

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 13th May 2024 week 31A

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Public examinations are now under way and have got off to a great start. Students are conducting themselves extremely well – they seem extremely focused and determined, which is a great sign. We wish them well for the next few weeks!

It is good to get the potentially stressful time that is exam season under way. After the first few sessions, we see students work through very natural initial nerves and start focusing on performance – showing off how much they can do, and how much progress they have made from their early days at FCC. We are pleased to support students through this, and work hard at it, as it is central to all that we do! Quite often, we see students doing what they never believed they were capable of – one of the many reasons that many of us in school love our job!

Year 11 and 13 are coming to the end of one part of their journey (which hopefully will continue further into their chosen studies, career and beyond!), but it is equally important that we encourage all students to reflect on how they have grown as a learner, build confidence from the progress that they have made as they move through the curriculum, and become aware of what they can do to improve.

Formal assessments are obvious ways in which this happens, and these will be taking place for younger students during the next few weeks, but this reflection on progress also occurs on a smaller scale every day in the many activities that we complete in carefully crafted lessons.

We as teachers, are deeply passionate about this in our subjects, so think about this all the time. The Summer term provides us with a good opportunity to reflect on our curriculum in terms of progress and make further exciting plans for next academic year (yes, we do always have to be one step ahead!)

I am aware that you are an incredibly supportive body, and keen to help and support your own young people in their studies. Please do support your child by regularly discussing with them what new skills and knowledge they have picked recently – it will really help them to build confidence in their growth as a learner!

Very best wishes for a sunshine-filled weekend,

1. Year Group Notices

Year 7 - Knowledge is Power booklet
<p>Students: Please bring your Knowledge is Power exercise books in next week for your tutor to check. Remember the prize drawer takes place in assembly on Friday.</p>
Year 11 - English revision
<p>The revision sessions due to be held in the week beginning 20th May will now all run on Wednesday 22nd May as this is the day immediately before Language Paper 1. Doughnuts will be provided! We hope to see as many of you there as possible. Ms Constantine, Curriculum leader: English</p>

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. Safeguarding Corner - Staying Safe online

Please [click here](#) to view the latest newsletter from WSCC.

Cyber Security Resources for Young People - Parent Zone

Please see below information we would like to share with parents and carers:

The issues around cyber security has featured heavily in safeguarding discourse over the past few years. This is largely in response to the massive shift in people's social and familial life from the real world to the digital space. It is vital that we begin teaching children and young people, the do's and don'ts of online safety before they have to learn the hard way. Parent Zone, an organisation that deals with the digital aspect of young people's lives have produced child-oriented resources. To find out more about these resources, please follow this link: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/cyber-security>

Mrs Covill, Safeguarding and Inclusion Lead

4. Important medical room reminders for Parents and Carers

We would like to reminder parents and carers of the following:

- It is the responsibility of parent/carers to assess the health and wellbeing of their child in the morning before school to ensure that they are well enough to attend school that day.
- FCC will always respect a parent/carer's decisions to send their child into school and therefore will encourage students to continue on for the day once they have arrived.
- Please do not sent your child into school if they report not feeling well before school and you feel they are not fit for school.
- If a student is sent home ill after being unwell in school, they will be marked as ill - exactly the same attendance mark as if parents and carers call them in ill.
- Please note that if a student does not follow the medical room/classroom procedure and calls home themselves to be collected, it will be marked as unauthorised.

Sickness bugs: 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. Students will be sent home if they arrive to school before this time limit.

Water in school: Please could parents and carers ensure their child brings a water bottle to school each day to keep them hydrated; we regularly have students coming to the Medical Room with headaches as they have not had a drink since breakfast.

Thank you for your cooperation with the above.

Mrs Stout, Welfare Assistant

5. New! Brass Ensemble Music club



The Music Department have hired in two sets of cornets and are currently teaching all of Year 7 to play them this term!!

After school on Thursdays 3-4pm, I will be leading Felpham's first Brass Ensemble - open to any student who would like to try out and learn this instrument.

Mr Harrington, Curriculum Leader: Music

6. Fortnightly maths challenge

Congratulations to the Wood family (Joe in Year 9) for winning the previous challenge.

- The answer is the 5-digit number is 42857 as $428571/142857=3$.

Good luck with the next challenge.

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

7. Student Council

The next Whole School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th May in the Blake Conference room. Students to meet from 8.20am for registration and refreshments, the meeting will run from 8.30 - 9.40am. Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

8. Pre-loved uniform event

We will be hosting a pre-loved uniform event on Wednesday 15th May from 4-5pm in the main hall.

Please note:

- We have limited stock of blazers, skirts and PE kits
- We have good stock of trousers, shirts, blouses, coats
- We have some stock of school shoes, trainers and football boots

We ask for a cash donation for each item taken please, which goes towards the running costs of the event. This event is open to parents/carers and students who already attend FCC.

If you have any outgrown, good quality uniform you can donate for the event, please bring to Reception in a tied carrier bag, thank you.

9. FCC U14 girls narrowly miss out on being best in Sussex

On Wednesday 8th May, FCC U14 girls travelled to Sussex headquarters in Lancing to play in their first County Cup final against Tanbridge House School from Horsham. With a nutritional and tactic meeting the night before, it was great to see lots of pasta lunches and bananas being eaten during the day by the team and the energy could really be seen in the game. The team travelled over in the bus with the PE speaker in hand, ready to play music while changing, and Miss Shine and Ruby ran the warm-up.

