

Frewen College Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter

Dear Frewen Parents

It only feels like yesterday that we were returning to school after the Christmas holidays, but, as always at Frewen, a lot has been happening in a very short time!

We were recently approached by the British Dyslexia Association, who asked if the school would take part in a series of information films about strategies for teaching dyslexic students. A film crew visited the school and recorded a number of lessons, as well as interviewing staff.



The six videos that they produced are now available, and, will shortly be on the school's website. Each one focuses on a different aspect of teaching and learning - Using Questions to Check Learning, Using Multi-Sensory Learning, Appropriate Use of IT, Outlining the Lesson at the Start, Making Links to Previous Learning, and Dyslexia-Friendly Handouts and Resources. Together they provide an excellent summary of what we do at Frewen that makes us so different from other schools.

We hope the films will be seen by parents of dyslexic children, and relevant specialists, providing them with useful information about how to work with dyslexic learners, as well as by informing the wider world about what we do. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in organising and appearing in the films!

On another note, the Year 11 Mock Exams are an important feature of the school year. As in any school, exams are taken extremely seriously at Frewen, by staff and students - and parents - alike. In most schools, students all sit their exams in a large hall, or sports hall, with a small number of invigilators, and everyone starting and finishing at the same time.

At Frewen, we like to do things differently, and, in order to give students the best chance of success, we apply for access arrangements for each student in order that they can really show what they can do. Depending on their needs, this can involve extra time (typically 25%), readers (who read the question papers to the students), scribes (who write the students' answers for them), and the use of IT, if this is the way a student usually works.

As a consequence it also involves exams being sat in many rooms, with a proportionate number of invigilators, readers and scribes. These consist of teachers and other Frewen staff, plus volunteers. We are very grateful to those of you who were good enough to help out in recent weeks. Without your help, it would not be possible to provide the level of support required to help the students at this important time.

Special thanks must go to Claire Brimmicombe-Wood, our Exams Officer, who organises and manages the exams in such a calm and responsible way.

Claire tells me that we still need additional support for the summer exams. If you think you might be able to help us out, please contact Claire via the school office, or via claire.wood@frewencollege.co.uk, and she will be happy to discuss the matter further. Training will be provided, and you will be playing your part in helping our students to succeed!

Nick Goodman

Principal, Frewen College

PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

Mrs Sharley's Class

Pupils in Mrs Sharley's class have been writing biographies about Ernest Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica using information they have learnt during creative lessons. Pupils have also been designing their own wallpaper inspired by artist William Morris.

Miss Carpenter's Class

This week we have really enjoyed planning and writing our own mini Traction Man style adventures. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed letting their imaginations run wild when creating a villain for their story and they have produced some excellent pieces of writing.

We have also been learning about some famous British Monarchs including King Henry VIII and King John and we are creating our own Magna Carta document.



Interest Board

Recently Nate brought in a wonderful display which demonstrated his avid interest in wolves. Some detailed pictures, clothing items and a variety of soft toys were on display all week. Last week Benjamin brought in a wonderful display of Christmas gifts including Just Dance, his electronic drums and a collection of Skylanders. Benjamin spoke beautifully during his special assembly.

Jacob has also recently shared his interest board. It was lovely to hear about some of the places he has visited such as the Colosseum and the Trevi Fountain in Rome. He also talked to us about his hobby Taekwondo.

Today Lewis arrived with an fascinating collection of photos showing a variety of water based sports including swimming, kayaking and sailing. We look forward to his assembly where he will be telling us about a number of medals he has earned for swimming.

Sport

Pupils from years 5 and 6 took part in a Badminton workshop at Northiam Primary School this week. We had the opportunity to learn some new skills and take part in some games as part of our local sports cluster. Well done to all who took part.

Well done to Jacob who came 6th in our ISA cross country event and has qualified for the Nationals for the third year running. Well done also to Joshua, William and Jaimie who ran well and were all placed well up the field of runners.



Jacob in the ISA cross country event, he was placed 6th

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

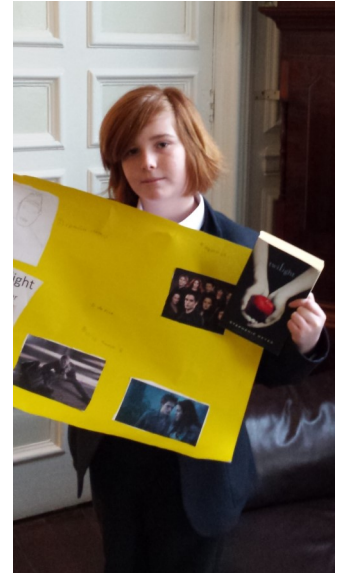
English by Neil Stanley

Public Speaking

A falconry lure. An Indian Scouting woggle. A tartan kilt. A 'take-down' recurve bow. An electric guitar. An ornamental wooden bird. A signed football. A go-karting helmet. A vintage computer games console. An antique pocket watch. These are all subjects of our students' speeches for their LAMDA Speaking in Public examinations this year.

