

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 11th March 2024 week 24B

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

The increase in the length of the days and the feeling of light and warm sunshine that Spring brings is always a welcome energiser in the middle of what is always a very busy term. Year 11 have been superb in their mock exams and are now turning their attention to Sixth Form taster days next week.

We are extremely lucky to have a Sixth Form at FCC – it enables us to plan a whole 7-year curriculum that takes students right through to university and the workplace. As teachers, it means that we get to take our subject knowledge and passion to a high level. One of the most important reasons is that it enables us to support achievement in students that we know so well, right the way through until they are 18, and that is an absolute privilege.

We talk to students right from Year 7 about this journey and are constantly referring to what we study in Sixth Form and beyond when we discuss our curriculum areas in lessons – it is an important part of the ‘why are we studying this now?’ question. We hope, then, that it won’t be new information by Year 11, and we wish them all well in their tasters. Whatever year your child is in, if you have any questions about study in our Sixth Form, please see our [website](#), and don’t hesitate to ask.

Have a great weekend

1. Diary

Monday 11th March

- Students follow their Week B timetable

Tuesday 12th March

- Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day (see year group notice below)

Wednesday 13th March

- Year 10 Interim reports to Parent and Carers

Thursday 14th March

- 16.00-19.00 Year 7 Virtual Parents’ Consultation Evening (see year group notice below)

Friday 15th March

2. Year Group Notices

Year 7 - Virtual Parents Evening - Thursday 14th March

A reminder that Year 7 Virtual Parents’ Evening is next Thursday, booking for appointments opened this morning (Friday) and closes at 8.00am on Thursday. Please [click here](#) to view the letter emailed to parents with instructions on how to book appointments.

Year 8 - Interim reports

A reminder that Year 8 Interim reports were issued to parents and carers on Wednesday and are available to view via MCAS (My Child at School). Please [click here](#) to view the accompanying letter with information on how to access the reports.
Mrs Elkins, Year 8 Leader

Year 11

Sixth Form Taster Day - Tuesday 12th March

Sixth Form Taster Day takes place on Tuesday. We have 117 students taking part in taster day - these are all the students who said ‘yes’ or ‘maybe’ to Sixth Form as part of their Futures Meetings discussions. Students will be with a Sixth Form tutor during registration. They have all opted for 4 different taster sessions and they will spend 1 lesson in the hub being introduced to the EPQ. During lesson 6 all students taking part in taster day will be involved in a quiz in the main hall. Students have received their individual timetables this week. Students can come to school in non-uniform and will have exclusive access to the Sixth Form facilities throughout the day.

Those students who are not considering coming to Sixth Form next year will follow their usual timetable (with the possible exception of period 5 and 6). This is an excellent opportunity for these students to have additional support from their teachers in small groups. Students will register with their normal tutors in the morning. Students have received their individual timetables this week. These students must come in school uniform and bring their PE kit for periods 5 and 6. Students will be sent home to change if they come into school in non-uniform.

Mrs Brixey, Head of Sixth Form

Leavers' Hoodies

A reminder that leavers' hoodies can still be ordered, the deadline is midnight on Sunday 10th March; they cost £22.50 each or £27.50 personalised. The link, username and password are below:

- Please click here: [View the shop here](#)
- Username: 3152
- Password: SYRKahAR

Prom tickets

Prom Tickets are still available to purchase on ParentPay even though the deadline for the deposit has now passed. Tickets are £33.00. Please email Mrs Irish at cirish@felpham.org.uk if you have any issues with payment.

English Department - Drop in and revise sessions

A reminder that English rooms and after-school slots are available for Year 11 students to come along and revise.

Materials will be available so students can tailor their revision to their needs and staff will be on hand to answer questions and give advice. These are not taught sessions.

Tuesdays: Ms Constantine in N4, Mrs Wills in N3, Mr Castle in N5, Miss Jarvis in N9, Miss Smith in N8

Wednesdays: Miss Stacey in N2, Mrs Marques-Darling in N1, Ms Constantine in N4

Fridays: Mr Bulpett in N7, Mrs Naylor in N6, Ms Constantine in N4

Year 11 and Sixth Form - WSCC Bus Saver ticket

West Sussex County Council have asked us to share the following information with Year 11 and Sixth Form students:

A Bus Saver ticket is available to 16- to 20-year-olds in West Sussex. All young people within the age group will be able to buy a discounted bus fare, provided that they carry a valid form of proof of age. For more information on the saver, please click [here](#).

