

# Frewen College Newsletter

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## Welcome to our newsletter

By Nick Goodman, Principal



Dear Parents

The logo above is for the PTFA, but it is no coincidence that it based on a naval flag, and that the meaning of the flag is "communicate" - which we felt was apt in a school for dyslexic students set up by an admiral, and which happens to be in the school colours!

As a school, we have made communication a focus this year, and this newsletter is just one example of this. I know that parents are sometimes not sure as to who they should contact with questions or concerns - so I thought it would be a good idea to use this article to clarify this:

If your concern is a pastoral one, or is a general question about some aspect of how your child is getting on generally, the best person to contact in the first instance is the form tutor. We have small tutor groups at Frewen, and the tutors see each of their tutees three times per day, so they know them well.

If your concern is with your child's progress in a certain subject, you could contact the teacher of that subject, or the Head of Faculty. The faculties are English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Arts.

If your concern is more serious, or you feel the need to raise it at a higher level, you can contact the Vice Principal, Mr Godin, the Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Glubb (or Miss Lawrence, from September), or Mrs Welch, Head of Prep, or, depending on the seriousness, you may choose to contact me, and I will do my best to be of assistance.

Email is the most convenient way to contact us, and you are welcome to contact staff directly through the school email system. It is also fine to send emails to Annabel Baker, at [office@frewencollege.co.uk](mailto:office@frewencollege.co.uk), and Annabel will pass them on to the right person. Some issues are better discussed on the phone, but, as in all schools, staff are busy and cannot easily be contacted - or may be about to go into a lesson. If you do need to speak on the phone, it might be best to send an email requesting this, or leave a message with Annabel in the main office, and we will be happy to call you back.

## PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying their time on a PGL educational adventure visit this week. Pupils have completed a number of challenging tasks such as abseiling, tunnel tails, archery and raft building (and testing!). We are also looking forward to the Prep School camp which involves all our pupils. Allowing pupils the chance to test their own independence can bring out new skills. Teachers often comment upon how they get to know a different side of their pupils in the outdoor environment.

Pupils at the Prep School have been working hard on their Creative Learning topic; Invaders. This week Year 5/6 pupils have completed a stunning viking long-boat, whilst younger pupils have been building a saxon village using junk modelling as its foundations.



Pupils building a Saxon village

## PREP NEWS by Sally Welch (continued..)

Progress is always at the heart of Frewen Prep and this term we are reviewing the progress of each pupil and ensuring that the right provision is in place.

Parents are invited to attend their child's annual review of progress either in the summer or autumn term. Parents, pupils, teachers and therapists are invited to contribute to this meeting in order to gain an overall picture of the progress each of our pupils is making.

Parents may also expect a full school report at the end of the summer term.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

English by Neil Stanley

In English, Year 8 students have been studying a creative writing unit called 'School Under Siege'. They have to imagine that a contagious disease has spread through Frewen College and that they all have to remain on-site. They have enjoyed describing their disease's symptoms, writing about their feelings and reactions, and planning activities while confined to school.

Year 9 students have been working on a non-fiction unit called 'People and Places'. They are analysing a variety of travel writing and producing their own descriptive and explanatory pieces. This unit will be good preparation for GCSE.

Finally, good luck to some of our Year 11 students, who are preparing for GCSE English Literature. This is the first time, in a number of years, that Frewen Students have sat this GCSE. They have studied Macbeth, The Sign of Four, An Inspector Calls and a poetry anthology.

Earlier this year we consolidated our two library spaces into one area so that all our reading books are now in the auditorium and are more accessible. Over the summer holidays we plan to reorganise all the books so they are re-categorised and easier to find on the shelves and ultimately enjoy!



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Science by Scott Wassell

The Science department has a new addition in Mr Tague, and he has jumped straight into the deep end with the Year 11s and their preparations for their exams.

Elsewhere in the department, the Year 7s have been busy modelling the digestive system. This is always a favourite, with its hands-on approach and unique aromas that fill the labs for many hours afterward.

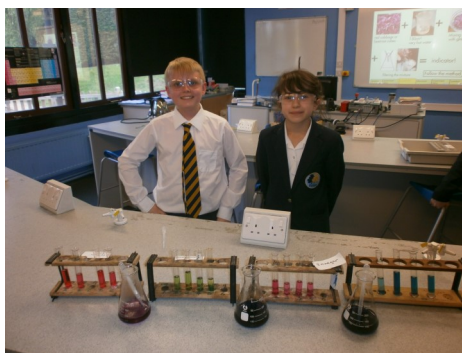
The Year 7s have been very busy as they get to grips with acids and alkalis for the first time. Here they have been using indicators to identify mystery chemical substances.

