

Frewen College Newsletter

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Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

Dear Frewen Parents

It's already the end of the first half term, and I would like to thank you and your children for getting the year off to such a smooth start.

This term we welcomed twenty new students to the school. All of them

have settled in and are doing well.

We also welcomed a number of new staff: on the teaching side, we are pleased to be joined by Miss Chambers (Music and Humanities), Miss Jackson (Drama and Film Studies), and Mrs Tipping (Humanities); plus two new Sixth Form Teaching Assistants, Felicity Barnet and Rachael Taylor-Wade.

For the fourth year running, the Year 11 exam results were the best ever, both in terms of results and value-added, and the average Frewen student is now achieving just under one GCSE grade above their CAT projection at the end of Year 11, in spite of their dyslexia. Congratulations to everyone concerned! (If you are wondering, CAT projections are generated based on a national online test taken in Year 7 or when a student joins the school after this, which predicts the probability of a student gaining various grades at the end of Year 11, everything being equal).

Once again, 100% of our Sixth Formers successfully gained their qualifications and went on to further study, apprenticeships or employment.

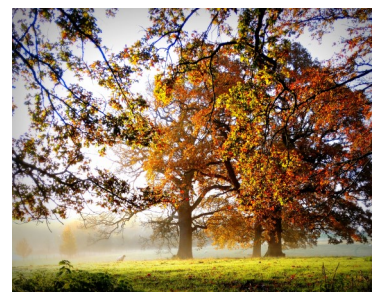
As you may be aware, we have been discussing with the student council how personal devices might be used to help them with their learning in Year 10 and 11, in much the same way as they are

already being used by sixth formers. There are many ways in which phones, for example, can be used to support students' learning, through the use of the camera, calculator, thesaurus, dictionary, voice messaging, notes, subject-specific apps, and so on, and of course these have to be weighed against the potential risks caused by potential misuse of social media, for example. It could be argued that, for dyslexic students, the potential benefits far outweigh the risks, and we are exploring the idea of a pilot scheme whereby devices can be used in KS4 in a managed way, at certain times, in certain areas, and with parental permission. Further details will be sent to parents of Year 10 and 11 students soon.

I should mention that we are having a drive on dressing appropriately - ties done up, shirts tucked in, correct uniform - including jacket - and so on. All staff have agreed to remind students whenever necessary, and it would be helpful if parents of day students in particular could remind them of the need to look presentable. I am sure you send them off to school looking smart - but some of them are better at maintaining this than others.

On Wednesday 3rd October I received the call from Ofsted, informing me that they were about to arrive at the school to carry out a three-day boarding inspection. As we are classed as a Residential Special School, this is something we go through every year. I would like to thank those parents who provided feedback to the inspector, and also Mrs Medcraft and her team, who rose to the occasion - and not forgetting the students who, as always, gave such a good account of themselves. We are awaiting the final report, and will publish it as soon as we receive it.

Nick Goodman
Principal, Frewen College



PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

Curriculum News - Forest Adventures

Our topic, Forest Adventures got off to an exciting start. Year 4 and 5 pupils have been learning about Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest. They are all set to join his band of Merry Men and have been writing adventure stories. Year 6 have been outside making the most of the good weather. They have been mapping out the school and the adjoining woodland.

In Design and Technology, Year 4 and 5 pupils have been designing their own forest themed reading cushions. After carefully evaluating our existing cushions, they have set about the task of designing and making their own. The cutting out is now finished and they look fantastic. Now for the sewing!



In Art, Year 6 have been studying Andy Goldsworthy and creating some wonderful work outside using white stones and materials from nature. Their creations are really beautiful and will be used to inspire their writing.

Prefects

This year we have decided to select our Year 6 prefects on a term by term basis. Prefects will be given special responsibility around the school and are expected to set good examples at all times. I am pleased to announce that the prefects for the

Autumn term will be Harrison, Freya, Jaimie, Beth and Ollie. We are very lucky to have a school full of so many well-behaved pupils. It has been difficult to select just 5, but all the pupils chosen have shown an excellent attitude to their learning and towards others this term.

The Maize Maze Visit

Well done to all our pupils who managed to find their way both in and out of the Maize maze. It was an exciting experience and our pupils coped extremely well with the tasks inside the maze. Pupils also greatly enjoyed picking and eating the award winning blackberries and raspberries in the huge polytunnels. Many thanks to Harrison and his family for inviting us all.

