for Year 11 (N28b) as she has worked there over the summer holidays for a number of years. You can complete the helper registration form [here](#) or find out a bit more about the scheme from their Facebook page [here](#).

This opportunity is perfect for anyone wanting to work with children in the future, for those of you doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award or for those of you who simply want to do something worthwhile over the holidays. If you do take part in this scheme be sure to record your experience in Xello, in Portfolios.

Students in Year 11 - TEDI-London

Free Engineering Taster Programme over the summer holidays

Thinking Ahead is a 2-week online challenge for you to get an intro to the world of design engineering, learn how to create a solution centred around sustainability and user needs, and then pitch your idea. It is also a great practical experience for topping up personal statements.

The programme is fully online and is structured over two weeks:

Week 1: Think like an engineer - 5 - 12 July

The interactive learning content will get you thinking like an engineer. You can access and read this at your own pace.

Week 2: Create like an engineer - 12 - 19 July

You will be set a challenge brief and have the week to come up with a design solution. Throughout there will be online sessions with the TEDI-London team and industry professionals to help you with the challenge and learn more about a career in engineering.

How can you apply?

You must be aged 16 and over. You can take part individually or as a group (max 5 people) from anywhere in the world. You will need to [fill out a short form on the TEDI website](#) and need to apply by Friday 30 June.

Remember to click on the link below each week for more events etc that are available to you



- Please [click here](#) to view all the latest careers opportunities for students and information for Parents and Carers.
- [Click here](#) to be taken to our dedicated Careers website, with lots of information/links for parents and students.

22. Department Information and shout-outs

Design and Technology

Student shout outs

Textiles

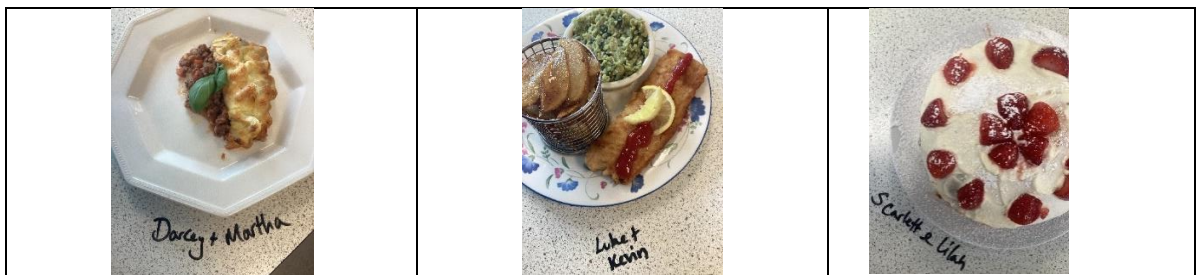
- Year 10 textiles for an excellent lesson on Monday! You worked really independently to create high quality pieces.
- Mrs Cornell's 9W Textile group for always being so engaged and hardworking in lessons. She says it is a pleasure to teach them!

3D design

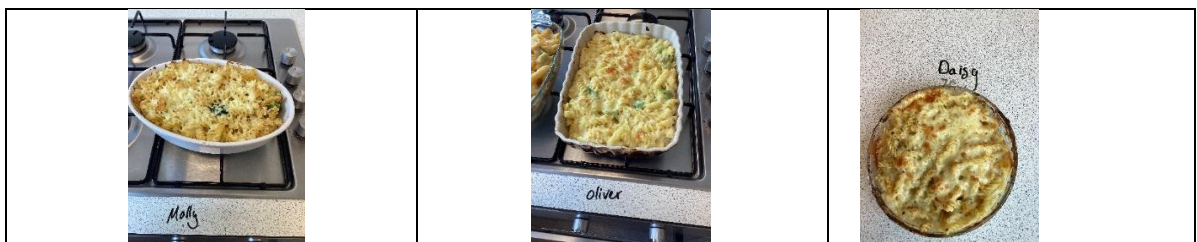
- Alex K in 9L worked so hard to produce a high quality, fully functioning passive amplifier - whilst still making sure he helped those around him. Keep up the hard work!
- 9W Jordan F for his hard work in 3D on his observational drawings and designer analysis
- 9W Natalia B and Aleksandra B for their hard work in lesson and helping clean up

Food

- Maisie D 8 and Louie C 8P for working so well independently to prepare two products in the lesson on Wednesday - sausage rolls and cheese biscuits
- Joshua B and Lucas C for working well together with the support of the technician to prepare the two products as well.
- Well done 8S for some delicious pastry products!
- 9UV made and presented British dishes of their choice, shout-outs go to:
- Darcey and Martha for their Cottage Pie, Luke and Kevin for their Fish & Chips and Scarlett and Lilah for their Victoria Sponge!



Shout-outs also to 7W students who made pasta bakes: Molly R 7C, Oliver T 7M and Daisy S 7C



GCSE and A Level catch-up times

Food

Year 10: Tuesday after school in B11

3D Design

Before school: 7.15-8.25am Tuesday/Friday

After school: 2.50-4.00pm Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

Textiles

Year 10: Thursdays after school in B23

Upcoming Clubs

- ❖ Technology Club with Mr Summers in B3 every Wednesday, 3.00-4.00pm

Social Media

Textiles Instagram: fcc_textiles
Design Technology facebook: fcctechnologydepartment