

Frewen College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Exam season is upon us. GCSEs, BTECs and Functional Skills exams are already underway, and everyone is working hard to make sure that each student achieves the best possible outcome.

Please do this, and when you do, watch your children conquer the world. One exam or low mark won't take away their dreams and talent. And please, do not think that doctors and engineer are the only happy people in the world."

I know Frewen students will do their best, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them the best of luck!

Nick Goodman,
Principal,
Frewen College

At Frewen, we understand the need to do this without causing unnecessary stress and anxiety, which can negatively affect performance. Year 11 teachers have been building exam preparation into lessons, and will advise students on how to prepare for their exams in a way that works best for them. We will also make sure that they are supported as much as possible in Boarding, and I am sure parents will encourage them to study at home.

But if your child is one of those taking exams, you might appreciate this letter, written by the

Principal of a school in China, to the parents of exam students in his school:

"The exams of your child are to start soon. I know you are all really anxious for your child to do well.

But, please do remember, amongst the students who will be sitting for the exams there is an artist, who doesn't need to understand Maths. There is an entrepreneur, who doesn't care about History or English literature. There is a musician, whose Chemistry marks won't matter. There's an athlete, whose physical fitness is more important than Physics.

If your child does get top marks, that's great! But if he or she doesn't, please don't take away their self-confidence and dignity from them. Tell them it's OK, it's just an exam! They are cut out for much bigger things in life. Tell them, no matter what they score, you love them and will not judge them.

Adventurethon is launched...

Frewen Reunion, by Sally Welch

Frewen College are very excited to launch an Adventurethon for former Frewen students, and ex-staff to enable a School Reunion in the summer of 2020.

If you know any ex-staff or pupils who may be interested in coming to a school reunion, you might tell them about our Adventurethon.

We are doing this to raise money for a Prep adventure playground and adventurous outdoor equipment at the senior school.

Currently only open to ex-staff or pupils, more information can be found on our website: <https://www.frewencollege.co.uk/adventurethon>



PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

Curriculum News

Younger pupils have been adding verses to their funny seaside poem this week which they will be sharing with you all at the summer concert. Older pupils have been studying a poem called 'The Magic Box', and have written their own poems based upon it.

In Maths pupils have been working on telling the time and, upstairs, continuing to manipulate mixed fractions. Putting their learning into practical contexts help secure their understanding of these tricky concepts.

Basketball

Well done to Beth, Freya, Taylor, Isobel, Jacob, Harrison, Yanni and Ollie who competed in a local Basketball tournament at Northiam Primary School. They completed some fun training activities and then played mini-games against six other teams from Northiam, each made of four pupils. They were placed 3rd and 5th.

PGL

Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time during their three day adventure at Windmill Hill PGL. All pupils participated in a variety of challenging activities which promoted team work, problem solving skills and leadership. Thanks to Jane Sharley and Natalie Carpenter who accompanied and supported our pupils.



PREP NEWS *continued..* by Sally Welch

When Dinosaurs Roamed

Year 3, 4, and 5 pupils enjoyed a three day mini-topic all about dinosaurs. During this time they visited Pett Level beach where local expert Ken Brooks told pupils all about geology and how the local clay is ideal for preserving evidence of pre-historic life. In English pupils enjoyed designing their own dinosaur theme park. In Maths they calculated the cost of their dinosaurs, bought items from the gift shop and even thought about the menu for their dinosaur cafe.



Chitiwiri Link School News

By Sally Welch

Thank you to all those who helped in our fundraising efforts for Chitiwiri school during their time of famine. The feeding programme ran from the 1st of January to the 30th April and school attendance was reported to have improved during this time due to the food provided for all the pupils at Chitiwiri. Over 1000 lunches have been served every day. The new crop is doing well and the feeding programme will continue through May due to the reserves of Maize which have been provided by our fundraising efforts.

We now have plenty of sports kits, thank you to every one who donated. We are in the process of packing them all up ready to ship out to Malawi next month. We hope to raise the shipment funds required by holding a non-uniform day on the 14th June.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

English by Neil Stanley

The name's Bond ... James Bond

Guns. Cars. Gadgets. Songs. Casinos. Locations. Villains. Lovers.

