

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 11th September 2023 Week 2B

1.

Diary

Monday 11th September

- Students follow their Week B timetable

Tuesday 12th September

Wednesday 13th September

Thursday 14th September

- Year 7, 9 and 11 photos (see year group notices below)
- 16.00-19.00 Year 7 Parent and Tutor meetings
- KS5 Parents' Information Evening

Friday 15th September

2.

Year Group Notices

Year 7

Message for Parents and Carers - ParentPay payments

A reminder that you can check historical payments on your ParentPay account by scrolling down to 'recent payments' on the home page on your mobile device. We have had a number of parents who have made duplicate payments for items such as locker keys etc. Locker keys are one of the items that remain on ParentPay all year to allow for parents to pay for another key should their child lose theirs. If you have any queries regarding ParentPay please email parentpay@felpham.org.uk.

CAT4 Testing

Year 7 students (and some students in years 8 to 10) will sit CAT4 Testing from **Tuesday 19th September to Friday 22nd September**, Please [click here](#) to view a parent presentation which explains how these work and why we use them at Felpham Community College. There is no revision required by students to sit these tests.

Mrs Whelan, Data and Exams Manager

Years 7, 9 and 11 - Student photos

On Thursday 14th September students in years 7, 9 and 11 will have their school photos taken; please note the photographers are only able to take individual photos. Parents and Carers will be able to purchase the photos, further details will be emailed to you; please note the only method of payment is on-line.

Mrs Whelan, Data and Exams Manager

Years 10 to 13 - Inklings Club

Our English Department's 'Inklings' Club for KS4 & KS5 students will start up again next week. There will be an initial session in N7 with Mr Bulpett, to see how many people are interested, and to give details about the club. We will then start up formally the week after.

Ms Constantine, Curriculum Leader: English

Year 11

English revision

There will be a revision session on Language Paper 1 - Paper prep & Q2 in preparation for the mock exams, this will be held on Thursday 14th September at 3.00pm. Please come to N4 - it would be good to see you there.

Ms Constantine, Curriculum Leader: English

French catch-up clinic

I am running a French 'clinic' (every Thursday after school in B37) for Y11 students studying French; students can catch up with work, revise or revisit a concept they may be struggling with. Please come along - I look forward to welcoming you.

Miss Sabatier, Languages Teacher

CVs and Mock Interview Day

Mock Interview Day is on Friday 10th November, just 9 weeks away. First drafts of CVs should have been completed before the summer holidays and emailed to me or, preferably, to Mrs Nash at lnash1@felpham.org.uk. We have only received a few. **The final deadline for all CVs to be in is Friday 10th October.** You can update your CV as many times as you want to before that deadline. If you send us updated CVs, we will make sure that the latest version is the one that will go to your interviewer on Mock Interview Day.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

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. B2259 Felpham Way, Bognor Regis - Ladybrook Bridge Refurbishment - Update

Please be advised that works resumed on the north-west side of the Ladybrook Bridge on Monday 4th September. Please note the following:

- The footway and cycle track will be closed.
- Pedestrians and cyclists travelling north will need to cross the road at the traffic signal crossing and then cross back again just south of the roundabout.
- Pedestrians and cyclists travelling south will need to cross the road just south of the roundabout and then cross back again at the traffic signal crossing.

Students travelling to school should allow additional time for their journey and to take care when crossing the road.

Mr Rayner, School Business Manager

5. 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:

- **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
- **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.
- **Illness** - We expect parents to send their child in when they are feeling unwell with mild symptoms. This includes colds, feeling sick and aching limbs.
- **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 all absences are on our website under: Parents & Students - Attendance

Mrs Crook, Attendance Officer

6. PE Kit reminders

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

PE Kit for lessons: Please note 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.

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

7. Geography and Art Summer competition

Please [click here](#) to take advantage of this fabulous competition! The closing date is 30th September 2023.
Mrs Sloggett, Curriculum Leader: Geography

8. TTRPG Club starts on 15/09/23

TTRPG Club will be restarting on **Friday 15th September at 3.00pm - 4.30pm** for our Session 0 of our new Dungeons and Dragons campaign. This year we are lucky enough to have two new members of staff joining us as Dungeon Masters and we are able to offer room for 12 students who would like to join the existing club members.

If you are interested in joining the club, please email me at dmanning@felpham.org.uk. We will do our best to offer everyone we can a place, if we run out of places, we will place your name onto a waiting list should an opening appear in the future.

For those who are interested in learning about Dungeons and Dragons but are unable to attend each week, please keep an eye on the student bulletin as we hope to announce the first of our learn to play events soon.