Dyslexia Awareness Week

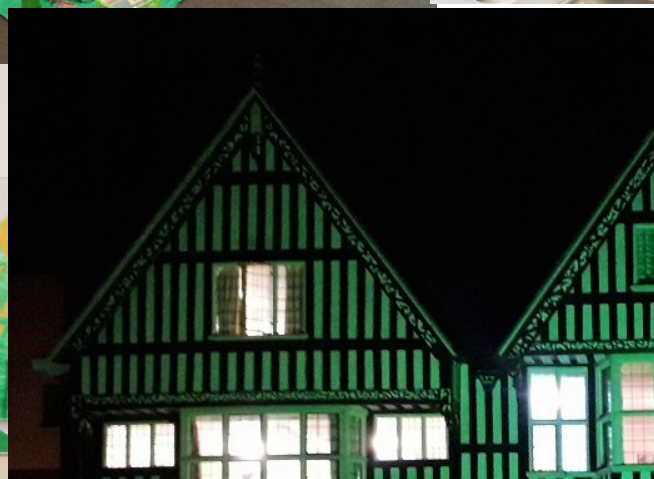
This exciting week started with our 'Green Day', pupils really embraced our Dyslexia Awareness Week. There was a real buzz about 'No Pens Day' and pupils enjoyed a variety of multi-sensory maths challenges. In the afternoon, they all practiced their mapping skills with topic themed activities using our outside spaces.



Dyslexia Awareness Week– Go Green!

1st October — 7th October

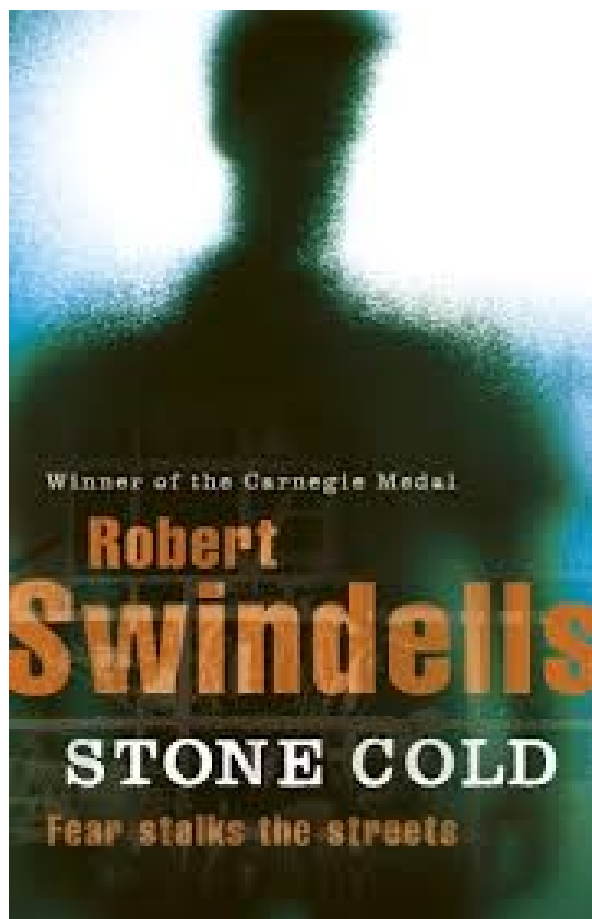
Frewen College went a fabulous shade of green in support of the BDA's Dyslexia Awareness Week and the theme 'Go-Green'. Thank you to everyone who took part and those that donated money.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

English by Neil Stanley

This term, Year 9 students have been studying the literary text, *Stone Cold*, by Robert Swindells.



