

Frewen College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I hope you had a good summer.

This year - for the fifth year running - our Year 11s achieved their best exam results ever, with 62% of GCSE and equivalent exams at grades 9-4,

an average of more than one whole grade against CAT scores, and positive value-added overall. These are exceptional results, given our students' starting points and specific learning needs. In the Sixth Form - as always - 100% of students successfully completed and passed their main courses, which, this year, included A Levels as well as Levels 1, 2 and 3 BTEC qualifications.

The students concerned are to be congratulated - as are their teachers, TAs and other support staff who worked so tirelessly to help them achieve these results!

This term is an exciting one at Frewen, as we have welcomed 30 new students to the school, taking the total roll up to 115 - with some year groups full, and more students awaiting funding or trialling for places. The new students have been welcomed as new friends by their classmates, have settled in well, and it is already clear that they will make a massive positive contribution to the school. There is a real sense of purpose, and we are looking forward to a successful and productive year.

Mr Nick Goodman

Principal, Frewen College

PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

Sports at Frewen Prep

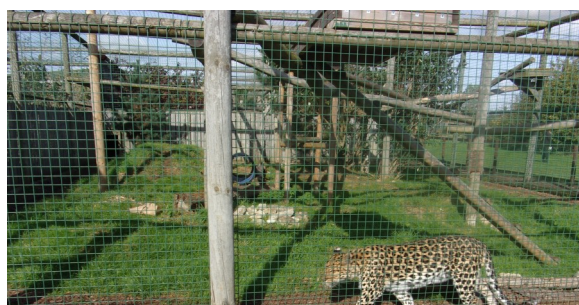
Well done to all our runners who managed the rather gruelling cross country course recently. Congratulations to Arthur (4th) and Luca (9th) who both qualified for the Hastings and Rother

School Games Partnership Cross Country finals on the 13th of November.

Congratulations also to George and Yanni who have been selected to represent the school at the Year 6, 7, 8 football tournament.

Big Cat Sanctuary

We are always so proud to take our pupils out on school trips. Once again, their behaviour was excellent and they were complemented on their good manners and attentiveness by two different members of staff. Hearing about how the work they do at the sanctuary has an impact on a global level, was fascinating.



PREP NEWS by Sally Welch continued...

Dyslexia Week

We have been editing our short film, which we started during Dyslexia Week, to get it completed ASAP. The film is called "Building your dyslexia toolkit at Frewen" and looks at the links between the teaching that goes on at the Prep and the impact that such strategies have at the upper end of the school and in Sixth Form. We have interviewed our older pupils to see how they apply these strategies in their college courses and their lives beyond education. We look forward to sharing it with parents soon.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Arts Faculty Art by Duncan Sangster

In the Art department students began the term with much gusto and determination. Year 7s were introduced to the playful work of Clare Youngs and are producing 3D paper creatures in response.

In Year 8, pupils have been learning about the importance of tone as well as responding to 'the master of silence', Giorgio Morandi. Year 9s are taking part and raising awareness of Black History Month by learning about the ceremonial masks of tribes in West Africa, as well as creating their own abstract and exaggerated head dresses in response.

GCSE students also started the term positively with projects ranging from model making and ink drawings to helmets and street art.

After the success of Grace's AS course last summer and her attendance on a Goldsmiths summer school, Grace has ambitious plans of making two interactive and fully immersive sheds! Watch this space!



After registering to do a charity 'memory walk' to help raise funds for research into dementia, Freya in Year 7 completed an 8 km walk on Sunday 1st September and raised a whopping £945! Thanks to all Frewen parents who contributed to the just giving page and a huge well done to Freya!

Arts Faculty, Music by Nuri Amos

This term Y11 BTEC Musicians have been tasked with putting on a gig. We have researched and chosen our venue, The Rose and Crown, and have done all of the organisation, right down to posters and tech set up.

We will be performing a selection of songs to appeal to a wide audience, including Knockin' on Heaven's Door, Be Alright, September Song and many more.

The gig will start at 7:30pm on the 21st of November and we look forward to seeing you there.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Y11 BTEC Musicians are putting on a gig....

Frewen *Fest*



Thursday 21st November
Starting time: 7.30pm

At the Rose & Crown Pub
Beckley, Nr Rye TN31 6SE

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

English by Neil Stanley



Mr Stanley's Year 10 group has been reading 'Ethan's Voice' by Rachel Carter.

Aged ten, Ethan does not speak. He hasn't spoken for four years and he can't remember why he stopped. Ethan was bullied at school and lost his friends because he didn't

speak. Eventually, he was taken out of school to be home-schooled by his Mum. Ethan's Dad is upset because he doesn't speak. He wants to help Ethan. He is also frustrated because he feels Ethan isn't allowing his Dad to help him.

