

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 29th January 2024 week 19A

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers

At Felpham Community College, we enjoy working in partnership with you to secure the very best provision for our students. We have recently been spending time looking at the communication that goes hand-in-hand with this endeavour, and how we can continue to improve what we offer. As a parent, discussions regarding your child can be very emotive and whilst most of our communication is by its nature positive, we do understand that there are occasions when conversations with parents and carers may become frustrated.

In line with many other professional settings, including other schools and the NHS, we support a 'No Excuse for Abuse' culture for all stakeholders - that means that we value and nurture a culture of positive and respectful dialogue between families, staff and students in all combinations. To ensure that this is effective, we ask for your support. I do also need to make it clear that, in the rare event that staff are shouted at, or experience rudeness, meetings or phone calls will be terminated so that discussions can resume at an appropriate time and in an appropriate manner.

Whilst we realise that it is important to raise any queries or concerns swiftly, we do also ask that you email or telephone in advance to organise a meeting. This allows us to ensure that the correct person can get back to you, avoiding the inconvenience of a wasted journey, and putting the students at the heart of all that we do.

Thank you for all that you do to help us to support your child - it is much appreciated!

Best wishes for a good weekend

1. Diary

Monday 29th January

- Year 11 Futures meetings

Tuesday 30th January

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Wednesday 31st January

- Year 11 Futures meetings

Thursday 1st February

- 16.00-19.00 Year 9 Parents Consultation / KS4 Options Evening

Friday 2nd February

- Year 11 Futures meetings

2. Year Group Notices

Year 7

Year 7 Lunchtime detentions

Please note D9 is now the Year 7 lunchtime detention room.

Years 7 and 8 - Cross Country

A massive 'Well done' to the year 7 and 8 students who went to Bishop Luffa this week and competed in the junior West Sussex West Cross Country. They all did an amazing job and should be really proud of themselves.

Miss Pitt, PE Department

Year 9 - Parents' Consultation / KS4 Options Evening

A reminder that the Year 9 Parents' Consultation / KS4 Options Evening takes place on Thursday 1st February 2024 between 4pm and 7pm. Booking is now open for (face-to-face) appointments with students' Maths, English and Science teachers. Parents/Carers and students will also be able to find out about the GCSE Option subjects we are offering. Please [click here](#) to view the letter emailed last week, with information on how to book appointments

Year 10 students - Army Careers Day at Thorney Island - February 2024

There are just a few remaining 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, see Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash in the Careers Office as soon as possible (S13a).

Year 11 students - Win an iPad, Apple Pencil and keyboard when you take Cibyl's career survey

Cibyl help schools/colleges across the UK understand what students want when going through the careers process. They give the school a detailed report so that we can change our provision to suit our students.

All students who take part will have the opportunity to win: a £30 ASOS, Footlocker or Footasylum gift card (1 given away each week), a £150 gift card of your choice (3 given away when the survey closes on 5th February) or and iPad, Apple pencil ad keyboard (1 given away when the survey closes)

Click [here](#) to take the survey now!

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. Year 5 Magic Day

We have our third Magic Day taking place on Tuesday 30th January with Bersted Green Primary School. Please make the students feel welcome if you see them around school. Thank you to the Year 9 students who are supporting the event.

5. Student Leadership Drop-Ins

The Student Leadership Team will be available on the following days at lunch time for any students who wish to pop by their office for any support, if they need any help or would just like a chat.

Day	Year Group	Who running the Drop-in
Monday	Year 9 and Year 10	Toby Clegg and Olivia Vine
Tuesday	Year 7 and Year 10	Isabelle Isitt and Olivia Vine
Wednesday	Year 8 and Year 11	Millie Towse and Teagan Smith
Thursday	Year 7 and Year 10	Isabelle Isitt and Olivia Vine
Friday	Sixth Form and Year 9	Katie Judd and Toby Clegg

Please note:

- They are based in N25B - top floor North Building
- You can drop in any day as they can all offer guidance - you do not have to wait until your set day
- Alternately, they can be emailed at studentleadership@felpham.org.uk
- They can help with homework, revision and exam techniques, friendship problems etc
- If they do not know the answer, they can direct you to the correct person. They have all received safeguarding training.

6. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge

This fortnight's family maths challenge is:

There are 3 dogs competing in a 100m race.

Rover runs at an average speed of 10m/sec.

Charlie has a speed of 16m/sec, but after 80m rests for 5 seconds, before running at the same speed as before.

Bella runs at 12 m/sec, but stops after 6 seconds for a 3-second scratch, then continues at the same speed.

Which dog crosses the finish line first?

Please send in your entries to me at lpullen@felpham.org.uk by 3pm on Friday 9th February. If there is more than one correct entry the winning family will be drawn from these. Good luck!