The Year 10 Functional Skills group are exploring the world of James Bond. They are looking at the conventions of the Bond genre, charting the franchise's evolution over the last 60 years and examining what has changed and what has stayed the same.

This will enable them to prepare for GCSE English Language next year, when they have to identify and comment on subtext in fiction and compare texts from different periods.

Student Tommy Beesley said, "We have worked very hard all year on our Level 1 Functional English course and this creative work will help us get ready for aspects of GCSE English. It is fascinating to see how you can identify a Bond film after only watching it for a couple of minutes. You can see the influence of James Bond everywhere - not least in the behaviour and attitudes of our teacher, Mr Stanley."

Mr Stanley was not available for comment.

Science by Scott Wassel

This term in Science we have had the year 8s getting another taste of dissection. This time we were looking at the eye. (pics) The class had to nominate two lead dissectors for this task and the others had to help hold it down. Sean and Miles did a great job handling the scissors and scalpels, showing dexterity and precision that has so far been hidden. Unlike many eyeball dissections we had no incidences of vitreous humour being squirted onto anyone.

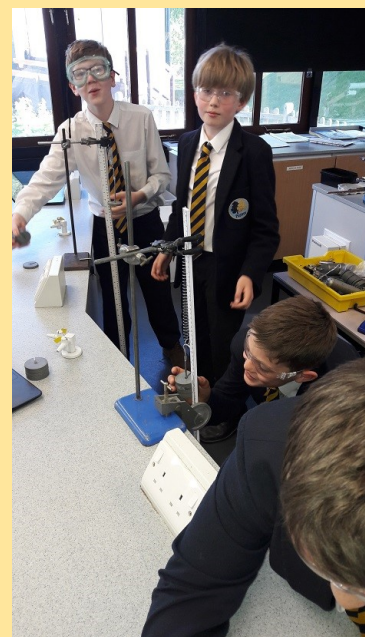
The year 7s have recently been getting to grips with Hooke's Law. (pic) The picture shows how they are investigating the relationship between force applied to a spring and its extension. Both year groups collected excellent data from the experiment. This experiment is the first real piece of

graphing for them and introduces the importance of Mathematics in Science.

Lastly, best of luck to the Year 11s in their exams from the Science department.



Dissecting the eye!!



Investigating Hooke's Law

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Arts Faculty Art by Duncan Sangster

Did you know the art department has its own instagram account?

If you have instagram and are interested in seeing updates about students work, exciting work being developed and live stories as they progress then please follow 'frewenart', we'd love to get to over 100 followers by the end of term!



Arts Faculty Music by Debbie Chambers

Since the last newsletter students in Year 7 have enjoyed a workshop focussing on folk instruments where they got to try all sorts of unusual and less familiar instruments. They all got involved and had a great learning experience. Thank you Mr Dunk for bringing in all of the instruments and sharing your expertise and enthusiasm!

Arts Faculty Drama by Claire Jackson

There's been a real show of determination and effort amongst our Year 11 drama students this term to complete their practical exams. All of them have been using their lunch hours to do extra rehearsals and they even came in over the holidays to ensure they produced work to a very high standard. Well done Trinity, Luke and Myles, you should be very proud of the performance work you've achieved this year.

On a very different tack, our Year 8's and 9s have been exploring the skills needed for puppetry

based on War Horse techniques. They have produced some interesting short scenarios ranging from saying goodbye to a loved one in a hospice, failed marriage proposals as well as some highly comedic encounters. It has been exciting for me as a teacher to see how they not only come up with their own original ideas but also how well they worked together to communicate them to an audience.

We've also started work on the summer show which is based on the original story of Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi. As usual, the students have approached the rehearsals with great energy and frantic line learning! We hope you will be able to join us on the 20th June at 2.30pm....Donations are welcome and will be given to a charity of the students choosing.

Art exhibition– there's still time!

Don't forget, if you haven't yet seen our students's work at the 'Draw Me In' exhibition at the Towner Gallery, Eastbourne, it is still running until Sunday 2nd June.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Arts Faculty continued...

