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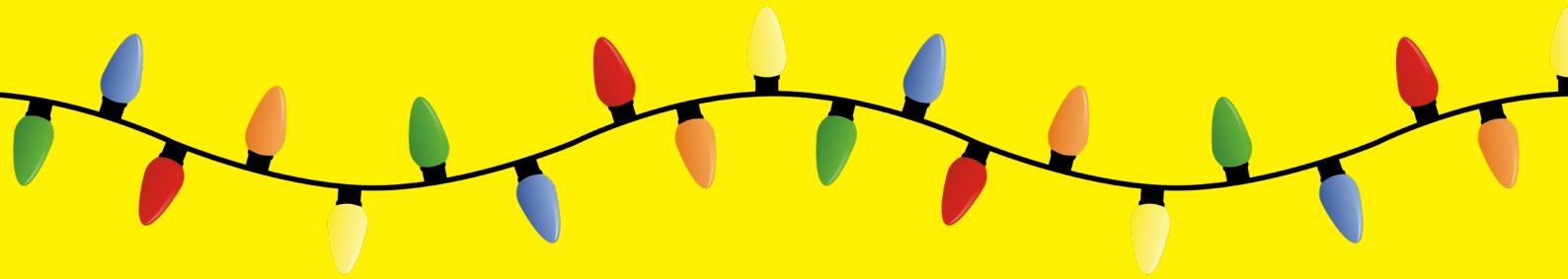


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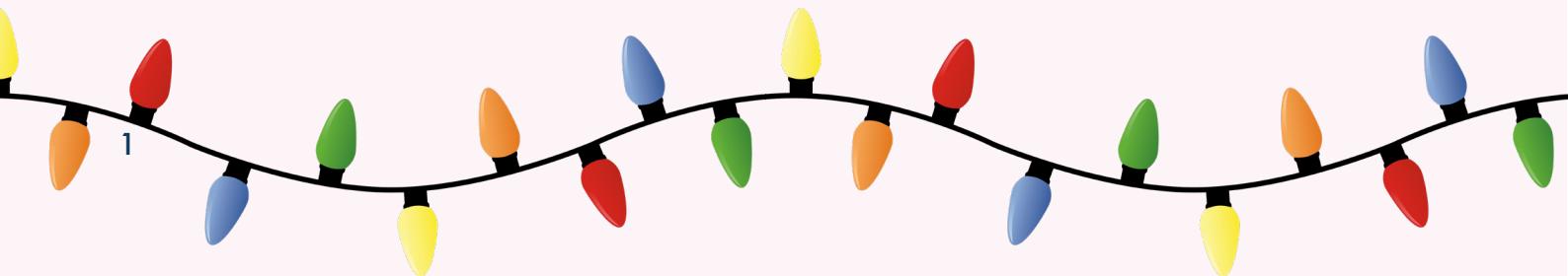
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Message from Head of Boarding -

Welcome to our very first termly Boarding magazine; Frewen FYI!! It is our hope that within its' pages, there will be something of interest for all whether parents or students or members from the wider Frewen community.

To kick start this new initiative, this Issue will reflect on the whole year, then moving forward each Issue will relate the current term. As well as the normal mixture of news and photographs, we hope to include a few different bits about the boarding department, the boarding houses, the staff and the students that perhaps you might not know or have heard about before.

This year has been a year of change and development for Boarding. In September we welcomed new House staff and in January we saw a change in leadership. We have changed some daily routines, introduced some new practises, explored, and enjoyed new activities and tried and tested different cuisines at mealtimes.

The idea of change does not always fill people with joy. However, I am thrilled to report that the boarding students have embraced these positive opportunities with enthusiasm, and open minds. They have all made a big difference to those around them in our community and I am proud of every one of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their trust and support, the staff for their tireless commitment and care, and the students for their sense of fun and for never a dull moment! Wishing you all an amazing Christmas!

Miss Hannah Lewis

Head of Boarding

Our Houses

Boys

We are very pleased to report that the Maintenance, Housekeeping and Boarding teams have been working hard collaboratively to reinvigorate and develop the students' bedrooms and residential communal areas. The boarders' views are important to us and so their ideas were very much taken into consideration whilst undertaking the revamps.

