

# Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 week A

## Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been an eventful week! After welcoming our intrepid Geography students and staff back from their half term trip to Iceland, we have all experienced our very own extreme environment with the recent weather right here in Felpham! I would like to thank you all for your co-operation and support of students during our recent site closure. The quality of some of the work that they submitted to us whilst they were working remotely has been astounding

Our Year 11 students have also been showing great resilience in completing their first mock exams this week, continuing into next. We have been so impressed by the mature way that they have tackled the challenges and seem to be gaining an awful lot from the experience. Practice makes perfect, as they say! They are certainly modelling a very healthy approach to study and exams to the younger students, which helps to develop an ethos around school of success - something we all want for our young people.

Have a good weekend

1. **Diary**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**
  - Students follow their week A timetable**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**
  - Year 11 Mock Interview Day

2. **Year Group notices**

<b>Years 7-11</b>
<b>Reminder - Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations</b>
If you would like your child to have the Flu Nasal Spray vaccination in school and have not yet given consent please do so by 11.00am on Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November. A reminder email was sent to the parents/carers who have not yet consented earlier this week, please check for this. If you need the reminder resending please email <a href="mailto:fcc@felpham.org.uk">fcc@felpham.org.uk</a> as no further reminders will be sent. The vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November.
<b>Years 7-11 - Locker problems and replacement keys</b>
If your child has an issue with their locker, they should first head to the Careers Office (S13a) and speak to Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash. If there is no one in the Careers Office, they should speak to their year office. If your child loses their locker key a replacement <b>must</b> be paid for via the ParentPay shop (£5); there is now a new box to tick for a replacement key. Please note that we <b>cannot</b> accept cash payments. Once the payment is made it can take a few days for it to appear on the system; students who have made payments will be notified when their key is ready for collection. Please be aware that the school does not always have replacements keys in stock; if a replacement key has to be ordered it can take up to a week for the replacement to arrive.
<b>Year 8 and 9 MAsTerclass students</b>
MAsTerclass will be running on Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November for invited students; please be in the café for 3pm. The session will end at 4pm. Miss Campbell, HPA Coordinator

## Year 11- CVs and Mock Interview Day - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

If you are one of the 99 students who have still not submitted a CV, please do so as soon as possible and by Thursday morning at the very latest. All the resources you need have been included in recent bulletins, as well as having been emailed to you and to your parents/carers.

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.

On Wednesday or Thursday next week your tutor will hand you a slip which will inform you of the time of your interview, these will all take place in the library. Please head to the library 5 minutes before your allotted interview time. Mrs Nash and I will be there to point you in the direction of your interviewer. Once your interview is finished you should head straight back to your lesson unless, of course, it is morning break, lunch or the end of the school day. On the day your interviewer will keep the feedback form; this will be returned to you in due course, along with your CV (if you have submitted one) and a certificate.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

### 3. Attendance reminders -voicemail, text and email are available to contact 24 hours a day

A reminder at the start of this half-term that all absences, holidays, appointments and late arrivals need to be reported to the Attendance Office only, please and not to year offices, form tutors or class teachers. Please report absences **before 8.30am registration** and include a reason for the absence. Absences that are not reported to Attendance, or are without a reason, are marked as unauthorised. Please see full information below.

1. **Reporting Absences** - Absences that are not reported to Attendance, or are without a reason, are marked as unauthorised.  
Direct: 01243 838028      Text: 07860 054358      Email: [attendance@felpham.org.uk](mailto:attendance@felpham.org.uk)
2. **Appointments** - Parents should make appointments out of school hours. Where this is not possible, they should get the school's agreement in advance and the student should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. All appointments during school time require an appointment letter/card/email etc to be sent to [attendance@felpham.org.uk](mailto:attendance@felpham.org.uk) so that it can be uploaded to your child's record to support the absence.
3. **Illness** - We expect parents to send their child in when they are feeling unwell with mild symptoms. This includes colds, feeling sick and aching limbs.
4. **Sickness** - If your child has a sickness bug, they will need to remain off school until 48 hours after their last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea to prevent spreading the illness. They will be sent home if they arrive in school before this time limit.

Information on how to report absences of any kind are on the website under:

- Parents & Students - Attendance

Mrs Crook, Attendance Officer

### 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. Food facilities

Student feedback at the Whole School Council meeting was that the Snack Shacks are working well now that we have two. A reminder to students of the following:

- Ernest Joyce Snack Shack - Year 7 and 8 students only
- Blake Playground Snack Shack - Year 9 and 10 students only
- Cafeteria - Open to all year groups, with priority given to Year 11

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

### 6. Student Council

Student Council Year Group meetings will take place week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please can all reps check Teams for details, thank you.

