

# Frewen College Newsletter

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## Welcome to our Newsletter

### Dear Frewen Parents

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is already upon us.

This half term has only been four weeks long, but somehow we have managed to successfully fit in GCSE exams, Year 10 exams, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Year 11

and Sixth Form work experience, Sports Day, Activities Week, the Isle of Wight Trip, Prep School Camp, the annual trips to Chessington and Knockhatch. Plus, of course, plenty of learning, and, by the time you read this, the annual prizegiving ceremony, with this year's guest speaker, Mr Peter Kyle, MP for Hove, who, as a dyslexic, is a living example of what it is possible to achieve given the right combination of talent and determination.

Prizegiving fulfils a number of functions: It provides a milestone, marking the successful end to another school year and the beginning of the long summer holidays; it acts as a celebration of the hard work and achievement of all students, and allows us to present awards to those who have done particularly well in academic and other areas; and it marks a transition, for those students who are graduating – from Prep to Senior School, or from Senior School to Sixth Form – as well as those who are leaving Frewen to join another school or to move on to further education, training or employment.

I would like to use this article to wish good fortune to all those students who are leaving Frewen this term. I hope they have enjoyed their time here, and that they will keep in touch with the friends that they have made here, and look back fondly on their time with us.

I am sure you will join me in thanking those members of staff who are moving on this year: Jenny Ritchie, Assistant Bursar; Jan Woodgate, Food and Nutrition Technician; Anne Jackson, one of our Sixth Form Teaching assistants; Mr Marcus Tague, who has been working in the Science Department; Mr Olabode Olaleye ("Mr Ola"),

Maths Teacher; Mr Nick Kirkwood, Joint Head of Boarding; Mrs Katie Buckland, Head of Drama and the Arts; and last but not least, Mrs Anne Whiteman, Head of Music, who is leaving Frewen after over 30 years of service. I know I speak on behalf of everyone, staff, parents and students alike, in thanking them sincerely for everything that they have contributed to the school, and wishing them all the very best for the future.

Finally, thank you for your support over the last year. The staff and I look forward to working with you next school year to continue to ensure that Frewen students are provided with every opportunity possible, in order that they achieve what they deserve.

In September we will be having a school-wide focus on uniform. You will be sent a copy of the current uniform list in the summer along with the handbook. I hope this will help to ensure that we start the school year with students looking smart and ready for learning.

Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing students back in school on Wednesday, 5th September.

**Nick Goodman**

**Principal, Frewen College**



## Activities Week

Our Senior School 'Activities Week' and the residential trip to the Isle of Wight Kingswood Outdoor Activity Centre has been a huge success and a great source of enjoyment for all our students.

Students who went on the Isle of Wight trip experienced a huge array of outdoor activities during the day such as bush craft, fencing, orienteering, buggy building, zipwire, archery and abseiling. Evenings were spent doing mini Olympics, having campfires and a disco! More details about this trip later in the newsletter.

**The Activities Week took the theme of 'Motion'** with all activities based on the 'STEM' curriculum. Students chose between three groups 'Move it' 'Action in Motion' and 'London Film'.

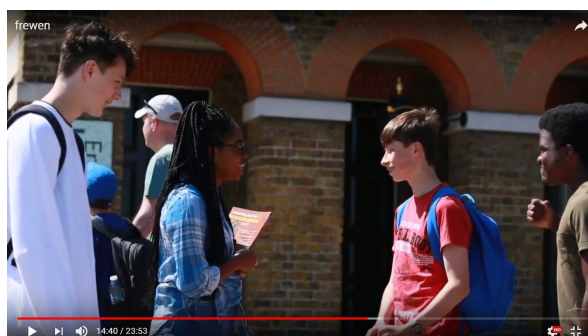
### Move It

As the name suggests the 'Move it' group had an action packed week. From completing the Cube Challenge on Monday to the final Assault Course Challenge on Friday, students were kept on the move! Students were thrilled to go to try stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking on the River Rother. The group also visited Camber Sands to test out kites they made themselves.



