

Frewen College Newsletter

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Dear All

It's been another busy term at Frewen. The 30 new students who joined at the beginning of term have all settled in nicely and are working hard and

enjoying the Frewen experience. The school has been represented at the Schools and Academies Fair at the NEC, where Sally Welch, Head of the Prep School, gave a presentation to delegates from a wide range of education-related backgrounds. The presentation was well-received, and helped promote Frewen as a school that is at the forefront when it comes to the use of Assistive Technology.

Earlier this month, the school featured on BBC South East Today - this time the emphasis turned out to be on Queen Elizabeth's slippers, similarities to Hogwarts, and whether there was a ghost in the school (no conclusion was reached). Thanks to all those students who took part in the filming - only a few of whom made the final cut - for giving such a good impression of the school.

As you know, we have been raising money for the swimming pool fund - at Bonfire Night, with a raffle, and with the Buy A Drop Campaign. Thanks to those who have been working on this, and to all of you who have contributed. We are not there yet, and there will be a fresh initiative in the new year. We are hopeful that, if the funds continue to come in, the pool will be back in use in spring 2020.

By the time you read this, it will be the beginning of the Christmas holidays. As I write, preparations are underway for all sorts of Christmas events including concerts in the Prep and Senior Schools, and, of course, the annual Carol Service at the church on the last day of term. I look forward to seeing you there, and perhaps afterwards for lunch at the

school, after which everyone will go home to spend Christmas and New Year with their families.

On behalf of everyone at Frewen, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, and all the best for 2020!

Mr Nick Goodman

Principal, Frewen College

PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

The prep school have had a very busy and fun-filled term. Our topic this term has seen some exciting explosions with our Year 5 and 6 pupils who have built their own volcanoes and then watched them erupt.

Year 4 and 5 pupils have been learning about the weather and have taken some extreme measurements of both rainfall and temperature. They have also been learning about what weather is like around the world at Christmas time and have enjoyed learning about different Christmas traditions.

The Prep School Christmas play was fantastic and we felt so proud of all our pupils who worked so hard to learn and deliver their lines. The singing was very uplifting, my particular favourite being Santa's re-write of Last Christmas to incorporate our Eco-Warrior theme....."



PREP NEWS by Sally Welch continued...

"Last Christmas, I gave you a toy, but the very next day, you threw it away. Next year, to save me from tears, the toys will be eco-friendly!"

Pupils also greatly enjoyed their Victorian Christmas trip to Kent Life where they experienced different aspects of an old fashioned Christmas, including what it would be like if you were a child in the poor house.

The Christmas party was great fun. Following on from games and party food, the Christmas postbox was opened and the letters delivered. Pupils also exchanged their Secret Santa gifts.

Pupils are looking forward to our beautiful carol service before bouncing home for the excitement of Christmas with families and friends.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Arts Faculty Art by Duncan Sangster

During Activities Week last summer term, students were taken up to the British Museum to see amongst other exhibits and displays, the largest collection of manga outside of Japan.

The Japanese word used to refer to comics or cartoons, manga originally translates as "pictures run riot".

It has been popular in its homeland for nearly 200 years but enjoyed global success in recent decades.

From its beginning with 19th century Japanese artist Hokusai - best known for his work The Great Wave - the exhibition spanned manga's varied history and looked at the different techniques of design and narrative that drive its works. Students had a wonderful day exploring the varied work and understanding the context from which manga was created as well as recognising its influence over anime and video games - not least the Pokemon phenomenon.

