

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 29th April 2024 week 29A

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As with any Summer Term, we are currently focused on preparing students for important assessments that will shape their future lives. You can see from the messages below that lots of support is going into supporting those students taking public exams in Year 11 and Sixth Form, but we are also about preparing students for those experiences well ahead of time. Practice makes perfect, as they say, so we are looking forward of the start of formal mock examinations for Year 10 on Monday. All the hints and tips outlined at the end of this bulletin will be of help to Year 10 students as well as Year 11 – we thank you all for supporting them at home with this and encouraging them with their revision schedules.

We do also know from our experience that having some ideas around possibilities for future careers can be an extremely motivational factor for young people in committing to the hard work necessary to succeed. So, we are enormously proud to be offering our Pathways Evening to all our students for the first time ever. This is taking place next week – on Wednesday 1st May from 4.00-7.00pm, and we are extremely excited about the vast range of professionals from a wide selection of careers that will be joining us for the event. Please do join us there if you can!

Have a wonderful weekend,

1. Year Group Notices

Year 10 Mock exams
<p>Year 10 mock exams start on Monday 29th April. Students have had a paper version of their timetable, in addition to this being on their Bromcom student portal - with their seat numbers. Parents and Carers can also view their child's exam timetable via My Child At School (MCAS).</p> <p>It is essential that all students bring to the exams the correct equipment i.e. scientific calculator (no lids allowed).</p> <p>Mrs Whelan, Data and Exams Manager</p>
Year 11
English Revision Sessions
<p>English revision sessions will run afterschool on Tuesdays through to Fridays leading up to the exams. Please click here to view the timetable.</p> <p>Ms Constantine, Curriculum leader: English</p>
English Literature - Saturday Sessions
<p>To prepare our students for their Literature GCSE exams on Monday 13th and 20th May, the English department will run two Saturday revisions sessions from 9.15am-12.30pm on 11th and 18th May. If your child would like a place on one, or both sessions, please email fcc@felpham.org.uk with your child's name and the dates they would like to attend. The deadline for replies is Wednesday 8th May.</p> <p>Mrs Marques-Darling, Assistant Headteacher</p>
Year 11 Geography Students
<p>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.</p> <p>Mrs Sloggett, Curriculum Leader: Geography</p>
Panoramic Photos
<p>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 Tuesday 7th May.</p>
Prom Tickets
<p>A reminder that Prom tickets are still available to buy via ParentPay. They are £33.00, the deadline is Friday 17th May. Please click here to view the letter about the Prom. If you have any concerns about purchasing a prom ticket, please contact cirish@felpham.org.uk.</p>

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 Tuesday 7th May.

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

Please find below a message we have received from Sussex Police that we would like to make students and parents and carers aware of:

We have become aware of a WhatsApp group that is somehow appearing on children's phones without consent, and then spreading malicious messages on self-harm, sexual violence, and racism. The group is called 'everyone you know x' and it's been reported that children as young as 9 have been added to the group and viewed these messages. It mentions that children are vulnerable to being added to the groups because privacy controls are set to off by default and so can be added without consent.

WSCC Workshop for parents and carers

WSCC are offering a free workshop for parents and carers on Self-Harm and Neurodiversity/ASD on 7th May. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer with booking information.

Mrs Covill, Safeguarding and Inclusion Lead

4. Road safety - students who travel by bus

Please could students who travel to and from school by bus ensure they check around them before crossing roads (to get a bus). We received a report of a young, male student who ran straight across a main road to catch a bus which was heading out of Felpham, at approximately 3.20pm one day last week. Thankfully, the quick actions of the car driver prevented him from being hit.

Parent / Carers: If your child gets the bus from (and to) school please could you reinforce this message at home, thank you.

5. 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 before Friday 10th May, thank you.

6. Student interviews

Please can the following students meet Mr Summers within registration on Wednesday 1st May in the library. Please go straight to the library you will be registered there. Following this meeting, you will be involved with interviews p2.