### London Film:

This group took a different approach to the theme of motion and students wrote, produced and directed two films – a gangster type movie and 'Educating Greater Northiam' a fly on the wall mockumentary.



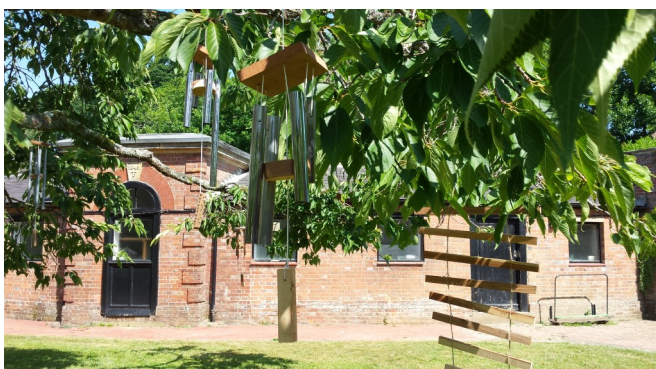


## Activities Week continued...

Our third activities group was:

### Action in Motion

Motion activities included making mini kites, windchimes and xylophones, boat making, water rockets and a thrilling day sailing with Rye Harbour Sailing Club.





## PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

### Summer Term

Pupils have had a very active term with lots of outdoor adventures including a trip to Knockhatch Adventure Park and a Prep Camp in our fabulous extensive grounds. The students loved the excitement of camping in our woods and

enjoyed having a go at: den building, tree climbing, making their own fossils from plaster of paris, T Rex racing in the pool, and a Cave Man challenge.





## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### English by Neil Stanley

#### Other Voices

Year nine students have completed their Key Stage Three English course with a twentieth century poetry unit.

Other Voices draws together a range of modern poets, including those based in other countries and cultures. The selection is based on former GCSE English Literature poetry texts. It tackles themes of race, identity, love and justice.

Students looked at poetic 'voice' and revised their understanding of figurative language and versification. This will prepare them for the Anthology and Unseen Poetry components of GCSE English Literature.

Student, Daniel Fedden, said, "These poems explored challenging themes, with the poets selecting words and phrases for precise impact. At times, I felt as though I had been taken to a dark place, with no bus ticket home, but overall, it gave me a sense of the poem as a vehicle for social and political change and encouraged me to approach texts with greater maturity."

#### Film Frewen

Money. Crime. Death.

All essential ingredients for a gripping thriller film. A group of budding film-makers spent Activities Week planning, writing, filming and editing their own movie. Firmly in the gritty noir genre, Blood On Orange is a tale of addiction and divided family loyalties.

Director, Ryan Perry, said, "This was a group bursting with creativity. My role was to synthesise their diverse ideas and give the film an overall shape. I wanted to cheekily wink at established film conventions and heritage."

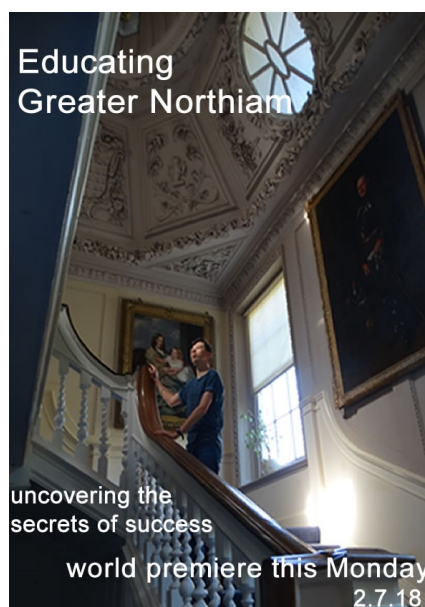
Lead cameraman, Daniel Fedden, mused, "I was constantly looking to establish the mise-en-scene, providing a range of shots that would enable the audience to suspend their disbelief and embrace the film's message."

Sixth Former, Josh Walker, exclaimed, "My character is torn between respect for the rule of law, and vengeance for my son's death at the hands of organised crime. I enjoyed representing this paradox within the human condition."