Over the past year the Junior Boys' bedrooms have had a lovely new coat of paint, taking what did look a little tired, to giving the rooms a brighter, fresher look. The boys were also delighted with the new curtains in each room, making them much more homely and cosy. The carpets have been replaced and secondary glazing installed, making the rooms feel much warmer, which in a building such as this one, being Grade One listed, has been very beneficial!



Our Houses Girls

Our Grounds Team have created a private garden space at the back of The Warren for the girl boarders. Following a brief from the girls themselves, they have transformed what was an empty, dull, colourless, patch of ground, into a wonderful space for all the senses! It has been a pleasure to watch it take shape over the year, and the girls have thoroughly enjoyed using the garden to relax in amongst the scent of lavender from the rockery banks, the raised beds of bright flowers, and the feature archway with a lovely climbing rose.



Ace Activities

We strive to have an active and varied range of activities such as visiting other towns, partaking in cultural activities as well as creative endeavours and events that are physically active.

Since September our weekend activities have included:

- **Mini Golf**
- **Paddleboarding**
- **The cinema**
- **Falconry**
- **Fishing**
- **Pottery Painting**
- **Climbing**
- **Hastings Old Town Aquarium**
- **Tenterden Christmas Market**
- **Ice Skating**

We also have activities just for our Boarders from 6.30 - 7.30pm on Mondays – Thursdays. These vary according to the weather but so far have included sessions in the schools new updated gym. Some of the Senior Boys have put the Juniors through their paces, running HIT sessions visits. Evening walks around the school grounds, badminton and table tennis are popular, as well as chess, baking, and pumpkin carving. These are a great way for our Boarders to keep active and stimulated in the evenings whilst enhancing skill sets.



Activities Highlight:

Joe's Bows Falconry

We enjoyed the first of our BIG 6 activities in October. Being very fortunate with the weather, we had a falconry day here within the Frewen grounds! The lovely chaps from Joes Bows, Faversham, brought some beautiful birds to show us, including a Barn Owl, Mediterranean Falcon, Turkey Vulture and a Burrowing Owl named Peter.



The Boarders were able to handle the birds while and learn more about their characteristics and traits. It was wonderful to be within our fabulous grounds and see the birds fly, exploring the local area - whilst also knowing to come back for their treats! Some of our Boarder's felt a little bit out of their comfort zone when handling the birds, but we really impressed by their determination to experience something new and exciting. They all enjoyed the day so much and have asked to do it again, something we will certainly be looking into!

Guest Spotlight: James Fielden, Sports Commentator:

James Fielden spoke to our Boarders in October about his career in Sports Commentary in Radio and TV. James works for the BBC, Talk Sport, Chelsea TV, Leicester City FC, Gravity Media and an array of other companies for sporting events. He told our Boarders that he felt he under-achieved in his Level 3 examinations but through perseverance, reflecting on feedback given, plus his hard work, he has achieved the career of his dreams! He achieved highly in his degree in Journalism, and you can see him on the TV or hear him on the radio!





JOE'S BOWS Falconry

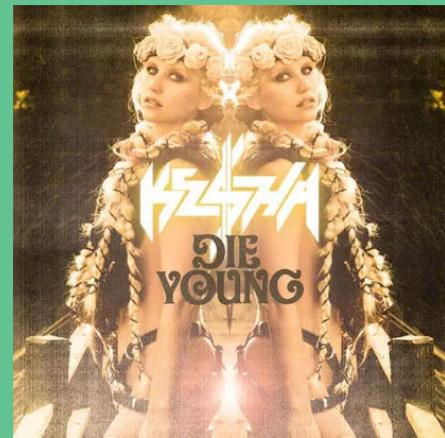
"The birds were so cool! It was really fun how we took the owl on a walk around the arboretum."



