

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 6th May 2024 week 30B

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is a very definite 'theme' to this week's communications, which are very much about 'the future' - much of life in school is (and should be) largely predictable, so we don't need crystal balls to help us plan. Our aim is always to be several steps ahead so that we can guide and prepare students appropriately, whether the timeframe for that particular journey is in days, weeks, months or years.

This week we welcomed many people from many occupations in our community for our Pathways event. Thank you to all families who attended - I hope that you found it useful and interesting. There is some follow-up that can be completed on that - see the Careers information below.

Next week, our girls U14 Football Team are in the County Cup Final. They have been on an amazing journey this year, and we wish them well. Do see item 11 below for details and how you can support them.

Year 10 mock exams this week have really helped students to practice and plan for the coming year. I have to say that they have been absolutely outstanding as a year group in their attitude and approach, which bodes very well for their future!

Public exams are very much closer for Year 11 now, and many practical assessments have been completed recently. Students have been working hard, and there is still time to put effort into that final sprint! See below for details of how to access our Saturday morning English preparation sessions - these are in addition to the regular revision programme and will really impact on students' ability to put on their absolute best performance on exam day!

Finally, if you see joining our community in a potential role at FCC as being part of your future (or you know someone who does!), please do see item 12 below for more details of vacancies available. We have an exciting future ahead of us, and we are keen to attract the right people to join in with making that happen!

Very best wishes for a great long weekend – we look forward to seeing all students as usual on Tuesday.



1. Year Group Notices

Year 7 Sharpie Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys' and girls' teams who took part in the Sharpie cup tournament at the University of Chichester last Friday. All students involved were amazing representing FCC - showing great enthusiasm sportsmanship throughout.
Miss Shine and Mr Davies, PE Department



Year 10 Maths exam

A reminder that your maths exam on Tuesday 7th May is a calculator paper. You will need to bring a calculator with you for this exam. Students taking the Foundation paper will also need a ruler and a protractor, students taking the Higher paper will just need a ruler.
Miss Arnold, Curriculum Leader: Maths

Year 11

English revision

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

English Literature - Saturday Sessions

Thank you to the parents and carers who have already replied to let us know their child will be attending these sessions, a reminder is below:

To further 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. The sessions cover different topics, as below:

- 11th May: Macbeth and A Christmas Carol
- 18th May: An Inspector Calls/Power and Conflict Poetry/Unseen Poetry

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.
Mrs Marques-Darling, Assistant Headteacher

Making Medics

If you are considering a career in medicine, then don't forget to make an application to be part of our making medics group. We will support you with the application process and give you lots of extra opportunities to enhance your application and learn about medicine at a deeper level.

To apply, you need to send a letter of application to makingmedics@felpham.org.uk by Monday 10th June.

For more details about the programme and the application please go to the Sixth Form website: <https://felphamsixthform.com/medics> or come and see me in L8.

Miss Buckland, Science Department

NCS Summer residential opportunity

In Year 11 assembly on Monday, we had a representative from NCS (National Citizen Service) in school who gave students a talk about a 5-day residential trip taking part in the summer holidays. NCS is a government funded programme, so the cost of the trip is heavily subsidised. Please [click here](#) to view a parents' pack with full information, which was emailed to parents and carers this week.

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. External exams Summer 2024 timetables

The external timetables for students have now been completed with the exam venue and student's seat number on. Parents and Carers can view their child's exam timetable by looking on MCAS. Students have their timetables on their Student Portal and can request a paper version from their tutor.
Mrs Whelan, Data & Exams Manager

4. Science Club

Please note Science Club is cancelled on Tuesday (7th May) so that staff can complete GCSE exam moderation.
Ms Corcoran-Daldy, Science Department

5. School Council

Please can all Student Council Reps check Teams regularly as this is where we post about meetings etc, thank you.
Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

6. Skydive for West Sussex Mind

This year, West Sussex Mind are holding their first ever fundraising skydive. West Sussex Mind are an independent local charity who support people with their mental health. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer.