The importance of electricity in our lives is immeasurable. The Year 10s have been investigating how resistors behave in parallel circuits. No one has been shocked yet!

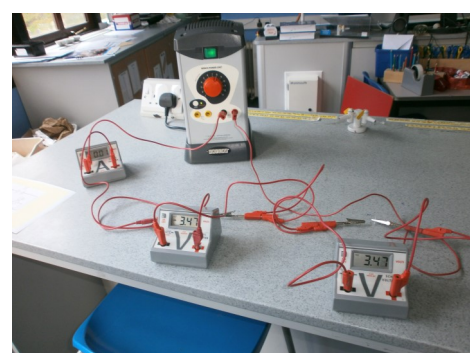
Congratulations to Miss Cardinale on the birth of her son. Science crèche is now open.



Year 7 modelling the digestive system



Pupil using indicators to identify mystery chemical substances



Testing how resistors behave in parallel circuits

### Food and Nutrition by Lesley Hayden

KS4 pupils will be breathing a sigh of relief this half term as the Year 11 students have completed all of their coursework and the Year 10 students have finished their short tasks. All should be very pleased with the dishes that they produced.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Food and Nutrition continued....



KS3 pupils have also been busy cooking a wide variety of dishes. Year 7 have been learning about where our food comes from, Year 8 pupils have been working on their One Star Chef Award and Year 9 are following the Food Life Skills course.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Arts Faculty by Katie Buckland

The biggest news from the Arts Faculty this term is that Frewen College now has a dedicated room especially for its louder musicians! One of our buildings has been converted into a brand new music suite with a stage, lighting and extra room for students to rehearse. Aaron Smith and the rest of the support team have worked hard to make these rooms a stimulating environment for our students and the results are already showing in their progress.

"It's the coolest room in the school" say many of our pupils.



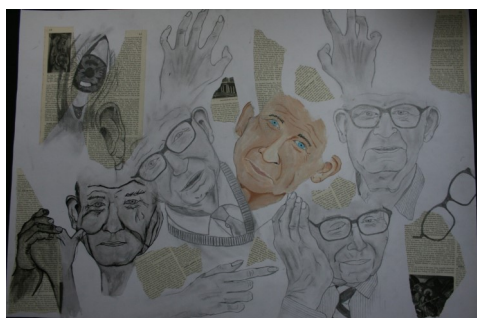
In other news, students are still busy with exams; the two-day long Art exam took place shortly after the Easter break and the written papers for both Music and DT are approaching.

This term in drama students have been given the opportunity to visit the theatre on two more occasions - to see "Showstopper! The Improvised Musical" and "The Best of Barmy Britain" from the Horrible Histories team. Both visits were thoroughly enjoyed by those participating.

And finally, in Drama and Music our talented performers from across the school are preparing their items ready for the Summer concert which will take place on the afternoon of June 16th. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible in the audience.

### Art by Duncan Sangster

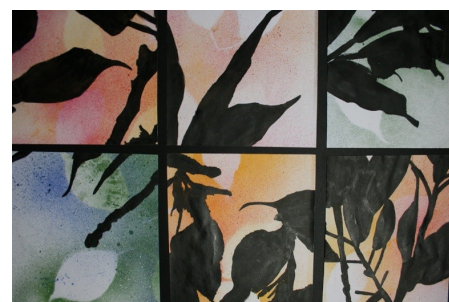
Year 11 Art GCSE students this year had to produce final pieces for the art exam entitled 'Beginning and End'. Students drew inspiration from various starting points including the seasons, ageing and war. They had a preparation period prior to the exam, in which they developed personal responses through artists research, refined materials and techniques and recorded observations. Final pieces ranged from large 3D sculptural pieces to detailed and intricate watercolour studies.



Max's Old man faces and hands



Ryan's Women crying on ripped canvas



Ellie's silhouettes of trees and leaves

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Maths by Graeme Rawlings

#### MATHS EXAM DATES

Best wishes; may all your hard work – In school and at home — gain you the grade that you deserve!

