





We live in changing times, but some things need to remain constant. An excellent local school should be available for all children and this is our aim for Felpham.

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## Thank you for your interest in Felpham Community College.

Choosing the right secondary school is a very important decision. We hope that this prospectus provides you with useful information about our school and what we can offer.

Great schools are all about the opportunities that they afford young people. Felpham Community College is in a very strong position in this regard. We offer the opportunity to study an exciting, engaging and broad curriculum in our fantastic modern facilities, all as part of a supportive and caring community. We focus on ensuring that every child enjoys their time with us, thrives and does their very best.

This year, our year 11 and year 13 students did just that - they achieved excellent results in their GCSE, A level and vocational qualifications, allowing them to pursue ambitious career goals. We anticipate further great results in 2025 and beyond.

Getting the basics right is key to future success, so we have also focused on developing a safe, calm and purposeful learning environment, with excellent student behaviour and a smart school uniform that students wear with pride. This sense of pride and ownership also shines through our student leadership programmes, our status as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School and our many community links, locally and further afield.

We are proud of Felpham Community College and its journey so far, but we are not complacent. Our foundations are firm, and our committed and enthusiastic staff are determined to create a truly outstanding school. We are looking for young people we can inspire, support and develop to reach their full potential. I hope you will join us.

Ms S Pike  
Headteacher





# Open Evening

Tuesday 17th September 2024  
from 6pm - 8.30pm

Felpham Community College is opening its doors to prospective students and their parents/carers. Come and find out how our school can bring out the best in your child.

Open Mornings available  
to see the school in action take place on:

Thursday 19th,  
Friday 20th,  
Monday 23rd and  
Tuesday 24th September  
from 8.45am - 10.30am (no need to book)



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Moving from primary to secondary school can be daunting for both students and their families.

At Felpham, we pride ourselves on organising a detailed and informative induction programme for students who are joining us in year 7 - so that they, and their parents/carers, feel confident and equipped about them starting at secondary school.

The journey to FCC looks like this:

<b>September 17th</b>	<b>Open Evening</b> for prospective year 7 students and their parents/carers.
<b>September 19th, 20th, 23rd &amp; 24th</b>	<b>Open Mornings</b> a chance to see the school on a 'normal' working day - for prospective year 7 students and their parents/carers.
<b>October 31st</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b> West Sussex County Council deadline for applications for secondary school.
<b>March 3rd</b>	<b>Placements</b> West Sussex County Council send out secondary school placements.
<b>Mid-March</b>	<b>Welcome Letters</b> Students joining FCC receive a welcome letter from Ms Pike.
<b>May</b>	<b>Welcome Booklet</b> Parents/Carers receive a Parent and Carer Welcome Booklet – by email. Students receive a Student Welcome Booklet – hard copy.
<b>June</b>	<b>Welcome Day</b> This is an opportunity for students to get to know the school better and to start to make new friends. Students attend one Welcome Day, depending on which primary school they attend.
<b>July</b>	<b>New Intake Day</b> Students find out what tutor group they are in, familiarise themselves with the school site and take part in taster lessons.
	<b>New Intake Evening</b> Students and their parents/carers are invited to attend a presentation from Ms Pike, meet the Year Team and Form Tutors, visit the library and view our school uniform.
<b>September</b>	<b>First day for Year 7</b> Year 7 (and Year 12) students start a day earlier than the rest of the student body to allow time to familiarise themselves with their timetable, the school day and the campus.



*Parents commented that teachers help their children settle into the school quickly, so that they enjoy school.*

*Ofsted, 2019*

We asked year 7 students about their first weeks joining FCC and this is the feedback we received.....

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‘I didn’t know many people in my tutor group, so I was scared about making new friends, but I made lots really quickly.’

**Reuben**

‘I was worried about the change from my primary school as Felpham seemed really big. I got lost three times in my first week, but everyone was really helpful. All the subjects are based in set areas so once you know the areas, finding the rooms is easy!’

**Alfie**

‘We have had year 10 helpers come to our registration so that we can ask questions. They helped us with finding our way around the school as well at the beginning. Our form tutor is really nice as well.’

**Evie**

‘The after-school clubs are great. We have done different sports, reading and board games. There are clubs at lunch time as well - comic club, different music clubs, IT club and drama workshops.’

**Amelia, Joshua and Jack**

‘I was worried about the canteen but once you have been in there you soon know what to do, it isn’t something to worry about at all. The brownies are the best.’

**Alex**

‘Lessons are cool. In science we get to do experiments, we did one last week with crystals. PE is good as well as we have more choice, and we use the Arun Leisure Centre for lessons and do swimming there as well.’

