

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 20th November 2023 week A

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and successful week has passed by very quickly - as I am sure you can see, we have a lot going on, as ever!

We are always striving to ensure that all FCC students are well catered for and challenged to be their best in school, and we have been spending time looking at how we can best support our students who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities. As well as the work we do every day with our students, we always work very closely with colleagues at West Sussex County Council. They are currently asking for views about available support for students with SEND from all stakeholders: students themselves, parents and schools. Please do support them by providing your feedback if you can - see point 11 and link below.

There is also a very important safeguarding point raised below - see point 5. Keeping students safe is one of the main reasons that we are very clear that we do not have phone use in school. We are grateful for your ongoing support with this.

We are now heading into the 'season of goodwill', and the many wonderful events that will be taking place. We are always fantastic in our involvement and support of charities, both local and national. This year we are supporting our community by working with Bognor Foodbank. As explained below, your donations would be greatly appreciated.

Do have a wonderful and safe weekend.



1. Diary

Monday 20th November

- Students follow their Week A timetable

Tuesday 21st November

- Years 7 to 11 Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations

Wednesday 22nd November

Thursday 23rd November

Friday 24th November

2. Year Group Notices

Year 7 Christmas Disco
Tuesday 12th December, 4.30 - 6.45pm
FCC main hall



Tickets available via ParentPay - £3.50 - to include a drink and sweets
Payment deadline - Monday 11th December

Year 8 - HPV vaccination reminder

The deadline for parents/carers to give or decline consent for the Year 8 HPV vaccinations is by 11.00am Tuesday 23rd January 2024. Please [click here](#) to view information emailed to parents/carers last week. The vaccinations will take place on Friday 26th January 2024.

Year 11 Student (and parents/carers)

Live Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar - Sunday 3rd December

If you missed out on this webinar recently, you have another chance to sign-up for this December date, but do not delay - places are limited! 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.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

CVs and Mock Interview Day (Friday 10th November)

Congratulations to those of you who had their mock interview last week. The Careers Team hope that you found the experience useful, despite initial nerves. We hope to be able to hand out your certificates and return your CV alongside the feedback form that your interviewer completed next week. Remember to add the experience into Xello and upload your feedback form and certificate when you get them.

If you missed your mock interview for whatever reason, please be aware that I am trying to organise a mop-up session on Tuesday 9th January. More details to follow.

If you haven't yet had your mock interview and **still** haven't finished your CV, there is still time

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. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge

This fortnight's challenge is:

The sum of Maria and her mother Gladys's age is 99.

Gladys's age is Maria's age reversed.

Maria has just had a baby girl, Lucy.

In a number of years, the sum of Lucy and Gladys's ages will be 99, while Lucy's age will be Gladys's age reversed.

How old is Maria now?

Send your answers to me lpullen@felpham.org.uk by 3pm on Friday 1st December. If more than one family has the correct answer, a winning family will be drawn from these. Good luck!

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

5. Safeguarding Corner

Students need to be aware that staff do get alerted if they try to access some sites on the school Wifi - either by their personal device or on a school computer.

We are alerted to pornography, weapons, drugs, self-harm and other potentially dangerous sites.

A reminder that students are not permitted on their phones during the school day.

Mrs Covill, Safeguarding and Inclusion Manager

6. Parent Governor ballot

Further to the recent letter regarding an election of one new parent governor, we have received two nominations for the vacancy. 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 30th November 2023.

7. MAsterclass

On Thursday 9th November, the MAsterclass students had their Media and Communication MAsterclass focused on the question 'Can Advertising Change the World?' The students spent time discussing the messages found within advertising and how they could potentially change the audience's views of the world around them, before moving onto the analysis of the narrative structures of Christmas adverts - looking at how Todorov's narrative structure can be applied. Finally, using their new-found understanding, they were set the goal of planning their own Christmas advert, which had to contain an appropriately themed message and narrative structure. All of the students rose to the challenge, coming up with a wide range of outstanding ideas for their adverts and it is safe to say that we may have some future media producers in the group!
Mr Manning, Curriculum Leader: Media Studies

8. Geography Newsletter

Please [click here](#) to view the latest Geography newsletter, which includes photos from the recent Iceland trip.
Mrs Sloggett, Curriculum Leader: Geography

9. Bognor Foodbank Donation Drive

- In 2017 139,000 children used a Foodbank in the UK
- In 2022 491,000 children used a Foodbank in the UK

We have started our annual donation drive, this year for Bognor Foodbank. All form rooms have posters and donation bags, please can students bring in a donation if they are able to, by Friday 1st December. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer with suggested donations.

10. School Ski trip 2025

Following on from the continued success of the school ski trips, we are now taking deposits for the trip planned for February half-term 2025. Non-skiers are more than welcome, with over 50% usually attending annually.

The total cost of this trip is **£1589.00, which is broken down into instalments over the year**. The price is great value for what the students are being offered, and they have an amazing experience each time. We have received many offers and quotes, and this is best price, with the best hotel and slopes on offer that we have used for many years.

The group of approx. 40-50 students travel to Austria for 6 days of skiing for 5 hours a day. The price includes travel, full board accommodation (3 meals a day), ski pass, ski equipment hire (Skis, poles, ski helmet and boot hire), full ski tuition, 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, or you have any questions regarding it, please email me at Jross@felpham.org.uk. Please clearly state - your child's name, tutor group and skiing experience (beginner, 1 week, 2 weeks or more).