Ethan meets a girl called Polly. She is very kind. She wants to help Ethan to work out why he stopped talking. She would also like him to talk again. With Polly's help, Ethan pieces together his memories. What is the significance of his nightmare? What happened at the tree house all those years ago? Has his Dad done something awful? Has Ethan buried some horrible memories?

Francesca in Year 10, said, "I feel really sorry for Ethan. He can't remember why he stopped speaking and it must be really hard for him to start again. It is horrible that the children at his school did not help him."

Poppy in Year 10, said, "Polly is a really good friend to Ethan. She doesn't make fun of him and she is really kind."

Mr Stanley was unavailable for comment.

Science by Scott Wassel

Welcome back to a new academic year in the Science department at Frewen College.

We always like to give a special welcome to the Year 7s. It is an important transition going from primary to secondary education. So far, the students have adapted well to the new surroundings and expectations.



The Year 10s have had a go at the ever popular heart dissection as part of the exchange systems in animals topic. A few showed there is a fine line between a surgeon and a butcher! But all enjoyed finding the elasticity of the aorta with their forefinger.

The Year 9s and the Year 7s have both worked on chromatography. This shows how Key Stage 3 work lays the foundation for the GCSE groups, who then are able to extend and draw on their previous learning, to extract a greater understanding of a topic.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

MATHS ZONE

MATHS



Maths Club

KS3 every Wednesday at 4:15pm with Mr Torres.

Not quite sure, then get that expert support!

KS4 every Thursday at 4:15 pm with Mr Rawlings.

Come along, gain more confidence with those awkward Functional Skills & GCSE problems and improve your grade.



Problem-solving!

Y8 enjoying some practical Maths with Mrs Claasen

When I was a boy in Spain, I never thought that one day I would become a Maths teacher, let alone, that I would be in the UK teaching Maths to English children.

Of course, I have to say that back then Maths was a mortally boring subject: no iPhones, laptops, calculators, smart screens, no funny teachers. It was just you, with pencil and paper copying notes from an old blackboard... Well, here I am.

No regrets, however, for I must say that I am having a great time teaching here at Frewen and do you know what? The best thing is that I am still learning from my students. Gracias!



Meet Mr Juan Torres,
the newest member of the
Frewen Maths Team

SIXTH FORM by Hazel Lawrence

Congratulations to all our 2019 leavers.

Sixth Form students achieved a 100% pass rate again on their courses including A level's in Psychology, Biology, History, English Literature. Level 3 BTEC courses in Media, Public Services and Level 2 BTEC in Catering, Media, Performing Arts amongst others.

We celebrated those leaving us with a day at Bedgebury taking part in Go-Ape and having our Sixth Form picnic.



This term we have welcomed nine new students to our Sixth Form, studying a range of courses from Sports Vocational Studies; Media; Criminology; Politics; ICT; Chemistry and Maths.

We have also welcome Linda Fearn to our TA team and Poppy, Tom's therapy dog has also made a visit as well.



GAMES AND SPORT

by Jo Hambleton

KS3 Football Match

On the 24th September we took part in a KS3 Football match against Battle Abbey. This took place during Games lessons and we spent the first few weeks preparing. The rain held off and we keenly got into the game. We conceded 2 early goals but then held off any goals for the whole first half.

We finally got on the score board thanks to Charlie I and Harrison. It was a fantastic to see so many students have the opportunity to play in a competitive game, they showed great team spirit.

The final score was 6-3 to Battle Abbey. Well done to all those who took part.

Year 7 Camp

We were lucky enough to start the year with Year 7 camp, we were blessed with glorious weather which meant the new year 7s could enjoy our wonderful Frewen grounds and campsite. During the 2 days we took part in Bush Craft, team games, night bike and students had to take

GAMES AND SPORT By Jo Hambleton continued...

responsibility for carrying camping equipment, setting up their tents, cooking a simple evening meal and washing up!



The highlight was the 2-hour indoor climbing which students got to take part in, and all students really embraced the session and made huge progress. The instructors could not believe the level of determination that each student

showed and how well they worked together to motivate and help each other.



It was a lovely couple of days, and I know students found some elements challenging but it was hopefully a rewarding experience.

Year 8 Camp

Sadly, the weather was not with us for the beginning of Year 8 camp. But with a slightly modified timetable we enjoyed a day of outdoor education. Students started the day with an indoor climbing session. Students learnt the basic techniques including hand holds and foot placements. There was even time to play some games which the group really enjoyed. We then

spent the afternoon in our lovely campsite. Even though it was very soggy, students learnt how to make basic fires and also participated in a fantastic team building activity where students had to navigate through the woods blindfolded.