The game started well for FCC with some early attacking chances from the strikers of Sophia B, Millie and Izzy but it was Grace who ran through the midfield and was taken down by one of their defenders. She stepped up and the free kick just skimmed the left post. With lots of possession in the midfield of Eleanor, Grace, Evie, Hollie and Willow Felpham were playing some fantastic football and creating chances all the time, however the talented defence from Tanbridge were organised enough to ensure shots from Millie, Sophia and Izzy were saved by their goalkeeper.

As well as a talented defence, Tanbridge had a couple of really good and quick strikers. The defence of Hattie, Juliet, Isabelle and Chloe (playing up from year 7) were having to work really hard to repel the constant balls over the top while remaining calm and composed. This was seen from both the left and right side with Chloe and Isabelle working with Izzy and Sophia to move the ball down the line and using Hattie and Juliet for cover. Some of the best football we have played was seen in the first half, but it was Sophia in goal who gave the outstanding performance and made some excellent saves throughout this half; it was from one of these saves that Tanbridge earned a corner and after a goal mouth scramble, their midfielder stuck the ball into the roof of the net to make the game 1-0 to them at half time.

The second half was much the same and possession was even with shots coming in from Millie, Izzy and Grace and fantastic saves again from Sophia; however, it was a shot from their talented striker that found its way into the bottom corner to make the game 2-0 to them. With 20 minutes to go, the formation changed, and Hattie moved up into midfield which had an instant affect with Evie playing a fantastic ball through to Izzy, who came one-on-one with the keeper, but it was a good save with both of them hitting the floor after the collision. FCC had most of the possession in the final 20 minutes, but the girls could not convert this into any goals.

This game was one of the best I have watched while coaching football - in and out of school - where both teams could have come away with the win. The girls gave 100% with really strong tackles while keeping their discipline and had nothing left to give at the end which was fantastic to see. The way the girls were speaking before, there were some nerves, but it wasn't seen on the pitch and that is commendable.

Well done everyone, you have done FCC proud this year, the second-best team in Sussex is a fantastic achievement.

Mr Whiffin, Deputy Headteacher

Team: Sophia C, Isabelle W, Hattie R, Juliet D, Chloe W, Holli B, Evie P, Grace K, Eleanor MC, Willow H, Sophia B, Izzy E and Millie S



10. Bognor Scouts

Adam Hughes, former Assistant Head student in our 6th Form Leadership Team has asked if we could share the following information with our current students:

Bognor Scouts are looking for people to make an impact in the Scouting movement. Tell us what you're interested in, and we'll help you find something that matches your skills (and the time you have available). We would love to give you the chance to try out different things, meet the team, and see what support is on offer before you decide whether to be involved. You will learn career-friendly skills, boost your wellbeing, and make new friends. Because volunteering at Scouts is a two-way street - good for young people, and good for you too.

Want to find out more?

Contact Adam Hughes by email on adam.hughes@bognorscouts.org

11. Vacancies at FCC

We are currently advertising for:

- Assistant Headteacher - [Assistant Headteacher - Felpham Community College](#)
- English Teacher: <https://www.felpham.com/2024/05/02/english-teacher/>
- Maths Teacher - <https://www.felpham.com/2024/05/02/maths-teacher-2/>
- Facilities Officer - <https://www.felpham.com/2024/04/26/facilities-officer/>

12. Department information and students shout-outs

Please [click here](#) to view the latest student shout-outs.

13. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer Thursday 9th May:

- Village Post Office Support (page 5)
- Hero Awards for Students (page 11)
- National Writing Contest Success (page 11)

14. Community Hub

West Sussex County Council has asked us to remind parents and carers that are not eligible for free school meals about the Community Hub, please see below:

Those children and families that are not eligible for FSM will be able to access urgent support for food via the West Sussex County Council Community Hub.

The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 09:00 – 17:00 seven days a week (except bank holidays, when they are open between 10:00 – 14:00).

Further information can be found via the [West Sussex County Council website](#).

15. Non uniform day - Friday 24th May

The last day of this half term will be a non-uniform day, raising money for the NSPCC. Students and staff are invited to wear non-uniform for a £1 donation. Thank you to students and their families who have already paid online for the year for non-uniform days. ParentPay is open now for people to pay for the 24th, or please bring £1 cash on the day. Every £1 counts - so a big 'thank you' for your continued support with our charity donations. Half the money raised each time goes towards improving facilities for students at FCC.

16. 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.

Students in all Year Groups

Job of the week

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

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).

Pathways Evening - Did you attend this event?

If you did then please complete a short feedback survey in Xello. Running events such as Pathways involves a lot of work, and it is always good to get feedback so that we can keep improving what we offer you. Most of the survey is made up of multiple-choice questions and will not take long to complete. To access the survey, you will need to log in to Microsoft 365, click on the 9 dots in the top left hand corner of the screen and click on the icon for Xello. You will find the survey on the right-hand side of the home screen.

If you completed an interaction card and posted it in the box, you are in with the chance of winning a £30 Amazon voucher, which you will receive before the half term break.

Whilst you are in Xello, why not record your attendance at Pathways in Experiences - click on About Me in the top menu bar, scroll down the page until you find Experiences and then add Pathways as an educational experience.

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.

- **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](#).

If you take part in one of these days, please remember to add the details to Xello in Experiences (which can be found under the About Me tab).

Parents and Carers

Pathways Evening

If your child attended the Pathways Evening this week, please encourage them to complete a short feedback survey, which they will find in Xello - please see the item for students above.

Year 11 Parents / 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](#)