

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 1st January 2024 week 15A

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a very quick one from me this week, to say thank you very much for all of your support, and to wish you a very happy, safe and peaceful break. For a summary of everything that has gone on this term, don't forget to look at our Newsletter – it is full of wonderful positivity!

We very much look forward to seeing students back with us as usual on **Wednesday 3rd January**,

Very best wishes

1. Diary

Monday 1st January

- Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd January

- INSET Day 4

Wednesday 3rd January

- Students follow their week A timetable

Thursday 4th January

Friday 5th January

2. Year Group Notices

Year 7 Disco

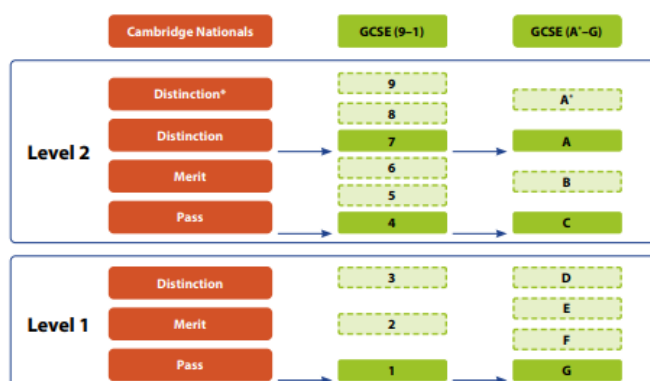


Year 7 students having fun at their Christmas Disco this week!

Year 10 - Vocational grades for reports

Further to the Year 10 interim reports which are now available for parents/carers to view via MCAS, please find below an explanation of grading for vocational subjects.

How do Cambridge Nationals grades compare to GCSE (9-1)?



Grades for Cambridge Nationals and for GCSEs align at key points.

Level 1 covers GCSE grades 3-1 (or D-G) and Level 2 GCSE grades 9-4 (or A*-C).

- The bottom of a Level 1 Pass is aligned to GCSE grade 1
- The bottom of a Level 2 Pass is aligned to GCSE grade 4
- The bottom of a Level 2 Distinction is aligned to grade 7

3. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Veronika Haponova (Year 7) and her family for winning the previous challenge.

- 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?

The answer was 36. Look out for more challenges in the bulletin every fortnight.

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

4. Reminder - A message from the Children's Commissioner for England The Big Ambition - Have your say!

Further to this item in the bulletin two weeks ago, this deadline for the survey has been extended to Friday 19th January 2024. Please see below.

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition - a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important. In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

Students or their parents / carers can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition.

5. Geography Newsletter

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

Mrs Sloggett, Curriculum Leader: Geography

6. Year 13 Environmental Science



This week, the Year 13 environmental science students were tasked with designing their own environmentally sustainable fishing nets, and then had to present them to the rest of the group. They factored in net design, environmental impacts and government legislation.

Miss White, Science Department

7. Dance at FCC

In the New Year, the FCC Dance Team will be starting rehearsals for our Summer dance showcase 'Move It! 2024' which will be held in the Summer Term. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone and everyone to get involved in performing, and also to make lots of new friendships.

If you are interested in being a part of 'Move It!' this year, please fill in this form over the holidays.

<https://forms.office.com/e/S803w1QuzY>

The deadline for forms being returned is Friday 12th January.

Miss Crocker, Performing Arts Department

8. Bognor Foodbank donation drive

Bognor Foodbank contacted us to say thank you for our donation drive. Please find their letter [here](#).



9. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer 14th December:

- A busy week for students - foodbank donation drive and Sixth Form community visit (page 8)

Please click on this link to view our latest press releases <https://www.felpham.com/news-events/news/>

10. School Ski trip 2025 update

We are looking to increase our numbers for this trip to 50 students, if anyone would like to join this please see the information below.

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 the trip is **£1589.00, which is broken down into instalments over the year**. The price is great value for what for the students will be offered and they have an amazing experience. 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 six 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, a trip hoodie and evening activities. The accommodation has full en-suite facilities and great in-house entertainment.

Please [click here](#) to view the original letter and [here](#) to view a PowerPoint.

If your child would like to join this trip, please email me at Jross@felpham.org.uk stating your child's name, tutor group and skiing experience (beginner, 1 week, 2 weeks or more).

If you have any questions, please email me at the above email address.

Mr Ross, PE Department

11. Science Club

In Science club this week we made LED Christmas decorations (whilst listening to festive tunes!). We got creative with the designs and had to practice our problem-solving skills to ensure the circuits were complete!



Wishing everyone a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** from Science Club!!

Ms Corcoran-Daldy, Science Department

12. Department information and students shout-outs

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

13. Free online safety advice and tools for parents and carers

Please [click here](#) for information on online safety from Internet Matters.

Mrs Covill, Safeguarding and Inclusion Lead and Miss B Jarvis, Online Safety Coordinator

14. Christmas

The meaning of Christmas can vary for different people and cultures, but it is generally celebrated as a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. For Christians, Christmas is a time to reflect on the significance of Jesus' birth, emphasising themes of love, peace and goodwill toward all.

Beyond its religious roots, Christmas has evolved into a widely celebrated cultural and festive occasion in many parts of the world. It often involves exchanging gifts, spending time with family and friends, decorating homes with festive ornaments, and partaking in special meals and traditions.

The Christmas season, especially in the West, is a mix of pre-Christian, Christian, and secular (non-religious) traditions. The word Christmas literally means Christian Mass. It's a shortened form of Christ's Mass or in this case festival.

We wish a very happy and peaceful Christmas to all those in our community who choose to celebrate it.

Mx Aston-Rose, Curriculum Leader: Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

15. 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, from Jamie Pywell at MyPath, is [restaurant manager](#). 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 Careers Day at Thorney Island - February 2024

There are still a few spaces available on this half-day visit to Thorney Island to find out more about careers in the Army. If you would like to find out more about the different sections of the Army and what they might be able to offer you, I need your name before we finish for the Christmas holidays. Please see Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash in the Careers Office as soon as possible (S13a)

Year 11 students - CVs and Mock Interview Day - Tuesday 9th January

During P1 and P2 on the 9th January we will be inviting the 35 students who missed the mock interview day recently to take part in this valuable experience. If you are one of the 35, and still have not produced a CV and sent it to Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash, there is still time for you to do so.

Careers Information - week commencing 9th October 2023.

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