DT by Rebecca Forbes-Gower

GCSE DT - SALAD SERVERS

When designing their salad servers, Year 10 students were thinking about Human Factors, they learnt:

Design is human centred and designers need to ensure that products are the right size for the user and therefore comfortable to use.



Students made card models to test their ideas



They refined their ideas and made templates



They made foam formers



They used a bagpress to make their own shaped servers



Making the salad servers

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

MATHS ZONE

MATHS



GCSE Maths Club

Tuesday 4:15 pm
Thursday 4:15 pm

Maths Help
Wed. first lunch

The Maths Team

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MATHEMATICS EXAMS

Functional Skills Level 2: 20th May or 5th June -it depends on your group.

GCSE: (Paper1) 21st May am, non-calc, (P2) 6th June am, calculator, (P3) 11th June am, calculator

Further Mathematics: (Paper 1) 14th June pm, non-calculator, (P2) 17th June pm, calculator

IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S MATHS

Developing Spatial Sense

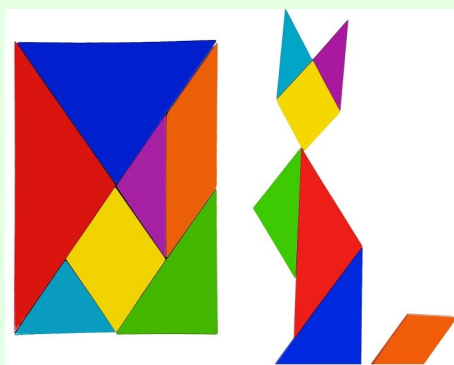
Right from the start most children develop spatial sense by describing their physical world with geometric ideas and vocabulary. They can identify 2D and 3D shapes; even use basic shapes with spatial reasoning to construct more complex shapes -think LEGO.

Spatial sense is important

A shift in maths learning from procedural (methods and formulas) to a deeper understanding of concepts requires students to use spatial reasoning for mental imagery / visualisation. This is vital for success in engineering, architecture and graphic design.

How can spatial sense be developed?

Encourage hands-on activities: Lego, tangrams, jigsaws, drawing maps of their room /house / street.... Use spatial vocabulary: behind, above, below, rotate, flip, adjacent, opposite...



What is a tangram?

A tangram is a 7-piece puzzle consisting of 4 right-angled triangles (2x large, 1x medium and 1x small), 1 square and 1 parallelogram. Each piece is called a **tan**.

Each time all 7 pieces are used to construct a variety of shapes, like the cat opposite without overlapping other tans.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Humanities by Debbie Chambers

Year 7 have been researching medieval History, creating some fantastic fact files on Henry the Second and evaluating each others' work.

This term they have been learning all about tourism, and what attracts tourists to different destinations. We spent an enjoyable day exploring some of Hastings' tourist hot spots including Hastings Castle and the Smugglers' Caves. We didn't let the rain dampen our spirits! Thanks to Ms Lawrence for organising, and to Chris for driving the bus!

Don't forget: History Breakfast Club:

Monday 3rd June at 8am in Miss Lawrence's room!



SCHOOL COUNCIL by Hazel Lawrence

The end of last term finished with our annual Fun Run – this year's theme was cartoon characters and several of our four legged friends joined us for the 'dog show'.

I am pleased to announce that the Fun Run raised over £400 – this money will go towards the refurbishment of the Swimming pool.

Next Fundraising event: Non-Uniform Day Friday 14th June raising money for Chitwiri and our pool. Minimum donation £2.

Watch this space for further Fund Raising activities to help get our pool open for Summer 2020.



SCHOOL COUNCIL - Fun Run CONTINUED.. by Hazel Lawrence



We look forward to hearing about these on their return.

Year 10 Work Experience Week: Monday 3rd – Friday 7th June

College taster day – 5th July:

All Year 10 students are invited to attend a taster day at Bexhill College to gain an idea of Further Education.

Sign up on the Bexhill College website.

https://www.bexhillcollege.ac.uk/docs2/about/taster_day_2019.shtml

SIXTH FORM by Hazel Lawrence

The first half of the summer term is a term of preparation in the Sixth Form. We have several students preparing to complete courses and take their first steps into the wider world outside Frewen College. We have three students preparing to take their final A Level exams, the results of which will demonstrate the last two years of work. A handful of students are also preparing to take their GCSE in English and/or Maths.