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

## 7. PE Kit reminders

At the start of this half-term, we would like to remind students and parent/carers of the following:

### 1. Winter Kit

Please ensure your child brings in additional Winter PE kit for outside PE lessons (see below):

- The FCC black thermal TECH jumper with school badge (compulsory)
- The FCC black reversible rugby shirt with school badge
- The FCC black reversible waterproof jacket with school badge
- A black base layer thermal long sleeve top
- Black base layer leggings (shorts must be worn over the top)

### 2. PE Kit for lessons

Please note that students need to bring their PE kit to school for all PE lessons, including those who have brought a letter to advise they are unable to participate physically due to an injury or medical condition. Students with a note are still required to change into their kit for the lesson, this allows the learning to continue in a non-practical way and enables students to take on roles such as coach or an official.

### 3. Year 7 swimming

Students should bring in their PE kit if they are not taking part in a swimming lesson, along with a note from home.

Thank you for your support, The PE Department

## 8. Chewing Gum and Tippex

We would like to remind all students that chewing gum and Tippex (or any correction fluid) are not allowed in school. Discarded chewing gum is unsightly and costly to remove, whilst all mistakes must be crossed through neatly with a single line. When students sit their final examinations, the same rules apply regarding correction fluid, so we like to prepare our students for this throughout their schooling.

Ms Kelly, Deputy Headteacher

## 9. Parent Governor update and vacancy

Thank you to all who voted in the recent parent governor election. I am pleased to advise Melanie Cleever was elected and will be joining the governing body as a Parent Governor.

A second Parent Governor was also appointed; however, they are no longer able to stand due to work commitments. We are therefore re-advertising the position. Please [click here](#) to view a letter with full information and the application (nomination) form. Please note the deadline is 12 noon Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

## 10. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Angharad McEwan (staff) for winning the previous maths challenge. The answer was 10 spider solitaire games. Thank you for all your entries.

This fortnight's challenge is:

*A student has read three quarters of a geography textbook. She calculates that she has read 120 more pages than she has left to read. How many pages does the book have?*

Please send your entries in to me [lpullen@felpham.org.uk](mailto:lpullen@felpham.org.uk) by 3pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. If more than one family has the correct answer, the winning family will be drawn from the correct entries. Good luck!

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

## 11. Charity Cheque Presentation Ceremony - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November P6

Youth Action Week was held in the Summer Term, with the final event being the Sponsored Dog Walk which was held last month. We will be giving the charities we were fundraising for their cheques at the ceremony next week. We raised **over £6,600** in total which will be split between The Rocking Horse, The British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK and Improving Facilities for students at FCC. Thank you to all the students, their families and staff for this amazing achievement.

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant / Charity Coordinator

## 12. Charity updates

**The Royal British Legion:** Student Council Reps are selling poppies around school, please bring in a cash donation if you would like to support this.

**Bognor Foodbank:** This half term we will be arranging a donation drive for Bognor Foodbank, co-ordinated through Tutor Groups and Student Council Reps. If everyone could bring in a small donation, we would have an amazing collection! Donations via Tutor Group bags or there is a table in Reception.

### Which charities to support in the Spring and Summer Terms?

Thank you to everyone who gave suggestions. Next week, students and staff will have the opportunity to vote (as part of UK Parliament Week) - voting forms will be sent via Form Tutors and email.

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant / Charity Coordinator

### 13. West Sussex Mind - Parent / Carer support groups

West Sussex Mind have asked us to share information about their Peer Support Group 'Circles' where parents and carers can meet their team, and other parents and carers who are supporting young people with their mental health. These groups are open to parents and carers who have children who are in school (aged between 4/5 -18 years old) and either live or go to school in West Sussex. Please [click here](#) for more information.

#### Support for parents and carers of Ukrainian and Polish students

WSCC are offering parents and carers of Ukrainian and Polish students' sessions on how to support their child's mental health and wellbeing, and also the services available in West Sussex. Please click on the links below for more information.

- [Click here](#) to view the flyer for Ukrainian students
- [Click here](#) to view the flyer for Polish students

### 14. Rights Respecting Schools student ambassadors

We are looking for new student Rights Respecting ambassadors to help with the school's Rights Respecting work. Ambassadors do a variety of work across the school, such as attending workshops and learning about rights, acts of craftivism, organising campaigns and raising awareness of rights. This position is open to students across school. For more information of the role please [click here](#) to view the role description. If you are interested in the role, or want to know more, please contact me at [ajarvis@felpham.org.uk](mailto:ajarvis@felpham.org.uk).  
Miss Jarvis, Rights Respecting Schools Coordinator

### 15. Geography trip to Iceland

Welcome home to the intrepid explorers from Years 11-13 who embraced the wilds of Iceland over half term. Students had an amazing time, from flying over Iceland, to walking behind waterfalls, viewing glaciers and icebergs, touching the newest lava flows and being dazzled by the spectacle of the Northern lights. Below are a handful of photos - check out all the adventures on the Geography Department Instagram page Felpham\_geography.

