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## Dear Parents and Students

One aspect of these newsletters is that they provide us with a chance, every six weeks or so, to think about how things are going, and what has happened since the last newsletter -

which, in this case, was in July!

There is lots to report. We have started the school year with record numbers - currently 133 students, including many new ones, and a number of new staff.

The new students have done well, settling in, learning the routines and making friends. Well done! The new staff - well, the same, really. Well done to you, too!

As the school continues to grow, we have become increasingly aware of the urgency of finally getting rid of the "temporary" classrooms - some of which are fifty years old - and replacing them with something more worthy of our students. We have begun to plan for a new building, which is likely to be situated behind the auditorium block, and include new spaces for Drama, Music, the Sixth Form, Therapy and a number of additional classrooms and offices.

We have also received a promise of funding from a charitable source to include a Performing Arts Centre, which can also be used for conferences, assemblies and indoor sports! The plans are still in the early stages, but the space created by the removal of the temporary classrooms would be ideal for a much-needed multi-purpose games area. The dining area will also be increased - not easy in a grade one listed building. When (and whether) this will all happen is subject to the planning process and other factors, but we are hoping within three years - so many existing students will see it.

Every year at this time I report back on exam

results, and say that they are the best ever. This year is no exception. Year 11 results were excellent, and second only to 2020's record, and Sixth Form results set a new school record, with one student, Will Ellaway, attaining three Level 3 "Distinction stars" - equivalent to three A\* at A Level. Congratulations and well done to all exam students.

So far (at the time of writing) we have had a small amount of unrelated absence due to covid, but we have avoided some of the problems in surrounding schools where large numbers of students are absent. I am sure this is partly down to luck, but I also believe that everyone - staff, parents and students - have contributed to this, taking precautions, wearing masks when necessary, avoiding direct contact, and home testing.

I have been asked by the DfE to remind parents of the importance of making sure that their children (unless exempt) continue to test twice-weekly, and ask that you support your child in doing this. If you are running out of tests, please ask your child to collect some from our Matron, Claudia Allsopp.

There has been lots going on in the various parts of the school, and I will leave you to read about these in the rest of the newsletter, but I will just mention our being nominated as finalists in the ISA Awards 2021, in the Senior School of the Year Award and the award for Outstanding Provision of Learning Support. Thank you to all of you who have offered your congratulations. We will discover whether we are outright winners next month. I will keep you updated as necessary, but in the meantime I wish you all the best in these challenging times.

**Mr Nick Goodman**

Principal, Frewen College

## PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

### British Values—Democracy and Responsibility

This term our assemblies have been about 'British Values' with a focus on rules, democracy and responsibility. Prefects and monitors have been chosen. Congratulations to our Year 6 prefects, Seren and Joseph who will be responsible for talking to visitors to the school. Freya is the Red Class monitor who has responsibility for ringing the bell each day.

Pupils had the chance to vote for the school librarians using their knowledge about their fellow peers. We agreed that creativity and responsibility were two important qualities for a school librarian. I am pleased to announce the Seren, Tabitha, Aidan and Raydan were voted into these new roles. We look forward to some creatively themed book displays in the school hall.

Finally, we have two eco-warriors in the school, Ethan and Finn. As part of our Eco Council, they will be helping us to save energy around the school and to make sure we are recycling all that we can. They are also enthusiastic members of our gardening club which grew some lovely produce this season. The pupils greatly enjoyed harvesting and eating the delicious sweetcorn.



### Dyslexia Awareness Week

We always look forward to this special week. Pupils celebrated their different learning styles and learnt about some famous dyslexics. This year we joined in with the BDA (British Dyslexia Association) in promoting 'Invisible Dyslexia' where we talked about the unseen difficulties that dyslexia can bring. To draw attention to this

we held a camouflage or 'invisible' muffin-day and made all the pens in the school 'invisible' for our 'pen free day'. We also greatly enjoyed making different parts of the school 'invisible'. Our favourite is this fantastic picture of the front of our school.



### Cross Country Event

Well done to our pupils who completed a gruelling cross country course around our ancient parkland. The Frewen teams were competing against six other primary schools. We are always really proud of the effort and achievement from all our pupils. This year was slightly different from previous years. The six other school only put forward their best runners from each age group. A special well done goes to Aidan, Raphael, Finn and Freya who were all placed well within the top half of their groups.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

by Neil Stanley

### Celebration Assemblies

The first Senior School Celebration Assemblies of this academic year take place before the half term break.

