

Frewen College Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Students

The clocks have changed, the daffodils are out, Easter is here, and we have reached the end of another term.

If it feels as if we've only just come back

to school, it's because we have - after spending the whole of January and February working from home.

Since the beginning of this term, the number of covid cases nationally has reached its highest ever, and fallen again to the current trickle. Let's all hope it stays that way.

In addition to sanitizing, social distancing and mask wearing, students - with very few exceptions - have got used to taking a lateral flow test twice a week. They have been brilliant - not making any fuss, taking it seriously and doing it properly, even though it's not much fun. They are to be congratulated!

It is important that they carry on testing themselves

twice a week through the holidays. We suggest they do this at the weekend and midweek. The tests should be between two and five days apart. Further details have been sent out in an email, to parents of all students taking part.

We did wonder if students would be anxious about returning to school

after three months at home. Some of them have been, but in the overwhelming majority of cases they have been pleased to be back in their normal routine, with their familiar friends and teachers. Within days, it felt as if we hadn't been away.

Of course, there will be some catching up to do. But we are in the business of helping students catch up. We all hope that we will be in school again after the holidays, and we will steer a steady course, supporting and encouraging students so that they continue to make the maximum possible progress.

Thank you for your part in supporting your children through this term, both online and in school.

Have a very Happy Easter, and stay safe!

Mr Nick Goodman
Principal, Frewen College



PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

Lock Down Learning

Thank you very much to our wonderfully supportive families who have completed great work with their children at home. We do of course understand that this was not possible for everyone and some pupils have completed the same activities at school. From all our pupils, we saw some lovely work. We appreciate that for both parents and staff it is a real juggling act and we greatly appreciate your support and patience in these very tricky times.

Comic Relief—Red Nose Day

Pupils were invited to join in the fun on Friday the 19th of March. They wore home clothes and anything red, including some 'plastic free' red noses. We raised some money for a good cause. Well done to Raphael, Seren, Tim and Tabitha for being our best dressed!



PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

Easter Fun

Pupils will be taking part in Easter activities in the last week. These will include some Easter crafts and a cooking activity. We will also be taking part in an Easter trail on the last day of term.

Story Writing

Many of our pupils have been working really hard to get their stories finished this week. Pupils have been working with a combination of writing techniques and combining assistive technology with hand-written elements to their stories. We are looking forward to sending home the finished pieces of work.

Science

Pupils have been finishing off their science unit on Habitats this week. We have been



impressed with the knowledge that some of our pupils already have about the natural world. Pupils can talk about 'producers' and 'predators' and can describe animals as omnivores, carnivores or herbivores. We enjoyed trying to create the longest food chains possible. Red class enjoyed investigating the populations of different plants at Frewen.

Wellbeing Day at Frewen Prep 2021

Our pupils chose from a variety of well being activities in the afternoon to promote good health.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

English by Neil Stanley

Sometimes, we love stories that are made up. However, true stories can often be just as intriguing, as our Year Seven students have been finding out.

In English this term, Year Sevens have been looking at biography and autobiography. They have researched the lives of people who helped to shape the world, including: Anne Frank; Nelson Mandela; Alan Turing, Albert Einstein and Charles Dickens. In addition to the lives of famous people, they have learned about important events in people's everyday lives, for example, accounts of the Chernobyl disaster.

In the middle of a global pandemic, this has enabled our students to reflect on their own experiences. They have produced thoughtful writing about significant milestones, such as their first day at a new school and other memorable events in their lives. As we approach the term, they will investigate the origins of their own names.

Science by Scott Wassel

Welcome back to another Science update, now we have students back in the lab again.

It was good to see faces in real life rather than through a screen, and it did not take long for everyone to settle back into the school rhythm.

Due to the absence of our technician, we have had to limit the number of experiments that are available. Hopefully, this will be remedied after the easter holidays.

While the Year 11 are working towards gaining grades for Science GCSE's and the Year 10 are looking at the different methods of bonding for atoms, the Year 8 had more fun making aerodynamic clay models to test out how to reduce drag. They also got to look at oxidising reactions which involves the ever popular, blowing icing sugar through a Bunsen burner flame.