On behalf of all the Sixth Form team we wish all these students, whether they are taking exams or completing the final pieces of coursework, the very best of luck. I look forward to sharing their successes with you in September.

CAREERS UPDATE

Work Experience:

Best wishes to the Year 10 students due to start their work experience placements after the half term break. Students and their parents have worked very hard to secure some excellent placements including:

- Work at the Hawking Centre
- A placement with Chimera Climbing in Tunbridge Wells
- Three students giving back at Primary School Placements
- One student working with a dyslexic Architect
- A placement at Lydd Airport

GAMES AND SPORT

By Jo Hambleton

KS 3 Football Tournament

Well done to our KS3 Football team who succeeded in winning the Brighton and Hove Albion Football Tournament! It was a tensely awaited rematch after coming 2nd last time. We took students from the Prep School, Year 7 and Year 8.

We had a confident start and won or drew all games to take us through to the semi finals. They showed tremendous energy/ enthusiasm and fair play throughout. They thoroughly deserved to win in the final 3-1.

Well done to Seth, Harrison, Yanni, Luis, Louis, Charlie and Cody who played.



Top (L-R) Seth, Harrison, Yanni , Luis,
Louis B, Charlie and Cody

Charlie was always awarded the fair play award.



Fun Run

Well done to those who took part in the fun run on the last day of term. With a new route they set off to run through our amazing grounds. Some made it look easy whilst others, including a slow moving dinosaur, took longer but still completed the course to claim their medals. Well done everyone who took part.

Upcoming Events

We have Year 9 camp on 13th -14th June- letters will be sent shortly!

Sports Day- Friday 21st June- this will be 1.15pm-4pm – more information to follow.

Isle of Wight Residential Trip- 24th-28th June- this takes place during Activities Week.

Rounders match with Battle Abbey

Well done the KS3 students who took part in a Rounders Match against Battle Abbey School. It was one of the first matches we have played and the students enjoyed the competitive nature of the game. It was a close game with some excellent batting shown and we won 17 1/2 rounders to 16 rounders.



Well done to Tiger, Danny, Sean, Luis D, Cody, Finley M, Amari, Fenton, Toby and Woody.

BOARDING NEWS

By Sarah Medcraft



The summer term is a short, but intense term, with exam fever riding high for many. We wish everyone the best of luck and that they achieve the results they are hoping for.

The gardens are already looking fantastic and are a great place to enjoy the warmer weather. Our activity lawn has given boarders a choice of activities. So far we

have tackled volleyball, swingball, jump ropes and croquet, with more to come to keep things feeling fresh. Our new 4m splash pool has now been fully set up in readiness for the sunshine. Weekend fun has included cycling at Bedgebury, pottery painting and a chance to get tactical at Laser Tag. Despite not being able to use our swimming pool this year, which awaits a new chlorination unit, we'd like to think we have been

creative in finding alternatives and teaching our students to embrace the 'Plan B' philosophy.

This term is also a term of comings and goings and we started the first half of it with welcoming our new Housemaster, Mr Ben Swinson. He has certainly been kept busy getting to know everyone and enjoying settling into the 'uniquely Frewen' community.



Coming Soon...Dates for your Diary

Term begins	Monday 3rd June
Year 10 Work Experience Week	3rd June– 7th June
Year 9 Camp	Thursday 13th– Fri 14th June
Open Morning	Saturday 15th June
Prep School Concert	Thursday 20th June
Whole School Sports Day	Friday 21st June
Isle of Wight Trip (Senior sch only)	Week of Monday 24th June
Activities Week	Week of Monday 24th June
Prep School Camp	Wed 26th – Thur 27th June
Prep School trip to Knockhatch	Tuesday 2nd July
Senior School trip to Chessington	Wednesday 3rd July
Prize Giving and end of term	Friday 4th July

Pond Rescue Club!

You may not know this, but Frewen has a pond! It has, unfortunately, been left to its own devices for too long and needs rescuing.

My trusty team of Felix, Finley and Benjamin have made a great start of clearing some of the grass, and making space for some the wildlife to return.

