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Dear All

Welcome to our first newsletter since February! We are living through difficult times, but it helps to adopt a "glass half full" attitude, and it is with this in mind that I write this newsletter.

We started the new school year with 126 students - our highest number ever. This includes around 20 new students, in various year groups. We are still being as selective as ever with regard to the suitability of students we accept, and have no intention to increase our maximum class size of eight - but as our reputation grows, so does the number of enquiries, and this puts us in a stronger position for the future, and means we can start thinking about investing in our facilities.

As well as welcoming new students, we have also welcomed new staff: Miss Reading (English), Ms Als (6th Form TA) and Mr Blance and Miss Hems (Graduate Residential Assistants).

Another piece of positive news concerns our exam results - for the seventh year running, the Year 11 results were the best in the school's history, in terms of value added (positive in all subjects), and percentage of 9-4 (the old A*-C) or equivalent, which made up 79% of all grades for Level 2 courses. Well done Year 11!

In Sixth Form, we maintained our 100% pass rate, and notable results included Bea Montgomery-Christie, who attained A*, A*, A, and Ryan Perry: Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction. Bea has moved on to the University of East Anglia to study History, Ryan to the University for the Creative Arts to study TV production, Charlie Hughes to Essex to study History, Grace McCarthy-Steed to Bristol to study Art - in fact, every one of the graduating Sixth Formers has successfully gained placements in HE, FE or apprenticeships. Well done to all of

them!

With regard to the dreaded Coronavirus - well, we are all back at school now, and although we all have to wear masks, sanitize regularly and follow the one way systems, I think everyone - students and staff - has found it a relief to be back. Everyone has been really good about following procedures, though certain students need more reminding than others.

We are still open, unlike some other local schools, and so far we have had two brushes with Covid, which you already know about. Mercifully, the affected individuals only had mild symptoms and are recovering well. We worked with Public Health England and identified which students and staff needed to self-isolate. In the event, the Sixth Form had to work online for a week, and Key Stage 3 for three days. While it would have been good to get through the half term untouched by Covid, this could be regarded as relatively fortunate - especially as it is followed by the "circuit breaker" of half term.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families an enjoyable and safe half term, and, at the time of writing, look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, 2nd November.

Mr Nick Goodman,

Principal, Frewen College



Frewen celebrated 'Dyslexia Week' and embraced the #GoRedForDyslexia' theme in early October.

PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

It has been wonderful to welcome pupils back to the prep this term. Everyone has settled back into the routines of school. Congratulations to Massimo, Henry and Olivia who are our Year 6 prefects. Congratulations to Oscar and Seren who are Year 5 monitors.

Creative Learning

Learning is now well and truly underway for our topic this term. All pupils are reading Stig of The Dump in English and enjoying accessing an abridged dyslexia friendly version as well as the full version. Pupils have created 'caves' in the park and have been thinking about things they would need for basic survival if they lived in the Stone Age. We have also been thinking about how the Stone Age people maintained a nomadic lifestyle and have thought about simple shelters that can be created wherever food can be found.

Fossils

What a treat we had when Ken Brooks, local fossil expert, brought some of his rare finds to share with us. The pupils sat captivated for over an hour. Their knowledge was very impressive and Ken commented upon what a bright, articulate and delightful group they all are. Stormy weather is ideal for uncovering and washing in new fossils so we were lucky to still go on our planned fossil trip which the students loved.

Science

Some of our pupils have been learning about the human body and recreating the process of producing a bowel movement. I mention this simply because, when asked about the highlights of their week, this subject was mentioned many times and so I feel it should make it onto the newsletter. Bananas and Weetabix were used to recreate the process. A lesson to remember!



Bug Hotel

Fossil expert Ken Brooks visits the Prep

Pupils enjoyed creating a bug hotel as part of gardening club this week. We can't wait to see who moves in.

Literacy

Pupils have been working hard this week and we are beginning to see some lovely descriptive written work from all classes. Pupils have been learning how to use Assistive Technology to enable them to produce their very best work. A great start everyone, keep it up.

Clubs

Pupils have been enjoying a variety of clubs including archery, ornithology club, seasonal sports and gardening.



Students in the Gardening Club...

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Science by Scott Wassell

Welcome to the new teaching normal from the Science department.