Please [click here](#) to view the Ski trip letter with more information and [click here](#) to view the PowerPoint.

Mr Ross, PE Department

11. Parents of students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission are carrying out a Local Area SEND Inspection. They are inspecting the local area arrangements for children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). They want to know about the help and support children and young people with SEND receive.

Please use the link below to complete the relevant survey. There are 3 versions within the link: a Parent Carers link, a Child and Young Person link (11 years upwards) and a link for professionals.
[Area SEND inspection for West Sussex Local Area Partnership \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

The survey closes at 9am on 21st November. Thank you for your participation.
Mr Foster, SENCo

12. Homework on Bromcom

Thank you for your continued support with following our new homework schedule. We know that Bromcom is currently suffering from some teething issues. Presently, the student portal app is not functioning, so we recommend students log into the website. This will have the homework that the students need to complete. If there are any issues or concerns, students should see the class teacher in the first instance (they can email them or see them in person). After that, parents can email subject teachers directly. Please bear in mind, teachers are also dealing with Bromcom issues, and may not be able to reply immediately.

We have asked teachers to make sure they are considerate when asking for homework to be handed in; however, students should still complete work set, and may need to be more proactive in finding answers whilst in school. Mr Connor is available in tutor time to solve log-in queries as a first port of call.

We will continue to pressure Bromcom to deliver the service they have agreed to, and in the meantime appreciate your support and patience.
Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

13. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer 16th November: Poppy memorial and Student Council Poppy sellers (page 24)

14. Year 8 Boys Football - Chace fires the year 8 boys into the next round of the county cup

On a soggy Monday afternoon this week, the Year 8 boys travelled to Oriel High School in Crawley for the next round of the County Cup. Having negotiated the puddles walking to the pitch, Blake was quick to get the team warmed up and passing the ball around, ready for the game to start.

FCC were slow in starting but did play some fantastic football across the midfield; however, it was two quick breaks from Oriel that led to the first goal, and then a foul in the penalty area led to them going 2-0 up from the penalty spot. This did not deter Blake from rallying the team, and some fantastic play across the back by Kieran led to a through ball to Chace for him to score the first of his four goals. Not long after that Harry made a great tackle in defence, passing the ball up to Toby B who slotted the ball home to make it 2-2 at half time.

FCC had the majority of possession in the second half and the defence of Oliver B, Austin, Blake, Tyler, Kieran and Harry were outstanding at breaking down the attacks, but it was a misplaced pass that led to Oriel scoring a 3rd against the run of play. Tyler then made some fantastic saves, however the midfield of Toby B, Charlie, Will, Teddy, Toby J, Oscar, Louis and Oliver T were dominate throughout the game, and played another great ball through to Chace to score his second and make the game 3-3.

It wasn't long before the midfield were playing excellent balls through to strikers Ethan and Chace, and it was an excellent takedown and finish from Chace to score his 3rd to make it 4-3. With Oriel heads down, Toby B and Oscar took possession of the ball in midfield and scored two outstanding goals from outside the box, which are up there for goal of the season. Chace finished the game off with a neat finish to score his 4th, with FCC coming away with a 7-3 win.

'Well done' boys, onto the next round.

Mr Whiffin, Deputy Headteacher



Team: Toby B, Charlie B, Will B, Oliver B, Austin C, Blake C (Captain), Tyler D, Teddy S, Toby J, Ethan J, Kieran L, Oscar L, Harry O, Louis PS, Oliver T and Chace T

15. Careers Update from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Students in all Year Groups - Job of the week

This week's job of the week is an [osteopath](#). 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.

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)

7A will be having their session on 24th November; 7O students will unfortunately have to wait until after Christmas.

➤ [Click here](#) to be taken to our dedicated Careers website, with lots of information/links for parents and students.

16. Department information and students shout-outs

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

17. FCC Christmas Fair

A reminder that the FCC Christmas Fair takes place on Wednesday from 4pm-5.30pm, less than two weeks away!

Year 7s are putting together some great activities and we also have a craft fair with local crafters selling some lovely items - ideal for some early Christmas shopping.

Raffle tickets will be available to buy on the day - we have some amazing prizes including: Marks and Spencer vouchers, Sunday lunch at The Beachcroft, a Bailiffscourt Hotel voucher, a family day pass for Butlins plus lots more!

Refreshments will be available on the evening and the FCC choir will also be performing.

Hope you can come along and join in the fun - see you on 29th November!



Felpham Community College
Christmas Craft Fair

Wednesday 29th November 2023 4.00pm—5.30pm at FCC

An event open to both the FCC and the local community!

FCC would like to invite you to join us with a fun and feel-good evening filled with activities!

- * Craft fair with local crafters
- * Christmas fun and games with year 7
- * Festive songs from the FCC choir
- * Tombola
- * Raffle - amazing prizes to be won supported by the local businesses
- * Homemade cakes and bakes
- * Hot drinks and sweets
- * Play your cards right with the student leadership team

So why not get festive at Felpham?!

The poster features the Felpham Community College crest on the left, which includes the motto 'Achievement · Care · Equality'. The background is decorated with various Christmas ornaments, including red and silver baubles, a large red paper ball, a white candle, a small tree, and a squirrel. The text is centered and uses a mix of red and green colors for emphasis.