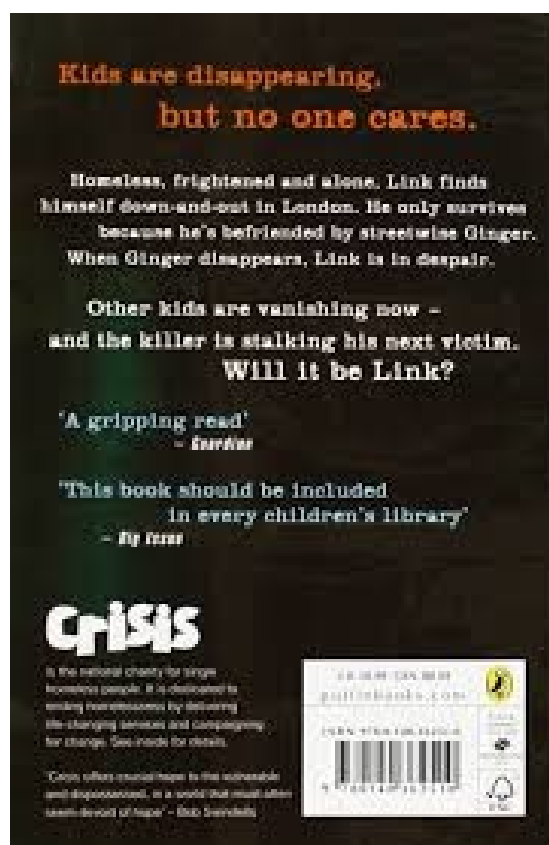
A Carnegie Medal winning novel, *Stone Cold* tracks the experiences of central character, 'Link'. Born and raised in Bradford, Link endures emotional abuse from his stepfather, Vince. To escape, he moves to London, and a series of events sees his life spiral out of control. Eventually, he is homeless. *Stone Cold* tracks Link's winter on the London streets.

The second major character is 'Shelter'. Failing to cope with his discharge from the Army and finding it difficult to find a role within civilian life, Shelter decides it is his 'mission' to clean up the streets by removing the homeless people. The novel charts Shelter's descent into madness as he becomes a serial killer. The novel hints that Shelter's volatile mental health may be a direct result of his experiences in active service.

Structured using a split or fractured narrative, both

Link and Shelter take turns to tell the story. This enables the readers of *Stone Cold* to see the same events through contrasting eyes.

In studying *Stone Cold*, students have explored the issues of homelessness, societal attitudes to poverty, depictions of London, loneliness and friendship, dysfunctional family settings and a variety of mental health issues, such as post-traumatic stress disorder. They have also looked at narrative voice, completing a series of creative and reflective tasks arising from the text.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Science by Scott Wassell

Welcome to a new academic year in the Science department. We very quickly forgot the holidays as we launch our new paperless (well almost) delivery of Science lessons. This has proved to be challenging for both teacher and student. However, we believe in trying to utilise all means in trying to help our students achieve the best they can in Science. Many thanks must go to our Network manager, Mr Baxter, for pushing this forward and trying to get the best hardware for our students.

Year 10 began the year with Photosynthesis. This allowed a first-time collaboration between GCSE and Entry Level classes. We hope to further integrate these groups more in the coming year.

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

The Year 11's continue their important GCSE work with recent investigations of diffusion using potato cubes as models for cellular transportation.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Arts Faculty Art by Duncan Sangster

Year 8s recently enjoyed a visit to Camber Castle to help them with their observational studies in art. We were blessed with a wonderfully sunny day as we made the journey from Winchelsea beach across horse and sheep fields to the impressive 16th Century ruins, built by Henry VIII.

Thanks to its proximity to the sea and centuries of being battered by salty wind, the brick work is rich in texture and tone and it was this that the students drew, photographed and even made impressions of using clay. Students left with a variety of different observations that will form part of their classwork. These will hopefully finalise in some exciting and original 2D and 3D work.



Arts Faculty Music by Debbie Chamber

Our BTEC music group of Year 10s have just enjoyed a visit to one of the most celebrated opera houses in the world - Glyndebourne. They saw a glittering performance of 'Cendrillon', an operatic, comic reworking of Cinderella. *Cinderella* is Jules Massenet's musical fairytale, the most successful French opera composer of the turn of the century.

We think this is going to be a great source of inspiration and learning for our students and look forward to their feedback.



Glyndebourne 'Cendrillon'

Arts Faculty Drama by Claire Jackson

It has been a great pleasure for me to start work in Frewen's drama department this term. The pupils have not only been very welcoming but have also worked with determination, enthusiasm and show a striking creative flair in their drama lessons. They have kept me on my toes as the pupils in KS3 have learned skills from stage hand combat and sword fighting to the Year 10s & 11s devising their own pieces of original drama using a wide range of stimulus based around urban fairy tales and performing monologues as part of their exam practical work. All have shown how much they are prepared to strive to create fantastic performances.

I look forward to working with such determined students on new productions and projects in the future.