**Maisie and Lily**

‘I really like geography. Not sure why, I just really enjoy the lessons and am learning lots.’

**Kian**

‘We were worried about having lots of homework, but it is ok as it is timetabled so all your teachers cannot give it to you at the same time. It is all on our App BROMCOM so is easy to look up at home.’

**Caleb**

‘We have been using keyboards and ukuleles in music and the drama studio for drama. It is much better going to each classroom for different lessons rather than primary school where you are just in one class.’

**Beth**



**Our aim is:**

To equip all students with the ambition, knowledge, skills, values and experiences they need to achieve beyond their perceived potential and positively impact the world around them.

We will achieve this vision by demonstrating core values:-

**Achievement**

- Setting and encouraging ambitious goals, allowing access to a range of destinations
- Developing the knowledge and skills required to achieve them
- Enabling a wealth of experiences
- Instilling a lifelong love of learning and self-improvement
- Preparing students for a life beyond school

**Care**

- Ensuring a safe, calm and happy environment
- Building a school where students wish to attend and staff want to work
- Knowing our students well

**Equity**

- Recognising that everyone's individual circumstances and needs are different
- Allocating the resources needed by each student to experience success



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*A pupil, voicing the opinions of a group of pupils, said, 'This is a really good place to learn. The teachers are really nice people and always willing to help'.*

**Ofsted, 2019**

- Key Stage 3** Students who are in Year 7, 8 and 9
- Key Stage 4** Students who are in Year 10 and 11
- Key Stage 5** Students who are in Year 12 and 13

**Key Stage 3**

Students at Felpham Community College follow the full National Curriculum:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Geography
- French and Spanish\*
- Computing
- Art and Design
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Everyone Matters  
(Personal Social Health Education, Citizenship and relationships and sex education)

\*Students study both French and Spanish in year 7 and then opt for their preferred language choice in year 8.

In addition to the subjects set out above, students at FCC also study:

- Drama
- Year 7 students have the opportunity to improve their **swimming** as part of their **PE Studies**
- **Design and Technology** includes a wide range of subjects, including **Food Technology, 3D Design** and **Textiles**.



You can view more details regarding the curriculum at [www.felpham.com](http://www.felpham.com)

or by scanning the QR code

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*A stimulating and challenging ethos in the school, which enables pupils to make strong progress and achieve well.*

**Ofsted, 2019**



The school is committed to providing a range of services and activities to meet the needs of our students, their families and the wider community. Often these activities run outside of the formal school day.

Our provision includes:

**Library** (8.00am-4.00pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-3.30pm Friday)

Our library provides a stimulating environment in which students can study, research information or simply enjoy reading one of the many thousands of books available. Networked computer facilities are available for student use. A number of groups are established to shadow National and Countrywide Book Awards.

### Extra-curricular activities

Please see our website for up-to-date extra-curricular timetables or scan here:



### Careers

We have a dedicated Careers Team at Felpham who offer a wide range of different activities throughout the 7 years that our students are with us. For example, in year 7, the careers programme looks at:

- coping with change
- tutor group stalls at the Christmas Fayre
- students start working on the software careers package Xello

Felpham has a dedicated Careers website [fcccareers.com](http://fcccareers.com) or scan here:



### Parents and Carers

In addition to our general information and consultation evenings, we organise a number of events to support parents and carers. These include Year 7 Parent and Tutor meetings (shortly after new students start at our school); Parents' Information Evenings for KS3 (years 7 to 9), KS4 (years 10 and 11) and KS5 (years 12 and 13).



*Pupils benefit from a well-rounded education and strong pastoral care.*

**Ofsted, 2019**

Felpham was reaccredited as a Gold Standard Rights Respecting School in 2023.



**What is a Rights Respecting School?**

'A Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.'

**Comments from the Rights Respecting Assessment FCC had in 2023:**

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'Our school works well to uphold rights.'  
**Student**

'Rights are embedded seamlessly in all that we do, making the College a happy, productive, supportive and respectful community which celebrates diversity.'  
**Governor**

'You don't have to have the loudest voice to make a difference.'  
**Rights Respecting Lead**

'A strength of the College is the caring and nurturing ethos, where the values of dignity and respect are lived and valued by children and their parents.'  
**Rights Respecting External Assessor**

'That feeling that you are part of something that benefits everyone around you is very fulfilling.'  
**Student Council Representative**



At Felpham we pride ourselves on a 'Seven Year Journey'.

Many of our students choose Felpham Sixth Form as the stepping stone to their future, be that university, degree apprenticeships, careers or other pathways.