Looking to build on our successes in previous years, once more all students at Key Stage Three will take one of these graded examinations. In addition, record numbers of KS4 and VI formers will also take part. These exams will help our students to gain confidence as speakers and listeners, and will also encourage them to use talk to develop their ideas.

The exams will take place before we break for half term and the results will follow before Easter. Good luck to everyone!



GCSE English Success

A massive 'well-done' to two of our sixth formers who retook their GCSE English Language in the November session. Ben B achieved the important Grade 4 (old GCSE grade C) whilst Constandinos Y gained Grade 6 (old GCSE grade B). Both students worked very hard and made good and outstanding progress when compared with their target grades.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Science by Scott Wassell

The New Year has brought new areas of discovery to the students. The Year 7s have been getting their first taste of writing chemical equations. They have been thrilled and confused in equal measures.

The wonderful world of fuels was investigated by Year 9. They learned the importance of crude oil in our modern world and the real need for sustainable development. Important experimental techniques like 'cracking' were undertaken. (see pictures below)

The Year 11s are rapidly approaching the end of the taught course before they begin exam revision and practice. But they still had time to work on densities of solids and liquids. (see picture opposite)



Arts Faculty by Katie Buckland

The Spring Term is a busy term for the Arts subjects, all of which see coursework deadlines for Year 11 ahead of the main exam season in the summer.

Students in Years 7-9, along with the Prep School and Ladies Choir have begun rehearsals for the summer show, which this year will be "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". It is anticipated that all students in KS3 will take part in the show, which will be performed on the afternoon of Friday 15th June, tickets will be on sale next term.

Years 7-9 are also looking forward to visiting London just after half term to see the musical "Wicked" which promises to be great fun.

In music we send congratulations to Lucy C who passed her grade 2 singing ABRSM exam and Nuri A who has passed his grade 4.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

MATHS ZONE



Homework Club

Monday at 4:15pm

GCSE Maths Club

Tuesday at 4:15 pm

How about this?

Children who engage in maths activities at home with their parents not only improve their maths skills, but also their general vocabulary, according to research:

"Exposure to basic numbers and maths concepts at home were predictive, even more so than reading or other literacy-rich activities, of improving pre-and primary school children's general vocabulary,"

"One of the reasons we think this could be, is the dialogue that happens when parents are teaching their children about maths and asking questions about values and comparisons, which helps young children improve their oral language skills."

"It's never too early to talk about numbers and quantities. One of the first words young children learn is 'more,'"

Journal of Experimental Child Psychology

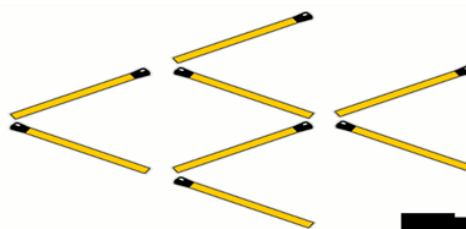
Answer to Maths Challenge 5

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 \end{array}$$

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Maths Challenge 6 Fish

Move three sticks to make the fish swim in the opposite direction.



Well done to all the Y11 & Y10 with their January Maths Mock Exams. Now the results are in, remember to ask for help when you are unsure/do not understand



The Chinese New Year 4716 (or our 2018) is the Year of the DOG.

The Dog is a symbol of loyalty. People born under this Chinese zodiac sign are said to be good natured, kind, honest and cautious.

DOG people make good friends and tend to find jobs helping other people.

Happy Symmetrical New Year!

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Humanities by Hazel Lawrence

The few weeks of this term saw Year 11 focusing on their mock exams. Well done to those involved in the History, Geography & RE mocks.



Further down the school we have been thinking about several different topics:

Year 7 RE – An introduction to Islam.

Year 8 History – English Civil War and using assistive technology to help record our work.

Year 8 Geography – Urbanisation.

Year 8 RE – Rites of Passage – allowing pupils to explore their own rites of passage as well as religious rites of passage.

Year 9 Geography – Earthquakes & Volcanoes.

Year 9 History – Hitler's rise to power & life in Nazi Germany.

Year 9 RE – Festivals – comparing & contrasting different religious festivals.

SIXTH FORM

By Hazel Lawrence

This has been a short, yet very busy, term with GCSE Results; Mock Exams; LAMDA exams; careers interviews and applications for next academic year and still students have fitted in their coursework!

