

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 24th June 2024 week 36B

1. INSET Days and school start dates September

Please note Friday 28th June is our last INSET Day for this academic year, school will be closed for students.

INSET Days 2024 - 2025

Please note the following INSET / staff training days for the next academic year:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Wednesday 18th September 2024
- Friday 29th November 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Friday 27th June 2025

School start dates - September 2024

- Our new Year 7 and 12 students will start back at school on Wednesday 4th September 2024
- All other years return on Thursday 5th September 2024

2. Year Group Notices

Year 11 Signing-off Afternoon - Tuesday 25th June

A reminder that the Year 11 signing-off afternoon is on Tuesday - 25th June. Students are asked to come to the hall at 2.00pm for the following:

- Students must return any outstanding textbooks at this time.
- All outstanding library books must be returned for the library deposit to be refunded, if students are not staying onto Sixth Form. Please contact Mr Thraves if you have any queries.
- Lockers must be emptied, and the deposit will be returned in exchange for locker keys.
- School laptops must be returned.
- We will be pleased to receive donations of unwanted school uniform and/or PE kit.
- Prom tickets can be collected.

3. 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](#).

4. Grocery Aid - School Essentials Grant

Please click on the link below for a grant we have been made aware of that we would like to share with parents and carers: <https://www.groceryaid.org.uk/finances/school-essentials-grant/>.

5. Ice Pops for sale!

Lewis Daymond, Year 10, will be selling ice pops afterschool during June and July as part of the Year 10 Tenner Tycoon Business Challenge. Please [click here](#) to view a poster with the dates they will be on sale.

6. Allergy Alert - important medical reminder

Please ensure students **do 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 will suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive.

The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts and other allergens, yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. **We really appreciate your cooperation in being mindful of products that may include nuts.**

We have a very 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 support in this matter in order to keep all our students safe.

Miss Stout, Welfare Assistant

7. Youth Action Week 2024 - 8th to 12th July

During this week we will be raising money for Chestnut Tree House, St Wilfrid's Hospice, Macmillan Cancer Support and improving the facilities for students at FCC.

Activities taking place throughout the week include:

- Tuck Shop: Every day at break and lunch - variety of sweets, donuts, drinks, ice pops and chocolate for sale
- Sponge a Teacher: Tuesday lunchtime
- Year 7 and 8 Summer Fair: Tuesday after school
- Sponsored Swim and Inflatable fun: Wednesday within school time - information has been emailed to parents/carers (**places still available**)
- Colour Run: Wednesday after school

Students are also encouraged to do their own sponsored events throughout the week (outside of school hours). Full details have been given to Year Offices to let students know.

8. Sponsorship and Tombola prizes

Are you a local business who could support our charity event above and sponsor the tuck shop? We can offer social media, newsletter, website and local press publicity in return! Contact gchester@felpham.org.uk.

If parents and carers have any suitable prizes you can donate for the tombola at the summer fair (as part of Youth Action week), or you can make anything edible we can sell at it, please let gchester@felpham.org.uk know, thank you.

9. Fortnightly maths challenge

This fortnight's challenge is:

It is well known that the Pobble has no toes and that the three-toed sloth has 12 toes (on each of its 4 feet). A synchronised swimming team is made up of 7 Pobbles and 5 three-toed sloths. What is the average number of toes per team member?

Please send your answers to me at lpullen@felpham.org.uk by 3.00pm on Friday 5th July. If there is more than one correct entry, the winning family will be selected from these. Good luck!

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

10. Girls U13s cricket



I would like to congratulate the U13s Cricket girls on coming 3rd in the area tournament on Thursday. The girls were amazing and put on an excellent performance throughout the whole day. Well done, keep up the great work!

Miss Shine, PE Department

11. Department information and students shout-outs

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

12. Friday Night Project - ALC

Freedom Leisure have asked us to remind students of their Friday Night Project sessions:



The Friday Night Project is a supervised social multi-activity session for 11- 16-year-olds. It is a great place to meet new people or come along with friends and take part in a sport.

