

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 15th April 2024 week 27A

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your support over the last term, as we send everyone home to have what we hope will be an excellent and restful break. The Spring term is always an extremely busy one, and this one has certainly been no exception. This is especially true of our students who will take exams in a few short weeks. If your child is one of them, our hope for them is a good mix of rest and revision to set them up brilliantly for the challenges ahead. If they are invited to one of our holiday support sessions across a range of subjects, we look forward to seeing them. We are lucky to have a range of staff willing to spend extra time supporting students, and I offer my sincere thanks to them, along with the colleagues who are in school over the holidays looking after our site and our systems.

As I mentioned last week, we are all about evaluating and improving. The end of a term and the beginning of a new one is always an excellent time to reflect and set up improvements. One of the areas we have been working on is encouraging the best behaviour within school, and particularly within lessons, so that we can offer the very best learning experience. This is something that all schools nationally are having to do (you may have seen the news reports around this issue this very morning), but we want to be at the forefront of change for the right reasons.

We have looked carefully at our data on behaviour, and whilst positive points outweigh negative ones by more than 4 to 1, the main causes of issues and sanctions are lateness to lesson and not responding to warnings about classroom behaviour.

So, we are making some changes to improve promptness to lessons, tackle disruption to learning and reduce detentions - students have been made aware of this during the last week. Lateness and inappropriate behaviour in lessons will no longer result in a 'safehouse' and detention - students being removed to our new Reset room, where they will stay and work quietly for the remainder of the double lesson and for the following social time. **If the lateness or poor behaviour is in Periods 5/6, we need to let you know that this will mean that students will be staying in the Reset room for 15 minutes after the end of school, so will leave at 15:05.**

As I mentioned before, we really value your support with this and all the other initiatives in school that help our students and our community.

Wishing you a safe and happy Easter,

1. Diary

Monday 15th April

- Start of the Sumer Term
- Students follow their Week A timetable

2. Year Group Notices

Year 11
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 Geography students
Hello year 11 geographers. A reminder that everything you need to revise geography for the exams in the summer is on our TEAMS revision hub, click here for a summary.

Sixth Form
Student Survey 2023-2024
A link to a student survey was emailed out to all students in Years 12 and 13 today (Thursday 28 th March). If you would like to give the school your views, please complete this by Tuesday 2 nd April. Thank you in advance.
Parent / Carer Survey 2023-2024
At Felpham Community College, we continue to value the views of all parents and carers in helping us to evaluate our performance and identify priorities for the future. A link to a survey was emailed out to Year 12 and 13 parents and carers today (Thursday 28 th March), we would appreciate it if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete this. Please submit all entries by Tuesday 2 nd April, thank you.

3. Stagecoach No 600 Bus

There are some changes being made to local bus routes with effect from the 31st March 2024, that will mean that the number 600 bus will no longer travel from school, through town and on to Pagham - there will be a need to change in town. We will be making representations as a school to Stagecoach, the bus company, about the difficulties and extra cost that this will cause, but if you are affected, you may wish to contact them too. Here are the [new timetable](#) and the [contact details for Stagecoach](#).

4. HAS Felpham Got Talent - YES!

Thank you to all the students who performed at the show on Tuesday - you were all outstanding, and the audience 100% agreed! A link to the programme so everyone can see who performed is available [here](#). Photos can be viewed on our website.

The Judges **really** wished they could have given more prizes! Prizes were awarded as follows:

1st Place: Karina Natkinis Year 8 - Piano

2nd Place: Emanuel Makinson Year 8 - Balloon Modelling / Comedy

3rd Place: Tali Swain Year 10 - self-written Monologue

Awarded following the event - Chair of Governors Award in recognition of an Outstanding Performance and support of other students - Eloise Lyons and Libby Wood Year 12

5. Easter Holiday Activities for parents/carers in receipt of Free School Meals

Please find below information we have been asked to share from the WSCC HAF Team:

*The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme offers children eligible for **benefits related** free school meals access to a wide range of holiday activity clubs over the school holidays, all of which are free and offer a nutritious meal.*

Each eligible child can attend up to 4 sessions at Easter, 16 sessions over Summer and another 4 sessions over the Winter break. Clubs are located across West Sussex, and all offer free fun and enriching experience for FSM children. Some of the clubs include:

- *Multi Sports, Forest & Beach School, Skateboarding tuition, Coding and robotics and Drama and performing arts*

There are still places available on the Easter HAF programme. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer.

6. PE notices

We would appreciate it if parents and carers could stock up on any items their child's PE kit is missing ahead of the new term. Please [click here](#) to view our uniform leaflet.

Students who have lost items of PE kit can come over to the PE department at the start of any lunchtime to look in our lost property.

A reminder please to ensure that all PE kit has students' names on it, thank you.

The PE Department

7. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer 28th March: Students are Celebrated (page 27)

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

8. Department information and students shout-outs

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

9. Careers Update from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Students in all Year Groups - Job of the week

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

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.

Students aged 13-18 - Careers Insight Days

These are online days designed to give you an insight into possible future careers, with advice on how to apply to university and an afternoon session of virtual work experience to help you see what the career might be like. Certificates are issued at the end of each day.