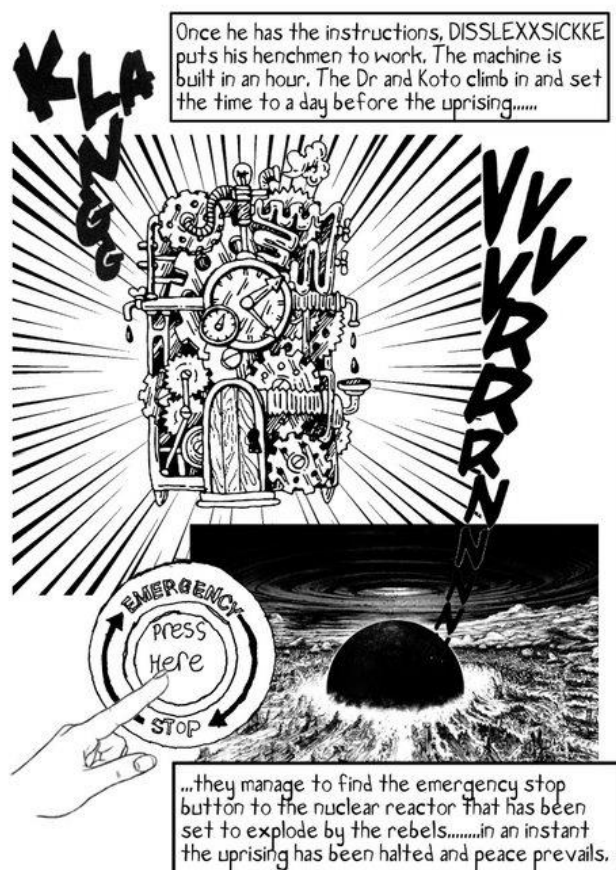
In response to the exhibition students were split into groups and tasked with designing a beginning, middle and end to their own manga story. Over the remainder of Activities Week the groups took it in turns to develop the story with Mr Stanley and then create the art work with Mr Sangster. The

resulting story tells the tale of Koto a robot from the future, that tries to save humanity whilst defeating the evil Dr. Dislexxikk! The full finished comic can be seen through the corridors of the school, as well as two copies in reception. We hope you have as much fun reading it as we did making it!



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Arts Faculty Art continued...



Arts Faculty Design & Technology by Rebecca Forbes-Gower



Year 9 DT level 1 Arts Award

Year 9 have been learning about the 6R's and reclaiming materials like old copper heating pipes to make new products. For part of their level 1 Arts award they have been designing copper cuffs or bracelets and experimenting with different marks and finishes to decorate their copper cuffs or bracelets.

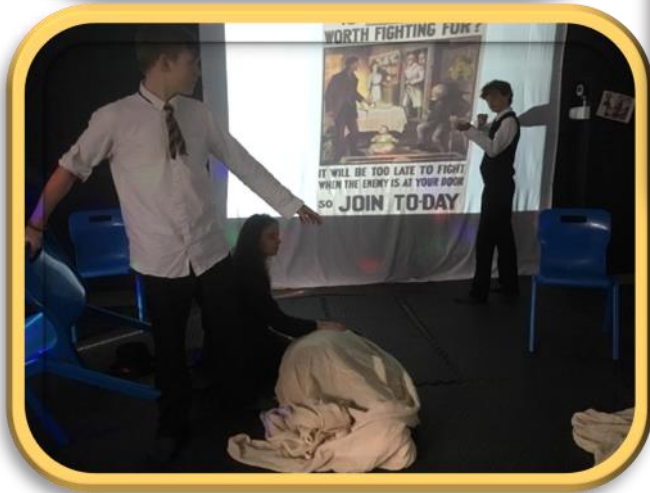
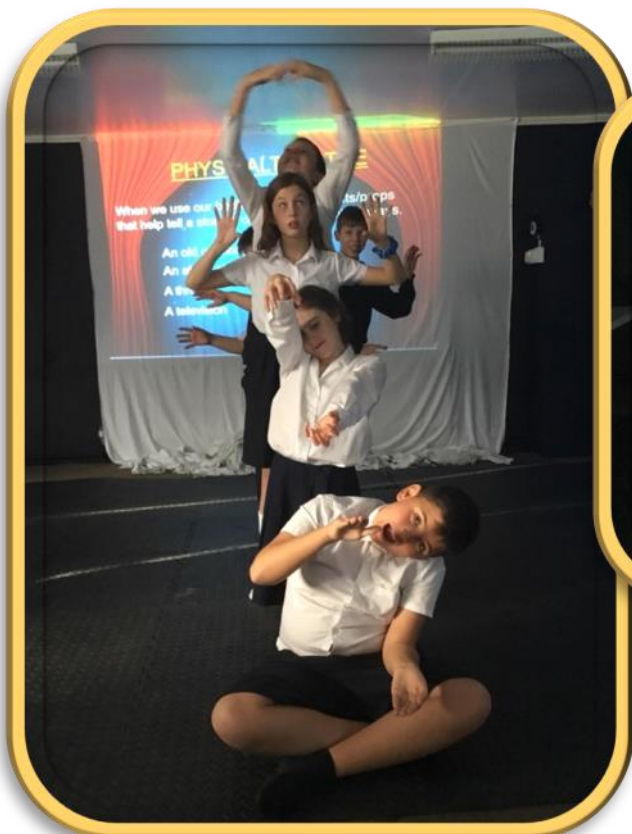


SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Arts Faculty, Drama by Claire Jackson

It's been a another very exciting and busy term in the drama department. Our Year7 students have been exploring and developing their pantomime skills. Can't wait to see what they can do in next years' Christmas production.

