

# Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Week 3A

## Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week - setting up for the year, getting into good habits and completing the whole of our two-week timetable. It was wonderful to meet many families this week, with Year 7 families meeting new tutors, and Year 12 families joining the Sixth Form team.

We have been discussing 'expectations' in assembly this week, and, overall, students have certainly been thinking about them and living up to them. We have made a few changes to expectations and systems in terms of punctuality and attendance to tutor time particularly, and these are highlighted below (item 3).

Another positive has been a piece of great news - we have recently been informed that we have again been awarded the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award (Gold). This looks at personal development from several angles: recognising our culture, aspects of our personal development programme, student leadership and wider curriculum. We are immensely proud of this recognition and thank everyone who has been involved in making this such a strength of our school.

Best wishes for continued positivity and a good week ahead!

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### Diary

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

- Students follow their Week A timetable

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

- 13.15-16.45 Year 7 Bowling trip for Tutor Groups A, M and C

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

- 13.15-16.45 Year 7 Bowling trip for Tutor Groups L, P and H

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

- 13.15-16.45 Year 7 Bowling trip for Tutor Groups O and E
- 18.00-19.00 Year 10 Parents' Information Evening (see year group notice below)

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- 13.15-16.45 Year 7 Bowling trip for Tutor Groups F and G

2. Year Group Notices

#### Year 10 - KS4 Parents' Information Evening

A reminder that this takes place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, from 6.00-7.00pm. During the evening there will be presentations from myself, Ms Constantine (English), Dr Brown (maths) and Mr Vugler (science). These will give you assessment information across Key Stage 4 and some advice about ways you can support and encourage your child over the next two years. The evening is for all parents/carers of students in Year 10, students need not attend. We would be grateful if you could email us at [fcc@felpham.org.uk](mailto:fcc@felpham.org.uk) if you are able to attend.  
Mrs Reeves, Year 10 Leader

#### Year 11 - RPE students

RPE revision/catch-up sessions will start on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, from 3-4pm in B2. This will be useful for exam practice, talking through homework, catching up on work that you have missed and revisiting topics that you are unsure of. There will be biscuits!! Just turn up.  
Ms Aston-Rose, Curriculum: Leader RPE

#### CVs and Mock Interview Day

Mock Interview Day is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, just 9 weeks away. First drafts of CVs should have been completed before the summer holidays and emailed to either me or, preferably, to Mrs Nash ([lnash1@felpham.org.uk](mailto:lnash1@felpham.org.uk)) To remind the students who seem to not know about this, you worked on your CV in citizenship lessons, using Xello. We have received just 20 to date. **The final deadline for all CVs to be in is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Punctuality to Tutor Time

Tutor time, in the morning, is one of the most important times of the day. Students are able to deal with any issues before going to lesson, gain information about the day/week that may be happening, develop reading and take part in important assemblies, amongst other things.

Due to this time being so important, there is going to be a slight change to the consequences for missing it or arriving late, so that students can catch up on the work or information missed. If a student arrives late to tutor time, they will be required to attend a break time detention with their Form Tutor on the same day for the amount of time late. If they miss tutor time entirely and arrive to school later, they will be required to attend the lunch time detention with the year office on the same day. This change only affects students who do not have a valid reason for being late, such as a medical appointment or being off ill etc.

Mr Whiffin, Deputy Headteacher

### 4. 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](#).

### 5. FCC Open Evening

This year, our Open Evening for prospective parents and students takes place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, please [click here](#) to view our poster.

#### Student helpers

Each year, we welcome our students to show prospective parents and carers around our school. Mr Whiffin, Deputy Headteacher, has been into assemblies this week with this message. If you would like to help you need your parents/carers permission - please [click here](#) for a link to a letter; letters can be collected from Year Offices.

### 6. Homework - message for parents and carers

Further to the item in the Student and Parent bulletin last week, a reminder that 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.** Students have been setting up their portals in their IT lessons the last two weeks. If they have not yet done so and wish to do it at home - please [click here](#) for a guide on how they do this.

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.

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. A further reminder that we have created a homework 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.

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

### 7. Resetting a student's Bromcom password

If you have forgotten your Bromcom password, you can reset it by completing the steps below:

1. Visit [www.bromcomvle.com](http://www.bromcomvle.com)
2. Click on the 'Forgotten Login Details?' link
3. On the new screen, click on the 'I need to reset my password' link
4. Enter the School ID – **13389** and their **school email address**
5. Go to the school email and open the newly arrived email. Click on the password reset link in the email.
6. Enter a new secure password.

You will then be able to log into the student portal and access your homework.