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. Length of School Day - Parent and Carer consultation

A link to an online form was emailed to parents and carers of students in Years 7 to 12 this week about increasing the length of the school day by 10 minutes. Please complete this, should you wish to, by Friday 15th March, thank you.

5. Ramadan

Ramadan mubarak to all of our students and their families who will begin fasting for the holy month of Ramadan on Monday 11th March.

Our Year 8 students have been learning about Ramadan in their RPE lessons:

- Ramadan is a holy month in Islam.
- During Ramadan Muslims have to fast (do not eat or drink) during daylight hours. They will eat and drink before sunrise and after sunset.
- It is the fourth Pillar of Islam (**sawm**).
- The main reason for fasting is to show or prove loyalty to Allah.
- Fasting helps Muslims to understand what it would be like to be very poor and not have enough to eat.
- It also helps remind Muslims not to be greedy or selfish.
- The festival of Id-UI-Fitr follows Ramadan.
- Every day at sunset. Muslims have a meal called **iftar** to break their fast.

6. Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. This week we are looking at International Women's Day and why it is so important in our modern world to challenge discrimination and inequality. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Ms McAuley, Curriculum Leader: History

7. School Ski trip 2025

We are looking to increase our numbers to 50 students, if you would like to join, please see 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 this trip will be **£1589.00, which is broken down into instalments over the year**. The price is great value for what for the students are being offered and they will have an amazing experience.

The group of approx. 40-50 students travel to Austria for 6 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 great in-house entertainment.

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

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

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

Mr Ross, PE Department

8. Student Council

Thank you to the Student Council Reps for attending the meeting on Tuesday. Please can you all now promote the Big Plastic Count as much as possible with your year group (see item 9).

Whole School Council: Please check Teams regarding details for the lunchtime meeting on Wednesday 13th March.

9. 'The Big Plastic Count'

We are taking part in a Greenpeace UK initiative next week - 'The Big Plastic Count' - counting plastic waste per household: 'Together, we can build even more evidence about what happens to our plastic waste to help put a stop to the plastic crisis.' [Click here](#) to view a flyer.

At FCC, this is being spearheaded by our Student Council Reps who presented during Form Time and tally sheets were given to students who wanted to take part. All forms to be handed in to Form Tutors please.

10. HAS Felpham Got Talent?

Please see below. Please come and support our students who are showcasing their talents to a live audience in front of a panel of judges. Help us have some fun and fundraise at the same time!



11. Information from WSCC

Easter activities and the HAF programme

Families who are eligible for benefits related free school meals can use WSCC's [online booking system](#) to book up to four free activities for their child to attend over the Easter holidays. Every session includes a free nutritious meal. [Click here](#) for more information.

Free maths courses for adults

West Sussex County Council has partnered with the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund to deliver **free local courses and activities for adults (aged 19 and over)** who do not already have a GCSE at grade C/4 or higher in Maths or an equivalent subject and want to improve their numeracy skills. Dates, locations and further information can be found here [Multiply: get skills for free!](#)

Staying Safe Online

Please [click here](#) to view the latest edition of Staying Safe Online from WSCC.

12. Performing Arts update

Our National Theatre Connections performance of Shout is on Wednesday 13th March at 19:30, tickets are £4.00 each available on ParentPay. All support welcome as the students have been working extremely hard on this.

The students are then performing at the Mast Studios in Southampton on Monday 22nd April at 19:00.

Tickets are available via their website: <https://www.mayflower.org.uk/whats-on/nt-connections-festival-2024/>

13. Knitting needles wanted!

If any parents or carers have spare or unwanted knitting needles, I would be grateful for donations for use on the A level environmental science course.

Miss White, Teacher of Science/ A Level Environmental Science Lead

14. Parking in the ALC

Please could parents and carers collecting children from school by car not park in the disabled bays in the Arun Leisure Centre unless they have a disabled parking permit. Please also do not park, or wait, on the yellow lines around the disabled bays. This week we received a message from a member of the public who regularly tries to access a disabled parking place (at school finish time) to use the leisure centre, and they were all taken with people waiting to collect their child, or the cars were parked in such a way that the bays could not be accessed.

