

# Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 week 28B

## Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had a good Easter break. It is hard to believe that we are in the final term of the year already! School always has a 'rhythm,' and the focus on preparing for assessments, as well as the enrichment opportunities that the better weather and longer days make possible, all make this term an exciting one.

As I mentioned to you in our last bulletin, we made some changes to our behaviour systems that have come into effect since our return. I want to pay tribute to students and staff for the brilliant way in which they have responded, and to thank you all for your support. The main aim of the changes was to reduce instances of lateness and poor behaviour for learning, to make the very most of the learning time in the classroom, and to simplify things for everyone. Walking round the school every day this week, it is clear that this has been effective – students are getting stuck into their learning more quickly, and there is a definite air of calm and productivity around the place. Marginal gains are important - if we add up all the minutes of learning gained back over time, I am sure it will make a difference to progress, too.

Wishing you a good upcoming week

## 1. Year Group Notices

### Years 7-11 - Locker problems and replacement keys

If your child has an issue with their locker, they should first head to the Careers Office (S13a) and speak to Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash. If there is no one in the Careers Office, they should speak to their year office.

If your child loses their locker key a replacement **must** be paid for via the ParentPay shop (£5); there is now a new box to tick for a replacement key. Please note that we **cannot** accept cash payments. Once the payment is made it can take a few days for it to appear on the system; students who have made payments will be notified when their key is ready for collection. Please be aware that the school does not always have replacements keys in stock; if a replacement key has to be ordered it can take up to a week for the replacement to arrive.

### Years 7 to 9 - Culture Club

Culture Club returns this term for students in Years 7 to 9, afterschool on Thursdays from 3.00-4.00pm. Please [click here](#) to view the schedule (which has emailed to all students in Years 7 to 9 this week).  
Mrs Cauchy-Duval, ACL: Languages

### Year 11

#### English Revision Sessions

English revision sessions will run afterschool on Tuesdays through to Fridays leading up to the exams. Please [click here](#) to view the timetable.  
Ms Constantine, Curriculum leader: English

#### Leavers' Hoodies

Year 11 Leaver's hoodies can still be purchased but will be at a higher price than originally offered as this price was for a bulk order. If your child would like a hoodie, please contact [cirish@felpham.org.uk](mailto:cirish@felpham.org.uk) to place an order. If we receive over 10 orders there will be a price reduction.

#### Panoramic Photos

Year 11 Panoramic Photos taken last term are now available to view and order online, please [click here](#) for the link. The deadline for free delivery to the school is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.  
Mrs Irish, Year 11 Manager

## Sixth Form - Panoramic Photos

Year 12 and 13 Panoramic Photos taken last term are now available to view and order online, please [click here](#) for the link. The deadline for free delivery to the school is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.  
Mrs Brockwell, Sixth Form Manager

### 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. Allergy Alert reminder

At the start of this new term, we would like to remind students (and parents and carers) to not bring nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. This serves to set out all measures to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive.

We have a high number of students at school that are not only at risk of anaphylaxis due to consumption, but also air born. Definition Anaphylaxis (also known as anaphylactic shock) is an allergic condition that can be severe and potentially fatal. Anaphylaxis is your body's immune system reacting badly to a substance (an allergen), such as food, which it wrongly perceives as a threat.

FCC really appreciates your consideration in this matter in order to keep all our students safe.

Mrs Stout, Welfare Assistant

### 4. Attendance reminders at the start of this term

Voicemail, text and email are available to contact 24 hours a day - all absences should be reported before 8:30am, when school starts.

**Direct: 01243 838028      Text: 07860 054358      Email: [attendance@felpham.org.uk](mailto:attendance@felpham.org.uk)**

When reporting absence, illness and late arrivals please only contact attendance on the details above. Absences that are not reported to Attendance or are without a reason, are marked as unauthorised.

**Medical appointments:** Notify by email only to [attendance@felpham.org.uk](mailto:attendance@felpham.org.uk) with a supporting document confirming your child's name, date and time of the appointment. Parents/Carers should make appointments out of school hours however, where this is not possible, your child should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment.

**Leave of absence:** All holidays should be taken during the 12 weeks that your child is not required to attend school. Unfortunately, we are unable to authorise holidays in term time. All 'exceptional circumstance' holiday requests can be submitted electronically through our website here: <https://www.felpham.com/parents-students/attendance/>

**Illness:** We expect parents/carers to send their child in when they are feeling unwell with mild symptoms. This includes colds, feeling sick, menstrual pain and aching limbs.

**Sickness:** If your child has a sickness bug, they will need to remain off school until 48 hours after their last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea to prevent spreading the illness. They will be sent home if they arrive in school before this time limit.

