

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 30th October 2023 week B

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term has certainly flown by – we have rounded it off with a very successful non-uniform day that has followed some wonderful recent trips and events: dog-walking, theatre visits, fieldwork, etc. I'd like to thank all the staff who make these happen, and all the students who go out and about showing the world how great Felpham students are!

After a well-earned rest this holiday, we hope to come back with a really positive start, spending time discussing what exactly what it is that excellent Felpham students do, and how they achieve success. Mock exams will begin, and as you can see from below, there is, as ever, lots of activity around careers to think about.

In the meantime, though, do have a safe and happy half-term break,

1. Diary

Monday 30th October

- Students follow their week B timetable
- Year 11 Mock exams begins

Tuesday 31st October

Wednesday 1st November

- Year 12 and 13 Interim reports available for parents and carers

Thursday 2nd November

Friday 3rd November

2. Year Group Notices

Year 11

RPE GCSE revision / catch-up sessions

These sessions continue in B2 every Thursday from 3-4pm.

All Year 11 students have been issued with revision textbooks; we still have some that have not been collected, if you have not picked yours up, please come and collect it from B2 asap as these will help with your revision.

Mx Aston-Rose, Curriculum Leader: RPE

Psychology students

Please use all the information that has been uploaded onto TEAMS - revision overviews, Topic Booklets, for Paper 1:

Development; Memory; Psychological Problems; The Brain; Social Influence (you also have Section F).

Ensure you are using the retrieval grids you have produced in class, as well as the key term booklet for all AO1 terms. Pace your revision over half term, little and often! Any questions, please email me.

Miss Narburgh, Curriculum Leader: Psychology

CVs and Mock Interview Day - Friday 10th November

Thank you to all those students who have submitted their CV this week; however, as I write this, we are still waiting for 158 CVs to be completed and emailed to either Mrs Nash or me. The step-by-step guide on how to create your CV using Xello, and the sheet that helps you link the things you do in your own time with the skills you are developing by doing them, will be emailed out again to the parents/carers of all those students who have not yet started/completed their CV. The deadline has been extended to Wednesday 1st November.

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

On the morning of Mock Interview Day, the volunteers who will be carrying out the interviews will be handed a pack containing the CVs of the students they are to see, along with a blank feedback form for each student. The feedback form can be viewed [here](#) so that you can start preparing your answers.

It is common, in an interview situation, to shake hands with the person you are being interviewed by. This presentation - [The Perfect Handshake](#) - will give you some hints on tips on how to do this effectively.

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. Senior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the students who took part in the Senior Maths Challenge. Everyone was awarded either a bronze, silver or gold certificate which is a fantastic achievement!

Particular congratulations go to Sam Shelton 11P who took part (despite it being aimed for year 12 and 13 students) and gained the best in school gold award and is through to the next round! Good luck for the next round in November.

Miss Arnold, Curriculum Leader: Maths

5. Homework

A reminder for parents and carers that the school's homework timetable is on our website and can be viewed here: <https://www.felpham.com/curriculum-2/homework/>

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

6. Geography Newsletter

Please [click here](#) to view the latest Geography Newsletter.

Mrs Sloggett, Curriculum Leader: Geography

7. For parents and carers of students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

With the increasing number of students at the school with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) we feel that it is a good time to review our provision and practice within the school's currently available resources. The school has therefore commissioned a SEND Review that will be undertaken by West Sussex Local Authority.

As part of the review, we would also like to gather parent/carer views. Please use the link below to complete a survey about SEND so that we can gather an accurate picture of the school's priorities for SEND going forward.

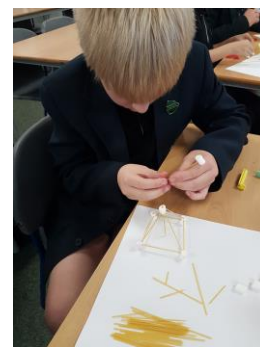
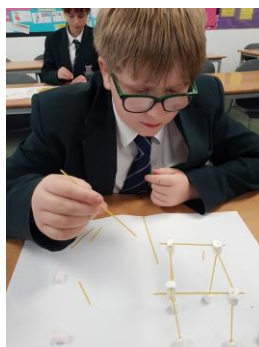
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Thank you.

Mr Foster, SENCo

8. STEM Club

At STEM club this week we were looking at structures and how towers are built. Students tried out their own ideas for the strongest shapes they could make using spaghetti and marshmallows. They then worked as a team to construct a tower on a larger scale, each contributing to the different levels of the tower and supporting each other to ensure the tower didn't collapse during construction.





STEM club takes place every Tuesday week A after school in N24. No need to book - just come along and join in the fun! Any questions about STEM club, email me lpullen@felpham.org.uk
Mrs Pullen, Maths Teacher

9. School Council

There will be a whole School Council meeting on Tuesday 31st October, registration and P1. This is for the three whole School Council reps in each year group. Please come straight to the Blake Conference Room for an 8.30am start (refreshments from 8.20am), you will be registered there. Full details and the agenda are on Teams.

10. Charity Dog Walk

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the dog walk with sponsorship. Money is still being counted - to date, we have raised just under £1,700! If you took part and have outstanding sponsorship, please pass to N29A by Tuesday 31st October, or pay by ParentPay. Thank you for your support with making this event such a success.

11. Poppy Sales

Student Council Reps will be selling poppies around school weeks commencing Monday 30th October and Monday 6th November. Please bring cash into school if you wish to support, thank you.

12. Charities for the Spring and Summer Terms

If you have any charities you would like to suggest FCC support in the Spring and Summer Terms, please email gchester@felpham.org.uk by Tuesday 31st October. We will then take part in a school wide vote as part of UK Parliament Week.

13. 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

This week's first Job of the week is [make-up artist](#). 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 7-11 - Keeping Xello up to date

Remember to keep Xello updated with everything you do in and out of school. 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.

7H, 7A, 7C, 7O, 7M, 7G students please note: Your lesson using Xello will take place in the few weeks after the half term holiday.

Year 10

Army Careers Event - Baker Barracks, Thorney Island - 20th to 22nd February 2024

Would you like to find out more about careers in the Army? February might seem a long way off but will soon come around. At the event there will be stands from all jobs roles within the Army, giving you a chance to meet serving personnel and chat to them about their experiences. There should also be stands from sporting teams within the British Army to ask about the opportunities they have had whilst serving in the Army. At the moment I have booked a minibus to take students to this event on Thursday, 22nd February. However, if enough students show interest in attending, I can book for another or both of the other days. Please pop into the Careers Office (S13a) or email me at gwoodman@felpham.org.uk if you would like to be considered for a place.

Year 11

Live Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar Sunday 5th or Saturday 11th November - 11am to 1pm

This webinar is suitable for any student who is interested in mastering their study habits, achieving academic success and developing skills to succeed in the future. Even if you are unable to attend the webinar live you can register to receive a recording along with some free handouts describing study techniques. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and you can register [here](#).

Topics covered are:

- The power of effective study habits
- Study styles - which one are you?
- Memory boosters for exam prep
- Conquering exam anxiety
- A day before the exam
- Exam techniques specific to exam boards such as AQA, OCR, EDEXCEL

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.

Careers Information - week commencing 9th October 2023.

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

14. Department information and students shout-outs

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