

# Frewen College Newsletter

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## Welcome to our newsletter

By Nick Goodman, Principal

*Dear Frewen Parents*

There is always lots going on at Frewen! During the first half of the Autumn Term, we held our annual Fun Run, and, at the same time, celebrated the 400th Anniversary of Brickwall House.

Students and visitors dressed in period costume from various points over the last 400 years. There was a mini-tour of the house for visitors; the grand opening of our newly refurbished, 400-year old bowling alley; birds of prey, the stocks, and archery, as well as the Fun Run. The event was well-attended by parents, friends, and locals, and was very well-received. We even gained media attention, including a double

-page spread in the local Observer.

Thanks to everyone concerned, particularly the PTFA and the Student Council, without whom this would not have been possible. More photos of the event can be seen later in this newsletter.

Then, on the Wednesday after half-term, the school held its annual bonfire and firework display. Not many schools have bonfires or firework displays, and I doubt there is a school in the country that has one that is more impressive than Frewen. Thanks to everyone who attended, and, of course, to Northiam Bonfire Society for staging the event for us!



On the education front, you will be aware that we are inspected by Ofsted, every three years for our academic provision, and annually for boarding. In addition to this, as a school for Dyslexic students, we are inspected by CReSTeD, the Council for the Registration of Schools Teaching Dyslexic Pupils. These inspections take place every three years or so, in a range of schools, from those with only a few dyslexic students and perhaps one specialist teacher, to Frewen, where all students are dyslexic or have an SpLD, and where all staff have a dyslexia qualification. As one of a small number of schools in this top category, the inspection, and subsequent report, are particularly important to us.

The inspection is specifically aimed at dyslexic provision in the school, and the progress students make as a result. It does not result in a judgement (such as Outstanding, or Good), but a report, in which the visiting consultant records their findings.

I am delighted to report that the inspection went extremely well, and the report contains such observations as:

- The college provides tailored support to enable each individual to engage with the curriculum. The ethos of guidance, encouragements and hard work was evidenced in the observed lessons. All pupils were fully engaged during the lessons and indicated the knowledge and care underpinning the lesson to enable access for all pupils. This approach evidently draws the pupils into learning, individual pupils expressed how the pastoral care integrated into the learning had changed their perspective and opened up possibilities and aspirations for the future, and consideration of ongoing learning despite the challenges they face.

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- The needs of the pupils are considered in every aspect of their learning, from the level of work planned for each lesson and the use of a wide range of alternative strategies such as the use of modelling, individualised pre-prepared information and instructions was observed during a mathematics lesson including the careful use of mistakes to positively encourage a growth mind set.
- Pupils make excellent progress, the pastoral approach of the school and use of appropriate assessment and monitoring aid this and provide for all staff a clear understanding of where the focus for development needs to be.
- Pupils expressed that teachers are generous, helpful, calm, easy going, thoughtful and kind in their approach to learning as well as their relationship with them as individuals. They further commented that the school was giving them a 'good' education and they had friends, felt safe and able to get the help they need to make progress and learn. They stated that teachers explain if they are unsure, always being prepared to restate information recognising this is due to being able to give them more attention due to the small class sizes. Furthermore, as a result they are able to engage in their learning and experience success.

I have thanked the staff at the school for their commitment and hard work that has led to this report, and would also like to thank those parents who were contacted by the inspector and who gave such a positive account of the school, and the students, who, as always, impressed the inspector so much. The consultant's report will be on the website shortly.

It is not possible to include all of the latest news in this short report – but I can promise that there will be much more to follow in our next newsletter at the end of this term.

## Book Fair event

This will be a whole school event and open to friends and families of Frewen. It will run from Monday 27th November to Thursday 30th. It will be open every lunch break for pupils and from 4-5 on Tuesday and Thursday to all.

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to come and browse. Books range from toddler up to young adults and would make for really good Christmas gifts.



Prep girls enjoying last year's Book Fair.

## PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

Prep School pupils have been participating in a variety of seasonally themed activities this term. Starting with Harvest Festival, pupils were encouraged to bring produce to school and enjoyed taking their offerings to Northiam Church. They had a special assembly and spent time admiring the beautiful floral displays.

Pupils have produced some wonderful firework pictures in their art lesson. We also built two Guys, who joined with other Guys around the village in the lead up to our firework celebration. Head Prefect, Eloise, proudly started the fire at the Frewen Fireworks event.

This week pupils have been designing their Christmas cards which will be sent off to the printers and available for their families to buy. This has kindly been organised by the PTFA. Our next project at the Prep School will be to get the Christmas play underway. Pupils have already started to learn the songs and casting is due to happen next week.

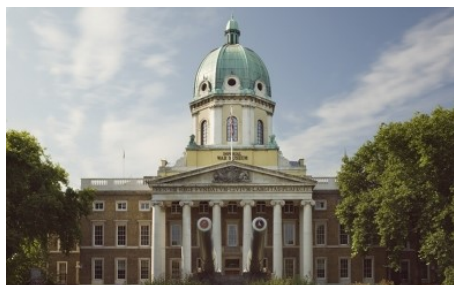


## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### English by Neil Stanley

It's a world of conflict with Year Nine! To support their work in History, including their trip to the Imperial War Museum, this half term's English lessons are based around the theme of war.