This year, students will receive Good Order Mark badges: 50 Good Order Marks for a bronze badge; 100 Good Order Marks for a silver badge; 150 Good Order Marks for a gold badge; and 200 Good Order Marks for the coveted platinum badge.

In addition, for each Good Order Mark, students will be given a raffle ticket, with the chance of winning Amazon vouchers. Good Order Marks also count as points towards the House Cup.

### House Vice-Captains

The college has appointed three new House Vice-Captains. They are: Joe H (Oaks), Sean M (Navy) and Olivia F (Lions).

Sean joined the college in Year 7. A charismatic student with a strong personality, Sean often motivate others, including raising charity money.

Olivia joined the college towards the end of Year 8. Kind and thoughtful, she has grown in confidence and offers support to younger girl boarders.

Since joining the college at the start of Year 10, Joe has quickly established himself as honest, truthful and reliable. He has made many friends and is a positive role model to younger students.

### The new Frewen House System:

#### Oaks

Following extensive research and a thorough search, members of Oaks House are delighted to be reunited with the Great Staff.

According to legend, the staff was made from a branch that fell from the oak tree at the front of the college, following a lightning strike. It was decorated with semi-precious stones and runes representing the house name.

Damaged during the fire that razed the original Auditorium building in the 1970s, the staff was subsequently lost. Many thanks to Mr Rawlings for his work in recovering it.



The Great Staff.....

#### Navy

It is a well-known fact that John B. Frewen had a distinguished Naval career, however his companion through all these years is shrouded in mystery. This companion saw engagements in the Pacific during WW2 and in Korea etc. It saw secret documents and had

several important meetings with Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the 11 herself. We are of course talking about Sir Frewen's trusted



confidant, his steadfast briefcase! Rumour has it that it was passed down from a famous spy..Even more spectacular is the reports that it was lost for a period of exactly 13 months and 13 days after Sir Frewen sailed through the Bermuda triangle with documents vital to the Navy's efforts in the war. Critics say that this Sir Frewen must have just lost it, but as this happened to Russian commanders as well, it does make you think it's more than pure coincidence.

#### Lions

Whilst clearing out the loft space of the boarding house, a dusty old box of photographs was found containing many old interesting images of past

boarding students from the 1950's. A faded image was found of what looks like two identical animals, possibly lions? We don't know if these are linked to the old house system, which we have reinstated this year, but it's quite exciting to



think that perhaps these lion figures could still be hidden in the house somewhere!

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### English by Rebecca Lowe

There have been lots of exciting changes to Frewen College's English Department this academic year. The new English and Literacy block means that we now have a dedicated hub for the subject at senior school level. This has been fully kitted out with new interactive boards, new computers and a whole heap of new resources to add a fresh spark of energy into the curriculum.

The existing team of Mr Stanley, Mr Claasen and Mrs Payne have been joined by Mrs Lowe, Miss Taylor-Wade and Mrs Jefferson. A strong team with an enviable range of specialities.

There has been a committed drive to ensure that the English curriculum is tailored to each individual's need and we are using a fascinatingly varied array of strategies to make English accessible for all. But we are keeping all those tried and tested parts of Frewen's unique approach that have worked so well in the past. For example, All Key Stage 3 students will continue to take the LAMDA qualification and our new cohort of Year 7s are learning to Touch Type through the TTRS programme.

For a school with so many dyslexic students, it is so rewarding to see so many of them thoroughly enjoying their English lessons.

If you have any questions about English, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the team.

### Brilliant Books!

As part of our drive to promote literacy, a huge number of our staff and students have taken part in the Frewen Book Review Challenge by writing a short review about a book that has inspired them to read. The range of books has been quite extraordinary and has got lots of people talking about what makes a good read!

A brilliantly crafted, wonderfully illustrated, thought-provoking picture book.

Whenever I read it (all **338 words!**) to a class, it always makes them laugh.

Once we even turned it into a play with a 1960's soundtrack.

**Mr Rawlings**



WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

I studied this at school.

It made me think about injustice, poverty and racism.

I think it is still as relevant today as it was all those years ago.

