

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 15th January 2024 week 17A

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Careers and future destinations are always at the heart of what we do here at Felpham - it is a key part of our vision that we prepare students for their life beyond school in all sorts of ways. Year 9 were excellent in their interactions with our volunteer friends and colleagues from a wide variety of jobs and industries this week, and Year 11 have now completed their interview practice. We are always indebted to the volunteers that give of their time so freely - they really bring such a relevance and energy to the students' experience. Thank you to everyone involved!

We also spend quite a lot of time having discussions in lessons with students of all ages around how the curriculum areas they are currently studying might link into future careers or aspects of adult life. This is something that we are keen to continually develop, and we would once again encourage those kinds of conversations at home, too!

We are really back into the swing of the new term now, and there is lots going on, as ever - please see relevant messages below.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

1. Year Group Notices

Years 7 and 8 Citizenship workshop - Thursday 18th January

On Thursday 18th January a Theatre-In-Education company are coming into school to deliver a workshop. The hour-long event called 'Smashed' is for Year 7 and 8 students and begins with a theatrical performance charting the lives of three teenagers and their experiences with alcohol. This is followed immediately by an interactive workshop exploring:

- The social and emotional causes of underage drinking
- Its impact on young lives
- Social influence and decision-making
- Where and how to help yourself and others

Parents and Carers: If you have any concerns regarding the content of this workshop or if there is any information you feel we might need to know, please email fcc@felpham.org.uk.

Miss Tetra, Curriculum Leader: Citizenship

Years 7, 8 and 9 - Important PE information

We are beginning our gymnastics module of work this term, for this students are required to remove socks and shoes for the lesson. Please see below the guidance from BALPE / Association for Physical Education:

- Socks should never be worn
- Trainers are not permitted
- Soft soles flexible slippers are appropriate to allow the feel of the movement

We appreciate there has been some concerns with some students feeling uncomfortable to remove their shoes and socks, with this in mind we have sourced an alternative product to eliminate these concerns. Please [click here](#) for a link to a suitable gymnastics 'slipper'. Students can continue to remove shoes and socks or wear these appropriate slippers.

Please also note that from now on if a student has a verruca, they will also be required to wear these slippers or an appropriate verruca patch.

Thank you for your support.
The PE Department

Year 8 - HPV vaccinations - deadline reminder

A reminder that the deadline to give / decline consent for the HPV vaccinations is by 11.00am on Tuesday 23rd January. The Immunisation Team are coming into school on Friday 26th January 2024 for these. Please [click here](#) for a letter and a link to the consent form.

2. 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](#).

3. Reminder - The Big Ambition Survey - Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, recently launched The Big Ambition - a national survey of children and young people across England. If you have not yet done so, and would like to, the survey can be completed here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. The survey will be open until Friday 19th January and is open for students and/or their parents / carers to complete.

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.

4. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge

This fortnight's challenge is:

In the sequence puzzle below, the relationship between the first 2 numbers in each row is always the same, whilst the relationship between the last 2 numbers is always the same but different from the first relationship. What are the missing numbers?

1, 2, 1
2, 6, 3
7, 56, 28
?, ?, 66

Please email entries to me at lpullen@felpham.org.uk by 3pm on Friday 26th January. If there is more than one winning entry the winning family will be chosen from these. Good luck!
Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

5. Year 5 Magic Day

On Wednesday 17th January we have Bishop Tufnell Year 5 students visiting us, working with Mr Leadley in our History Department. Please note the cafeteria will be closed at break and lunch this day.

6. Inklings Club update

The Inklings KS4 and KS5 creative writing (and all things English) club has now moved from Tuesdays after school to Thursdays after school. Still in N4 and still with Ms Constantine and Mr Bulpett.

This is a reminder for existing members and hoping that those who were unable to attend and wanted to, can now come along. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursdays.
Ms Constantine and Mr Bulpett, English Department

7. Student Council

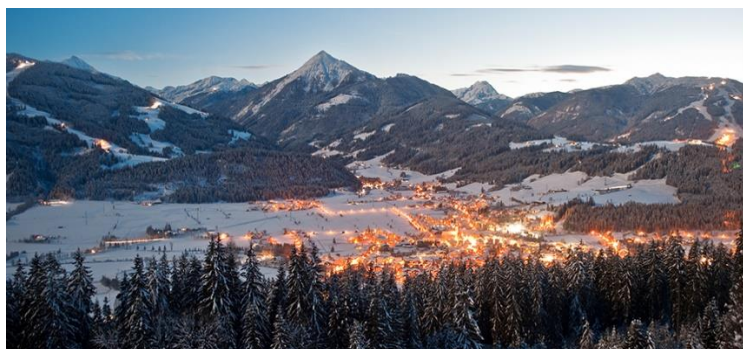
Student Year Council Meetings will be taking place next week as below. These meetings are for all Student Council Reps to attend - please arrive at 8.25am and you will be registered there.

Wednesday 17th January: Year 7 - Library
Year 10 - Sixth Form Supervised Study

Friday 19th January: Year 8 - Library
Year 9 - Sixth Form Supervised Study
Year 11 - Cafeteria

8. 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

9. Department information and students shout-outs

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