Charlie Gentle, also in the Sixth Form, stated, "I don't believe that I should be typecast by my surname. I relished the rare opportunity to convey a sense of total amorality. Wishing to perfect a naturalistic characterisation, I utilised Stanislavski's techniques, such as emotion memory, given circumstances and the magic 'if'."

Year Nine student, Connor Hughes, reflected, "My character's life turns on one small, but highly significant, telephone call. I worked on my facial play to emphasise my character's reaction to unexpected and alarming news."

Year Eight's Josh Foley, commented, "Many children have secrets from their parents. However, few are as dangerous as my character's. And none will have such dire consequences."



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Science by Scott Wassell

Here is the final update for the year from the Science department.

It has been a very busy year with lots of hard work by the pupils and a special mention to our Teaching Assistants Mikala Davey and Jemma Holt who do exceptional work, and further praise for our Technician/TA Olinda Boulding and her myriad of jobs.

This term was about trying to stay focused on finishing the curriculum and end of year testing. This year the Science department implemented assistive technology with our testing, using the programmes speak and dictate. I must also make a special mention to Miss Cardinale and her hard work on trialling Science lessons and homework using the cloud, the future is coming.

Earlier in the term the Year 7 & 8s also had a chance to undertake some Biology field work during their annual camp. Both year groups got hands on experience of sampling invertebrates in a temperate deciduous forest using pitfall traps and pooters (see pics). These were met with mixed success, we managed to collect several species of insects but one Year 7 group received a special present left by a fox (picture not included). We also carried out a survey of the local bluebells which had just bloomed, by using belt transects and looked at the abiotic factors involved in their distribution.



We wish the departing Year 11s good luck in August when the results of all their hard work come out.





## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Arts Faculty by Katie Buckland, Rebecca Forbes-Gower & Duncan Sangster



The school community was recently treated to a smashing performance of "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat", this tremendous production was the result of many weeks of hard work by our KS3 students, Year 10 drama class, and Arts Faculty staff.

All who came to see it marvelled at the confident performers, most notably

Nuri Amos who played Joseph and Rachel Pickett who played Pharoah, who were ably supported by the Prep School, Year 7 and Ladies Choir. The props, set and costume displayed inventiveness and a sense of humour.



The show was a great success and a fitting tribute to both Mrs Whiteman who retires at the end of term after more than 30 years service at Frewen College, and Mrs Buckland who moves on to a new post.





## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Arts Faculty by Katie Buckland, Rebecca Forbes-Gower & Duncan Sangster

On Thursday 28th June the GCSE art moderation took place successfully and I am delighted to announce the exhibition is finally open to the public! It has been a really tough slog over the past few terms and I am immensely proud of all the students for their efforts, ideas and outcomes! I hope you will enjoy seeing a variety of work inspired by various different artists and ideas, including



some detailed 3D work and some impressive, detailed and informative book work. Included in the exhibition is the coursework and exam unit.



The exam's theme this year was 'fragments' and students spent nine school weeks developing ideas from wide ranging sources such as ancient armour, glitch art, puddles and the Rodin exhibition at The British Museum. I hope you will all agree that the work is diverse, well-developed and every outcome is striking and personal - well done to all involved!

The year 10 Home Cooking Skills candidates have finished their level 1 BTEC - congratulations !



DANNY T - Meatballs and Pasta



Ellie C – Chocolate Brownie



Sam M – Jacket Potato Prawns and Marie Rose



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

### MATHS ZONE



After 4 years at Frewen College,  
Mr Olaleye is leaving.

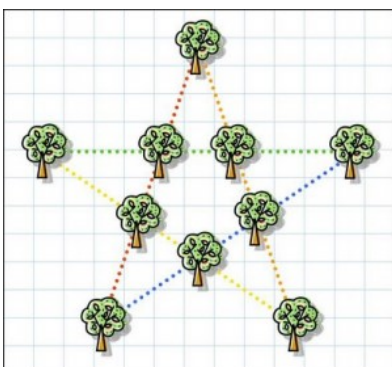
GOOD BYE  
AND  
GOOD LUCK

A dedicated and hard-working  
member of the Mathematics  
Dept; his friendly smile will be  
missed!

