

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 15th July 2024 week 39A

Message from Ms Pike, Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your marvellous support of the many recent events that have happened in school. Our Youth Action Week activities have been a popular success, and our Summer Arts Evening last night was a wonderful celebration of all things creative. I have had so much positive feedback about the level of enthusiasm and talent on display in the form of visual art, textiles, photography, music, presentations of original creative writing, dance, food and drama. My thanks go out to all students who threw themselves into everything with such gusto, and to the staff and community members who supported them (and do so throughout the year).

As you would expect at this time of year, much of the information below relates to organisation setting us up to make a great start in the new academic year in September (without wishing our time away, of course!). As well as the important info around start dates, the revised school day times, attendance and lockers, etc. included below, I would also like to canvas your opinion on the format of our Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings next year. This follows feedback from our parent survey a few weeks' back. As I am sure you are aware, we are currently running these evenings as a hybrid of in-person and online meetings, dependent on year group. So that we can factor all stakeholders' views into our future plans, please could you let us know your preference for either online or in-person meetings by completing this very quick [survey](#).

Thank you as ever for your support and feedback. Have a lovely weekend,



1. All Parents and Carers of students in Years 7-10 - Locker audit reminder

As we have done for the past two summers, we ask that ALL students return their locker key before the summer break. This allows us to clean all the lockers and re-allocate them so that students, on the whole, have one as close to their classroom as possible.

Regardless of whether your child has a locker now or not, please complete [this form](#) by 9pm on Monday 15th July.

The form will ask you to give us details of the locker/key that your child(ren) has/have, if they have one, and whether they would like to have a locker again in September.

Students who currently have a locker but do not want one in the future will be issued a refund of £2 in September, if they have returned this year's key.

If your child/ren would like a locker from September but does not currently have one, please complete the form and make a payment of £5 via ParentPay.

All students wanting a locker in September will be issued their new key on their first day back.

Keys will be collected by tutors on the last day of term, Tuesday 23rd July. If your child will not be in on that date, please arrange for them to empty their locker and hand their key in to the Careers Office (S13a) beforehand.

Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

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. Youth Action Week

Thank you to all the students and their families and staff for supporting Youth Action Week 2024. All events were a success! Please can outstanding swim sponsorship money be with N29A / Mrs Chester or paid on ParentPay by Tuesday 16th July, thank you.

4. Gardening session

Mr Summers, Mrs Chester and Matt Dobbin from the Sixth Form are running a gardening session after school on Thursday 18th July, meeting at 2.50pm in Reception; it will finish at 4.00pm. This is to make all the planters around school look nice before the end of the summer term! Refreshments provided - please come and support - email Mrs Chester if you would like to attend gchester@felpham.org.uk.

5. Safeguarding Corner - Cyber Choice sessions for parents and carers

West Sussex Police have asked us to share information with our parents and carers about free online Cyber Choice courses available to them over the summer. The sessions are aimed at parents/carers of a wide range of children/young people, from KS2 (7–8-year-olds) up to college/uni students (18+). Each webinar covers the same material - protecting children from online threats - so parents and carers need only sign up for one of them, they last for an hour and can be booked via this link: [Eventbrite](#).
Mrs Covill, Safeguarding and Inclusion Lead

6. Fortnightly maths challenge

Congratulations to Laila Eldessouki (year 7) and her family for winning the latest fortnightly family maths challenge:

It is well known that the Pobble has no toes and that the three-toed sloth has 12 toes (3 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?

The answer is 5 - as 5 three-toed sloths have a total of 60 toes. When combined with the 7 Pobbles there are 12 team members altogether. The average number of toes between them is 60 divided by 12 which is 5.

Good luck with the next challenge!

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

7. End of Term

Our last day of this school year is Tuesday 23rd July 2024. Students will finish early and will be dismissed at 12.30pm.

The last day will be a non-uniform day, raising money for the charities we supported during Youth Action Week - Macmillan Cancer Support, St Wilfrid’s Hospice and Chestnut Tree House. Students and staff are invited to pay £1 to wear non-uniform. Thank you to the families who have already paid for this via ParentPay. Parent Pay is now open for anyone who has not already paid, or students can bring cash on the day.

8. School start dates September

A reminder about out school start dates in September as below:

- 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

9. New school timings - September

A reminder that the new school timings from September are as below:

The school day - lesson timings	
8.25	Warning Bell
8.30 - 9.00	Tutor Time or Assembly
9.00 - 9.50	Lesson 1
9.50 - 10.40	Lesson 2
10.40 - 11.00	Break
11.00 - 11.50	Lesson 3
11.50 - 12.40	Lesson 4
12.40 - 1.15	Lunch
1.15	Warning Bell
1.20 - 2.10	Lesson 5
2.10 - 3.00	Lesson 6
3.00	End of day

10. Attendance - Fixed Penalty Notices

Please note that from September, the government is making changes to the penalty notice fines for school attendance. Please see below:

- **First Referral** - That leads to an FPN (Fixed Penalty Notice) being issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- **Second Referral** - That leads to an FPN being issued the amount will be for £160 per parent, per child, with no reduction offered for early payment.
- **Third Referral** - An FPN will not be issued and instead either result in the:
 - Matter being presented directly to the Magistrates Court. A prosecution can result in the parent receiving a criminal record and fines of up to £2,500. Cases found guilty in Magistrates’ Court can show on a Parent’s future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child’s education.
 - Matter being addressed via an alternative pathway with an Investigating Officer being allocated.