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

7. Student Council Form Reps

Please can you feed back the information from the year group meetings to your form if you have not already done so. If you no longer have your copy, please check Teams or see Mrs Chester in N29A.

8. Safer Internet Day - poster competition

We will be marking Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February and have an exciting competition running. We are looking for students to help us design our online safety posters to display around school, see below:

- Students will need to design a top tips poster (please [click here](#) to view the guidance and use this to make sure you have included all of the right information).
- This could be designed online or on paper.
- Three winners will be chosen and will receive a prize, in addition to their poster being displayed around the school.

Please send all entries to ejarvis@felpham.org.uk or deliver to me in N9 in person; the deadline is Friday 23rd February. Happy Designing.

Miss Jarvis, English Teacher / Online Safety Coordinator

9. Charity Talent Show

The FCC Sixth Form Enrichment Team are hosting a Charity Talent Show in aid of Felpham's 'Save the Post Office' fundraising scheme. This is open to all year groups and all talents:

- Singing
- Dancing
- Musical instruments
- Stand-up comedy
- Plus, any other talents our amazing students have!

If you are interested in taking part, you need to sign up at the music / drama office before half term. Auditions will be held on Wednesday 21st February afterschool by Miss Crocker and Mr Harrington.

The Talent Show will take place on Tuesday 26th March with a Celebrity Judge and **big prizes** including £100 first place and £50 second place.

Sign-up, have some fun, show us your talents and help us fundraise and produce an excellent show! Please [click here](#) to view a flyer.

10. Pre-loved uniform

We would like to run another pre-loved uniform event before the end of the Spring Term, for this we need donations! Please donate any good quality outgrown / not needed uniform / PE kit / school shoes / trainers / football boots; please bring to Reception. Thank you for your support with this ongoing initiative.

11. Annie Performances

Tickets are now available for our production of Annie; the performances are on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February at 18:30. Tickets are £4.00 each, available now on ParentPay. [Click here](#) to view a flyer.

12. Felpham Heroes / Parishioner of the Year

Felpham Parish Council are asking for nominations for Parishioner of the Year. Do you know a Felpham resident who deserves to be recognised for outstanding work in assisting others in 2023? Examples could be saving a life, caring, charity work or anything else that you believe merits recognition.

There are the following three categories:

- Young people up to 11 years of age
- Young people up to 18 years of age
- Parishioner of the Year - over 18 years of age

Please [click here](#) to view a flyer, with information on how to nominate a person. The closing date is 29th February 2024.

13. Holocaust Memorial Day

Saturday 27th January is Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme this year is Fragility of Freedom.

'The theme of Fragility of Freedom provides us all with an opportunity to stop and consider what we value in our own lives and in the wider world.' Joe Miller, Head of Outreach.

Each year thousands of local activities take place across the UK to mark Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD). Click on this link to find out more: <https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/local-hmd-activities/>.

Mx Harper Aston-Rose

Curriculum Leader: Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

14. Non-uniform day

The next non-school uniform day will be on Friday 9th February, raising money for UNICEF. Students and staff are invited to donate £1 to wear non-uniform. Please pay (if you have not paid for the whole year already) via Parent Pay or students can bring £1 cash on the day. Thank you in advance to our Sixth Form Charity Committee and the Student Council for their help collecting in the money on day, and to everyone for your on-going support with our charity programme of events.

15. Tax Free Childcare for Parents and Carers

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for accredited holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC enables parents and carers to access childcare during the school holidays, saving them money. It is estimated that there are 1.3 million working families who are eligible for TFC in the UK, however only a small percentage are making use of the scheme. Around **75% of families are losing out** on this support.

TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Parents can check [Childcare Choices](#) to find out if they are eligible. You can find out more about the scheme [here](#).

Many parents don't realise that TFC can be saved up on their accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds which could be used for holiday clubs or out of school care. As half term approaches, it is a good opportunity to remind families of these schemes so parents can plan for the upcoming holidays.

Useful links and additional information:

- [Tax Free Childcare can help towards the cost of children's summer holiday activities | GOV.UK.](#)
- [Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK.](#)
- [Get Tax-Free Childcare: step by step - GOV.UK.](#)
- www.westsussex.gov.uk/FIS - to help parents search for childcare.

Mr Rayner
School Business Manager

16. Under 14 Girls' Football

On Tuesday 23rd January the Under 14 girls' team took part in a tournament at The Regis School. Despite the poor weather conditions, the girls were amazing and showed great teamwork and determination the whole tournament.

For the first game the girls were up against Six Villages 2 team. Felpham dominated this game by keeping possession of the ball, battling, tracking back when they lost the ball and taking opportunities to shoot when they could. With Six Villages taking the centre kick, Lily made sure she was ready to close them down. After battling with one of their midfielders, Lily won the ball, crossed it into Millie - who was sprinting forward - attacking the ball into the goal. A penalty was given to Felpham, due to a handball from Six Villages. Lily stepped up confidently to take this, striking the ball into the top corner. The game finished 7-0 to Felpham.