### Maths Challenge 8

A Gardener Planted 10  
Trees in 5 rows.  
Each Row Had 4 Trees.  
How is This Possible?

Answer:



### Summer Maths Loss

Imagine a lazy beach day with fractions or in the back seat on a road trip and practising long division. For many of us, summer and mathematics just don't seem to mix.

But on average, students lose about 2.6 months of maths learning over the summer — and teachers must spend class time to make up for that loss.

### Four Ways to Beat the Summer Maths Slump

Highlight the maths in everyday activities. When shopping, calculate change or discounts. When cooking, try halving or doubling a recipe and work out new proportions.

Discuss maths. Studies have shown that reading maths-focused news stories can help boost maths results. For example: the World Cup - when watching a game, talk about what team's statistics mean.

Play maths games. Games like Yahtzee, Monopoly, and cards all rely on counting, categorising, and building. Even playing with blocks and assembling jigsaw puzzles can help with spatial skills and patterns.

Find small ways to practise maths at home; for example:

- > small amounts of calculations & basic formulas
- > problem-of-the-day maths calendars



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Humanities by Hazel Lawrence

This term started early for the GCSE Historians who arrived at 8am on Monday 4th June for a revision breakfast prior to sitting their first exam.

All our Year 11 students worked hard preparing for their exams and now eagerly await their results.

I have also been working with Mrs Tipping and Mrs Chambers who will be joining the humanities team in September. We look forward to welcoming them and seeing what exciting developments they will both bring to the humanities team.

## SIXTH FORM

### By Hazel Lawrence

This is one of my favourite terms in the school year, not just because the holidays are looming, but also because it is a time to stop and reflect of the year just gone. I have had the privilege of attending Plumpton College's recent prize giving to see two of our students, Lucy & Evie, collect their certificates. We are also starting to get the results for many students on vocational courses at Bexhill College. It has been a joy to celebrate the achievements of so many of our students, demonstrating so much progress over the course of the year.

We will update you on the achievements of our students in September.

Additionally, the end of the school year also sees us welcome our new Sixth Form students, with a mix of students moving up through the school as well as welcoming those joining Frewen for the first time. Our transition day saw a variety of activities designed to allow students to get to know one another, and team building activities.

## CAREERS UPDATE

This term Year 10 have been thinking forward to their Sixth Form options enjoying a range of taster courses at Bexhill College. Some of the courses they have enjoyed include:

BTEC Hospitality

A Level Law & History

BTEC Performing Arts

A Level Photography

Film Studies

A Level Graphic Design

A Level Fashion

Two of the Sixth Form students were recently able to spend time at the Mermaid Inn, Rye and George Hotel, Rye to gain an insight into the hospitality industry and the variety of roles available to them in their industry.

We have also had Year 10 & 11 Work Experience week. Students had the opportunity to work in a range of different fields including:

Animal Care

Film Making

Politics

Carpentry

Blacksmithing

Hairdressing

Bakery

Feedback regarding students was excellent, and they have come back buzzing about their experiences.

Thank you to those employers who gave up their time to support our students



## GAMES AND SPORT

By Jo Hambleton

### Year 7 Camp

The rearranged Year 7 Camp took place on 21st-22nd May. With much better weather the group headed off to Rye Watersports for a morning of Sailing and Windsurfing. It took balance, determination and team work and everyone seemed to enjoy the activities.

The students headed back to school and were continuing their team work by setting up camp and putting up the tents for the night. In record time we were all set and unpacked. The afternoon was filled with Bush craft with the help of Mr Dutton. Students collected bark and twigs and were shown how to start a fire using flint and steel. As evening approached we ate dinner around the campfire and played games in darkness in the woods.

Well done to everyone it was a good couple of days.