Cross Country Event

For another year we hosted the annual Cross-Country Cluster event for all local primary schools. It is an event which sees over seven schools attend to run our course. With perfect running conditions and lots of keen legs, students ran the course in super quick times. Well done to those Frewen Students who took part, but it was also a lovely opportunity to show off our unique and picturesque grounds.

Senior Boys Football Tournament

This was the first football tournament of the season and we set off in high hopes to bring back the title. Over to Burgess Hill we headed in high spirits. We started really well with a confident team who won 5 out of 6 games to sail through to the semi-final. We were in a well-matched game and with a lovely goal from Owen secured the win 2-1 to go into the final. It was a tense game from the moment it began, and our students gave it

GAMES AND SPORT *continued..*

By Jo Hambleton

everything. We scored early on which lifted spirits but sadly conceded a goal to bring the score to 1-1. We fought on but with seconds to go Bowden House scored and that ended the game 2-1. We came away with our heads held high, showing team spirit and determination. Well done to all those who played and for Archie KB who received the Fair Play Award.



Friday evening started with a Sports Quiz, keenly contested by all students but with giggles and laughter that even Mrs Medcraft could not be



upset by hearing on her evening off! It was eventually won by a handful of points - congratulations to Mawuena, Archie & Grace.

Saturday morning started bright and early with breakfast in front of the England vs Argentina World Cup rugby match followed by our trip out to watch Hasting United vs

Sevenoaks Town in Frewen's first experience of a football match. An exciting game where Hastings Won 3-1 much to the delight of all the boarders as we backed the local team!

In the evening the boarders went out into the local village to watch the bonfire society procession followed by the firework display.

BOARDING NEWS

By Ben Swinson

It's been a busy half-term in boarding with new arrivals settling in and some familiar faces returning. Amongst the new faces is Mr Orr, our new Graduate Boarding Assistant, who has helped to increase our evening activities to now include Table Tennis, Badminton and Cards to name a few.

Our weekends have been as busy as ever with Paddleboarding, Kayaking, Bowling, Off-Road Cycling, Cinema trips and even getting out to the beach before the weather turned (Although Mr Swinson forgot the beach volleyball kit..... twice!)

Recently we had the Boarding Schools Association 'Sports Weekend' where boarding schools were encouraged to promote sporting activities across the country. After consulting the Boarding Council some excellent ideas were provided and Mr Swinson set about trying to bring those ideas to life.



BOARDING NEWS

By Ben Swinson continued...



Boarding students had produced 2 different 'guys' for the bonfire. However, trying to explain the British tradition of burning the 'guys' took some explaining to Mawuena, Naz, Archie, Leo, Danny and Tiger who have never seen such a thing! Well done to Grace, Niamh and Ben for your efforts.

After such a busy Saturday the boarders decided to take it easy – Just gym inductions and a workout followed by a match of football before we collapsed in a heap at tea.

It might not have been the most relaxing weekend, but it was certainly one of the most fun. Many thanks to all the boarders who made it so enjoyable.

FREWEN ON BBC SOUTH EAST TODAY! LOOK OUT FOR FREWEN COLLEGE ON THE 20TH NOVEMBER

It's all very exciting....A BBC team recently visited the school to make a short film as part of a series based on a book called: 'Sussex, Kent and Surrey 1939' by Richard Wyndham. They filmed in various locations around the school, and spoke to students.

Elaine Bruce from BBC South East said: " We are looking to try to recreate a journey done in 1939 around Kent, Sussex and Surrey by a travel writer on the eve of WW2. The idea of our feature is to revisit areas and see how much has changed, or not. We would like to be able to turn the page of history – so tell the story of Brickwall House and the Queen's visit and then move the story on to the modern college." **The resulting film is scheduled to be shown on BBC South East Today on the 20th November, lunch time and 6.30pm local news.**

Coming Soon...Dates for your Diary

Year 5 Gymnastics @ Northiam	7th November
Remembrance Service	11th November
Prep School Parents Evening	19th November
BBC South East News—Frewen College feature	Wednesday 20th June @ lunch time & 6.30
Yr 8 Parent Consultations	22nd November
Book Fair	25 –29 November
Prep School Concert	5th December
Prep School Trip -Victorian Xmas	6th December
End of term	13th December
Opera at Frewen– enquire re tickets	15th December

FREWEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE NEC!

Sally Welch, Head of the Prep School, will be giving a presentation to delegates at the Schools and Academic Fair at the NEC later this month. The presentation will be on Frewen's innovative use of Assistive Technology with SEND students.

More details to follow in the December newsletter.