Year 8 have excelled in learning stage combat and sword fighting techniques while Year 9 have been inspired by real live events to create their own projects that include film, set and costume design. They have produced some very inspiring work and hopefully have discovered how theatre can communicate a vast range of diverse stories and have an impact.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

English by Neil Stanley

I have a dream. (Martin Luther King)

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." (J F Kennedy)

"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." (Winston Churchill)

This term, Year Nine students have been learning about the art of rhetoric. Through reading and analysing a series of persuasive texts, they have reflected on how the words around us shape our beliefs and feelings.

Students have created their own persuasive texts, such as advertisements, letters and leaflets. They have used a range of rhetorical devices, such as alliteration, facts, statistics, opinion, hyperbole, expert comment, rhetorical questions and emotive language.

Father Christmas be warned! This year's letters might contain convincing arguments! "To infinity and beyond!" (Buzz Lightyear)

Food & Nutrition by Claire Beaumont

As usual, the kitchen has been filled with delicious aromas, busy students and in addition the prospect of Christmas baking.

It has been a term when Year 7 have continued to settle into the routines of the kitchen. They have started to use a wider variety of equipment like frying pans and microwaves to produce lovely dishes such as Fish goujons, steamed sponge pudding and a scone-based pizza. They often ask to return at break to taste the dishes that they have made, which shows fantastic enthusiasm, or maybe a love of eating as well!



In Year 8 they have been continuing their work using a variety of Ingredients from different sections of the Eatwell Plate

and have made dishes as varied as sausage and apple Catherine Wheels to Upside Down Cake.

The Year 9s have been successfully cooking a wide variety of dishes from around the world such as Thai green curry, Enchiladas and Souvlaki.



In Year 10 the group has made a great start to their BTEC home cooking skills course and have enjoyed making, and eating their own breads, soups and most popular of all cinnamon swirls! Those were one dish that may not have made it home!

As Christmas is approaching thoughts have turned to Christmas baking and students have produced tasty German spiced biscuits, Stained glass window biscuits (edible 'glass' I promise) and the cutest of all, Polar Bear peppermint creams. Year 10 have been even more ambitious and made their own mince pies using mincemeat that they have made themselves!

All in all, it's no wonder that people enter the kitchen and say, 'what a lovely smell!'

Science by Scott Wassel

This term has included the ever-popular human reproduction with the Year 7s. This topic always provides a great range of reactions from the students. Other topics provide a reality check for some, like the Year 10s and the GCSE Electricity unit and the 7 equations that need to recall and apply.

Remember, the joy surrounding Christmas can increase your serotonin and dopamine levels in your brain. These chemicals effect your state of happiness. Dopamine drives us to seek pleasure and reward while serotonin is thought to increase our feelings of worth and belonging. So 'Christmas cheer' is a win-win situation.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

MATHS ZONE

Merry Mathematics!**CHRISTMAS MYSTERY: Who kissed who under the mistletoe?**

These 6 characters have each calculated how much they have spent on presents.

The character who spent the least kissed the character who spent the most.

They have given you some clues.

Identify the kisser and the kissed!

Answers below

Elf



I bought 4 presents. The cheapest was £15.50 then they increased by £4.50 each up to the most expensive

Santa



I spent an average of £8.10 per present and I bought gifts for my wife, 5 nieces and 4 nephews.

Angel



My most expensive gift cost the same as the elf's cheapest gift. The other 6 got progressively cheaper by £1.10 each.

Fairy



One of my gifts cost the same as the elf's most expensive one. My other 4 cost an average of £13.25

Reindeer



I bought gifts for the 8 other reindeer. The shop was offering "Buy 3 get 1 free". The usual price per item was £12.50

Snowman



My average spend was £2.60 less than Santa's but I bought 15 gifts,

ANSWER: The reindeer kissed the elf
Reindeer £75, Santa £81, Fairy £82,
Angel £85.40, Elf £89
Snowman £82.50.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Humanities, by Louise Payne

Year 7 enjoyed a trip to St Mary's Church and the war graves in Northiam. This was a field trip element of the work they have been completing in Humanities, on the history and geography of the church and village in Northiam.