## 8. Students visiting the medical room

If you feel unwell at school, please visit the medical room at break and lunch times. If you feel unwell during lesson time, please let your teacher know and they will contact me; I will then let the teacher know if you can come to the medical room. **Please note you will not be seen if you arrive at the medical room during lesson time without permission.**

Mrs Stout, Welfare Assistant

## 9. Reading tests

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September some students from Years 8-11 will be sitting reading tests as they were unable to do these before the end of last academic year, for various reasons. These tests take 30 minutes (or 37 minutes for the student as SEND). Students will be able to log onto their student portal to see when and where they need to go for the test and parents/carers can see on MCAS from this Friday.

Mrs Whelan, Data & Exams Manager

## 10. FCC Resilience Ambassadors

Our Resilience Ambassadors are students from Years 9 and 10 who have volunteered to be available to support students. They have received training from our Safeguarding Lead, and they support the 'Safe Space for Everyone' lunchtime club each day; they also are out and about at lunchtimes to support younger students. Our resilience Ambassadors attended events for Year 6 students last term, and this term are focusing on welcoming our new Year 7 cohort. Posters and photos with more information will be given to Form Tutors for your classrooms. Please say 'hello' if you see them around school!

## 11. Student Leadership Team

Information on our Student Leadership Team and how to contact them is available [here](#). They will be patrolling at lunch time this half-term as below, with particular focus with the Ernest Joyce playground to support our New Year 7 students:

- Monday: Katie and Toby
- Tuesday: Isabelle and Olivia
- Wednesday: Millie and Toby
- Thursday: Katie and Teagan
- Friday: Isabelle and Olivia

## 12. Student Council 2023 - 2024

Thank you to the students across year groups who have applied to be on their Year Student Council. The (very final!) deadline to apply has been extended to 9.00am on Monday (18<sup>th</sup> September). Applications are made through the following link for your year group:

- Year 7 - [click here](#)
- Year 8 - [click here](#)
- Year 9 - [click here](#)
- Year 10 - [click here](#)
- Year 11 - [click here](#)
- Sixth Form - [click here](#)

Students will be contacted on Monday (18<sup>th</sup> September) if they have been successful. The first Student Council meetings will be taking place as follows:

### Cafeteria Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September:

- P1 - Year 10, P2 - Year 8, P4 - Year 9, P5 - Year 11 and P6 - Year 12 and 13

### Cafeteria Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September:

- P3 - Year 7

At these meetings, Year Reps will vote for their Whole School Council Reps, and also have their photo taken. Students will be registered at their meeting.

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher / Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant

## 13. Student behaviour offsite

The University of Chichester have contacted us regarding a small number of our students using their Bognor Regis Campus site as a cut-through either, on their way to school, or on their way home who are swinging from trees, breaking branches, and damaging plants on their site. This is not acceptable, please respect the grounds and keep to the pathways. The University have CCTV and will take further action against individuals or groups responsible.

They have assured us this is just a minority of students, so thank you to the majority of our students who take this cut-through and use it sensibly.

#### 14. FCC Clubs

The FCC Clubs timetables have been updated and are available through the below links or on our website

All timetables are on the website and are available on the below links:

- Year 7 - [click here](#)
- Year 8 - [click here](#)
- Year 9 - [click here](#)
- Year 10 - [click here](#)
- Year 11 - [click here](#)
- Sixth Form - [click here](#)
- All year groups - [click here](#)

#### Trampolining club

Please note trampolining club will start w/c 25<sup>th</sup> September and not next week due to staff attending the Year 7 bowling trip.

#### 15. Lockers - message for Parents and Carers

Locker keys were being issued by Form Tutors in the first week of term but 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 for the problem to be sorted. It is highly recommended that students have a key ring to put their locker key on as this makes it harder to lose.

Lost keys require a payment of £5 for a replacement, via ParentPay. There is now a new box to tick on ParentPay when paying for a replacement locker.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

#### 16. Youth Clubs

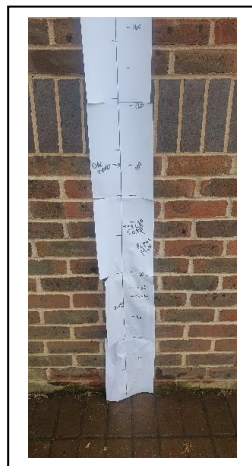
We have been asked to share information for two Youth Clubs held in the local area, please click on the links below to view flyers.

- 39 Club for Year 7 and above - [click here](#)
- Felpham Youth Club for Years 7 and 8 – [click here](#)

#### 17. Science Club

In science club this week we investigated how different carbonated beverages interacted with mentos! We used 4 mentos each time, and we measured how high the plume of bubbles reached. We found out the coke zero was by far the best, reaching over a metre in height - see pictures below.