Mrs Sloggett, Curriculum Leader: Geography



### 16. Coming soon - School Ski trip 2025

Our annual school ski trip will be launching very soon, please keep an eye out in the bulletin for confirmation of the price. We run a payment schedule which starts this year and spreads out over the months until we depart in 2025. The group of approximately 40-50 students travel to Austria for six days of skiing for 5 hours a day. The price will include travel, full board accommodation (3 meals a day), ski pass, ski equipment hire (skis, poles, ski helmet and boot hire), full ski tuition, a trip hoodie and evening activities. The accommodation has full en-suite facilities and has great in-house entertainment.



If your child is interested in a place on this trip, please email me at [Jross@felpham.org.uk](mailto:Jross@felpham.org.uk) and I will email you the letter directly when we officially launch the trip. Please clearly state the following 3 things in the email: your child's name, tutor group, skiing experience (beginner, 1 week, 2 weeks or more).

Mr Ross, PE Department

#### 17. FCC Christmas Craft Fair

The FCC Christmas Craft Fair, with Y7 fun and games, takes place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 4.00pm-5.30pm, this is now a firm tradition at FCC as we approach the festive season; [click here](#) to view the flyer.

- ❖ There will be a craft fair in the main hall - a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping and support our local crafters.
- ❖ Our Year 7s will be running a variety of games and activities alongside a tombola, cakes and bakes, tuck shop and, of course, our raffle!
- ❖ Refreshments will also be available on the evening and the FCC choir will be performing festive songs and carols.

**The Christmas Fair is growing in popularity year on year, and we therefore need your help!**

**Raffle:** Any donations for our raffle would be most appreciated.

**Tombola:** Any donations for our tombola would also be most welcome - any unused gifts in good condition.

Please could students bring donations to N29A, thank you.

#### 18. Girls Football - Millie fires FCC U14 girls into the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the county cup with a hat-trick

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November saw the U14 girls football team come up against a tough Durrington High School team in the second round of the county cup. With storm Ciaran in the background, the game was played before the high winds picked up, but it was a slow start from Felpham. Durrington went 1-0 up in the first few minutes due to the dreaded minibus fatigue, and this carried on for the first 15 minutes, with Durrington going 2-0 up. Captain Grace eventually got the team firing on all cylinders and the defence of Paris, Halle, Juliet, Hattie, Isabelle and Sophia did well to stop any further goals from a good Durrington attacking pair. The midfield of Isla, Hollie, Willow, Lola, Grace, Evie and Sophia worked tirelessly on a big pitch to try and create chances for Millie up front, and it was just before half time that Millie broke through to score her first goal.

The second half was much better and a fantastic Durrington keeper kept them in it after making a number of excellent saves. With frustration kicking in, Durrington broke away and scored a third from long range to make the score 3-1. Grace again picked the girls up and showed her class with excellent football between her, Evie and Lola in the centre of midfield to create a space to fire the ball in the bottom corner. With Durrington tiring, and a few tactical changes by FCC, they were on top and firing shots away everywhere. It was only a matter of time before the girls got the equaliser with a well-worked play on the left by Isabelle and Sophia, who crossed to Willow to shoot; her shot was deflected to Millie, who tucked the ball in the bottom corner to make it 3-3 with 5 minutes to go. Towards the end FCC had 80% possession and that paid off when Millie broke free to shoot past the keeper to finish the game 4-3 winners.

'Well done' girls, on a windy win. Up next is the 3<sup>rd</sup> round.

Mr Whiffin, Deputy Headteacher



Team: Sophia C, Sophia B, Lola W, Juliet D, Holli B, Isabelle W, Willow H, Evie P, Hattie R, Paris N, Isla B, Halle B, Grace K (Captain) and Millie S

#### 19. 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 [newspaper journalist](#). 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.

#### The latest issue of Make the Future Yours is now available

In this issue you can find out about the fire service, careers at sea, careers in finance, sandwich degrees, studying e-sports, careers in architecture and lots of other topics. There is also an article about your choices at the end of Year 11. You can find it all [here](#).

### 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.

**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.

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

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

### Year 10 students

#### Army Careers Event - Baker Barracks, Thorney Island - 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:gwoodman@felpham.org.uk) if you would like to be considered for a place.

### Year 11 students

#### Live Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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

### Careers Information - week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

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

## 20. Department information and students shout-outs

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