Rector Rod White explained the history of the church to the students and the link that the church has with the Frewen family. Moreover, the students enjoyed asking questions of the Rector, particularly about the burial area for the Frewen family.

Local historian, Mr Mervyn Hayes kindly met the students and directed them to the war graves in Northiam. He explained the significance of the war graves to them, in relation to World War I and World War 2. The students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and engaged well with the learning about Northiam. Well done Year 7!



School Council by Hazel Lawrence

At the end of last half term we held a Pink day to raise funds for Breast Cancer research – a massive thank you to all of you who supported us and helped us to raise:



Careers by Hazel Lawrence

Year 11 students should have considered their next steps and put in applications to college. If they have not yet done this there is still time, most colleges will accept applications until the end of January. We are still able to accept applications to Sixth Form at Frewen College.

Year 9, 10 & Sixth Form students will all receive a careers guidance session between January and the summer term. Further details of this to follow in the new term.

Work Experience: Year 10 students should start to think about their Work Experience placements and where they would like to go. We do encourage students to find their own placements close to home.

If you are a parent and are able to offer a work placement to a Frewen student please do let me know: hazel.lawrence@frewencollege.co.uk

Upcoming events:

23rd January 2020 – Year 10 to attend the 'I Can' careers fair.

1st -5th June 2020 – Year 10 Work Experience

SIXTH FORM by Hazel Lawrence

As we approach the end of the first term of the school year and rapidly towards Christmas it is a good time to stop and reflect on what we have achieved in Sixth Form.

In September we welcomed 9 new students into Sixth Form; 5 of whom joined Frewen for the first time. All these students have settled into their courses at Bexhill College with positive reports from their teacher. They are making new friends on their courses; learning new information and new skills. Many have already had their first assignments back with passes and a few merits and distinctions as well. Some students have also started to enjoy the range of activities which are on offer at Bexhill including joining the gym or the rock-climbing club.

For many of our year 13 & 14 students rather than focusing on new beginning they are starting to think about next steps and what September 2020 will look like. Many of these students are completing university or college applications; one or two who made a very prompt start are already receiving offers for course – I look forward to sharing more details on this later in the year.

I am also pleased to share with you that Bexhill College maintained their 'Good' in their recent OFSTED inspection.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to two of the Sixth Form TAs: Jess Gould & Helen Guy.

Helen joined Frewen last January and has undertaken a variety of roles within the senior school. Her calm manner and patience will be missed by a number of the students. We wish Helen every success with her new ventures.

Jess joined the Sixth Form team in January 2016; she has supported a number of students on a range of different courses; we will especially miss her knowledge of all the sports courses at Bexhill and I know one or two students will greatly miss her scribing skills. Her ability to solve the logistical

issues of Sixth Form transport will also be hugely missed. We wish Jess every success as she starts

her new business in January.

GAMES AND SPORT By Jo Hambleton

Girls Football Tournament

We took part in our final Football tournament on Monday 25th November. As reigning champions, we entered the competition feeling confident. We had several new players who enjoyed

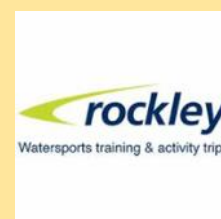


representing Frewen for the first time. We took part in 2 rounds of fixtures and did really well with a combination of wins and draws. We went through to the final and a very tense game which ended 2-2.

Now it was down to the dreaded Penalties! Some fantastic goal keeping from Tia meant we went on to win the competition overall. Well done on showing outstanding effort and determination. Well done also to Lucie who received the fair play award. A wonderful day out.

Rockley Launch 2020

Keep your eyes peeled for the End of Year residential launch to our new location Rockley. This will take place during activities week (22nd- 26th June 2020) and is open to students from Year 7-11. Letters will be coming out in January.



GAMES AND SPORT *continued..*

By Jo Hambleton

DofE Bronze Launch

We have started this term launching the new cohort of Bronze DofE. With a record number of 11 students keen and signed up. This term we will be enrolling them and getting them to start the 3 stages of DofE which are Physical, Skill and Volunteering.

