

Frewen College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

When we think about achievement, the first thing that comes to mind are GCSEs, and perhaps BTECs, A Levels and other exams which students typically take in Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form.

But there are other external exams which

can act as useful milestones along the way. One of these is the LAMDA Public Speaking examination. Public speaking, and being able to express ideas, or persuade others, is an extremely valuable life skill.

The LAMDA exam involves students preparing and presenting a speech, on a theme of their own choice, to an examiner. They have never met the examiner before, and everything takes place under exam conditions – so for a Year 7, for example, this is (a) quite a challenge, and (b) an excellent preparation for more major exams later on.

This year, almost half the students in the school – including every student in Years 7, 8 and 9 – took Public Speaking exams in February. Once again, we are celebrating record results!

Not only did we continue our 100% pass rate, but we went even further. Every student achieved the highest Merit and Distinction grades.

The younger students were joined by selected students in Years 10 and 11, and a number of Sixth Formers. Some of these older students took Grade 6. This is equivalent to A levels and gives students UCAS points for university admissions. This is because the examinations are accredited by the government's regulator, Ofqual.

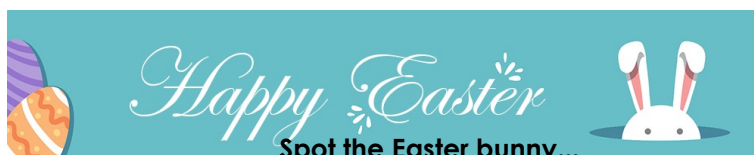


This success is all the more remarkable when you remember that, when students join us, their self-confidence is often at an all-time low. Once they arrive at Frewen, and start to receive our exceptional care, and to make progress as a result of our specialist teaching methods, they gradually – or in some cases, surprisingly quickly – regain their self-esteem. These results demonstrate our students' outstanding progress.

I am not aware of any other school anywhere in the country where such a high proportion of students gain public speaking qualifications. With our students' hard work and teachers' expert guidance, Frewen College is a Centre of Excellence for public speaking.

I would like to congratulate all of the students involved on their success, and thank their teachers – in particular the English Department – for making it possible.

Nick Goodman
Principal,
Frewen College





PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

Read All About It.....There are so many benefits to regular reading and to complement the reading we do at the Prep School we have introduced a new home reading challenge. Pupils read at home with an adult as many times as they can and for every five reads they complete, they earn two Frewen Book Bucks. These can be spent on a number of different rewards including sitting on the teacher's chair, extra time on our lovely new tablets or even extra playtime with a friend!

Ollie has been a regular saver at the Frewen Book Bank and exchanged 14 Book Bucks to wear his slippers in class! Come and have a look at the leader board in the hall.



as a manipulating tool! As a year group students thoughts were compressed into this explanation about the work...

'We were immediately drawn to the beauty of word and letter forms we could see in 'Untitled'. Although we couldn't make out what the words said we were intrigued by the flowing lines that looked like patterns. Being dyslexic we must regularly consider how to form letters when writing, and through discussion we realised that perhaps it doesn't matter if words aren't spelt correctly or if they are illegible, they are still valid lines and marks. We wanted to show how difficult we find spelling and writing and wanted to demonstrate our struggle which we have daily. By making mountains with confused lettering and forms, there is darkness and confusion but as we climb (surmount) the mountain with (hard-work, time and understanding) the word becomes clearer and easier to spell. Despite the confusion, comes beauty and a feeling of achievement as we arrive at the top.'

The work can be seen as part of the 'Draw Me In' exhibition at the Towner Gallery, Eastbourne, from Friday 5th April - Sunday 2nd June.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Arts Faculty, Art by Duncan Sangster

The Year 7s have now completed their entry for this years 'Draw Me In' exhibition at the Towner Gallery, Eastbourne. The project began with a workshop lead by visiting artist Annis Joslin, and the weeks that followed allowed students to generate their ideas for a final outcome involving letters and words. Over three months, the students have produced a stunning piece made from a variety of materials and techniques including willow (for the structures), ink, spray paint, photoshop and even the photocopier was used