Mr Wren's Autumn Term Playlist:

Mr Wren has a great interest in Music and often wakes the Boys up to a variety of very loud songs:

- Die Young - Kesha
- Waka Waka - Shakira
- Firework - Katy Perry
- Baby Shark - Pinkfong
- Adventure of a Lifetime - Coldplay
- Hymn for the Weekend - Coldplay
- The Fox - Ylvis
- Wake me up - Avicii
- Roar - Katy Perry



Q & A Time

with the Boarders

Treading the Boards: From Prep to Year 11:

Isobel has been with us from Year 6 and is currently in Year 11. Here is her Q&A:

Q: What was it like when you first moved to Frewen?

A: It was amazing! I thought it was the best thing ever! The Sixth Formers were like my big Sisters.

Q: What has been your best memory in Boarding?

A: Waking up in the morning in Year 6 and playing pool with the 6th Formers in the Common Room! It was like a big family moment!

Q: What advice would you give to new Boarders?

A: Get to know new people because the more people you know, the more people you can talk to. It feels like more of a family then.

A Flexi-Boarder

Perspective with

Beth, Year 11:

Q: What is life as a Flexi-Boarder like?

A: I really enjoy it. I think it is really good for pupils who can't get home until late, and the option is always there.

Q: What are the most enjoyable aspects?

A: I really like being with my friends and joining in with the activities. The Summer is especially good as we go to the beach or to the swimming pool.

Q: Do you have any advice for anyone considering flexi-Boarding?

A: Try not to be nervous and just be yourself! Everyone is really nice and will comfort you. You will get amazing new friends!

Recommended Reads:

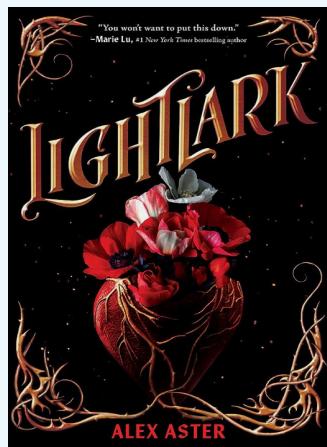
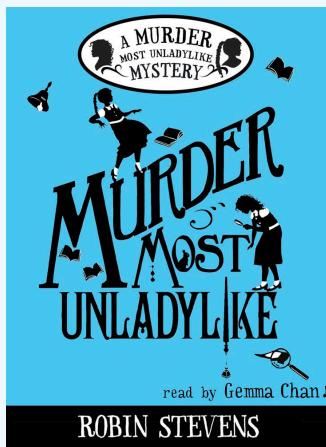
Jules is an avid reader and has created a book nook in her bedroom! Here are some of her recommendations:

Murder Most Unladylike, by Robin Stevens

"It is a long series, about two girls at a boarding school who go to different places and have a variety of amazing adventures."

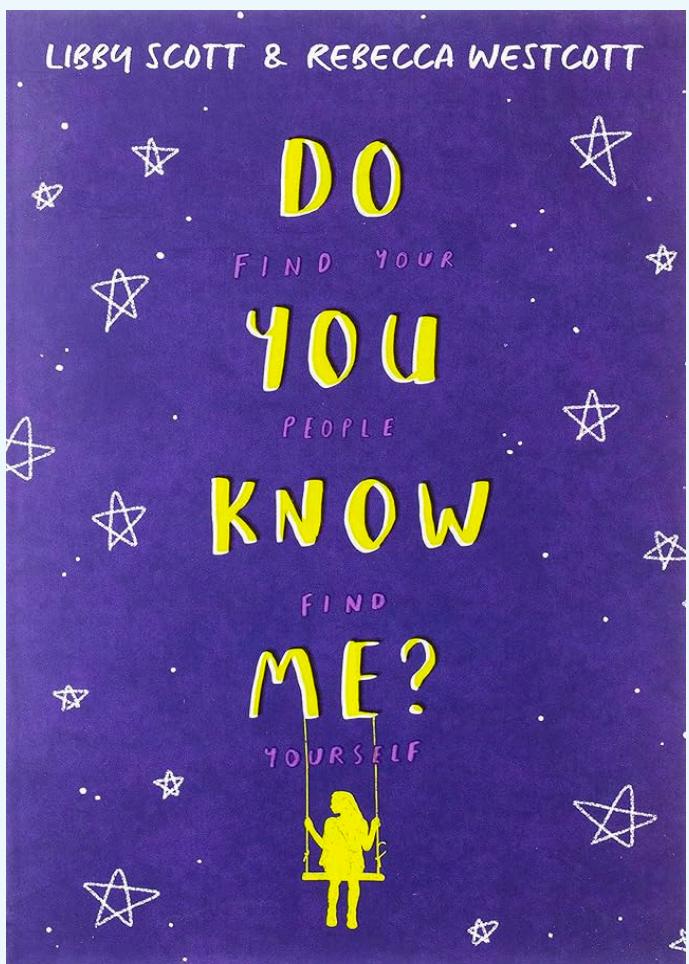
Light Lark, by Alex Astar.