7. Year 5 Magic Day

The next Magic Day will be taking place on Friday 10th May, welcoming South Bersted and Arundel Primary Schools. Please make the Year 5 students feel welcome if you see them around school, as usual they will be having a tour and will be based on the Ernest Joyce playground for their break time. They will be working in technology for their activity, working with Miss Wickins. Thank you in advance to our Year 9 helpers for supporting the students.

8. A Journey South with Chris Watson

Following on from the success of HAS Felpham Got Talent, which raised £1,000 for the Save the Village Post Office Campaign, FCC students are being offered discounted tickets for the next charity event they are hosting. The event is A Journey South with Chris Watson, Sir David Attenborough's sound man and BAFTA-winner, and takes place at 7pm on Tuesday 11th June at St Mary's Centre in Felpham. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer with more information. FCC students are being offered tickets at £5.00 each.

9. Fortnightly maths challenge

This fortnight's challenge is:

How many cards would you need to draw from a deck of 52 playing cards to be sure of getting the complete suit of hearts?

Please send your answers to me at lpullen@felpham.org.uk by 3.00pm on Friday 17th May. If more than one family has the correct answers the winning family will be drawn from these. Good luck!

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

10. Support for students

The Young People's Shop have asked us to share the following information with students:

The Young People's Shop (www.yps-south.org.uk) now have a weekly venue at the 39 Club in Bognor Regis offering free Emotional Support, Advice and Guidance to any young person aged 11-25, [click here](#) for a flyer. These are drop-in sessions, offering immediate support without referral, no appointment needed.

They are also offering after school drop-in sessions in Littlehampton, [click here](#) for a flyer.

11. Girls' football - County Cup final



The U14 girls are looking forward to their County Cup final on Wednesday 8th May. The kick off time is 5pm and the game is being played at Sussex County Football Association Limited, Culver Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 9AX.

As with all sport, a good crowd supporting would be really appreciated and the girls would love it if any other FCC students or parents and carers could come along to support them.

Mr Whiffin, Deputy Headteacher

12. Vacancies at FCC

We currently have the following vacancies:

- Facilities Officer - <https://www.felpham.com/2024/04/26/facilities-officer/>
- Study Supervisor - <https://www.felpham.com/2024/04/22/study-supervisor-2/>
- MFL Teacher - <https://www.felpham.com/2024/04/25/mfl-teacher/>
- Geography Teacher - <https://www.felpham.com/2024/03/26/curriculum-leader-geography/>
- Maths Teacher - <https://www.felpham.com/2024/05/02/maths-teacher-2/>
- Assistant Headteacher - [Assistant Headteacher - Felpham Community College](#)

13. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer 2nd May: FCC Dance House mean Business (page 3)

Please click on the links below for our recent press releases:

Year 12 careers trip to Winchester

[Year 12 attend UCAS Discovery Day - Felpham Community College](#)

Dance House Success

[The FCC Dance Team mean Business! - Felpham Community College](#)

Year 13 Students win Felpham Hero Awards

<https://www.felpham.com/2024/04/30/felpham-hero-awards/>

Charity cheque presentation for 'Save the village Post Office'

<https://www.felpham.com/2024/04/30/felpham-community-college-support-save-the-post-office/>

Screen Your story winners

<https://www.felpham.com/2024/05/01/year-8-students-win-national-competition/>

14. Student shout-outs

'Well done' to all of our Social Sciences students on another fantastic week. There's lots going on with Y10 mocks, and Y11, 12 and Y13 working really hard towards their exams, so well done all. Shoutouts for outstanding A2L this week go to:

Year 10 - 10A: Matilda B **10C:** James D, Joe S, Teni A, Isla K, Georgia F and Lois-Skye S

Year 11 - 11B: Rihanna V, Ashlee S, Lexie P, Hallie B, Kyra-Jaycee H, Beth Y, Mannat S and Megan P

Year 12 - 12C A level: Lola H, Bailey R and Hollie J

- Miss Campbell's Crim class for their fantastic focus during revision lessons
- The whole of Y13 A-Level psychology for their fantastic focus during revision lessons

Miss Mills, Teacher of Psychology'

15. Careers Update from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Students in all Year Groups
Job of the week
This week's Job of the Week is Insurance Broker . 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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