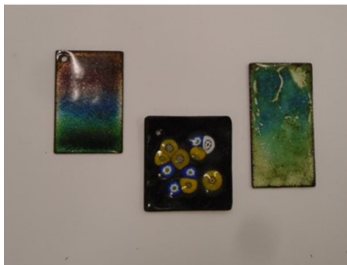
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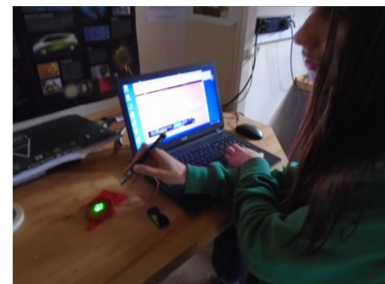
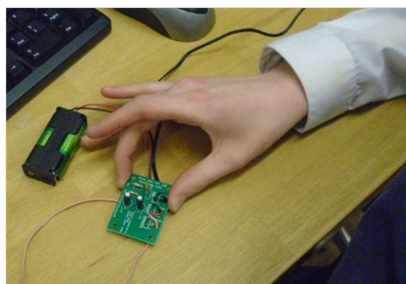
DT by Rebecca Forbes-Gower

Year 10 GCSE DT

Students have been learning that enamel can improve the properties of metals; making them stronger and adding aesthetic or hygienic finishes.



Stem Club



In STEM Club, students have been making mono amplifiers, they have then used a membrane, laser pointer and mirror to watch the soundwave patterns being produced.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Arts Faculty continued... Drama by Claire Jackson

Another very hardworking term from our Frewen drama students. The Year 11 Btec students completed their practical assessment, devising a piece of drama based on the theme : 'Power, Lies and Corruption'. Not only did they form a functioning theatre company, called 'Go Get Em', with their own Instagram page and blog, they managed to create an amazing piece of work which earned them distinctions and merits. A massive well done to them.

Year 7 have focused on making their own Silent Movies and have shown a real ability to construct fantastic and very imaginative stories while Year 8 and 9 have been learning lots of physical theatre techniques and exploring many characters on a journey to unravel the mystery of a haunted house. Our Drama Club students are getting themselves ready to start work on the summer production which promises to be 'an adventure' More details to follow shortly.



Drama students at work..

Humanities by Hazel Lawrence

One of the subjects to fall under the umbrella of humanities is PSHE. This important weekly lesson is where students have the opportunity to develop their Personal, Social & Health Education. Topics are wide and varied across the school.

Year 11 PSHE – Students have been working with Ms Driver and Mrs White on Mindfulness techniques in preparation for their exams.

Year 9 & 10 PSHE – This half term students have been exploring the current issue of knife crime

using the #knifefree resources published by the home office. They have thought about how and why young people start carrying knives and learnt about the consequences of carrying knives.

Year 8 PSHE – Students have been exploring the issue of democracy and the importance of taking part in elections.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

by Hazel Lawrence

The spring term is a busy term for the School Council.

Fun Run:

Students have been busy making arrangements for the Fun Run – 5th April. This year's fancy dress theme is 'Cartoon & Animation', along with a dog show, penalty shootout and a tombola. This is all to help us raise funds to develop our sports facilities. We look forward to sharing pictures and the final total with you after the Easter Break.

Work with the Youth Parliament:

The School Council have also been working closely with Bea, our Youth Parliament member. They have been discussing mental health issues in young people and how parents could help them.

Non-Uniform Day:

On 22nd March students wore their own clothes in return for a £2 donation or a tombola prize. Their efforts helped us to raise £141.80 & lots of lovely prizes for the Fun Run tombola. Thank you for your support.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

English by Neil Stanley

Secret tunnels. Chinese torture trees. Leather wallpaper. Admiral's sea chests. Brine tanks. Sedan chairs. Man traps.

Thankfully, these are not part of a series of new teaching methods. They are, in fact, all part of the history of Brickwall House, the unique location for Frewen College.

The Year 7 English project 'School Under Siege' was brought alive, when eager students viewed these rarely-seen items on a behind-the-scenes tour of our fantastic building, led by our Estates Manager Aaron Smith.

As they examined the workings of the beautiful decorative ceiling in the drawing room, as they looked behind wooden panels in the boarding house to reveal ancient precious leather panels, and as they peered down manholes to the murky tunnels below... imaginations were set alight!

'What does it represent?' one student asked about the leather panel.

'Was it handmade?' another asked about the Sedan chair.

Another student was fascinated about where the tunnels went: 'Do they really reach the church?'

We are looking forward to seeing how the tour will inspire their English work!



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

MATHS ZONE**MATHS****ZONE****GCSE Maths Club**

Tuesday 4:15 pm

Thursday 4:15 pm

Maths Help

Wed. first lunch

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**Research suggests
 that for every 17
 missed school days a
 year
 a GCSE grade is
 dropped.**



It is hard to believe that spring has begun; in the last few weeks we have experienced Storm Hannah and Storm Gareth, so fingers crossed the weather improves and we have a lovely spring and summer.