On that note, we have now started rehearsals for the Christmas show which is being performed by a mix of pupils from across the year groups. The actual title of the show is still under wraps as the enthusiastic younger pupils and many of Frewen's more experienced drama devotees work to create an exciting festive show. The date and time will be announced soon so until then a massive thank you to all who are putting their time and dedication into making it a fun-filled event and we look forward to seeing you all there.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

MATHS ZONE



Homework Club:

Monday at 4:15pm

GCSE Maths Club:

Tuesday at 4:15 pm

Maths Help:

Monday first lunch

Welcome back to another school year

Firstly, we must congratulate our students for their exam success. There were some terrific grades but just as important, was the value added to their learning. When compared to their starting points, their exit grades and increase in confidence were marvellous.

Thoughts on the OfSTED Better Mathematics Conference:

A key message was that pupils need to think for themselves. Pupils need to be good at identifying the strategy to solve a problem. The exams expect pupils to take in a great amount of information and apply it in specific ways. That may well be ordering information, or choosing a starting point, perhaps deciding on the order of operations, working backwards.... So.....

Can you explain the problem?

Can you think of a picture or a diagram that might help you understand the problem?

Do you understand all the words and phrases in the problem?

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Uni graduate, 21, who won £1m on lottery wants Aston Martin as first car - but needs to pass driving test first.

Alex Best ended up winning £1 million on the EuroMillions, after he popped into a shop to buy a bag of Skittles and picked up a ticket.

Alex, 21, said that he'd been getting by on his minimum wage job since graduating from the University of Bolton last September. He was also saddled with £24,000 worth of debt.

He says he will use his newfound fortune to follow his dream and find a job in music event production. He's also interested in an Aston Martin, but will wait until he passes his driving test!

Question: A bag of Skittles costs 60p, so after clearing his debts, how many bags of Skittles could Alex buy with his winnings?

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Humanities by Hazel Lawrence

This term we have welcomed two new teachers to the humanities team:

Mrs Tipping who is teaching Geography & History, Mrs Chambers who is teaching Year 7 Humanities,

Mrs White continues to teach RE and PSHE and Miss Lawrence continues to teach History in Year 9 and at GCSE.

Year 7 have spent this half term looking at 1066 and enjoyed a visit to Battle Abbey to help bring the topic to life.



Rose and Eilidh enjoying the view!



Ryan M on the Garderobe (toilet) at Battle Abbey!



Felix, Ryan and Oscar R enjoying the view



Exam Results

Well Done to all of last year's students on their GCSE Results in Geography, History & RE.

They were an excellent set of results.

Huw Merriman, MP, visit to Frewen College.

On 4th October we were delighted to welcome MP for Battle & Bexhill, Huw Merriman, to the school to speak to students about his work as an MP. He asked the students for their views on a range of issues from Votes for Sixteen Year olds (our students were mostly against this) - to Leaving the EU (again, most of our students were against this) and international aid.

It was a lively and interesting discussion from students from across the year groups; with questions such as 'Will the cost of MacDonald's increase after Brexit?' to 'Why is the (political)

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Humanities continued..by Hazel Lawrence

map so blue?' and 'what will happen to British Citizens living and working in European countries after Brexit?'

Great to see so many of our students involved in the debate and many thanks to Huw Merriman, MP for taking to time to speak to our students.

Upcoming Trips:

Tuesday 20th November: Year 9 Trip to the Imperial War Museum.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School have been involved with two charity events this term, our Harvest Festival collection for the local Food Bank & the Wear it Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign.



The contributions to the Foodbank appeal were fantastic – many thanks for your generosity.

CAREERS UPDATE

This term sees the Year 11 students and Year 13/14 students start to think about their next steps.

Year 11 have had a PSHE session on next steps and parents were invited to a Next Steps Evening to hear about the options available.

Deadline for applications to the Sixth Form at Frewen is Friday 7th December.

Some of our Year 13/14 students are starting to think about their UCAS applications. **Deadline for UCAS applications is: 7th December.**



If you are considering Sixth Form @ Frewen College we thoroughly recommend visiting Bexhill College so you can see their excellent facilities first hand.

This term we also held a careers assembly with Martin Blincow from The Mermaid Inn in Rye, who talked to our students about the opportunities that exist through Rye's Hospitality Guild.



Martin Blincow giving an assembly

SIXTH FORM

By Hazel Lawrence

The start of this term saw the Sixth Form celebrate another year with a 100% pass rate on student's main courses; this included our first set of AS Level results.



When reflecting upon these results I think the overriding quality that led to these successes is determination. Those students who did particularly well had a determination to succeed. They are determined to prove that dyslexia is not going to hold them back and stop them achieving their dreams. When things got tough these were the students that picked themselves up, dusted themselves down and tried again, or to quote Yoda: "Fall if you will, but rise you must."