The students will be analysing extracts from war fiction; evaluating non-fiction texts; responding to war poetry and producing a range of descriptive writing. But watch out! Some might even be able to recite 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' by the end of term. Make sure you test them over Christmas.





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### Science by Scott Wassell

Welcome to a new term in Science. We soon forgot the holidays as we immersed ourselves in cell structure, acids & bases, states of matter and the business of reproduction.

The Year 7s have started the important basics of inorganic chemistry by separating dissolved salt from salty water. Notice the fantastic crystalline structure. (pic)

The Year 11s continue important GCSE work with recent investigations of electrolysis of copper sulphate and its role in electroplating.



### Arts Faculty by Katie Buckland

Another busy term again within the Arts Faculty, with many students getting started on new GCSE and BTEC courses, including a new GCSE in Film Studies. This is an exciting development for the faculty and Frewen College as a whole, as many of our students enjoy watching film, and can now gain qualifications in analysing and making films as well.

The life of the music department has been varied and exciting since the summer holidays ended. As well as many students starting to play an instrument for the very first time there was a wonderful trip to see Mozart's opera *Così fan tutti* at Glyndebourne. We are also pleased to announce the birth of RAPOLOGY, a brand new rap/hip hop band featuring talents from our Year 10 students.

The rest of our music and drama students and both choirs are now working hard towards the Christmas performances where all our pupils will once again no doubt astound and delight!



Here are some of our students who have just been to see "Così fan tutti" at Glyndebourne. Together with the actors Jose Fardilha (Don Alphonso) and Ana Quintans (Despina)



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

### MATHS ZONE



#### Homework Club

Monday at 4:15pm  
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#### Maths Club

Tuesday at 4:15 pm

#### Welcome back

The summer exam results are in and its congratulations to the 83% of students who achieved their CAT prediction or above in the GCSE and Maths Awards. No easy task given all the changes.

This year saw the first of new GCSEs in English and Maths, with a grading system of 9 to 1. Barnaby Lenon, Chair of the Independent Schools Council, said the new-style GCSE exams are the most difficult since O-levels and 'will stretch the most able students'. However, the impact on average and lower ability students remains uncertain.

But just raising the academic bar will not help pupils, unless they themselves, want to jump that bit higher, and have the support from home and school. Which is where the Maths Team at Frewen come in; we also want your child to do well, so please do contact us for guidance and help.

#### Answer to Maths Challenge 3:

Noughts and crosses

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+	/	+	0

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42

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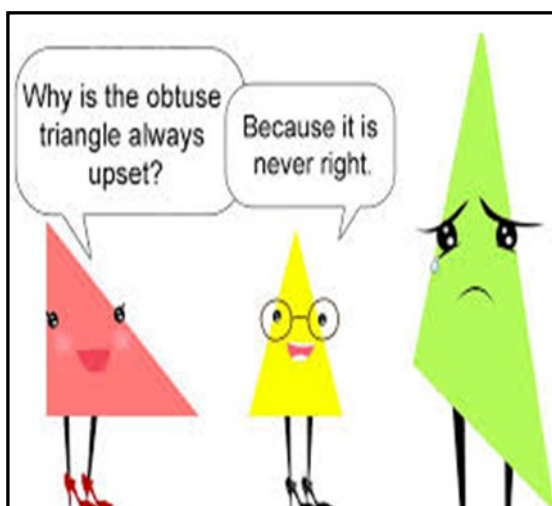
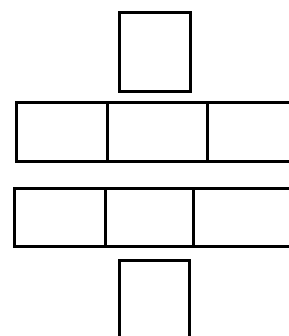
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? = 36

#### Maths Challenge 4: Boxes

Put the numbers 1 to 8 in the boxes, so no two consecutive numbers are next to each other either horizontally, vertically or diagonally...



#### The New Year 7 Mathematicians

Investigating perimeters in the Chess Garden



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Humanities by Hazel Lawrence

Congratulations to all of last year's Year 11 Students – 100% pass rate in Humanities subjects (Geography, History & RE) with many students achieving above their target grades. Well Done class of 2017.

In the spirit of Frewen's 400th Anniversary and as part of their GCSE History course, Year 10 have left the classroom and taken a look around the main house to examine how Elizabethan Gentry & Nobility would have lived and how families showed off their wealth.

## School Council

by Hazel Lawrence

The School Council have reconvened and members from Year's 7 – 11 worked together to help organise Frewen's Annual Fun Run & a non-uniform day and a collection of tombola prizes for one of the stalls at the Fun Run.