A large packet of mini eggs contains 27 eggs. There are 80 children in Year 8.
 How many packets of mini eggs should I buy so that each child gets 2 eggs?



Over half way through the academic year and our Year 10s, 11s, and 6th Form are getting into the swing of revision using a range of online resources.

Obviously try the exam boards for past papers:

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/gcse/mathematics-8300/assessment-resources for GCSE - Foundation and Higher- and Further Maths

Pearson.com for Functional Skills Levels 1 and 2

www.langtreeschool.com/past-papers-ks4-mathematics for OCR, AQA, Edexcel papers

www.mathsgenie.co.uk/papers.html

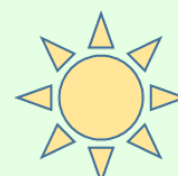
<http://www.mrbartonmaths.com/index.html> Everything for maths students and teachers

YouTube is great to show you how to get to a solution; but for the mad ones out there this is the whole of GCSE 9-1 Maths in only 2 hours!! Higher and Foundation Revision for Edexcel, AQA or OCR www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYPwEyeyPLA

For the slightly less serious try:

www.mathsisfun.com

<http://www.mathcats.com/explore/age/calculator.html> The age calculator is great.





CAREERS UPDATE by Hazel Lawrence

Well done to all our Year 11 students who have recently taken part in college interviews. You all conducted yourselves very well.

Up coming dates:

1st & 2nd May - Year 10 Careers Interview

3rd – 7th June – Year 10 Work Experience

5th July – Year 10 Taster Day at Bexhill College.

Assemblies by Hazel Lawrence

Assemblies are an important part of school life, an opportunity to share information as well as an opportunity to stop and reflect. This term, students have enjoyed assemblies on:

- Fair Trade
- Poverty and the work of Comic Relief
- Mary Anderson, the lady who invented the Wind Screen Wiper
- Resilience
- Leicester City Football Club (and teamwork)

SIXTH FORM by Hazel Lawrence

As well as completing academic work a number of Sixth Form students take the opportunity to enhance their work related skills. Here are a few of the stories from students involved in extra-curricular work this term:

Ryan:



During the half term break Ryan went up to London to take part in a BFI (British Film Institute)

course. As part of this he worked as part of a team, with people he had not met before, to make a short film 'Take a Seat'. We would all thoroughly recommend watching this.

Nick:

Three days a week Nick is busy learning his cooking skills on his Level 2 Catering course at Bexhill. On Tuesday mornings he joins the school catering team to gain experience of working in a kitchen catering for a large number of people.



Nick working in the kitchen

Laura:

As part of her Level 3 Child Care course Laura goes across to the local primary school once a week to gain practical experience of working in Early Years. The energetic and lively 4 & 5 year olds certainly keep Laura busy, but she thoroughly enjoys it.

SIXTH FORM continued...by Hazel Lawrence

Lucy:

Lucy recently organised a cake sale for The Brain Tumour Charity. With the help from other boarders, day students and some staff, Lucy was able to raise over £150.

A super effort Lucy – well done!



LAMDA:

I am delighted to announce that the following students were all successful in their recent LAMDA exams:

Laura – Grade 4 Verse and Prose – Merit
 Charlie H – Grade 5 Public Speaking – Merit
 Grace – Grade 6 Musical Theatre - Pass
 Tristan – Grade 6 Public Speaking – Merit
 Will R – Grade 6 Public Speaking – Merit
 Bea – Grade 6 Public Speaking – Distinction

All these students completed these qualifications in their own time; learning lines; researching and preparing speeches on current affairs and practising songs.



Some of the Sixth Form LAMDA students: Ryan P, Will R, Grace, Charlie H, Laura.

GAMES AND SPORT

By Jo Hambleton

Football Tournament Success

We have managed to take our two teams to the Brighton and Hove Disability Cup which is hosted in Burgess Hill. It is the second round of the tournaments and is always an excellent day out.

The KS4 Football Team

A dynamic team who held there own in the games. They showed excellent fair play in some difficult matches. They made it all the way to the final and in the last minute a goal was scored and sadly we lost 1-0. We left with our heads held high. The fair player award went to Tiger.



Girls Football Team

Another great tournament for the girls who started confidently. They were unbeaten into the semi finals. Sadly after a long wait we lost a little momentum and we lost 1-0. I am really impressed with the confidence of the group. Well done.