We as a department have decided to maintain as many experiments as possible while trying to maintain safe conditions for everybody. The advantage of a whole school bubble gives us the chance to implement a system that allows our students to have hands on lab work while minimising risk of infections.

The start of the year is a big step up for Year 7 as they begin secondary education, and also the new Year 9s having to get to grips with the GCSE content. There is more detailed analysis of experimental work than they have encountered before.

This week they have been looking at different methods of separation for mixtures. This involves techniques they have practised before but have slight tweaks that take it up to the GCSE level. Some have produced incredible results (see pic above).

Arts Faculty Music by Ian Barnett

Frewen's "drum" room, where individual music lessons are held, has now been expanded so keyboard players and singers can join in with

guitarists and drummers in a safe and socially-distanced setting. Students are taught how to use microphones and P.A. equipment, which forms part of the BTEC Music course, and will be invaluable for future recording of live and on-line performances.



Arts Faculty Drama by Claire Jackson

Yr 9 are currently studying mask work and are focusing on how they can use the mask, body language and gesture to devise their own stories.



Katie's fantastic mask work...

Dyslexia Week & Go-Red For Dyslexia



Red food, red school building, red clothes... we were awash with the colour red last week to support The BDA's Dyslexia Week and Go-Red For Dyslexia.

The campaign this year was all about #DyslexiaCreates and we focussed the week on looking at the opportunities and challenges dyslexia creates for our students, with some informative and fun activities.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

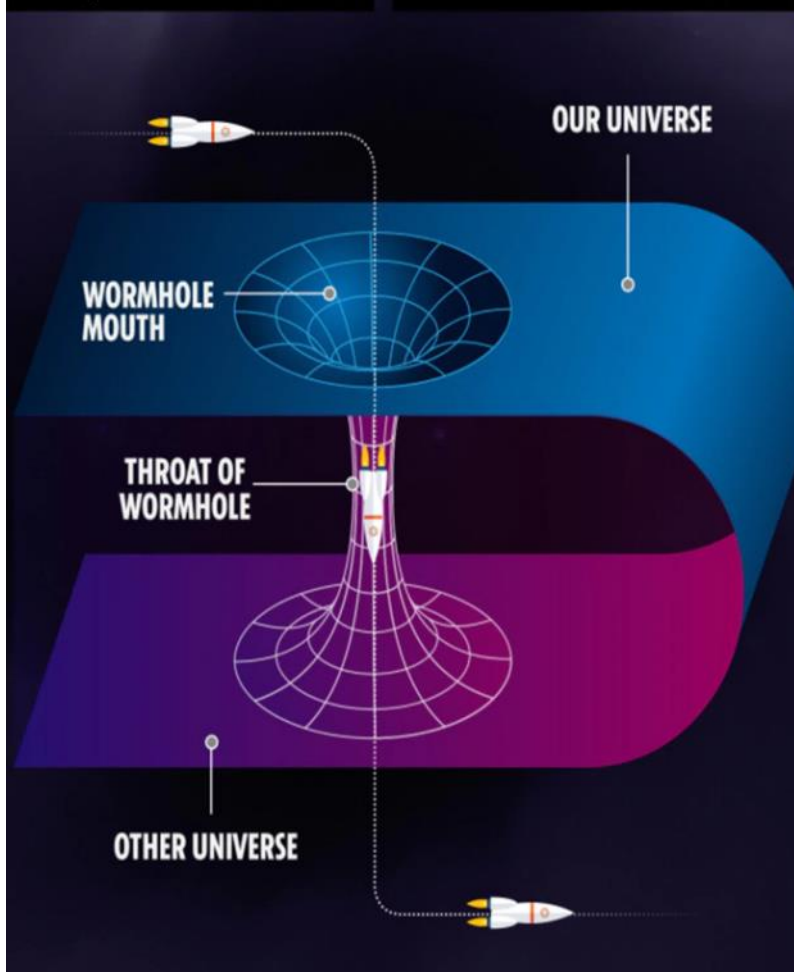
MATHS



ZONE

Physicists think they've found a mathematical loophole that supports the concept of humans being able to travel through wormholes

In theory, they are interstellar gateways that could allow us to travel instantly from one point in space and time to another thanks to a bend in the universe



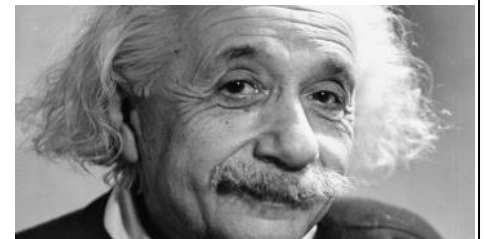
Welcome back

Firstly, we must congratulate our students for their maths results. 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 were marvellous.