A reminder also please to not park on any yellow lines in the carpark or around the roundabout in front of the leisure centre or school. The school is extremely busy at the start and end of the school day and student safety is paramount. Thank you for your cooperation.

15. Year 7 Netball



'Well done' to the Year 7 Netball Team who played amazingly on Wednesday in their first set of league games. They played against Bourne and Chichester Free School, during the games they played fantastically and managed to get a win in one of the games and missed out by one goal in the second game!

They have grown so much as a team already and I am looking forward to taking them to their tournament in two weeks' time! I would also like to shout out Brooke and Ruby in Year 8 - two of our amazing sports leaders who helped organise the team, and also came up with some great drills and activities to get the team warmed up and ready. 'Well done' everyone!

Miss Pitt, PE Department

16. Year 9 Girls' Football

On Wednesday 6th March, the Year 9 girls football team travelled over to Warblington school. They were playing against a team of Year 10 students so had to be on their top performance.

The first 10 minutes of the game were tight, with Warblington's keeper making some great saves. Felpham started off really strong, with a cross from Millie, where Isabelle E volleyed the ball across the keeper into the bottom corner of the goal, Felpham 1-0. Warblington used their centre kick tactically, kicking the ball as far up the pitch as they could. Hattie read the game, and had the first touch on the ball, playing it out wide to Willow. Felpham were on the counterattack. Willow passed the ball into Evie where she shot, unfortunately hitting the post, however Isabelle E managed to get the rebound, tapping the ball calmly into the back of the net. Felpham 2-0. Felpham were working well as a team and had settled into the game nicely. Isabelle E took the ball down in the centre of the pitch and took a powerful shot into the top of the next, with Isabelle E on a hattrick and making the score Felpham 3-0. With 5 minutes to go until half time, Warblington took a shot from outside of the area, Sophia was quick to react to this and made an outstanding save. Quickly playing the ball out wide to Paris, she switched it across the pitch to Millie who took a first time shot in the bottom corner. Half time - Felpham 4-0 Warblington.


Second half, Warblington lost a few of their players due to a parents' evening, so Sophia stepped up and went in goal for them, with Mr Whiffin also stepping up to help (for Warblington). Felpham started strong this half, making some lovely passes. The ball went out for a corner for Felpham, which Willow stepped forward to take. With Hattie sprinting forward into the box, she hit the ball first time, on the volley into the goal. Felpham 5-0. The last 10 minutes of the game were tight. Felpham managed to break through Warblington's defence, with Hollie ending up one-on-one against Sophia. She calmly passed the ball through the keeper's hands into the bottom corner of the goal. Felpham 6-0. In the last minute of the game, Felpham won a penalty off a hand ball from one of Warblington's defenders. Isabelle W confidently stepped up to take this. With Felpham alert to get the rebound, Isabelle W's powerful shot in the top corner led to the game finishing Felpham 7-0 Warblington.

'Well done' to all the girls who played, and to Mr Whiffin for stepping up to help out Warblington. Keep up all the hard work girls! Onto the semi-finals of the County Cup next Wednesday!

Ruby-May Rainey (Year 12), Coach



17. Careers Update from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

 <p>Felpham Community College Careers</p>
<p>➤ Click here to be taken to our dedicated Careers website, with lots of information/links for parents and students.</p>
<p>Students in all Year Groups</p>
<p>Job of the week</p>
<p>This week's Job of the Week is carpet fitter. 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 me or Mrs Nash.</p>
<p>National Careers Week - 4th to 8th March</p>
<p>As National Careers Week draws to a close, I would like to share with you a number of resources that have been made available to help you explore different career sectors.</p> <p>We facilitated three virtual talks last week - the recordings of which can be viewed by clicking on the links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working as a doctor in palliative care • Journalism and BBC Young Reporter • Evolution, genetics and genomics <p>Success at School have produced snapshots providing information about 4 different sectors - the skills needed, the subjects to take, university v apprenticeship and much more:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in engineering • Careers in finance • Careers in law • Careers in tech <p>BBC Bitesize have lots of video content for young people to find out about careers. For National Careers Week their focus was 'How can you turn your passions and interests into a job?' Click here for 'Can you guess the job these people do from the GCSEs they took?' and here for 'Can you guess these celebs' jobs before they were famous?'</p>
<p>Careers Information - week ending 8th March 2024</p>
<p>Please click here to view more careers opportunities for students and information for Parents and Carers.</p>