PE Kit

Just a reminder the new PE kit is now available to buy from Simmonds. This includes a hoodie and trackies for colder weather.

We have a number of students who are still wearing branded and own clothes to lessons and I would really like to get us looking smart during lessons. I have told students they can wear Navy plain jumpers but not branded colourful items if you do not want to purchase the new kit.

Thank you for your support with this.

GSCE PE

Well done to Danny T, Scott B and Jack McD who have completed their final video moderation for GCSE PE. They have been working hard towards being assessed practically and performed well. I wish them all the best as they complete the course and move onto further education!

GAMES AND SPORT

By Jo Hambleton

Bronze Dof E Practice Expedition

On Saturday 23 - 24th March, a group of seven Year 10 students took part in the first of two expeditions. They had to plan a route from Northiam to Brede, they navigated on footpaths and covered at least 26km over two days. Students carried all their supplies which included food, tents and cooking equipment. It was a hard first day as they got to grips with map reading and navigating in different woodlands and terrains. Wearyly they arrived at the campsite to set up tents ready for a well earned

rest. With dinner and the fire going we enjoyed a chilled evening and toasted marshmallows. Students were up early and we left the campsite by 8.30am ready to start the second leg of the expedition. With glorious weather and their confidence growing, students did much better on the second day. They returned to school tired but in good spirits.

Well done those involved, valuable experience was gained and lots to think about as we now prepare for the assessed weekend in May.



BOARDING NEWS

By Sarah Medcraft



Welcome signs of Spring are everywhere but there's nothing quite like that first trip to the beach, complete with ice-cream, to confirm it.

This half of term we also witnessed the big Brexit march from the edge of Trafalgar Square which coincided with our seniors' trip to the

fabulous contemporary West End show 'Everyone's talking about Jamie'. Meanwhile the juniors enjoyed crazy golf on the Hastings seafront before feasting out at Eatso. It was a tougher weekend for Year 10s who returned exhausted after the practice DofE Bronze challenge.

Bowling and movies remain popular and this term we added a new trip to Raystede animal sanctuary to support and learn about the good work they do. Our boarders have enjoyed the weekly trip to Tenterden pool and tested our Gap

Assistants' creativity in their quest to come up with an exciting evening activity every week. We have baked cakes to support Lucy's charity cake sale, created Easter gifts to take home and even made pancakes on 'Shrove Wednesday' - a day late as Tuesday was already taken! Looking ahead, next term's proposed activity schedule is now on our website.

The end of term is in sight, and with so many activities packed in to six short weeks you can be sure we are all ready to enjoy the Easter break, whether relaxing or studying hard for those all-important exams next term!



We look forward to welcoming Ben Swinson into the boarding team after Easter.

The boarders enjoyed making these charming and very artistic Easter baskets at Craft Club. They are being given as presents to the Support Team – including the catering team, maintenance & gardening team and house keeping team to thank them for looking after the boarders so well. Aren't they tempting?!



Coming Soon...Dates for your Diary

Summer term starts	Wednesday 24th April
Open Morning	Thursday 25th April
Year 10 Careers Interviews	1st –2nd May
Year 7 & 8 Parents Consultations	Friday 3rd May
Year 8 Immunisations HPV2	Friday 10th May
Year 6 PGL	13th –15th May
Year 3,4,5 Trip	Tuesday 14th May
Bronze D of E Assessed weekend	Sat & Sun 18th—19th May
School breaks up for Half Term	Friday 24th May 4pm

Students phones:

A student's phone recently went missing in school, and has yet to be found.

We have no reason to believe that it was stolen, and we are still hoping it will appear somewhere, but I would like to take this opportunity to recommend to all parents that, if your child is bringing their phone to school, you ensure they have installed an app such as Phone Tracker (others are available), so that if it does go missing it can be easily found.

We will do what we can to help, but the school cannot be responsible for loss of students' phones.

A Message From Mr Goodman

Happy Easter!



Thank you to all our students and staff for all their hard work this term. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter holiday.

This term we are extending special thanks and good wishes to Guy Gore, our Business Manager, who is leaving after almost four years in the post. Guy joined the school in 2015, and has been managing the school's finances since then - never an easy job in a small independent school. I am sure you will join me in thanking Guy for his dedication and service to the school, and in wishing him all the best for the future.

We look forward to seeing students back in school for lessons on Wednesday 24th April.

Have a good break!

Nick Goodman

Principal