HOT NEWS

Wormholes that let humans travel through space and time could be possible!!!



Physicist Albert Einstein theorised* that space time can be tangled up so tightly that two points can share the same physical location.

Then all you need is a short wormhole between the two for instantaneous* travel.

Why did the two fours skip lunch?

They already eight!

Maths Club... need some help, then get that expert support...

KS3 Mondays at 4:15pm with Mr Torres

KS4 Mondays at 4:15 pm with Mr Rawlings

GCSE Y10 Tuesdays and **GCSE Y11 Wednesdays** at 4.15pm with Mrs Claasen

Sixth Form News by Hazel Lawrence

Congratulations to all our 2020 leavers.

Once again Sixth Form students achieved a 100% rate on their courses with notable performances from:

Bea: A* in History & Politics and A in English Literature

Ryan: Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction in BTEC Media

Grace: C in Art, and Gold Arts Award

Charlie: Merit in Media and Performing Art and Gold Arts Award.

We wish all our leavers every success on the next steps of their journey.

In September it was great to welcome back our Year 13 & 14 students whom we hadn't seen in person since March as well as welcoming all newcomers to Sixth Form. Students were able to enjoy the new furniture in the Sixth Form Block.



Next half term I look forward to showing you the new Sixth Form classroom spaces. Blended learning and growing Sixth Form numbers means we are out-growing our current space.



GAMES AND SPORT By Jo Hambleton

Positive Start Back

Well done for everyone returning back to PE and games this term. We have been catching up on summer sports such as Cricket and Rounders, which are also most suited to students being able to be socially distanced. We have played come rain or shine and during one lesson we even had the end of the rainbow in our field! Well done on a great start back.

DofE Bronze Launch for Year 10



We started the beginning of next term launching the new cohort of Bronze DofE. This term we will be enrolling them and getting them to start the three 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 2021.

BRONZE	
Volunteering 3 months	PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.
Physical 3 months	
Skills 3 months	
Expedition 2 days 1 night	
	

GAMES AND SPORT *continued..*

By Jo Hambleton

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 at 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!! Brrrrr



BOARDING NEWS by Sarah Medcraft

'Working together to stay together' has been our motto to encourage everyone to play their part in keeping our boarding community safe. This has allowed us to focus on rekindling friendships, re-establishing routines, and enjoying activities together, such as impromptu after school trips to the beach before the evenings started drawing in. Sports have included a new addition of flag football (based on American football) and we have also made good use of our art room for crafting and artistic expression.



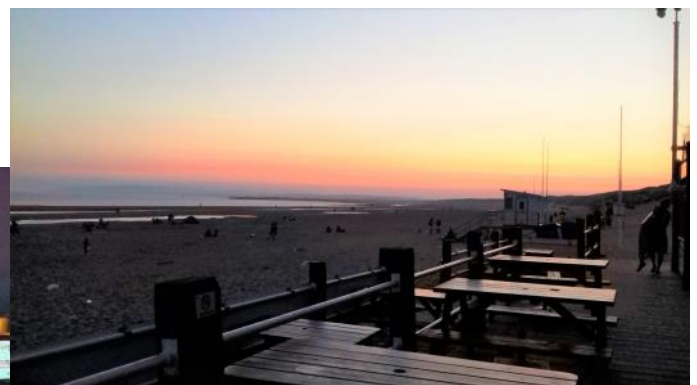
Socially distanced Bowling...

Autumn term 2020 has been the start of term like no other. We are in the process of creating a boarding 'zine' that captures our thoughts and experiences of these unprecedented times and look forward to sharing this on its completion.

Our new students and Graduate Residential Assistants, Miss Hemsli and Mr Balance, have been settling into our extended family, and we have enjoyed getting to know them.



An autumnal display in the fireplace in Boarding



Beautiful evening beach trips..