GCSE 4365 old spec: C-G	25th May (non-calculator) & 8th June (calculator)
GCSE 8300 new spec: 9-1	25th May (non-calc), 8th June (calculator) & 13th June (calculator)
MATHS AWARD	The week starting 19th June Monday to Friday

**Yes, it's that time of year....EXAMS! TRY THESE TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD TO UNDERSTAND THE WORDING OF QUESTIONS** – this is often the source of most maths difficulty, ie. not understanding what to do.

- ♦ Break the questions down to the bare minimum
- ♦ Look out for "red herrings" and unnecessary information.
- ♦ What is the question asking?
- ♦ What are the facts? What do you know?
- ♦ What skills do you have to solve it? What maths that you know fits this topic?

PLEASE DON'T EVER TELL YOUR CHILDREN "It's OK, I was rubbish at maths!", "I hated maths!", "I can't do maths!" Be honest, say: "I find this difficult too, let's see if we can do it together". EVERYONE can learn & master the basics.



#### MATHS ZONE

**Maths Club** Tuesday at 4:15 pm with Mr Rawlings. Gain more confidence with those awkward GCSE problems.

**Homework Club** Monday at 4:15pm with Mr Ola. Get that expert support!

**Maths Clinic** 1-1 with Y11 students Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday with Mrs Claasen to sort out those niggling mistakes.

#### Maths Challenge 2: Swallowing Elephants

Elephants always wear pink trousers.

Every creature that eats honey can play the bagpipes.

Anything that is easy to swallow eats honey.

No creature that wears pink trousers can play the bagpipes.

Therefore, Elephants are easy to swallow!

Am I correct?

(Answer to previous Maths Challenge 1: How old was Diophantus when he died? 84 because 84 is the lowest common multiple of 6, 12, 7)

#### Parallel lines

Have so much in common.....



It's a shame they will never meet.

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Humanities by Hazel Lawrence

The Humanities department have recently launched the 'Send My Friend to School' Campaign.

This campaign aims to get all pupils to write to our local MP to encourage them to take action to get all primary and secondary aged children into school, receiving an education.

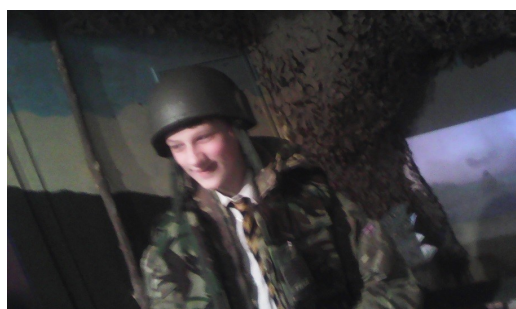
We will update you on this campaign in the next newsletter.



We recently took all of KS3 pupils and the GCSE historians to visit Dover Castle. This gave pupils an opportunity to explore the significant role that Dover Castle has played throughout Britain's history – including the Siege of 1216; through the Tudor period and right up the Second World War. This trip provided valuable knowledge that will be used across the KS3 curriculum and into the GCSE course. A great day was had by all.



Trinity and Angelina finding out how Dover Castle has played a part in warfare



Jack experiencing how Dover Castle has been involved in warfare



Caspar using the interactive Afghanistan Experience



Sam looks across Dover from the Battlements of the castle

### Upcoming Exams:

Monday 5th June (AM)	Paper 1: International Relations 1919 – 1939 & Causes & events of WW1
Tuesday 6th June (PM)	Paper 2: Population Dynamics
Monday 12th June (PM)	Paper 3: Decision Making Paper
Wednesday 14th June (PM)	Paper 2: British Society 1939 - 1975

There will be 'breakfast club' on Monday 5th June at 8am for those students sitting the History exam.

## SIXTH FORM AND CAREERS

By Amanda Glubb

As part of the careers education programme, students in Years 10, 12, 13 and 14 have been having 1:1 careers guidance interviews this half term. The students reported that their half hour meeting with the external careers counsellor was very helpful, and helped them to focus their minds on their future plans. The counsellor told us 'The students are exceptional - engaged and positive, which is so refreshing!'

We have also continued with our programme of careers assemblies with Apprenticeships-in-Sussex talking to the whole school about apprenticeships, from Traineeships to degree level. This was followed up with a very useful workshop for Years 10 to 14, which helped to dispel some of the myths and misconceptions about apprenticeships and gave advice on how to apply.