"OMG it has magic, a love triangle, and the character has a thirst to prove themselves."



Isobel is reading **Do You Know Me? By Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott**. It is about a twelve-year-old autistic girl.

Mrs Drylie is reading a play called '**Our Generation**' by **Alecky Blythe** (following the success of '**London Road**') It is a verbatim play and has been created from five years of interviews with young people.



Also recommended:

Mr Wren suggests, Eragon, by Christopher Paolini

"Because its full of dragons and magic and swordfights!"

Best Bits of Boarding:

Braylyne says that the London trips are her favourite outings!

Hattie says that whilst she is a new international Boarder, she already has so many friends here which makes it easier. Frewen has a 'family feel'.

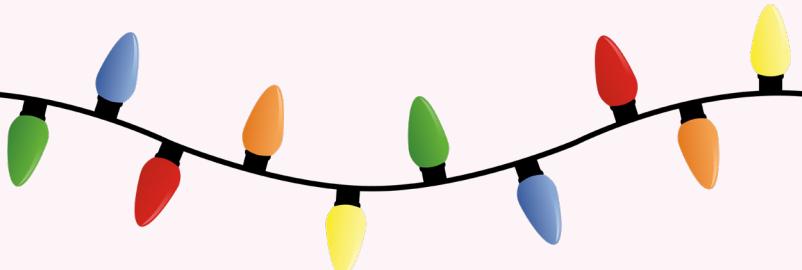
James says that he really likes the grounds at Frewen and being able to see his Boarding friends in the evenings.

Elise says that the best thing about Boarding is the people. Everyone feels like a family to her. Being an International Boarder it can feel terrifying initially but being here, at Frewen, makes it feel less so. In her words, "*The staff know what they are doing and make me feel more comfortable.*"



December Highlights:

December is naturally a fabulous, busy month. While the Sixth Form had their Christmas Do, the rest of the Boarders were treated to dinner out. As is tradition, we have taken part in Secret Santa again this year, with some thoughtful and some funny gifts being exchanged. We also celebrated Christmas with Boardings Big Christmas Bowling Party! Hiring out a few lanes at Hollywood Bowl, the Boarders arranged themselves into their friendship groups and battled it out for the top Prize of Bowling Champion. We are also had prizes for Best Christmas Hat, Best Christmas Jumper, and Best Overall Christmas Outfit.



Coming Up Next.... The Senior Boys common room revamp!

We have plans for the Senior Boys common room to be completed. What was previously known as 'The Sun Room and Janes' has now been knocked through to create one big room ready to be replastered and painted. The room will be fitted with new flooring, a lovely bay window seat and a comfy new sofa, lighting, and floor rugs. Of course, the room wouldn't be complete without a TV and pool table!



Rescheduled London Play Trip

As you know we had to reschedule our Theatre trip due to Health and Safety concerns due to protests in London. Our rescheduled Big Six trip to see 'The Play That Goes Wrong' is on Sunday 28th January 2024. We hope that all our Boarders can enjoy this experience! It is a truly fabulous show!



Next Term:

We look forward to welcoming back our Boarders after the festive season with the term starting on Wednesday 3rd January. The Houses will be open for international boarders from 10am on Tuesday 2nd January. Our other Boarders are welcome from 7pm on that date. Please do email us so we know when to expect your child.

Christmas Wishes to all of
you from the Boarding Team!