The second game was against Chichester High School. Felpham got an early goal, with Evie crossing the ball in from a corner kick, and Willow bringing the ball down and striking it into the bottom corner. The girls had to work hard as Chichester had some fast-attacking players, who were alert - trying to find the equalising goal. As Chichester took the centre kick, they passed the ball straight through our midfield, taking the ball round our defence and becoming one-on-one with the keeper. Despite Sophia being quick to close the ball down, Chichester took the opportunity early and got the equalising goal. The game finished 1-1.

The third game was against The Regis School 3 team. Again, the girls dominated this game, showing some great teamwork and keeping possession. Right from the starting whistle, Evie was first to track the ball down, making interceptions where possible. This led to Evie dribbling round the defence and taking a powerful shot from outside of the box into the top corner of the goal. Another goal came from Hallie, who was playing defence; she took the ball down and sprinted into the available space, slotting the ball into the bottom corner. The game finished with another amazing result of 7-0 to Felpham.

The girl's final game was against Midhurst Rother Collage. Looking at this teams results we knew this would be a challenge. The girls had to work hard defensively in this game, tracking back to help. Even though the girls showed great determination, and didn't give up, the game finished 0-1 to Midhurst.

Overall, Felpham finished second in their group. 'Well done' girls, this is amazing, you should all be very proud of yourselves!

Match Report by: Ruby-May Rainey
Teacher: Miss Shine

17. Schools' Football Week (SFW) 5th to 11th February 2024 - competition

Design your own England shirt with the SFW Big Competition (in partnership with Pro:Direct Sport). The competition opens on Monday 5th February and closes on Friday 16th February, with a prize for the winning Primary and Secondary design. Both winners will have the chance to have their shirt made into genuine football shirts and presented to them at school. Using Pro:Direct's creative software, the team will recreate the designs and make them into two shirts; furthermore, the winning students will also win a £250 Pro:Direct voucher to spend on their website.

[Click here](#) for a flyer with a shirt template for your design. To enter, email your design to fcc@felpham.org.uk by Friday 16th February.

Mr Hauxwell, Curriculum Leader: PE

18. Careers Update from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Students in all Year Groups
Job of the week
This week's Job of the Week for this academic year is university lecturer . 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.
Discover your career potential through sports!
Do you love playing sports? In the new series of the Find Your Force podcast you can discover what careers routes you can take if you have a love for running, boxing, gaming, swimming, rugby, football or winter sports. Access the podcasts here .

Students aged 14-19
Thinking about your next steps?
Deciding what to do after school or college can feel overwhelming. The new Skills for Life campaign and website, from the Department for Education, makes this decision easier by providing a one-stop-shop for information about education and training pathways. Visit the website to discover options available at post-16 and post-18. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• T levels allow young people aged 16-19 to see what a potential career could be like, with time split between classroom learning and an industry placement - find out more here.• With apprenticeships, people aged 16 and over can earn money while learning on the job, working with experienced staff to gain skills - find out more here.• With Higher Technical Qualifications, people aged 18 and over can gain in-demand skills with a high-quality qualification designed by employers - find out more here. Please click here to view more careers opportunities for students and information for Parents and Carers.

New - Are you interested in a career in Allied Healthcare?
Virtual work experience focusing on Geriatrics and Recovery, Sunday 4th February 8.30am-5pm
The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience from Medic Mentor offers a unique opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals. It's a rare occasion for you to hear from guest speaker, Sarah Trevannah, a seasoned nurse with a wealth of captivating experiences, stories, and insights to share. Sarah will provide invaluable guidance to help you embark on your dream healthcare careers. Following Sarah's talk, you will gain an intimate look at the healthcare industry in the LIVE virtual work experience, delving into diverse roles within allied healthcare and taking a closer look at patient care by following the journeys of two patients from incident through to treatment. The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience is the largest programme for aspiring healthcare professionals, having successfully invited over 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year - many of which have gone on to study: Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Radiography, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Speech and Language Therapy and Pharmacy. Registration Link: https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/ Once registered, you will receive access to Medic Mentor's virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme, there's a Highly Commended Reference – a golden ticket for your apprenticeship and UCAS applications. Registration will start at 8:30am, with guest speaker Sarah, from 9-10am, then the live work experience session starts at 10am, with an end at 5pm. Plenty of breaks are scheduled throughout. You can register at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs, or £50 for the full 6 months: https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/

Careers Information - week ending Friday 26th January
Please click here to view more careers opportunities for students and information for Parents and Carers. Click here to be taken to our dedicated Careers website, with lots of information/links for parents and students.