As we approach the end of the school year with just one more careers assembly to go, I would like to thank all the parents who have contributed to this initiative. New British evidence shows statistically significant positive relationships exist between the number of employer contacts that a young person experiences in school between the ages of 14 and 19 and their confidence at 19-24 in progression towards ultimate career goals. In addition young adults who recalled four or more activities while at school were five times less likely to be NEET (not in employment, education or training) and earned, on average, 16% more than peers who recalled no such activities.

If any more parents are interested in sharing their career path experiences in next year's programme, please do get in touch. Parents working in hospitality and catering, animal care, and public service sectors are particularly encouraged to make themselves known.



Mrs Johnson giving a careers talk about being an entrepreneur



Mrs Cubison talking about a career in Horticulture

## GAMES AND SPORT

By Nick Kirkwood

Huge congratulations to our Senior School girls on their wonderful achievement of defending and winning the Girls 6-a-side Football Tournament organised by Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club.

It was a very tight nail-biting final held at Burgess Hill with Northease Manor School, but our girls succeeded with the final score being 1-0. Well done all!

## PTFA

By Thea Johnson



### FREWEN COLLEGE PTFA - together we improve and grow

**Frewen College PTFA is taking shape....** By getting involved, you'll be part of the solution; helping make positive changes in our school and community. Our PTFA plays an important role - supports building improvements through advocacy, fundraising for school projects and social events.

#### ◆ Get Connected.

Our PTFA is a great way to know what's happening in our school. See our Newsletter and Webpage updates, come to our meetings, suggest discussion topics/ agenda items, support events and volunteer!

#### ◆ Role Model by Example.

By volunteering with our PTFA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause — your child and all students in the community. You'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

#### ◆ Enjoy Substantial Benefits.

As we develop and grow our PTFA we will offer an increased host of benefits to members and the wider school community.

#### ◆ Tap into a Great Network.

PTFA events are opportunities to meet other parents and education specialists, build rapport and discuss issues that are on your mind.

#### ◆ Speak Up with Confidence.

Our PTFA can be a way for you to effectively suggest change at our school. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences in a supportive forum.

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the PTFA Pop-Up Uniform Shop on Friday 28/4/17. Special thanks to those who brought donations of uniform or contributed to the cakes and biscuits as these helped to increase the takings for the day.

We still have a Bexhill College 6th Form bargain bundle so if you know of someone who could benefit from it please email us [PTFA@frewencollege.co.uk](mailto:PTFA@frewencollege.co.uk)



## BOARDING NEWS

By Nick Goodman, Principal

We welcomed Ofsted to the school just before Easter for the annual inspection of our residential provision. We are delighted to confirm that their report has now been published, and that Ofsted have found the residential provision to be 'Good' - with the quality of care and support 'Outstanding'.

The report commented on 'the calm and positive atmosphere', and the part that boarding plays in 'helping children make significant progress, particularly in building their self-esteem and confidence'.

Congratulations to Nick and Kath Kirkwood and all the boarding team for this well-deserved and hard-earned success.

### Road and student safety notice

We are grateful to parents, staff and visitors for observing the speed limits around the school - these are in place to ensure the safety of all pedestrians, including, of course, our students.

In recent months there have been isolated incidents of drivers using excess speed - please do advise the school office if this is observed, so that the driver can be reminded of the need for extra care.

We do not wish to have to consider refusing access to any drivers.

#### Coming Soon...Dates for your Diary

Boarders return from half term break	Sunday 4 June (7pm)
Term starts	Monday 5 June
Geography GCSE Field trip for Year 10's	Wednesday 7 June
Year 7 camp	Thursday 8 June & Friday 9 June
Year 7 Trip to Hastings	Tuesday 13 June
Year 8 camp	Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15 June
Senior school concert	Friday 16 June (2pm - Time TBC)
Open Morning	Saturday 17 June
Year 10 Exam Week	Monday 19 June - Friday 23 June
Year 9 camp	Thursday 22 & Friday 23 June
Cluster swimming gala	Tuesday 27 June (12.30pm)
Prep & Year 7 concert	Thursday 29 June, (6pm)
Rockley Adventure Trip	Saturday 1 July – Saturday 8th July
Prep School trip to Knockhatch	Monday 10 July
Sports Day	Tuesday 11 July
Senior School trip to Chessington	Wednesday 12 July
Prize-giving Day & End Of Term	Thursday 13 July