- Kurtis A Year 12, Josh B and Tali S Year 10, Sophia C Year 9, Jesse S and Bailey T-J Year 8

7. Whole school council meeting

The next meeting of the whole School Council will take place on Tuesday 14th May 8.30-9.40am. Please can students go straight to the Blake Conference room - refreshments will be available from 8.20am and you will be registered there. The meeting will start at 8.30am.

Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher / Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant

8. HAS Felpham Got Talent cheque presentation

If you were one of the performers in HAS Felpham got talent last term, please come to the library at 10.30am on Tuesday for the cheque presentation ceremony. Refreshments will be provided.

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant / Charity Coordinator

9. Charity sponsorship request

Mr Tompkins is going to attempt to walk the 3 peaks during half term, in 3 days - Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon. He is raising money for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice - a charity FCC have been supporting this year. If any families would like to sponsor him his Just Giving details are below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/timothy-tompkins-1713955391497?utm_term=BE37Ye72z

10. Department information and students shout-outs

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

11. PE Fixture results - Year 7 Girls football

On Tuesday 23rd April, the Year 7 girls football team took the short journey over to The Regis School to play a league match.

Felpham started off strong, with Molly taking one for the team and playing her part in goal. In the first 10 minutes Felpham kept most of the possession, with The Regis keeper making some amazing saves. With Molly coming out of her box, making a great clearance, she set Syd up who was sprinting down the wing. Syd used her skills to dribble the ball around their defender, allowing her to cross the ball into Chloe. Chloe took a first time shot, smashing it across the goal into the bottom corner. Felpham 1-0 Regis. We continued to have lots of chances throughout the first half, however we didn't quite manage to finish them. Half time: Felpham 1-0 Regis

The second half started, and The Regis came back strong. Armelle was playing her part in goal this half, making a tremendous save - tipping the ball over the crossbar, out for a Regis corner. Felpham defended this really well; Grace managed to get the first touch on the ball to clear it up to Sophie. Sophie held up the ball well waiting for support around her, she passed the ball through to Thea where she took on multiple players in front of her. Thea played the ball through to Syd, where she took a touch and passed the ball straight through the keeper's legs. Felpham 2-0 The Regis. The game finished 2-0 to Felpham, meaning another 3 points towards the League.

'Well done' girls, you all worked very well as a team, taking it in turn in goal and playing some great football. Keep up all the hard work.

Ruby-May Rainey (Year 12)

12. Careers Update from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Students in all Year Groups
Job of the week

This week's Job of the Week is [holiday representative](#). 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 - Wednesday 1st May from 4.00-7.00pm

This year's event is now just a matter of days away!! Who are you going to talk to? 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.

When you arrive, please add your name to the list in reception and pick up your interaction card.



To complete your card you will need to speak to three employers, an apprenticeship provider, a college or university, and an ex-FCC student. You can talk to more of course but will only get one star in each box. Pop your completed card in the box in Reception as you leave and you will go into the draw for a £30 Amazon voucher. Don't forget to put your name and tutor group on your card!!

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?

NEW - What are the top 10 most employable degrees?

If you want to increase your chances of finding a rewarding, well-paid career after studying, it's a good idea to consider the employability of your degree. [This article](#) from [FutureLearn](#) highlights the top ten most employable degrees in the UK, currently.

NEW - Are you considering a career in the digital sector?

Why not try [this fun quiz](#) from GetIntoDigital to find your perfect digital job match?

Students aged 13 and over - Virtual work experience opportunities

Doing any sort of work experience, including virtual experiences, is a great way for you to find out more about different careers and great to add to your CV.

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.

- **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](#).

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

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 1st May if you want to find out more.

Parent and Carers

Save the date - Pathways Evening - Wednesday 1st May from 4.00-7.00pm

This year's event is now just a matter of days away and open to the whole school, and parents and carers, and is a great way for you and your young people to find out about different careers, college and universities and apprenticeships.

What jobs are out there? What qualifications do you need? What skills do you need?

A list of exhibitors can be found [here](#) - employers will be in the Hall, educational establishments will be in the Library and uniformed services will be in the Sixth Form Study Room. Come along any time between 4pm and 7pm.

On arrival at school please make sure that your child adds their name to the sign in sheet in Reception and collects an interaction card – see student entry above for more details.

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](#)