

# Frewen College Newsletter Easter 2024

Dear Parents

Welcome to this special edition newsletter, which has been put together by Mr Booth's Year 10 tutor group!

The days are getting longer, and soon the clocks will go forward. Spring is certainly here, and we will soon be in the summer term.

This term has been the first since we introduced our new restorative behaviour policy, and we are pleased at how it has been received. Of course, in any school full of young people, there will be some behaviour issues. The vast majority of these at Frewen are around friendship issues, which is not surprising - some of our students are still developing their social interactive skills, and the lockdowns of the covid period meant that the social development of millions of young people was interrupted.

Of course, the restorative approach was really an extension of what we were doing already. Students respond well to reflecting on their actions, and thinking what they could have done differently, and we already had an albeit different rewards system.

Katie Skinner, who was involved in developing the new policy, was approached by the Independent Schools Association to write an article for their monthly journal, and we are proud to feature, not only in a three-page article, but on the front cover! The article, which is called "Beyond buzzwords - creating real resilience" includes a summary of our restorative behaviour approach within the context of social and mental health issues that will be common to all schools, and we hope that other schools will find it useful and adopt similar approaches.

Well, done, Katie!

I would like to finish by wishing you and your families a lovely Easter and a happy and relaxing spring break.

Nick Goodman  
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