This year and term, we have welcomed seven new students to the Sixth Form, studying a range of courses from Catering, to Public Services, Media, Photography, History and Sport Science. We have also welcomed two new TAs: Fliss Barnett and Rachael Taylor-Wade.

Notice to students:

Please remember that Bexhill College only have a one-week half term – please check your moodle over the half term break to ensure that you keep update to date with work.

Up coming dates:

Monday 5th November – GCSE English Paper 1

Tuesday 6th November – GCSE Maths Paper 1

Wednesday 7th November – GCSE English Paper 2

Thursday 8th November – GCSE Maths Paper 2

Monday 12th November – GCSE Maths Paper 3

Monday 12th November – Safe Drive, Stay Alive event at the White Rock Theatre Hastings.

Thursday 15th November – Careers interviews

Friday 23rd November – PSHE Day (all day at Frewen)

GAMES AND SPORT

By Jo Hambleton



GCSE PE

The new year 10 GCSE PE class have started this term by learning about the bones in the body. The students created life size human skeletons and have been labelling them with the bones.

Do you know where the Femur, Tibia and Cranium is?

Year 7 Camp

We started this term by having Year 7 Camp. It was a fantastic opportunity for team building and getting to know the group. They took part in an action packed couple of days that included den building, scavenger hunt, picture orienteering, paddle boarding. Students also helped to cook the evening meal, put up their own tents and keep the camp fire going.

Students worked well together, got to know each other better and experienced two days in our beautiful grounds. Well done all those involved.



Year 8 Camp

Year 8 students started camp with a scavenger hunt, took part in a trust exercise called night line. Student had to work together to lead each other through the woodland blindfolded!!! I was really impressed with how the students took responsibility for cooking, collecting wood and starting the fire which kept us nice and warm into the evening. Perfect for toasting marshmallows on. We started the second day with a 2-hour session of Stand up Paddle boarding which was a huge success and we even had time for ice creams on the beach. Well done all.

Thank you to Max and Joe our gap students who have helped to make the camp possible. They have been a great help and their work is appreciated.



GAMES AND SPORT continued...

By Jo Hambleton

KS4 Football Tournament



We took part in our first Brighton and Hove Albion Football tournament on Monday 1st October.

Our first team to represent Frewen was a selection of Year 9-11 students. It was an action packed day with five games, and each player worked hard to improve each game and we used a variety of formations. We successfully reached the semi finals. It was a nail biting match which ended 0-0, and then we went down the dreaded penalties... which we sadly lost. Frewen students showed excellent fair play, teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done all those who came.

Danny T, Tiger, Jamie, Nuri, Owen, Toby, Tommy, Archie KB and Joseph.

BOARDING NEWS

By Sarah Medcraft

The first half term of the new school year is one of change, excitement and adjustment and the newsletter always creates a useful opportunity to pause, reflect on and share a little of this.

The boarding team have been busy settling everyone into routines to help to promote harmony in our community and encouraging friendships through the wide variety of activities we offer. The weekend activity programme will now be distributed at the beginning of each term offering the choice to stay in school for the weekend for those who would like to get involved. We are also broadening our evening activities by introducing Sixth Form-led clubs, which allow our older students to share their passion for a subject. It is particularly rewarding to see students taking the opportunity to try new challenges.

The main theme of this year will be centred around our new Good Citizen initiative. This encourages every individual to aim for their 'personal best', focusing on an 'I can' approach to life, whilst showing kindness and consideration to those around them. Tying in with this, our new boarding code is based on the three R's: Respect, Responsibility and Relationships, designed to help develop important life skills.



In preparation for Halloween, Kim's Craft Club enjoyed decorating a junior common room, while seniors took ghoulish selfies against the unusually green-lit school during Dyslexia Awareness Week. We look forward to ending this half of term with Halloween-themed delights to be created in Rachel's Baking Club!



Coming Soon...Dates for your Diary	
Term begins	Monday 5th November
Bonfire Night at Frewen	Wednesday 7th November
Remembrance Service	Friday 9th November
Year 9 HPV vaccination	Friday 9th November
Open Morning	Saturday 10th November
Yr9 trip to IMW in London	Tuesday 20th November
Prep School parents evening	Tuesday 20th November
Book Fair	Friday 23rd Nov -Thursday 29th November
Year 10 parents evening	Friday 23rd November
Prep School Concert	Thursday 6th December
Senior School Concert	Friday 7th December
Carol Concert	Friday 14th December