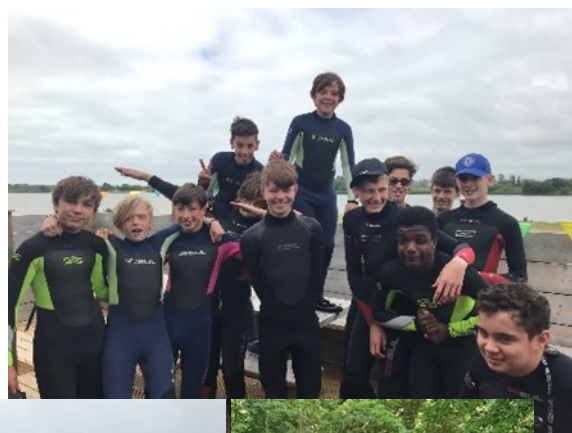


### Year 9 Camp

The final camp of the year and we had wonderful

weather for the occasion. Year 9 camp was aimed at teaching and using some of the skills needed for students considering taking the Bronze DofE award offered in Year 9. After a morning of Watersports, the group learnt about map reading, map symbols, grid referencing and also taking bearings. 3 smaller groups then planned a 2 hour walk around Northiam to practice the skills they had learnt. One group captained by Nuri chose a challenging route - 3 hours and a lot of walking later returned just in time for dinner, they even carried a new log to sit on around campfire. True Frewen spirit had by all.

The following day students practiced making fire, they showed determination and didn't give up until they completed the task. Well done to everyone.





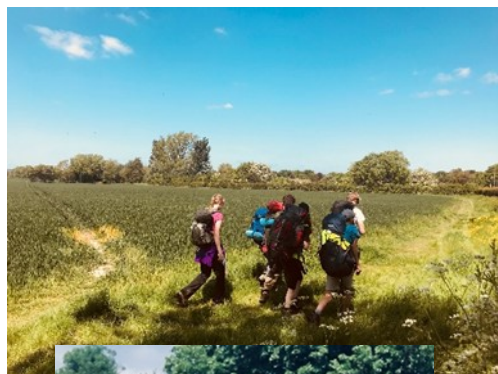
## GAMES AND SPORT *continued...*

By Jo Hambleton

### Assessed DofE Award

The Bronze DofE students took part on their final assessed weekend on 19-20th May. Students planned two 6 hour walks which allowed them to walk through the beautiful Sussex countryside. They showed good map reading and navigation skills and cooked dinner by themselves. Even if the jacket potatoes were a little burnt, with full bellies we played rounders as the sun set and enjoyed a game of Uno!

A little weary the students set off for the second day of walking and showed determination and team spirit to see them complete the expedition element of the Bronze award. Well done to Trinity, Danny, Charlotte, Chelsea, Scott and Cameron.



### Sports Day

Frewen Sports day took place on Friday 22nd June. With sun shining it was set to be a scorcher and a hot competition between the 4 houses. Which House would win the title of 2018... Redgrave, Bancroft, Oliver or Knightley?



With events such as the 100m, Archery, Football shoot out, Shot put, 1500m, Long Jump and many more, there was lots of opportunity for students to score points and represent their houses. It was lovely to see so many students and parents cheering on from the side lines. A highlight was the hotly contested Tug of War and this also included staff v parents (Frewen staff need more training next year!)



As excitement built medals and badges were awarded to all those who took part including the Prep School who were involved in many activities.

We also had some record breakers on the day these included:

Charlie I - 800m 2m56s (Previous record 3m26s)

Louis D – Javelin 16.3m(Previous record 15.2m)

Scott B Shot Putt- 9.21m (Previous record 8.9m)

Annabelle E- Long Jump- 3.29m (Previous record 3.26m)

## GAMES AND SPORT *continued...*

By Jo Hambleton

### Sports Day (continued..)

Tommy B- Long Jump- 4.39m(Previous record 3.79m)

The House winner of sports day 2018.....  
BANCROFT! Well done to everyone in this house, a fantastic effort.

Thank you to Mr Kirkwood for helping me organise the event, Aaron, Max, Chiara and Joe for their help in setting up. I would not have been able to do it without you all.

