

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 25th September 2023 Week 4B

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now we are back in the swing of things, we are in a season where there is a big spotlight on opening our doors and welcoming our community. On Tuesday, a huge number of students and staff will be proudly showing prospective new students round as part of our Open Evening, followed by Open Morning tours in the following days - thanks to everyone in advance who is involved.

One of the things that we care deeply about and value at FCC is the strength of these bonds. We always welcome dialogue and cooperation to enable us to support students in the best way we can, even in cases when things aren't so easy. Welfare and progress of your children is always central for all of us, and we really value those positive and proactive conversations through pastoral or academic teams, as they are proven to make a difference.

If you feel you have more to give, there is also a current opportunity to develop those links even further by supporting our whole-school approach and becoming a school governor. If you are interested in becoming a candidate, see below (item 18) for more information. Your contribution would be very welcome!

Have a great week, including a good INSET day on Wednesday!

Best wishes

1. Diary

Monday 25th September

- Students follow their Week B timetable

Tuesday 26th September

- 18.00-20.30 Open Evening for prospective Parents and Carers (see item 4)

Wednesday 27th September

- INSET Day 2 - school closed for students

Thursday 28th September

- 09.00-10.30 Open Morning (see item 4)

Friday 29th September

- 09.00-10.30 Open Morning (see item 4)

2. Year Group Notices

Year 7

There will be a Y7 Parents' Information evening on Thursday 5th October, more information will follow.
Miss Moon, Year 7 Manager

Year 10 - KS4 Parents' Information Evening

Please [click here](#) to view the PowerPoint from the KS4 Parents' evening held this week.
Mrs Reeves, Year 10 Leader

Years 10 to 13 - Inklings Club

Inklings Club is for KS4 and 5 students, where we discuss books, language and write creatively. It will run every Tuesday from 3.00-4.00pm in N4 with Ms Constantine and Mr Bulpett.

Year 11

English revision sessions

Year 11 revision sessions are running from 3.00-4.00pm every Thursday until half-term. Rooms and staff will change but come to the English area and we will direct you.

Ms Constantine, Curriculum Leader: English

RPE students

Revision / catch-up sessions will run on Thursdays after-school between 3.00-4.00pm. Just come along to B2 for support, exam practice or help with homework.

Ms Aston-Rose, Curriculum: Leader RPE

Year 11 - CVs and Mock Interview Day

Mock Interview Day is on Friday 10th November, just 8 weeks away. First drafts of CVs should have been completed before the summer holidays and emailed - preferably to Mrs Nash at (lnash1@felpham.org.uk) or I. To remind students who seem to not know about this, you worked on your CV is citizenship, using Xello. We have still only received fewer than 30 CVs and there are almost 300 in the year group.

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. If you are unsure how to complete your CV or are having issues accessing Xello, please see Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash in the Careers Office (S13a).

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. FCC Open Evening and Open Mornings

This year, our Open Evening for prospective parents and students takes place on Tuesday 26th September, please [click here](#) to view our poster. Open Mornings take place on 28th and 29th September and 2nd and 3rd October. There is no requirement to book for the Open Evening or our Open Mornings.

5. Sixth Form Open Evening

On **Tuesday 3rd October** we are holding our annual Sixth Form Open Evening between **6pm and 8pm**, with a presentation at 6.45pm by Ms Pike - Headteacher, Mrs Brixey - Head of Sixth Form and Toby Clegg - Head Student. The evening is a great opportunity to have a look round the Sixth Form hub, meet our current students and visit subject areas to find out about the courses we have on offer.

The evening is predominantly aimed at Year 11 students however, all year groups are very welcome. There is no need to book, please just come along between 6pm and 8pm. The year office will be available in the Hub throughout the evening to answer any questions. We look forward to welcoming you.

6. Students cycling to and from school

Please could we remind students to be aware of cars around them when cycling to and from school. This week, we were contacted by a concerned member of public who had a near miss with a male cyclist after school whilst he was cycling down Firs Avenue. The student was not wearing a cycle helmet – we strongly advise all students to wear one.

Parent / Carers: If you know your child uses this route to and from school, we would be grateful if you could mention this to them too, thank you.

7. Uniform reminder

Please can we remind parents and carers that white socks are not allowed to be worn, it is black socks only, thank you.

8. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge

This fortnight's challenge is:

A ball is dropped onto a hard surface. Each time it bounces, it rebounds to exactly one third of the height from which it fell. After the second bounce the ball rises to a height of 9cm. From what height was it originally dropped?

Please email answers to me lpullen@felpham.org.uk by 3.00pm Friday 6th October. If there is more than one correct answer, the winning family will be drawn from these. Good luck!

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

9. Non-uniform days for charity

FCC prides itself on running a busy calendar of events to support various charities each year. One regular event is a non-school uniform day each half term when students and staff are asked to donate a £1 to wear non-school uniform.

We ParentPay is now set up for parents/carers to pay online with a one-off payment of £6.00 to cover all the non-uniform days, should they wish to. Details will be in the bulletin before each non-uniform day giving details of what we are raising money for - the charities are chosen by FCC students and staff each year. Alternatively, parents/carers can pay £1 before each day online, or students can bring in the cash with them on the event day.

The first non-school uniform day will be held on Friday 20th October - the charity will be announced next week. We thank you for your support with our fundraising.