**Mrs White**

TO KILL A  
MOCKING-  
BIRD



Pulitzer Prize Winner  
over 30,000,000 sold

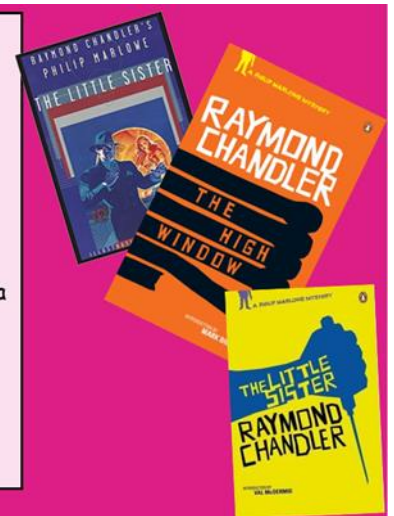
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I love this whole series of books.

They are brilliantly written, old-fashioned, American detective stories.

They navigate the twists and turns of a murder plot with wonderfully descriptive writing.

**Miss Cardinale**

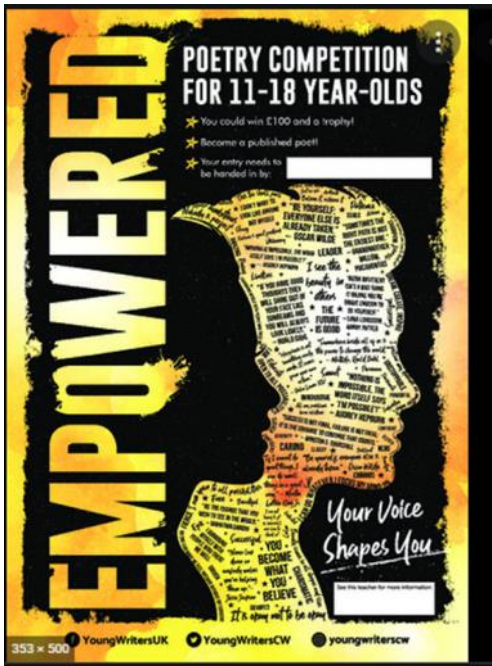


## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### English continued...by Rebecca Lowe

#### National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day took place on 7th October and, to celebrate, the English Department dropped our usual curriculum to take part in the 'Young Writers' Empowerment Poetry Competition.



This competition requires each student to write a poem on a subject of the choice and we were staggered by the quality of poetry produced by our Frewen Students. It was almost impossible to narrow the selection down as there were so many amazing ones, but we hope that these three give you a flavour of the event.

#### A Poem About Not Liking Poems

By Jake, Age 12

I don't like poems I want to be bolder, but I just grow older.

I don't like poems coos there really icky I spent one hour thinking of this line.

I don't like poems they're no fun for me - words are absurd

But if I could read words, poems would be fine.

#### Every Man For Himself , By Kai, Age 13

They told me of the adventure  
They told me I'd be serving my country  
They told me I'd look smart in my uniform  
Every man for himself

When you're in the trenches  
Bombs coming from the heavens  
All you can do is scramble for cover  
Every man for himself

The dreaded whistle blows  
I'm going into hell  
In No Man's Land it really is  
Every man for himself

One time I was charging  
In to the enemies lair  
Bodies scattered everywhere, puddles of blood  
Every man for himself  
When I close my eyes at night  
Blood curdling screams still ring in my ear  
Lifeless eyes and battered faces etched in my mind

Every man for himself  
They told me of the adventure  
They told me I'd be serving my country  
They told me I'd look smart in my uniform  
Every man for himself

#### The Sad Man , By Reuben, Age 13

I am homeless  
My name is.....well I won't tell you my name  
because I've been on the streets so long  
I don't remember it.  
I've been trying to forget my past  
for reasons that I don't  
want to get in to.  
Sometimes it feels like a fresh new start.  
Other times it comes back  
Like a dog rushing at me with a ball.  
When that happens I shutdown  
And drink to try to forget.  
The problem is the next day  
I feel even worse  
And I still live on the streets.

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Science by Scott Wassell

Welcome back to a new academic year within the Science department.

We have a new addition to the Science department in the shape of Chloe Falder. Ms Falder has settled in quickly and has already developed a good working relationship with her students.

All year groups have quickly got back into the swing of things in the lab. The Year 10 have had the ever-popular heart dissection this term, unfortunately this time they weren't attached to a set of lungs, never mind, you can't be lucky all the time.

Here are some pics from Ms Falder's Year 9 group who were studying genetics. Here they are making a model of the DNA double helix using sweets.

The Year 11 entry level group with Miss Cardinale have been investigating chemical reactions which include setting alight icing sugar, which is a valid science experiment, no matter what anyone says!



Year 10 doing heart dissections..



