

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 16th October 2023 week A

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's safe to say that this half-term has flown by...just a reminder that we break up for the holiday on Friday the 20th, which is a non-uniform day to raise awareness and money for Dementia Support and improving facilities for students at FCC - see item 8 below.

As I have mentioned in previous bulletins, we have continued to work exceptionally hard this term on liaising with all families on how we can best settle and support students to achieve their very best. We really value the opportunity to discuss this with parents. If you need to get in touch with us, the normal port of call in the first instance will always be your child's tutor for pastoral concerns, and their teacher for academic ones. Year teams and subject leaders are always happy to help with trickier issues, and if you are not sure who to contact, you can email us on FCC@felpham.org.uk.

If a face-to-face meeting is needed, it is always advised to contact us to make an appointment, as we are a large and busy school, and often the relevant staff are on allocated duties, and so cannot respond to ad-hoc queries. We hate to disappoint families, so please do contact us with some suitable times in mind, and we will make every effort possible to make meetings happen. In this way, we can ensure that we offer the best support to everyone.

Thank you in advance for your continuing support with this.

1. Diary

Monday 16th October

- Students follow their Week A timetable

Tuesday 17th October

- Charity Dog Walk (see item 6)

Wednesday 18th October

Thursday 19th October

- 14.00-16.00 Pre-loved uniform event (see item 7)

Friday 20th October

- Non-uniform day (see item 8)
- School breaks for half-term

2. Year Group Notices

Year 7 - Swimming lessons

A reminder please that parents and carers need to provide a note if their child is unable to swim. Any student who is unable to swim needs to bring in their normal PE kit to change into and attend poolside. This will enable students to continue with their learning and undertake different roles within the lesson. Thank you for your support.
The PE Department

Years 8 and 9 MASTerclass students

'Well done' to all students who attended Miss Crocker's Dance MASTerclass last week. It was very different to what you are used to but, as the saying goes, 'Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.' So well done for getting out of your comfort zone and trying something new.

I will be hosting the next MASTerclass, on Thursday 19th October. We will be looking at the psychology of optical illusions. This will be held in the café - I look forward to seeing you there!
Miss Campbell, HPA Co-ordinator

Year 11 - Mock exams

Year 11 Mock Exams start on Monday 30th October, please [click here](#) to view the timetable, which is also on the school website. Students will not receive a paper copy of their timetable as these are now on their student portal. Parents will receive a copy via their My Child at School account.
Mrs Whelan, Data and Exams Manager

Year 11 - CVs and Mock Interview Day - Friday 10th November

With Mock Interview Day now just four weeks away these are the latest figures regarding the number of CVs we have received - 69 completed and emailed to Mrs Nash (lnash1@felpham.org.uk) or me (gwoodman@felpham.org.uk) and 64 started/completed in Xello but not yet emailed to one of us.

Whilst this is an improvement on last week's situation it still means that 141 students have still not even started their CV, even though two classes had an extra lesson in a computer room this week to do just that.

This [step-by-step guide](#) on how to create your CV using Xello will take you through the process. For most of you your CV will be a skill-based one and should not take you more than an hour at most to complete. [This sheet](#) should help you link the things you do in your own time with the skills you are developing by doing them. If you have worked through Xello in previous years, completing the in-built lessons, you will find that some of the sections of your CV already have entries in them, based on what you have already recorded in the program.

The deadline has been extended to Wednesday 1st 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 in an updated CV, 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. Next week I will share with you a blank copy of the feedback form that will be completed for each student on the day so that you can see what questions you will be asked and start preparing your answers.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Sixth Form - English and Maths GCSE resits

Those students in Year 12 and 13 who have not gained a grade 3 in English and/or maths will be sitting these exams from 7th November, please [click here](#) to view the timetable. Students will not receive a paper copy of their timetable as these are now on their student portal. Parents will receive a copy via their My Child at School account.

Mrs Whelan, Data and Exams Manager

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. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the Checkley family (Reuben in Year 9 and Emily in Year 12) for winning our previous challenge. The answer is:

The original height is 81 cm as the first bounce height is 27cm (one third of 81) and the second bounce height is 9cm (one third of 27) as each time the ball bounces it returns to one third of its original height.

There is still time to enter our latest challenge in last week's bulletin. Please email entries to me at lpullen@felpham.org.uk by 3pm, Friday 20th October.

Mrs Pullen, Maths Teacher

5. Student Council

Thank you to our Student Council Reps for attending the meetings this week. Please can you now feedback to tutor groups - the information on Teams should you require it again.

6. Sponsored dog walk - Tuesday 17th October

On Tuesday 17th October, we have approximately 100 dogs, students and staff walking 10 miles for annual FCC charity sponsored dog walk. That is 600 legs! Well done and thank you in advance to everyone who is taking part. The route is Felpham to Middleton to Aldwick, then back to Felpham - along the seafront as much as possible. If you see us make sure you give a toot / wave and feel free to donate to our buckets!