10. STEM Club

This week in STEM club we looked at Newton's first law of motion:

A body remains at rest, or in motion at a constant speed in a straight line, unless acted upon by a force.



We created cars powered by the air expelled from a balloon and tested these out on different surfaces, making adjustments to their design and then racing them.

STEM Club is open to all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 after-school on Tuesdays Week A in N24.

You do not need to sign up or come to every session, just turn up when you would like to come along.

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

11. Geography Newsletter

Please [click here](#) to read the first Newsletter for the year.

Mrs Sloggett, Curriculum Leader: Geography

12. Message for our Resilience Ambassadors

Thank you to our Resilience Ambassadors who have been running the Safe Space for Everyone lunchtime club, and for going out on rota at lunchtimes. Please check Teams regularly for updates, thank you.

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant

13. Student Council

Thank you to all the students who put themselves forward to be part of their Year School Council.

- **The Year 7 meeting is taking place on Monday 25th September P3 in the cafeteria.** Students will be notified on Monday morning if they have been selected. If they have, they need to go straight to the cafeteria at the beginning of P3 on Monday and they will be registered there.
- **Year Council Reps for Years 8 onwards:** We will be communicating via Teams. Please ensure you check your Year Council Team regularly.
- **Whole School Council and Arun Youth Council Reps:** We will be communicating via Teams. Please ensure you check the Team regularly if you have been chosen to be a WSC or Arun Youth Rep.

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant

14. Charity Dog Walk - Tuesday 17th October

This event has been running at FCC for over 20 years. Students across year groups (with the exception of Year 11) are invited to attend - as long as they have a dog they can walk! It is always a great day and a brilliant chance to fundraise for some excellent charities. Full information for students / parents and carers available [here](#).

15. Pre-loved uniform event

We will be hosting a pre-loved uniform event on Thursday 19th October from 2.00-3.30pm in the main hall. This is open to parents/carers or family members; students can come after P6. We ask for cash donations for items taken, this goes towards the running costs of the event. This initiative runs on donations, if you have any uniform you would like to donate, please hand in to Reception.

16. Parents / Carers – Lockers

Any student who has an issue of any sort with their locker should go to the Careers Office (S13a) at break or lunchtime for the problem to be sorted. Going to the Year Office or their Tutor first only delays things.

Lost keys require a payment of £5 for a replacement, via ParentPay - there is now a new box to tick when paying for a replacement locker. Please note that we cannot accept cash for locker keys.

17. Publicity

In the Bognor Observer 21st September: Front page - Open Evening (26th September) advert

18. Parent Governor vacancies - reminder of deadline

A reminder that 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. 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.

19. Young People's Shop (YPS)

The Young People's Shop, Chichester is holding an Open Morning on Friday 6th October from 10am-12.30pm. They YPS offers free Counselling, Emotional Support, Advice and Guidance to young people aged between 11 and 25 years old in Chichester and surrounding areas. They have asked if we can share this information with our parents and carers, please [click here](#) to view a flyer.

20. West Sussex Parent Carer Forum

West Sussex Parent Carer Forum support parent/carers of children with Special Educational Needs. They provide information, signposting and training, they also run a number of free events. Further information can be found on their website [West Sussex Parent Carer Forum | Information | Training \(wspcf.org.uk\)](#).

21. Safeguarding Corner

West Sussex Mind support for parents and carers

West Sussex Mind provides a service for parents and carers aimed at increasing their confidence in providing support to their children and young people. Please [click here](#) for more information.




Aspens - online sessions for parents and carers

WSCC have asked us to share information about free online sessions Aspens are offering parents and carers. All of the information, including the links to sign up, can be found here: <https://www.aspens.org.uk/news/join-our-free-online-sessions-for-parents-carers> or by scanning the QR code below.

Mrs Covill, Safeguarding and Inclusion Lead

22. Careers Update from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader



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➤ [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 next Job of the Week for this academic year from MyPath, is [herbalist](#). 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.

Year 11 students

Are you thinking of applying to a Russell Group university?

Meet the Russell Group webinars 3rd, 4th and 5th October

These sessions are for any students who are considering applying for universities such as Cambridge, LSE, Kings, Manchester, Bristol, Exeter, Birmingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Durham...

An afternoon webinar will run from 16:30 - 18:00pm and cover topics such as Personal Statements & Applying to a Russell Group University. Students and parents can sign up for each webinar via [this registration link](#).

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, 21st 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](#).

Year 11 Students - 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, 7th November, [here](#). If you can't attend the live webinar, signing up will give you access to the recording.

Parents/Carers of students in Year 9 and above

Does your young person have an interest in the bustling world of real estate and property?

Pathway CTM are running an online event on Tuesday, 24th October (in the half term break), all about careers in the property industry, working with Property Needs You, which is a collaboration between 12 of the UK's largest real estate consultancies.

So, what is *actually* going to happen during the event?

- Meet agencies that are part of Property Needs You and find out how they can help kickstart their career in property!
- Hear from industry professionals including current apprentices during the quick-fire Speed Meet session.
- Take part in exciting interactive tasks and a Q&A session.

By attending the full day your child will receive a certificate to use for their CV, apprenticeship applications and/or UCAS personal statement. The day runs from 10.00am to 3.00pm. You, and your child, can find out more and register [here](#).

23. Department information and students shout-outs

Please [click here](#) to view departmental information and student shout-outs for this week.