Firstly, CONGRATULATIONS to Ben B and Con Y who achieve a Grade 4 and Grade 6 respectively in their recent GCSE English exams. These grades show that resilience and determination certainly pay off.

Last term I wrote about how we encourage students to develop their independence. This term we have started to get students to think about their mindset. Encouraging students to take more ownership and responsibility for their learning and encouraging them to not be satisfied with the bare minimum and just enough!

We will continue to develop this next half term and I look forward to sharing more of this with you.

Special mention this half term to the following students:

Evie – for achieving some excellent marks on her Animal Care course.

Alex & Charlie G – for completing their LAMDA exams.

Charlie B – for achieving some good marks on his Public Services course.

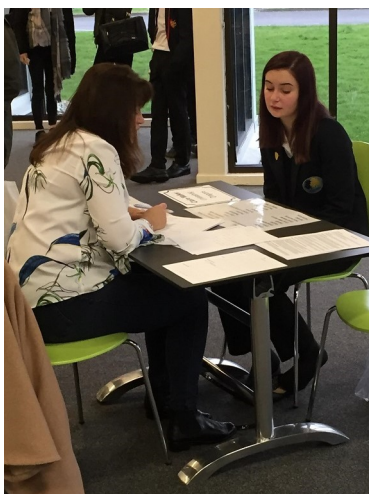
Will & Grace – for being cast as Stella and Stanley in a performance of A Streetcar Named Desire.

CAREERS UPDATE

By Hazel Lawrence

This has been a busy half term for careers.

On the first day back Year 10 visited the 'I Can' Careers Fair in Eastbourne. This gave them the opportunity to speak to employers; Further Education providers and Higher Education providers.



Some of our students were able to take part in mock interviews helping them to develop these important life skills.

We have also been working with My Future Starts Here, an independent careers advice service. They have met with some of our Year 12 students for 1:1 careers interviews, helping them to think about the next steps they may want to take. Year 9 have also had group careers chats, helping them with the selection of their options.

If any parents, or friends of Frewen College, would like to share their journey into the World of Work and how you ended up in the career you did, please let us know. We have regular assemblies focusing on careers, and inspiring stories of others are always welcome.

Upcoming dates:

Year 10 Work Experience Week: Monday 4th – Friday 8th June

Year 11 Work Experience Week: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd June

GAMES AND SPORT

By Jo Hambleton

Continued Football Success

On 16th January Frewen students took part in the Sabden Federation Football tournament hosted by New Horizons School. A strong team of 11 from across KS3. Including Charlie I, Tommy B, Jamie Mac, Nuri A, Tom Ai, Woody R, Archie K B, Oliver B, Danny Al M, Rueben L and Joseph R B.

It was another brilliantly played tournament and Frewen kept on the pressure in every game and made it easily into the final which was another nail biting match which finished at 1-1. The dreaded penalty shoot out was to follow!!! Sadly, this time we lost on penalties to St Marys but we left in high spirits. Well done to all those who took part.

ISI London South Cross Country

Frewen opened its beautiful grounds to host the ISA Under 9 and Under 11 Cross Country regional qualifier for the London South region. The sun was shining, and hundreds of budding cross-country runners filled the course.

Frewen was well represented by Jacob, Will, Josh and Jaimie from the Prep School. It was a tough run and some outstanding performances.

Well done to all those who took part, GCSE PE students who helped to marshal the course and finally Mr Kirkwood for helping organise it.



ISA cross country regional qualifier for London South region.

BOARDING NEWS

By Sarah Medcraft

In early January we welcomed our new Gap Students, Max and Joe, who have joined us from New Zealand. We look forward to proving that it doesn't always rain in England as the weather has largely kept our activities indoors. Rock climbing, bowling, cinema and of course a few shopping expeditions in addition to evenings of chess, football, dodgeball, and swimming have kept us busy.

Taking over from Mrs Kirkwood at the start of this term, we have worked hard to ensure the transition within the boarding team has been as smooth as possible. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone and the Frewen family ethos has certainly made me feel very welcome.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our boarding redecoration plans. The first phase of our rolling programme will commence during this half term break. We look forward to sharing pictures of some of the results in due course.

It is always surprising just how much boarders are able to cram into such a short half of term!

SCHOOL EVENTS

in February and March

Coming Soon...Dates for your Diary	
Frewen Half Term	Mon 12—Fri 16 February
"Wicked" trip	Wed 21st February
Parents evening—year 10	Friday 9 March
Year 10 D of E Bronze	10—11 March
Parents evening—Prep School	Tuesday 20 March
End of Term for Easter holidays	Thursday 29 March
Return to school	Tuesday 17 April