We offer a variety of activities including sports such as Badminton, Football, Basketball and Swimming.

You can even challenge a friend to a game of table tennis or pool!

Fridays, 7.00 - 9.00pm at the Arun Leisure Centre (term time only).

Only £4.40 per session.

13. Careers Update

Students in all Year Groups
Job of the week
This week's Job of the Week, is Order Picker . Find out 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 the team.
The UK's most In-Demand IT Roles of 2024
With the job market ever-evolving and new roles being created every day and career popularity shifting sectors - one sector which is a popular choice is the IT sector. Jumar, a talent acquisition specialist, have taken a look at the most in-demand IT job roles and how to hire correctly for these positions. Follow this link to find out more here .
Students in Year 8 and above - BrighMed
Applications are now open for students to join the BrightMed programme. BrightMed is working with students in Year 9 to 12 to increase awareness of what it takes to study medicine and healthcare subjects at university and to pursue a career in medicine. Students will have the opportunity to attend 4/5 in-person sessions on the University of Sussex campus, as well as a 4-day, 3-night Summer School in Year 12. These sessions cover a variety of medicine topics, with lectures from guest speakers, interactive activities, and study skills, all supported by current undergraduate medicine students at Brighton and Sussex Medical School. Students must be currently in Years 8-11, living or studying in Sussex to be able to participate in this programme. Spaces are limited on the programme and as such applicants will also have to meet additional criteria which can be found here Applications close at 9am on Monday 15 July - the application form can be found here.
Students aged 13 and over
URGENT - Success at Schools
Success at Schools is a careers website aimed at young people aged 13 and over. If you register with the site, you will receive their free careers letter and access to a whole host of useful articles on CV writing, job applications, interviews, gap years, employability skills, volunteering, wellbeing and much more. Register here . If at least 100 Year 10, 11 or 12 students register by the 28 th June, the school will receive a set of new subject guides showing how each subject links to careers. To buy these would normally cost the school £249 - so please sign up and help your teachers to help you make the links between school and the world of work.
Springpod
Springpod is a FREE experience platform where you can select and secure your brightest future. Springpod are introducing immersive experiences designed to enhance your knowledge and strengthen your CV and ultimately your applications to university or apprenticeships. By taking advantage of these FREE experiences, you not only get a sneak peek into potential pathways but also gain clarity on your own learning style and career preferences and receive a certificate upon completion. The experiences are short courses, packed with interactivity, activities, and video content to enhance the user experience whilst exploring a career you're interested in. You can create your Springpod account here .
Students aged 14 and over - Do you want to be a surgeon? Immersive Surgical Work Experience - Saturday 6th July - £87 including suturing kit
Gain an insight into the fascinating world of surgery in a virtual operating theatre. Find out what surgeons do; learn how to suture with a live follow-along demo; watch virtual operations; speak to practising NHS doctors and surgeons. 10.00-11.30: Surgeon's Life - an insight into a day in the life of a surgeon 12.30-14.30: Live suturing demonstration - you will learn how to do different types of sutures using your own suturing kit. 15.00-16.00: Virtual Operating Theatre - go through real-life surgical cases, find out about the major types of operations and all the latest advancements After the event you will have access to the content of the day's sessions to be able to watch again in your own time. Find out more and enrol here .
Year 10 and above - Thales virtual work experience
Thales is a world leader in cybersecurity, defence and security and aerospace, they have huge offices and labs in Crawley. Due to the nature of their work, in-person work experience is a challenge, so they are running two interactive virtual work experience sessions this is a 3-day virtual work experience programme. These are available on 30 th July - 1 st August or 6 th - 8 th August. It requires the students to join via a computer at home, this is a fantastic opportunity for students who can access it. Register here - applications close on Friday 28 th June.