### IOW Residential Trip



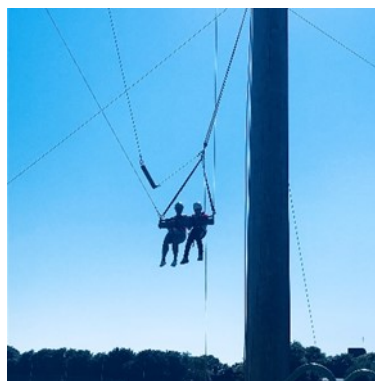
During activities week Mrs Buckland, Mr Claasen and myself took 24 students to Kingswood Activity centre in the Isle of Wight. It was an action packed weekend filled with activities such as Leap of Faith, Bottle Rockets, Abseiling, 3G Swing, Beach Adventure, Aeroball, mini Olympics, environmental art to name but a few.

The days were action packed with activities running from 9am- 9pm. Students enjoyed spending time outside and enjoying the wall to wall sunshine. As the week progressed students overcame personal challenges such as heights, trust and learnt how to work as a team and show persistence.

We ate lots of delicious food and ended the week with a disco where Frewen students got to

showcase their moves!!!

Well done to everyone who came and a special mention to Trinity and Joseph who were named as our superstars of the trip. They both showed tremendous team work, kindness and excellent behaviour during the duration of the trip.





## BOARDING NEWS

By Sarah Medcraft

The summer term is rapidly drawing to a close, following weeks of exams, outings and activities, we are building up towards the big end of school year calendar events.

The production of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat gave many of our boarders the opportunity to showcase their drama skills, several showing previously unseen talent! Sports Day was a great success, and again, our boarders shone in numerous events. Activities Week, Prizegiving and the boarding party are still edging for space in the remaining few days of this term, along with packing up of the rooms, signing cards for our leavers and exchanging excited chatter about the various summer plans.

Boarding has many positives and no doubt our students would talk animatedly about the friendships, which often go on to be life-long. Providing varied activities helps to cement the family feeling through shared experiences and memories. This half of term our boarders have enjoyed Camber Sands beach, ten-pin bowling, weekly barbeques, evening and late-night swims in our own pool, afternoon tea picnic at Bewl Water, visiting the local village fete, shopping and keeping up with the latest release movies.

A unique feature of the boarding family is its flexibility to expand and contract as new members join us, and familiar faces leave to step out into the next chapter of their lives. There is an African proverb which says that it takes a village to raise a child and we hope that in the 'Frewen Village', we have helped prepare our boarders to achieve their personal best in the future. We wish them every success and happiness.

This term we also say goodbye to Mr Kirkwood after four years of dedication to the welfare and wellbeing of Frewen boarders. Thank you for the immeasurable care you have shown and we wish

you every success in the future.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming Matthew Doherty who will join us as Housemaster of boys boarding. Invitations to our 'Meet & Greet the Boarding Staff' on the evening of Tuesday 4th September to follow.

Wishing everyone a fabulous summer!

Many thanks



The boarders and Gap students enjoyed an opportunity to dress up at the boarding party!



One of the many boarders pool parties....

## Update on our Annual Dyslexia Conference

By Guy Gore

There are still a few places available at our Dyslexia conference on **Wednesday 11 July (9.30am - 1pm)** at the school. This year the conference is **aimed at parents** and will focus on **Educational Health & Care Plans**, including the process to follow to secure funding from Local Authorities.

We are delighted to welcome Melinda Nettleton and Hayley Mason, solicitors at SEN Legal, who will jointly present with Nick Goodman (Principal) and Gregoire Godin (Vice Principal).

SEN Legal are nationwide solicitors specialising in Special Education Needs.

As well as presenting on topics including 'navigating the SEN system' and 'obstacles to overcome to secure funding', both Melinda and Hayley will be available to discuss individual circumstances on a 1:1 basis.

**Tickets are available from the school** - there is a small charge of £15 per person towards refreshments, a light buffet and expenses.



Have a great rest and see you all again on Wednesday 5th September!