Ms Corcoran-Daldy, Science Teacher



#### 18. 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.

**Please scroll down for careers information for this week**

## Students in all year groups

### Job of the week

This week's job of the week, from Jamie Pywell at MyPath, is [graphic designer](#). 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.

### Get into Science and Engineering - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Calling all aspiring Science & Engineering hopefuls!

- Have you ever wondered how the Shard in London was built?
  - Or perhaps how the London underground was constructed?
  - Did you know Cadbury chocolate uses science to produce all of their product you buy off the shelves?
- This event is your chance to come face to face with all of the employers involved behind some of the world's biggest constructions and brands products!

Young Professionals invite you to this virtual event on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 5-6.30pm**. You will be joined by some huge FTSE 100 companies such as Mott MacDonald, Spectris, Berkeley Group, RAF and TFL, who each will present keynote sessions throughout the evening as well as running some fun and interactive workshops for you to take part in.

As well as this there will be some informative panel discussions, providing you with key insights into upcoming in-person work experience, insight events and apprenticeship opportunities this year. Following the event, you will receive a certificate of completion within 7 working days. This can be used on your CVs and will undoubtedly enhance your applications for upcoming opportunities and help your CV to really stand out. These events are very popular so make sure you sign up [here](#) as soon as possible to confirm your place.

### 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.

#### Get Into Medicine Conference - free

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 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 10.00am to 3.00pm 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](#).

## Year 11 students

### Starting out in Law - What you need to know

If you are thinking of pursuing a legal career, you may be interested in this virtual masterclass running on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. The masterclass starts at 1pm, when you will be in lessons, but if you register you will receive an email with the event recording to watch in your own time. The masterclass will cover the basics of launching a legal career, including what students should do in the first year of university, how to research and apply to future employers, and practical advice for getting work experience. To register click [here](#).

### Are you thinking of joining the Army?

As the Army celebrates its 100th year of offering apprenticeships this year, this webinar aims to provide insight and guidance for young people leaving school on how they can access an amazing apprenticeship and career in the British Army.

At the Army Foundation College (AFC) in Harrogate, the Army support 16- and 17-year-olds in learning military skills, fitness and education (including English and Maths) so that they're ready for an apprenticeship and successful career in whichever part of the Army suits them best - all whilst earning a good wage and making friends for life. Sign up for this free webinar, taking place at 4pm on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, [here](#). If you can't attend the live webinar, signing up will give you access to the recording.

## 19. Department Information and shout-outs

### Design and Technology - Student shout outs

#### Textiles

**Florrie B and Isla B from class 8X3:** For great work designing fish for the marine panels

**Harley J and Connor B from class 8W3:** For creating an ice background in brusho for their marine panel

#### Food Technology

**Finlay C 10A:** For being the first to bake, and clean up after, when making chicken goujons in a single lesson!

**Class 9X2:** For an amazing start to Year 9 food practicals - the group prepared a vegetarian fried rice in their single lesson; a special mention goes to: **Skyla A** and **Brooke B** - neither of whom wanted to make the dish initially but created a fantastic, finished product, well done to both girls.

**Class 8R2:** For creating some lovely Garden Focaccia this week for their first practical lesson of the term. They all worked super hard and quickly and should be extremely proud of their achievements. Particular shout-out go to **Louis P-S** and **Marnie W** for their lovely designs and great focus during the lesson, and **Ollie W** for finishing first. Well done everyone, Mrs Wise.



### GCSE and A Level Theory/Practical extra-curricular times

#### Food Technology

Year 10: Tuesday Week A after school - meet in B11

Year 11: Every Wednesday after school - meet 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, until 4.15pm

### Upcoming Clubs

Watch this space for some exciting Food and 3D Design clubs starting soon!

### Social Media

Textiles Instagram: fcc\_textiles

Design Technology facebook: fcctechnologydepartment

### Social Sciences - Student shout outs

'Well done' to our fabulous Social Sciences students for another great week. Particular shoutouts this week for hard work and contributions in class go to:

#### Year 10:

- **Teni A - 10C, Imogen C and Poppy E - 10A**

#### Year 11:

- **Arabella C, Milena U and Rocco J - 11B**

#### Sixth Form:

- **Bailey R, Chloe P and Beth D - 12C**
- **Yevheniia A - 12A BTEC**
- **Rehanon G, Ashley D, Darcie L, Yevheniia S and Olivia G - 12C Crim**
- **Olivia G, Millie T, Chelsie S, Raghavi P and Andrew U - 13C**
- **Henry S - 13BTEC**