- **Medicine Career Day** - Saturday 30th March 2024
- **Midwifery Career Day** - Saturday 6th April 2024
- **Dentistry Career Day** - Sunday 7th April 2024
- **Psychology Career Day** - Saturday 20th April 2024
- **Business Career Day** - Saturday 27th April 2024
- **Architect Career Day** - Saturday 4th May 2024
- **Vet Career Day** - Saturday 11th May 2024
- **Law Career Day** - Sunday 18th May 2024
- **Performing Arts Career Day** - Sunday 19th May 2024
- **Computer Science Career Day** - Saturday 25th May 2024
- **Teaching Career Day** - Saturday 1st June 2024

Please be aware that there is a charge of £69 for each of these days. To find out more and to sign up for a session click [here](#). Bursaries are available for students who meet specific criteria – details can be found [here](#).

Students aged 14 and over

Do you want to go into medicine or dentistry? FREE virtual work experience opportunity – Medic Mentor offer virtual work experience opportunities to cover these sectors. The medicine one is not just for people wanting to be doctors but will cover a range of allied health professionals as well. Virtual work experiences have been accepted by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as valuable alternatives to in-person shadowing, backed by the Health Education England Discovery report on the impact of virtual work placements.

Crafted in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, this thoughtfully curated 6-month medical and 4-month dental programme provides a unique glimpse into the medical and dental fields. The E-learning format enables you to fulfil your placements at your own pace, covering ethics, procedures, broader team roles, and fostering direct dialogues with doctors and dentists. This virtual experience creates a strong foundation for your future career, not only enhancing your UCAS applications but also strategically preparing you for practical work experience opportunities.

Taking part in the Virtual Work Experience will provide:

Comprehensive Insights: The programme covers a range of specialities, providing a holistic understanding of medical and dental practices. Each month, a new focus area is introduced, allowing you to delve into different aspects of the field.

Flexible Participation: Tailored for students from years 10-13, the programme accommodates various schedules by being virtual. You have one month to complete each specialty, ensuring flexibility and ease of participation.

Recognised Certification: Upon successful completion of all specialities, you will receive a certificate from Medic Mentor and UHB, validating your active participation to include in your UCAS and apprenticeships applications.

This month's spotlight is on Obs & Gynaecology or Paediatric & Dental Surgery. It's a chance to get a first-hand look into the inner workings of the medical and dental fields.

You can apply for a placement, for free at this [link](#).

NEW - Year 11 Apprenticeship Opportunity - Level 3 Business Administration

Applications for this apprenticeship with Veolia in Chichester are open now. The starting date for this apprenticeship is 1st September and it should take approximately 18 months to complete. Find out more and apply [here](#) and see a flyer from Veolia [here](#).

Revision - 4 Top Tips

Exams are coming... don't panic. The Easter holidays isn't just a chance for a well-deserved break...it also mean revision time is here! Success at Schools have 4 top tips to help you revise which you can discover [here](#).

Apprenticeship opportunity - Do you want to be a chef?

Are you passionate about food, creative, ambitious with a readiness to join a super unique programme, which will provide an industry recognised qualification and a friendly door into this great industry? Applications are now open for the Goodwood Estate's Culinary Academy. Find out more and apply [here](#).

Year 11 - 13 students

Easter virtual work experience opportunities - a chance to add to your CV/personal statement by taking part in some virtual work experience.

Engineering and STEM Virtual work experience day with Spectris, Malvern Panalytical, HBK and Servomex

Wednesday, 3rd April – 9.30am – 3.30pm - Are you interested in pursuing a career in engineering, science, or anything to do with STEM? Would you like to gain some rare and invaluable work experience with multiple global FTSE companies? Sign up [here](#).

KPMG virtual work experience day

Thursday, 4th April, 10am – 4pm - Are you interested in kick-starting your career and gaining work-experience with a world-renowned professional services firm? Did you know that KPMG is one of the largest professional services companies in the world? With over 227,000 employees across 146 countries, their work spans five major areas of Finance and Personal Services. They Audit some of the UK's biggest companies and their people in Consulting, Deal Advisory, Tax, Law, and Technology. With clients from the smallest of start-ups to international mega corporations across every industry imaginable. One of the 'Big 4', KPMG are one of the places to be when working in the world of business and accounting. Sign up [here](#).

Parents and Carers

NEW - All parents and carers - Apprenticeship Pack

The March copy of the Parents and Carers' Pack – Helping your Child to search and apply for apprenticeships is now available and can be read [here](#).

This month's edition includes articles on

- Where to look for apprenticeships
- Dispelling apprenticeship myths
- Apprenticeships with Arnold Clark
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Also in this month's pack are the results of a recent BBC Bitesize Careers Survey – the top 10 jobs that teenagers want are all accessibly via apprenticeships! These jobs are:

1. Doctor
2. Engineer
3. Teacher
4. Lawyer
5. Nurse
6. Vet
7. Footballer
8. Artist
9. Police officer
10. Building trade

Year 11 Parents and Carers - Coping with a student who has GCSEs looming

With exam season just around the corner you may find these articles useful in helping your Year 11 student cope

- [Help your teen manage exam nerves](#)
- [Why learning to control stress is a lifelong gift](#)
- [Stressed out teen? 10 quick ways to make them feel better](#)