Mr Manning, Curriculum Leader: Media Studies

9. Homework - message for parents and carers

Further to Ms Pike's letter, we are now in the process of improving our communication regarding homework. This will give parents and carers a simple way to track homework using Bromcom/My Child At School (the same system you can track your child's attendance and behaviour). Using the same system gives parents and carers one system that, once signed up to, will provide all the information you need to help support your child. All homework will now be set on Bromcom/My Child At School.

Students need to set up their 'student portal' to be able to access the website/App and see their homework. There have been a few teething issues - however, please be advised that although children are being set homework, they will have enough time factored in, to set up their portal and complete work before the deadlines. Students have been setting up their portals in their IT lessons this week and will continue to do so next week. Students can, however, do this at home if they wish - please [click here](#) for a guide on how to do this. Please rest assured, all students will be able to access homework within the next few days, if you would prefer for them to do this at school.

Parents and Carers can also set up the app (an email has already been sent for this); this will allow you to see your child's homework. We thank you for your support and understand that, although sometimes frustrating, this will mean homework is far easier to access and support.

Please click on the link below to view a short video:

 [Student App Parent and Student Guide.mp4](#)

Homework is an important part of how children practice being organised and independent. We have therefore decided to give this more emphasis by creating a timetable. This enables students to plan their week more effectively, knowing when and what homework will be set each day.

Please [click here](#) to view an example of a homework timetable; as shown in the timetable:

- KS4 students get one 60-minute homework per subject, per week.
- KS3 students are set 60-minute homework for Maths, English and Science once a week, whilst other subjects are set once a fortnight.
- Sixth Form students will still be set 5 hours per subject as in previous years

Thank you for your support with homework. We will compile a FAQ sheet and send this out next week should parents and carers have any queries regarding homework.

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

10. Medical Information - Allergy Alert

We would like to request that students do not bring nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes.

This serves to set out all measures to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive. The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts and other allergens, yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. **We really appreciate your cooperation in being mindful of products that may include nuts.**

We have a high number of students at school that are not only at risk of anaphylaxis due to consumption, but also air born.

Definition Anaphylaxis (also known as anaphylactic shock) is an allergic condition that can be severe and potentially fatal. Anaphylaxis is the body's immune system reacting badly to a substance (an allergen), such as food, which it wrongly perceives as a threat.

FCC really appreciates your consideration in this matter in order to keep all our students safe.

Mrs Stout, Welfare Assistant

11. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge

The first challenge of this new school year is:

- ❖ *A father asked a postman 'Can you guess the ages of my children? The product of their ages is 72.'*
- ❖ *The postman thought about this for a minute.*
- ❖ *The father continued 'The sum of their ages is the same as our house number.'*
- ❖ *The postman looked up at the number and said 'I still can't work it out.'*
- ❖ *The father then said 'My eldest child likes chocolate cake.'*
- ❖ *The postman could finally work out how old they were.*
- ❖ *How old are the children?*

Please send your answers into me at lpullen@felpham.org.uk by 3.00pm Friday 22nd September. The prize will be awarded to the winning family drawn from the correct entries received. Good luck!
Mrs Pullen, Maths Teacher

12. Uniform donations

If you have any outgrown, good quality school uniform including school shoes, trainers, football boots, PE kit and coats, please donate to our FCC pre-loved uniform store. Donations can be handed in to Reception, in bags please. We send everything (except footwear) to the laundrette and then we will run a pre-loved uniform event, if we have enough donations, before the end of this half term.

13. Lockers - message for parents and carers

Locker keys were being issued by Form Tutors in the first week and have now been handed back to the Careers Office (S13a). If a student has an issue with their locker, they should go to the Careers Office at break or lunchtime to see Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash for the problem to be sorted. If there is no one in the Careers Office, they should speak to their year office.

If your child loses their locker key a replacement **must** be paid for via ParentPay (£5). Please note that we cannot accept cash payments. Once the payment is made it can take a few days for it to appear on the system; students who have made payments will be notified when their key is ready for collection. Please be aware that the school does not always have replacements keys in stock; if a replacement key has to be ordered it can take a significant amount of time to replace. It is highly recommended that students have a key ring to put their locker key on as this makes it harder to lose.


14. Parent Governor vacancies

Every maintained school in England has a Governing Body responsible to the local community for running the school. We currently have **two** vacancies for Parent Governor, and we are inviting expressions of interest. Governors provide an invaluable role in the life of the school. They are responsible for the overall strategy, for planning improvements and overseeing finance. They help appoint college staff and to build good relations between the school, parents, and the local community. Please [click here](#) to view a letter with full information and the nomination form. The deadline for applications is by 12.00 noon on Thursday 28th September 2023.

15. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer 7th September: Advert for Open Evening (page 9)

16. Department Information and shout-outs

Design and Technology
Student shout outs
<p>3D Design Year 9: Josh T in 9P for his skill building over the summer holidays restoring garden furniture! The pictures looked great! Year 10: Skaiste B and Zac A for their fantastic Monami Ohno inspired homework pieces.</p> <p>Food Technology Year 8: Students in 8W2/Tc who asked some great questions and showed a lot of curiosity and focus about bread and its ingredients. Year 10: Liwia O for producing excellent summer work - the detail in the presentation was excellent!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
GCSE and A Level catch-up sessions
<p>3D design (B4 Miss Mepham) Before school: 7.20-8.20am Tuesday/Thursday / After school: 2.50-4.00pm Tuesday/Wednesday</p> <p>Food Technology (Miss Wickins) Year 10: Tuesday Week A after school - meet in B11 Year 11: Every Wednesday after school - meet in B11</p> <p>Textiles (Miss McNeil): Thursdays after school in B23, until 4.15pm</p>
Upcoming KS3 Clubs
<p>Watch this space for some exciting Food and 3D Design clubs starting soon!</p>
Social Media
<p>Textiles Instagram: fcc_textiles Food Instagram: fcc_foodprep Design Technology facebook: fcctechnologydepartment</p>

Social Sciences

Student shout outs

'Well done' to all our fantastic Psychology and Criminology students for a great start to the new school year.

Particular shoutouts, for their hard work and enthusiasm, for this week go to:

Year 10: Keria C, Jess W, Ava B and Liv S in 10C; Grace D, Daisy K and Gabrielius P in 10A

Year 11: Tom G 11B, Rocco J 11B and Lexie P 11B

Year 12: Jasmine J, Patrick M and Lola H in 12C; Bodi R in 12A BTEC; Olivia G 12C Criminology

Remember, if your name is included in the weekly shoutout, it will also be included into our prize draw, for the chance of winning some fantastic Social Sciences prizes."

17. Careers Update from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader



➤ [Click here](#) to be taken to our dedicated Careers website, with lots of information/links for parents and students.

Students in all year groups - Job of the week

The first Job of the Week for this academic year, from Jamie Pywell at MyPath, is [family support worker](#). Discover what the job entails, what qualifications you will need to get into it, what subjects are useful for it and the salary you might earn. If you want to find out more about a specific job pop along to the Careers Hub (S13b) and speak to Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash.

Students in Years 8 to 11 - Keeping Xello up to date

Remember to keep Xello updated with anything you have done over the summer or that you will take part in now that you are back in school.

- Perhaps you will be doing some volunteering or went on a day trip or holiday to somewhere that made you consider a specific career.
- Perhaps you filled your free time by learning a new hobby.

Everything you do develops skills that employers will be looking for in the future.

By recording your experiences and successes in Xello you will have a permanent record of the things you have done. When you come to write your CV or personal statement, Xello will automatically add all of these in for you, without you having to try and remember what you did and when.

Using Portfolios: Portfolios let you showcase everything you do, in or out of school. [This video](#) explains how to create Portfolios; the link to the video can also be found on the home page of Xello in Links and Resources.

Remember, you access Xello via Office/Microsoft 365:

1. Click on the 9 dots (top left of the screen) and then on the Xello icon
2. Once in Xello click on About Me in the black menu bar at the top of the page
3. Scroll down the page and either add an experience or upload something into Portfolios (the new name for Storyboard)

Year 7 students please note - you will be introduced to Xello later this term.

Students aged 14 and over - virtual work experience opportunities

Doing any sort of work experience, including virtual experiences, is a great way for you to find out more about different careers and great to add to your CV.

Please scroll down

Get Into Medicine (free) Conference

If you are an aspiring medical student then attending one of the virtual conferences on offer from Medic Mentor will unlock exclusive opportunities such as scholarships and prizes, as well as helping you to make a competitive application when the time comes. The conference will cover application timelines, how to choose a medical school, CV building, accessing work experience and much more.

The conference is running on three dates in September: Sunday 17th, Saturday 24th and Sunday 30th, you only need to attend on one of these dates. All attendees will receive a certificate from the Presidents at Medic Mentor to acknowledge that they are a student who has gone one step further than others. The conference runs from 10am to 3pm each day, with three short breaks. All students must be accompanied by a parent/carer for safeguarding purposes.

Spaces are competitive and limited, so students should register as soon as possible using [this link](#).

Parents and Carers - Keeping Xello up to date

Xello is the computer program we use across the school - all students (except Year 7) now know how to access it (through Microsoft 365, please see the student entry above). Please encourage your young person to upload into the programme anything that showcases their skills, celebrates their achievements or showcases experiences they have had that might have led to them considering careers related to that experience. In due course, when completing/updating their CV, Xello will automatically add these things into the document. [This video](#), although aimed at teaching staff, gives you an overview of the student experience with Xello (just ignore the last few seconds about the dashboard).