Year 11 studying chemical reactions, and Year 9 DNA

### Humanities & Geography by Louise Payne

#### Year 7 Humanities:

Year 7 have made an excellent start to the year, being introduced to the meaning of History and Geography. This has involved some interesting environmental exploration of the Frewen grounds, including the Arboretum, where students have explored the different types of trees, leaves and bird feathers and all collected some environmental objects of interest. In addition, students have commenced some exciting studies about the Battle of Stamford Bridge and the Battle of Hastings, which will involve re-enacting this battle, by making their own lolly-stick puppets of the events.

#### Year 8 Geography:

Year 8 have been working on the topic of China this term and have developed key Geographical skills. In addition, Year 8 have been exploring the physical and human geography of China, with their study of the mountains and rivers of China and China's historical One Child Policy. Over the final two weeks of term, students have engaged with the topic of how technology and transnational corporations have greatly impacted the economy and society of China and will, in the final week, be engaging with comparing the food and culture of different regions in China.

#### Year 9 RE:

Year 9 have been studying the topic of inspirational people and the impact of these figure's religions on their life-choices. Students have been exploring the inspirational figures in history, including Martin Luther King and Mother Teresa. Students have also evaluated how inspirational people have played a part in their own lives and been able to identify some key figures who have inspired them.

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Art by Duncan Sangster

The Art department have been exploring various artists and techniques since our return.

Year 7 have been looking at mark making, including looking at Andy Goldsworthy and creating their own piece of land art.

Year 8 have been observing the chess garden landscape here at Frewen, and using techniques used by Max Ernst such as frottage and collage to create interesting and unique outcomes.

Year 9 have been delving into abstract art by making 3D and 2 D responses. They are currently creating layered observations, that will hopefully make an appearance around the school at some point soon, so keep an eye out!

The new GCSE Art students in Year 10 have been exploring personal ideas early on. Some of the stimuli include, superhero masks, drone footage and 3D perspective drawings. I'm really excited to see how these ideas develop over the course of the year!

Finally Year 11's have continued where they left off last year, producing some incredibly purposeful and focused studies, ranging from skeleton stencils and wood rubbings to European folk costumes and digitally manipulated surreal landscapes! It's all very exciting stuff!

### Drama by Claire Jackson

Our outgoing Year 11 Drama students deserve a massive congratulations on their magnificent exam results. Their final devised Drama workshops last year, showed how far they had come when applying their skills, techniques and creative ideas. Well done all of you.

Our Year 7s have started that journey, learning how to make tableaux, use mime and understanding narrative structure to create some extremely funny pieces of drama.

Meanwhile, the Year 8's have turned the drama

studio into a rather exciting place to walk into! Learning the key skills of stage combat, they have started to choreograph their own fight sequences and are looking forward to the next stage, sword fighting. Learning stage combat in Year 8 gives them an understanding of how to structure complex movements and apply health and safety rules so no one actually ever gets punched!

Year 9 have been studying the play Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah, adapted by Lemn Sissay.



This has challenged them to identify the themes in a script and use non-naturalistic techniques to bring a scripted drama to life.

Year 10 have begun studying The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time for their BTEC course. They have made a great start by exploring, with some energy, the physical theatre techniques used in the professional production as well as costume and set design.

Year 11 are also working hard getting their scripted performances, sound and costume designs ready for a major assessment.

It's been exciting to see so much potential and hard work being done by our students this term. After such a long break, we're all really looking forward to finally getting a Frewen College drama show back up and running. See you in the summer term.

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

### MATHS ZONE



**465**

teeth on a bandsaw blade ...  
just when you thought it  
was safe in DT...Jaws lurks.

**108**

years teaching  
experience in the  
Maths Dept...  
How is that possible,  
I hear you say?

**1032**

meals cooked in Food & Nutrition this Summer  
Term ...just think of the washing-up!

**120**

toilet rolls used per week....  
that's just over  $\frac{1}{2}$   
a roll per person.

**Welcome to the  
weird and  
wonderful  
world of  
Frewen  
by numbers**

**6,550**

attendance marks  
entered on SIMS  
every week.

**854**

individual pieces of  
glass in the stable  
block exterior

**1365**

keys on 13 keyboards in IT1,  
our main computer room

**64**

instruments pic-  
tured on the wall in  
the Music room.

**8377**

miles covered by Frewen  
students, staff and families for  
our Hastings to Tokyo challenge  
at the beginning of year.





## SIXTH FORM By Hazel Lawrence

This August saw Sixth Form students celebrate their best ever results. On Level 3 courses (equivalent to A Level) we saw students achieve an average of a B Grade. On Level 2 courses, the average pass was a Merit.