The deadline for students to apply for a place on the dog walk is by 10.00am on Monday 16th October. Students who have applied should collect their sponsor forms from N29A by 3.00pm on Monday (16th October).

Mrs Chester, Charity Coordinator

7. Pre-loved uniform event - Thursday 19th October

This will take place from 2.00-4.00pm in the main hall. It is open to parents/carers, families and students of FCC. We have plenty of trousers, blouses, shirts and school jumpers (the old-style knitted ones). We also have a range of coats and some trainers / football boots / school shoes. We currently have a very small stock of ties / skirts / PE kit and blazers. Please bring a cash donation for each item (if you can) as this goes towards the running costs of the events, thank you.

8. Non-uniform day - Friday 20th October

This non-uniform day we will be raising money for Dementia Support and improving facilities for students at FCC. ParentPay is open to pay in advance, or students and staff can bring £1 on the day.

9. Charity nominations for the rest of the academic year

A reminder that charity nominations are invited from students and staff regarding what charities FCC should support within the Spring and Summer Term 2024. Please email suggestions to gchester@felpham.org.uk. The deadline for nominations is Monday 30th November.

10. Poppy Sales for the Royal British Legion - weeks commencing 30th October and 6th November

Volunteers from the Student Council will be visiting Tutor Groups during registration with poppies for staff and students to purchase should they wish, cash donations only. Thank you for your support.

11. Calling all beachcombers....

All students are being asked to source a pebble or stone for a project we are carrying out for remembrance week.

Please can every student in KS3 (Years 7 to 9) bring a rock or pebble which is big enough to paint onto (approx 7cm across is ideal). This can be brought from the beach or your garden and be any colour, as long as it has a good surface to paint onto. Please bring to your next art lesson.

Mrs Tompkins and the Art Department

12. Black History Month 2023

Please [click here](#) to view information for this week's Black History Month. This week we are focusing on the life and work of Sojourner Truth.

Curriculum Leader: History

13. PE Kit reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers about PE Kit as below:

- All students need to bring their full PE kit in for every PE lesson.
- If a student's PE kit is unavailable, or if they are missing any item of their PE kit, parents and carers need to provide a note for students to bring with them to their lesson.
- If a student is injured, they need to bring their PE kit in with a note from their parent/ carer. This is so they can still access some of the lesson - depending on the injury - or take part in it the lesson in another role (ie coach/official).

Students are regularly reminded of the above and the PE Department encourages them to be organised and responsible for their PE kits as part of their learning.

Thank you for your support.

The PE Department

14. Online safety

Sussex Police have made us aware of a new app called Wizz that many students are now using. This is a chat app that works on a similar basis to a dating site - where users create a profile and list their interests before being 'matched' with others who share these interests. The app is not designed for children and poses some significant risks - for more information please [click here](#).

Miss Jarvis, Online Safety Coordinator

15. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer - Thursday 12th October - FCC Student Council (page 6)

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

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

16. Cost of Living Survey 2023

Arun and Chichester Citizens Advice have launched the 'Cost of Living Survey 2023' and have asked if we could share this with our parents and carers, with the message below:

The purpose of this annual survey is to understand the impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on Arun and Chichester residents, including on their physical and mental health, and to be able to compare these with last year's findings. The responses received help us to tailor our service to meet these needs. We would like to gain a representative sample from all sections of our community. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer with the QR code to the survey.

17. PE Fixture results - Year 7 Girls football

I would like to congratulate the Year 7 Girls Team who beat Bishop Luffa 1-0 this Thursday in a tough match. All students played really well, and we are now through to the next round of the county cup. The future is looking bright for the Year 7 football girls at FCC. Keep up the good work.

Miss Shine, PE Teacher



Team: Molly H, Olivia V, Caitlin M, Mazie S, Chloe W, Thea C-H, Armelle C, Grayce F, Sydney P, Lilly L and Sophie C

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.

Students in all Year Groups - Job of the week

This week's job of the week is [learning disability nurse](#). 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 8-11 - 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.

Remember, you access Xello via Office/Microsoft 365:

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

If you have any issues accessing Xello then please see Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash in the Careers Office (S13a).

Year 7 students please note: Your lesson using Xello will take place in the next few weeks, starting on Wednesday 18th October.

Year 10 students
Army Careers Event - Baker Barracks, Thorney Island - 20th to 22nd February 2024
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Year 11 Students
Are you thinking of joining the Army?
<p>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.</p>
Live (free) Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar Sunday 5th or Saturday 11th November - 11am - 1pm
<p>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.</p> <p>Topics covered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Careers Information - week commencing 16th October 2023.
Please click here to view more careers opportunities for students and information for Parents and Carers.

19. Department information and students shout-outs

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