

# Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 week 5A

## Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has really been a week of collaboration and sharing this week - over 300 students helped to share amazing things about our school with prospective new students and their families during our Open Evening on Tuesday. We have also welcomed families in during our mornings to see what we are all about on a normal day - these will continue into next week. It has been the greatest pleasure to share what we have to offer, and I would like to thank everyone involved.

Next week, we are welcoming students to our Sixth Form Open Evening - as described below, all year groups are welcome to come to see what we can offer in Sixth Form, but for Year 11 it is essential information! We also look forward to welcoming Year 7 parents back for our Information Evening. Again, more details below...

We had a great response to our appeal for nominations for our Parent Governor posts - thank you very much to the parents who have put their names forward. Please do get involved in voting to support your preferred candidates - see item 13.

Best wishes for an excellent weekend.

## 1. Diary

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

- Students follow their week A timetable
- 09.00-10.30 Open Morning for prospective parent and carers

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

- 09.00-10.30 Open Morning for prospective parent and carers
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening (see item 4)

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

- P3-6 Year 12 Induction Day 2 (see year group notice below)
- 18.00-19.00 Year 7 Parents' Information Evening (see year group notice below)

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

- Year 12 Induction Day 3 (see year group notice below)

## 2. Year Group Notices

### Year 7

#### KS3 Parents' Information Evening

A reminder that we are holding an information evening for parents and carers on Thursday (5<sup>th</sup> October); please [click here](#) to view a letter emailed this week.

#### Student Council

Thank you to the Year 7 students who came to the meeting on Monday. We will communicate via Teams and email so please check Office 365 Teams and locate the Student Council Team.  
Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

### Years 8 and 9 - MASTerclass students

A reminder to the students invited to the fortnightly MASTerclass sessions that the next session will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October; students will need to arrive in their PE kit. The PE department have kindly said that students can change there, so please go straight to the changing rooms after period 6, get changed, and then come to the main hall with all your belongings. The session will run from 3pm-4pm. Any questions please see me in V2 or email me at [rcampbell@felpham.org.uk](mailto:rcampbell@felpham.org.uk).  
Miss Campbell, HPA Coordinator

### **KS4 and KS5 - Inklings Club**

Apologies, but we will have to cancel Inklings Club on Tuesday due to the Sixth Form Open Evening. We will be back up and running for any KS4 or KS5 students who are interested in discussing books, creative writing and eating shortbread on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October in N4 at 2.50pm.  
Ms Constantine and Mr Bulpett, English Department

### **Year 11**

#### **GCSE Exams: Information and Guidance Evening**

A reminder that we are holding an information evening for parents and carers on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October; please [click here](#) to view a letter emailed this week.

#### **English revision**

A reminder that revision will run on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October with a focus on Paper 1, Q5 - please come to English and we will direct to room and teachers.  
Ms Constantine, Curriculum Leader: English

#### **CVs and Mock Interview Day - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Mock Interview Day is now just 6 weeks away. We have still only received 28 CVs out of the 276 we are expecting, therefore I am extending the deadline to **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. There are four netbooks and a computer in the Careers Hub (S13b) that you are welcome to use at lunchtime or after school if you need support in completing your CV, with Mrs Nash and/or I available to support you.

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.

Not completing a CV does not mean that you will not be part of Mock Interview Day, however **it will** affect the feedback you will get for your performance on the day.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

### **Sixth Form - Year 12 - Royal Literary Fellows and Chessington World of Adventures**

As part of the induction process for Year 12 we have the following events running:

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October:** The Royal Literary Fellows are running a 'Bridging the Gap' workshop p3-6.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October:** We are taking the whole of Year 12 to Chessington World of Adventures.

### **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. Sixth Form Open Evening**

On **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **5. Student Tour guides - Open Evening**

Thank you to all the students who helped show parents/carers around the school or in departments on Tuesday, P points have been awarded. If you still have a lanyard please return to your tutor asap.

### **6. Student suggestion box**

A reminder that we have a student suggestion box by the Student Leadership Team office. This is open for sensible suggestions from students, the Leadership Team check it regularly. Alternatively, you can email the Student Leadership Team at [StudentLeadership@felpham.org.uk](mailto:StudentLeadership@felpham.org.uk).

### **7. FCC Water bottles**

Please note FCC water bottles are on sale all year round; they are £1.50, payment is via ParentPay. Following payment, students can collect a bottle from the library.

### **8. Charity Dog Walk - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Calling all students with dogs! Come and have a great day out, exercise your dog (and yourself!) and help us fundraise for some excellent charities. Full information for students / parents and carers is available [here](#). Unfortunately, this event is not open to Year 11.

### 9. Non-school uniform day

The last day of this half term - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - will be a non-school uniform day, raising money for Dementia Support (information via the link below). Students and staff are encouraged to donate £1 with 50% going towards the charity and 50% towards improving facilities for students at FCC (the Student Council help co-ordinate this). Donations can be paid via ParentPay, either £6 for all the non-uniform days for the year, or £1 each time. Alternatively, students can bring in cash on the day. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.dementiasupport.org.uk/sage-house>

### 10. Black History Month

Black History Month takes place each October. It's not just a month to celebrate the continued achievements and contributions of Black people to the UK, but also a time for continued action to tackle racism, reclaim Black history, and ensure Black history is represented and celebrated all year round. Each week the History department will be looking at key figures who have made an impact, this week we are focusing on the work and life of Mary Seacole, please [click here](#) for more information.

Ms McAuley, Curriculum Leader: History

### 11. Social Science Ambassadors



We would like to welcome our Year 12 Social Science Ambassadors – Tallulah Powell, Patrick McCarthy and Shayla Grace Hill.

They will be representing the department and supporting our KS4 psychology students with their expertise knowledge.

We are privileged to have such wonderful students showcasing our department.

Miss Narburgh, Curriculum Leader: Social Sciences

### 12. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the Clark family (Willow in Year 7) who won the previous challenge. The answer was the children's ages were 3, 3 and 8.

The winners of this fortnight's challenge will be announced after the closing date. Keep sending your entries into me at [lpullen@felpham.org.uk](mailto:lpullen@felpham.org.uk).

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

### 13. Election of Parent Governor

Further to the recent letter regarding an election of two parent governors, we have received four nominations for the vacancies. A ballot will now be held; please [click here](#) to view a letter and the ballot paper which includes the candidates' election statements. All votes should be returned by 9.00am on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### 14. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer 28<sup>th</sup> September: Sixth Form Open Evening 3<sup>rd</sup> October (front page)

Please click on this link to view our latest press releases:

<https://www.felpham.com/news-events/news/>

### 15. Department information and students shout-outs

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

### 16. 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

This week's job, is an [illustrator](#). 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 10 students

#### **Army Leadership Challenge Day - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Longmoor Training Area**

There are limited places for this event but if you like mental and physical challenges, and want to develop your leadership, communication and problem-solving skills, then please sign up as soon as possible.

We will be leaving school at 8.00am and hope to be back around 5.00pm. You will also get the opportunity to find out more about careers in the Army. There is no charge for this trip, and lunch is provided by the Army. There are only 10 places for this event; if more than 10 students want to take part, names will be selected at random.

### Year 11 students

#### **Are you thinking of applying to a Russell Group university?**

##### **Meet the Russell Group webinars - October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**

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 16.30-18.00 and will cover topics such as Personal Statements and Applying to a Russell Group University. Students and parents can sign up for each webinar via [this registration link](#).

#### **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.

### Careers Information - week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.

Please [click here](#) to view more careers opportunities for students and information for Parents and Carers.