Our top achievements included:

Will – Distinction\* for Uniformed Services  
 Sam T – Distinction\* for Public Services  
 Danny – Distinction for Public Services  
 Sam M – Distinction for Media

September saw the largest number of students enrolling for Sixth Form; with students following a range of different courses including:

Catering  
 Health & Social Care  
 Art  
 Graphics  
 Business Studies  
 Politics  
 ICT  
 Beauty Therapy



### House Captains:

Archie R – Lions House

Archie has been at Frewen since the Prep School, and his in his final year studying Level 3

BTEC Business Studies. Archie is recognised by staff and students as a resilient student, who works hard until he achieves what he sets out to do. He hopes to move onto University next year.

Tia F – Oaks House

Tia joined the school year at the start of Year 9 and embraced all Frewen had to offer with enthusiasm. She is a well liked, well respected member of the school community and one who students across the year groups turn to when they need a listening ear. Tia joined the Sixth Form in September and is studying for a Level 2 Diploma in Equine Studies.

Tommy B – Navy House

Tommy joined Frewen in Year 7, a quiet member of school community, but someone who has grown in confidence throughout his time here. Tommy has a pragmatic approach to learning and just working to get the job done! Tommy is studying Level 3 Music Production and Godl Arts Award.

## GAMES & SPORT By Jo Hambleton

### Year 7 and Year 8 Camp

This year we were able restart the Year 7 and 8 Camp and what a wonderful couple of days we had with each year group. Helped by fine hot weather, students worked independently to pitch tents, set up the camp site and help and prepare dinner. The Year 8's especially embraced the cooking experience with different chefs and servers for dinner and breakfast. They did a grand job and it was lovely to see such spirit and unity within the group.

We also took part in Picture Orienteering around the school grounds, Bushcraft where students learnt how to start fire using Ferro rods. With varying success but good persistence from all. There were Scavenger hunts in the woods and of

## GAMES & SPORT By Jo Hambleton

course the water sport sessions. Students enjoyed windsurfing and paddle boarding over at Rye Water Sports. Many students were pushed out of the comfort zone throughout the camp, whether that was staying away from home for first time, camping for first time or trying paddleboarding. It was lovely to see the team spirit and resilience building throughout the two days.

I hope they enjoyed the experience as much as we did . Year 9 camp will happen in the summer term.



### Gum Shields

Next term we will be doing some Hockey in lessons. Please can you ensure your child has a gum shield and shin pads for the first week back so we can ensure they keep safe in lessons.

It is a good time to start preparing for cold

weather. Students can wear the school PE hoodie/ rain jacket or a plain navy blue version with no branding.

### 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 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 2021.

### Boarding By Sarah Medcraft

This half of term we have made good use of the autumn weather to enjoy our beautiful grounds and finally our wonderful swimming pool! We have had some great swim sessions with much fun and laughter.

We have welcomed both new students and new Residential Graduate Assistants into our little community, all of who have settled in well. We look forward to getting to know them better as the term progresses.

Parents continue to appreciate the weekly email home, filling in the gaps the students are too busy to report back on!

We have enjoyed some great weekend activities, including laser quest and a day trip to the Sea Life Centre in Brighton. This last weekend we are going out with a bang, with a trip to see the latest James Bond followed by the village bonfire night.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term. We look forward to seeing you from 6pm on Sunday 31st October.

## Gardening By Daniel Medcraft



The new team Chris (L) Daniel and Niall (R)

I'm Daniel Le Cornu and I would like to introduce myself as the new Head Gardener at Frewen College (Brickwall House), I started the role on the 1st August and I'm very excited to take the gardens forward and start some new projects in the gardens. I trained at Kew Gardens. I am working with a new team including Chris Smith and recently appointed Niall Bailey. Chris trained at Risinghurst and Niall had his own business and worked for the RSPB.

We have many new projects on the go, some of which you may have noticed, including restoring the front drive hedgerows and arboretum!



The new damp shade garden is taking shape with a range of unusual plants with more to come (located behind the igloo) do check it out! The Bushcraft Club helped with some planting too. The Garden Club set up by Rebecca and Nina is going well and there's the possibility of incorporating some staff allotment/growing space, if you're interested, please ask.

## Bonfire and firework display



### Wednesday 3rd November – Save the date!

Come and join us for a wonderful bonfire and firework display, kindly organised by Northiam Bonfire Society.