11. Vacancies at FCC

We currently have the following vacancy:

- Inclusion Mentor: Inclusion Mentor - Felpham Community College

12. Publicity

In the Bognor Regis Observer Thursday 11th July: Year 11 Prom (page 9)

13. Social Sciences student shout-outs

Well done to all of our Social Sciences students for another fantastic week of hard work as we near the end of a busy year! Shout-outs for particularly outstanding A2L this week go to:

Year 10	Year 12
All of 10A for working so hard! For 100% attendance to catch-up! 10C: Teni A, Mason C, Joe S and Iris M 10A: Imogen C and Tilly B	12C A level: Patrick M and Keira S 12BTEC: Lily Mai H, Rehanon G and Erin W

Miss Mills, Teacher of Psychology

14. Design and Technology shout-outs

Food Tech

Year 10 had a lesson focusing on presentation and creativity to make and decorate small cakes, below are some their outcomes: Well done in particular to Pulitha and Liwia!



3D Design



Another week, another exciting trip opportunity for students in Years 9 and 10 to visit Goodwood Festival of Speed!

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 SCIENCE WRITER . 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) and speak to Mrs Woodman or Mrs Nash.
Virtual workplace tours
The Summer holidays is a perfect time to explore virtual work experience. Panjango are offering fully immersive virtual workplace tours which allow you to roam behind the scenes and discover the interesting work that happens in a range of exciting workplace. Find out more Here .
Sussex at Schools
Success at Schools has launched 16 Things to Do with your Summer Holiday. School's out - time to relax. You've earned yourself a decent break, but with six weeks or more stretching out in front of you, it's still important to find things to do in the summer holidays to avoid feeling restless. The great thing is that, free from timetables, after-school clubs and exams, you have more choice about what you do with your time. Click Here for some of their suggestions.
Year 8 to 12 Students
West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service is trialling an exciting new programme for Fire Cadets and is looking for young people aged between 13 and 17 to apply. Those successful will be joining a new Fire Cadet unit, based at Bognor Regis Fire Station, to take part in activities inspired by the role and responsibilities of a firefighter, such as completing firefighting drills and learning first aid. Each cadet will also gain essential social, life, work and wellbeing skills. The course is being trialled for one-year and this cohort of cadets will help to shape what a future programme may look like. The new Bognor Regis Fire Cadet unit will be open from 10 th September and the team will meet on Tuesday evenings during school term time, 6-8pm. To apply for the Fire Cadet programme, please complete our online application form by 19 July 2024. Application forms must be completed by the young person, and interviews will take place shortly after the closing date.
Students aged 13-18 - 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 .
Year 9 and 10 Students - Virtual Routes into STEM Course
This course is running up until 2 nd August and will take students approximately 20 hours to fully complete. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fantastic way to explore the different routes into a STEM career, including College Courses, University Courses, Apprenticeships and learning from industry what is involved in a STEM Career as well as enhancing your skills!• This course is open to all abilities and will include live interactive sessions, allowing students to listen and ask questions to STEM students and professionals.• Once completed students will receive an Industrial Cadets Bronze Award <u><i>these awards are highly respected in the STEM industry and are the industry equivalent of DofE - Patroned by the King.</i></u> Please click here to view a flyer. The flyer includes full course details and the link to apply. For more information click here

Year 10 students - CV support material

Feedback from some members of staff is that some of you are struggling with your CV and so I have put together [PowerPoint](#) to (hopefully) help. I would also suggest watching Xello's video about CVs, which you will find under links and resources on the homepage of Xello. Remember Xello is internet based and can be accessed anywhere and on PCs, tablets and phones. Log in to Microsoft 365 using your school email address, click on the 9 dots in the top left-hand corner and then on the icon for Xello. If you still need support, please pop into the Careers Office (S13a) to chat to one of us.

Year 10 upwards - Dukes Plus Essay Competition - Chance to win £300

This year's Duke Plus Essay competition is now open for submissions. Students need to be aged 15-17. This prestigious contest provides a platform for ambitious students to showcase their academic abilities, analytical thinking and creativity. Find out more [Here](#).

Years 11, 12 and 13 Students - Virtual Insight into University Course

This course is running up until 23rd August and will take students approximately 30 hours to fully complete.

- This course is a comprehensive virtual experience that allows students to explore STEM studies at University and the Career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It will also provide access to information on University and Student Life, STEM Projects and Activities set by leading UK Universities and Global STEM Companies. Also, First year Undergrad lectures and Live Interactive Lectures with Academics, Admissions Tutors, Employers and current Students!
- Once completed students will receive an Industrial Cadets **Silver** Award *these awards are highly respected in the STEM industry and are the industry equivalent of DofE - Patroned by the King.*

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