Information on how to report absences of any kind are on the website here: <https://www.felpham.com/parents-students/attendance/>

Mrs Crook, Attendance Officer

### 5. PE Kit - message for students (and Parents and Carers)

Please could all students ensure that they are prepared for all PE lessons, ensuring they have warm winter PE items every lesson. It would be worthwhile checking the weather on the days you have PE to ensure you are prepared for both cold and hot weather. Winter PE FCC kit may be required, along with sun cream for warmer weather.

Summer exams start in a couple of weeks and will finish in July 2024. This means PE lessons will take place outside in a variety of conditions. Please ensure any fever medications and any other specific medications are considered too. Water bottles would also help hydration.

Lastly, a reminder at the start of term that students need to bring their PE kit to school for all PE lessons, including those who have brought a letter to advise they are unable to participate physically due to an injury or medical condition. Students with a note are still required to change into their kit for the lesson, this allows the learning to continue in a non-practical way and enables students to take on roles such as coach or an official.

#### Year 7 swimming

Students should bring in their PE kit if they are not taking part in a swimming lesson, along with a note from home.

Thank you for your support, the PE Department

**6. PE Summer Extra-curricular clubs**

Please [click here](#) to view the timetable for the above.

**7. Student Wellbeing**

Please find below links to activities (outside of school times) that students may be interested in.

**Chichester Forest Schools - Space to Breathe**

A session for girls and those who identify as girls aged 11-16, 10.30-14.30 Sundays (all year).

Please [click here](#) to view a leaflet.

**Rites for Girls - Journeying Together**

Support for mothers and daughters, for girls aged up to 12 years. Please click [here](#) to view a leaflet.

**39 Youth Club**

The 39 Club in Bognor Regis are hosting a drop-in for The Young People's Information Shop on a Thursday between 3.00 and 6.00pm. A useful resource for young people to get advice and support. Click [here](#) for a link to their website.

**8. Safeguarding Corner**

WSCC are offering two free workshops for parents and carers, as below:

1. Self-Harm, Eating disorders and Body Dysmorphia - 23<sup>rd</sup> April
2. Self-Harm and Neurodiversity/ASD - 7<sup>th</sup> May

Please [click here](#) to view a flyer with booking information.

**9. Uniform**

Our pre-loved uniform events are always really successful. We need donations for them to run! If you have any good quality, outgrown uniform / school shoes / trainers / football boots / PE kit please bring to Reception in a tied bag. It all goes to supporting FCC families. Thank you for your support.

**10. Publicity**

Thank you to all the students and staff who supported the photos that were taken this week for the prospectus / website. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant

In the Bognor Regis Observer Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Felpham's Got Talent (page 8)

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

**11. Fortnightly Family Maths Challenge**

Congratulations to the Lunn family (Sophie in Year 11) for winning our previous challenge:

How could this be true?

$$8 + 8 = 91$$

The answer was you need to turn the calculation upside down for it to be correct ( $16 = 8 + 8$ )

**This Fortnight's challenge is:**

*Find a 5-digit number for which the following statement is true:*

*If 1 is placed as an additional digit at the end, then the number becomes three times bigger than if 1 was placed at the beginning.*

Please email entries to me at [lpullen@felpham.org.uk](mailto:lpullen@felpham.org.uk) by 3pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. If there is more than one correct entry the winning family will be chosen from these. Good luck!

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

**12. 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.

**Careers Information - week ending 19<sup>th</sup> April**

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

## Students in all Year Groups

### Job of the week

This week's Job of the Week is [geophysicist](#).

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.

### Pathways Evening - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 4.00-7.00pm

This year's event will be bigger and better than the previous two, with more exhibitors than ever. You will find employers covering a range of sectors in the Hall, colleges and universities in the library and uniformed services in the Sixth Form Study Room.

Whatever year you are in this is your chance to find out more about careers you might be interested in - what jobs there are, what qualifications you need to get into them, and what skills they look for when recruiting. Complete an interaction card ([click here](#)) and you will go into the draw for a £30 Amazon voucher.

The Fire Brigade will be bringing a fire engine with them and the Army are bringing their BATAK machine - test your reactions by hitting the lights that come on randomly. An event not to be missed!

Full details of all the attendees can be found [here](#) - clicking on the logos will take you to the relevant website, or to information about the role the speaker does within their company. Whilst looking at the exhibitors why not explore the other information that can be found on the FCC Careers website?

### 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 add an experience or, from the home page, scroll down the screen and upload something into Portfolios. If you have any issues accessing Xello then please see Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash in the Careers Office (S13a).

## Year 11 students

### NEW - Year 11 Apprenticeship Opportunity Global Technologies Racing (GTR)

- Do you have an interest in Motorsport and automotive industries?
- Do you want to earn a salary while learning a new technical trade?
- Can you demonstrate a willingness to learn new skills with a positive 'can-do' attitude?

West Sussex based composites company GTR is now seeking 10 new candidates for their Advanced L3 apprenticeship programme, which is supported by Chichester College. You can view the job description [here](#) and apply [here](#). Please note that GTR will be at Pathways Evening on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May if you want to find out more.