Whilst Felpham Sixth Form has its own dedicated website and locality, it is an integral part to life at FCC with our sixth formers supporting younger students.



We aim to minimise our paperwork through the use of new technologies; we try to make as much information as possible accessible to all through our website or through links to other sources.

We do, however, understand that some people prefer to have access to paper copies. Should you wish to obtain hard copies of any of our website documents, please contact the school directly.

Information about the school can be found at [www.felpham.com](http://www.felpham.com) or scan the QR code below.

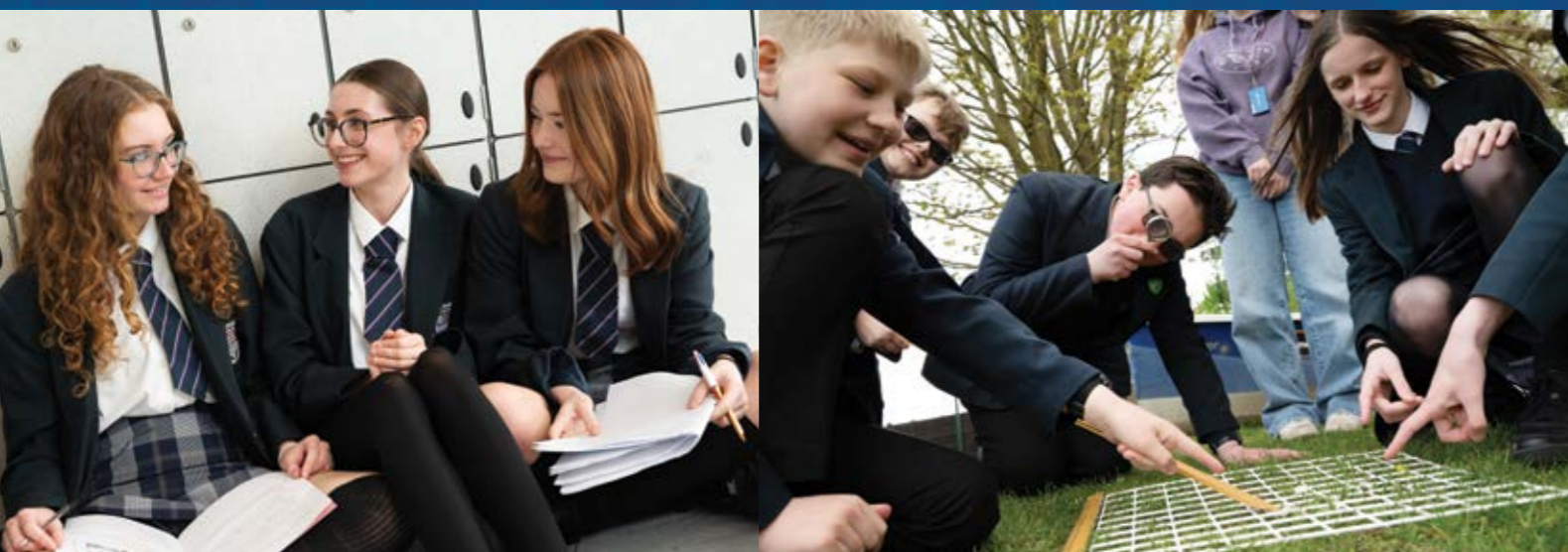
The website includes:

- Details of admissions
- Details of our school systems
- Details about our curriculum and the courses on offer
- Information on how to access the various policies adopted by our governing body to ensure our school provides an inclusive community
- A link to our most recent OFSTED report
- Exam and assessment results – link to performance tables, student admissions and attendance data
- School uniform requirements
- Term dates and INSET days

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*A dedicated and highly skilled team of staff work with determination and sensitivity alongside pupils, parents and external agencies.*

*Ofsted, 2019*



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**Headteacher**

Ms Suzanne Pike

**Chair of Governors**

Mr Clive Hawkins

**Student Numbers**

1600 predicted for September 2024 (age 11 - 19 years)

**The working week**

The school day commences at 8.30am with registration and either assembly or tutor time

There are six 50 minute lessons each day

The lunch break is 12.40 - 1.15pm

The school day ends at 3.00pm

**Local Authority**

West Sussex County Council  
County Hall  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
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Turn up every day.

Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

Article 31: Every child has the right to play, relax, and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



Article 19: The school must do all they can to ensure that children are safe from violence, abuse and neglect.

Article 3: The best interests of the child must be a top priority.

Article 2: The charter applies to every child whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion and abilities.

Article 14: Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and also to practice their religion.

Be nice.

Work hard.