The DofE programme is a fantastic opportunity to learn something new and also give something back to the local community. In DofE club we will also be preparing for our practice expedition which takes place in March 2020.

Winter Kit reminder

A reminder that as we are now in Winter it is useful for students to have enough clothes to ensure they are warm and dry during PE and games lessons. A full list of School Kit is available and Simmonds, but alternatively plain navy tracksuits and jumpers are fine. Some students are still turning up to cold rainy lessons in just shorts and t-shirts!! Brrrrrr!

BOARDING NEWS by Sarah Medcraft

The Christmas lights in Convent Garden (following the Science Museum trip) kick started the festive season for Frewen Boarders. Over on the South Bank brightly lit wooden stalls brimmed over with delights to tempt even the hardest of Christmas shoppers. After the chocolate 'Schokostrolche' the boys' attention was drawn to the Around the World sky ride. I was persuaded that this would be a great night-time view of London, and for some was the highlight of the day.

Ice-skating at the Tunbridge Wells skate in the park proved to be a massive hit. Some wet bottoms and a few bruised egos were no match for the beaming smiles, particularly for one international student whose only previous knowledge of ice was in a glass!

The Boarding areas are looking festive with decorations and trees sparkling. The tradition of a

Christmas bauble for every Boarder continues and we remember those who have moved on, along with those who will put up their first bauble this year.

It is a time of celebration, but also a time of goodbyes as our Gap Assistants go back to summer in New Zealand. We'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Xanthe and Charlie who have helped out in so many ways around the school. We wish them all the best and hope that they will take back some great memories and lifelong skills they learned here. Next year our Gap Assistants will join us from Australia, but more about that in the next newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful festive season and look forward to seeing you all in 2020.



Buy a drop update by Hazel Lawrence

Many thanks for your support with our Christmas Raffle - we raised an amazing £1865 towards our Swimming Pool fund!

If you would like to make a donation towards our Buy a Drop campaign there is still time to do so (include information of the different levels of cam-

paign and details on how to donate.)

Many thanks, Hazel

Vineyard Tour @ Gusbourne Vineyard for 4 People



Meal for Two People with Wine

Panettone

One Day Entry Pass for 2 Adults and 3 Children



Christmas Hamper

Gingerbread House

Bottles of Prosecco

Foxdenton Christmas Liqueur

Food Hamper

Silent Pool Gin Tour for Two People



Bottle of Merlot Red Wine

Breakfast for Two People



Christmas Hamper



Family of Four Admission Ticket

Bottle of Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum

Bottle of Balvenie Single Malt Whisky



Voucher for Smoked Products

2 Bottles of Local Wine



Selection of Cider

Famous Grouse Whisky

£25.00 Voucher



Case of Red Wine

Bottle of Glenfiddich Single Malt Whisky



2 x Cinema Tickets

Plantronic Bluetooth Headset



Wine Selection

Sanctuary Spa Gift Set

PTFA news and update

The PTFA are looking for help from staff, parents, grandparents etc to help with fund raising activities for the school.

We are looking to run events to build our school community, have fun and raise funds. Our current focus is to raise much needed funds for the refurbishment of the School Swimming Pool and to get some C-Pen Exam readers for the students to use. There are also future plans to fundraise to improve our outdoor spaces.

If you or your family are able to help in any way either by volunteering with our PTFA, volunteering some of your time, helping to organise and run events, helping with donations etc. then please get in contact with us direct at PTFA@frewencollege.co.uk or via the school office.

Frewen College PTFA is a great way to get involved and show your support; helping to make positive changes in our school and community.

It is also a great way to know what's happening in our school. Come to our meetings, suggest discussion topics/ agenda items, support events and volunteer! The PTFA can be a way for you to effectively suggest change at our school. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences in a supportive forum. PTFA meetings and events are also opportunities to meet other parents.

Many thanks to everyone who takes part in helping our initiatives, fundraising and events.

Art box pedal power!

Coming Soon...Dates for your Diary	
Term restarts	7 January
Year 9 Trip to Imperial War Museum	22 January
Well Being Day	29 January



We wanted to share with you what one of our students Max has achieved. In his DT lessons he made a spinning art box and has been creating pictures with it and selling them on his street. Max has saved enough money to buy himself a BMX! Shows fantastic creativity and thinking outside the box!