Big thanks for Bea & Ilyie for helping to (wo)man the tombola stall and to Luke and Jack who made sure all participants received their medals.

### Fun Run Places:

#### Senior Boys

1st Cameron S & Will E

2nd: Harry R

3rd Tommy B

#### Senior Girls

1st: Faye W

2nd: Jessie M

3rd: Danielle W

### Fancy Dress Prizes:

Prep School : Oliver S

Key Stage 3: Tom A

Key Stage 4: Trinity T

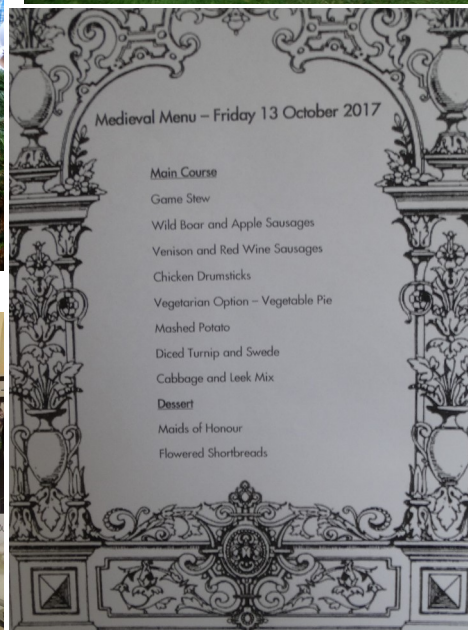
Parents: Mr & Mrs Bourne





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### Fun Run and 400 Year Celebrations





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Thank you to every one who came and supported this special event, and particularly to those who dressed up!



## SIXTH FORM AND CAREERS

By Hazel Lawrence

The Year started with a Team Building Day at Arena Pursuits – an opportunity to get to know one another, develop communication skills and work as a team.

Students had to work together to cross a canal, build a 'car', cross a mine, move tyres and the chance to compete against one another on the assault course.



Now students are focusing on their courses at Bexhill College & Plumpton College following a range of courses including: Performing Arts, Animal Care, Art & Design, A' level History & Biology amongst other courses.

Well done to the following students:

Jessie G & Charlie H – who have both been cast in leading roles in a performance of 'Our House' at Bexhill College.

Tristan W B – who is part of the Bexhill College Magazine team.

Jack M – who has been selected for the Bexhill College Rugby Squad.

Charlie B – who is part of the Bexhill College Golf Academy.



**Attention all Year 11 students:**



The deadline for application forms for the Sixth Form is Friday 8th December.



## GAMES AND SPORT

By Jo Hambleton

### Football Tournament Success

Well done to our Junior and Senior Boys Football team who took part in Brighton and Hove Albion tournament on Monday 9th October. The Senior Team made it through to the Semi Finals, sadly losing 1-0 to Blatchington Mill. They showed great determination and kept battling right up until the last minute.

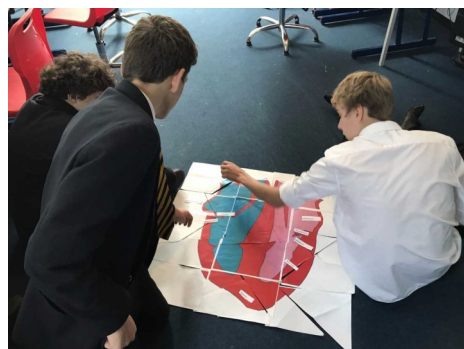
The Junior team had a slow start but with Mr Kirkwood's expert coaching they made it to the final. They played excellently but were sadly beaten by New Horizons 1-0 in the last minute. Charlie I won team player of the day so a special well done to him.

It was a fantastic day out. Well done all those involved.



### Way to our Hearts

Year 10 and 11 GCSE PE students have been learning about the circulatory system in theory lessons. They first had to complete the puzzle to make a big picture of a heart and then we learnt about the chambers within it and the order of oxygenated and deoxygenated blood. Students worked hard to understand this tricky element of the course.



## BOARDING NEWS

By Kath Kirkwood



The second half of this term always starts with a BANG - literally! Recently we attended the annual fireworks display put on for us by the Northiam Bonfire Society. It is always such good fun and the bun fight for toffee apples at the end is always a treat. We carved pumpkins and Pumpkin 'Steve' was judged the winner by our very own Heather. Well done to all teams.

The spookiest night of all, October 31st, saw some students 'trick or treating' while others enjoyed a Halloween party in boarding. A busy and productive first week back.

## SCHOOL EVENTS in November & December....

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

Prep School Children in Need Mufti Day	Friday 17th November
Prep School Parents Evening	Tues 21 November, 4.15-6pm
Book Fair Week	Mon 27 November -Thursday 30th
Prep School and Year 7 Xmas Concert	Thursday 7th December, 6pm
Senior School Xmas Concert	Friday 8th December, 2.30pm
Carol Service at St Mary's Church Northiam	Friday 15th December