Music by Debbie Chambers & Ian Barnett

The Music department are pleased to announce they have started their own SOUNDCLOUD page. These features original tunes written by some of our talented musicians. Already there are four tracks uploaded and we hope to be adding to this in the future. The page can be accessed by clicking on this link: <https://soundcloud.com/user-345811216>



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Drama by Claire Jackson

It's fantastic to be back in the drama studio after a long 6 weeks of online learning. At last we have been able to do more practical work, with Year 8s exploring puppeteering skills based on those used by the team responsible for the amazing production of Warhorse at The National Theatre.

Year 9 have participated in workshops looking at what is involved in set and costume design and Year 7 have started to explore the skills and techniques of silent movies.

Our Year 11 drama students have shown amazing resilience over this term by completing their final assessment monologues, some performing them over Teams from distant countries, whilst others have made the long journey into school to do their final performances in a socially distanced manner.

Well done to all of you for putting all that effort into your work. It will pay off!



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

MATHS ZONE



Summer Term Maths Clubs

Monday KS3
Monday Functional Skills
Tuesday KS4 GCSE
Wednesday KS4 GCSE

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MATHEMATICS

in the NEWS

China and Nepal announced a new and slightly higher official height of 8848.86m / 29031.69 feet for Mount Everest, ending a long disagreement between the two nations



Do try these online resources...

GCSE -Foundation and Higher- and Further Maths

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/gcse/mathematics-8300/assessment-resources

Pearson.com for Functional Skills Levels 1 and 2

[Past papers](#) | [Past exam papers](#) | [Pearson qualifications](#)

KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5 past exam papers

www.mathsgenie.co.uk/papers.html

Everything for maths students and teachers

<http://www.mrbartonmaths.com/index.html>

YouTube is great for topics; but for the mad ones out there this is the whole of GCSE 9-1 Maths in only 2 hours!! Higher and Foundation Revision for Edexcel, AQA or OCR www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYPwEyeyPLA

For the slightly less serious try:

www.mathsisfun.com

<http://www.mathcats.com/explore/age/calculator.html> the age calculator is great.

SIXTH FORM By Hazel Lawrence

It has been fantastic to have all the sixth Form students back on-site. The Sixth Form team have been really pleased to see how sensible and mature students are being, following the ongoing covid restrictions, doing their part to keep the Sixth Form block safe.

This next term will be a rather busy one for Sixth Form students with assessments for BTEC and A Level courses taking place. A few tips to help you manage this:

Let your trusted friends and family know if you're struggling: so they can support you and offer you a listening ear. You don't need to go through this alone and keeping your worries to yourself will make things worst in the long run.

Ask for help: talk through your concerns with teachers or TAs; they will know what support can be put in place to help you.

Be kind to yourself: think about all the things you have achieved so far. It can be helpful to write a list of all the things you like about yourself and the things other people value about you too.

(Take from Young Minds website)

STUDY SKILLS By Hazel Lawrence

In Years 10 & 11, all students have study skills lessons. These lessons are designed to help students to develop a number of employability skills. This term we have looked at organisation and team work skills.

The Year 11 study Skills group recently organised a Non-Uniform Day to raise money for Comic Relief. Many thanks for your support, helping them raise £120 for Comic Relief.

One Year 10 group carried out a Litter Pick in the village of Northiam, helping to improve the environment of the local area.

GAMES & SPORT By Jo Hamberton

Welcome back to PE

This term it has been wonderful to welcome back students to face-to-face teaching. We have been catching up on team games such as Football, Tag Rugby and Fitness..

Trail Running/ walking around Northiam

We are so lucky that we have beautiful grounds and are located in the countryside, in Games lessons we have taken advantage, exploring the local area on foot. Walking between 2-4 miles students have been learning about following footpaths and the countryside code. We have discovered some very muddy footpaths but also met some lovely animals along the way including friendly horses and sheep.

Hastings to Tokyo Challenge

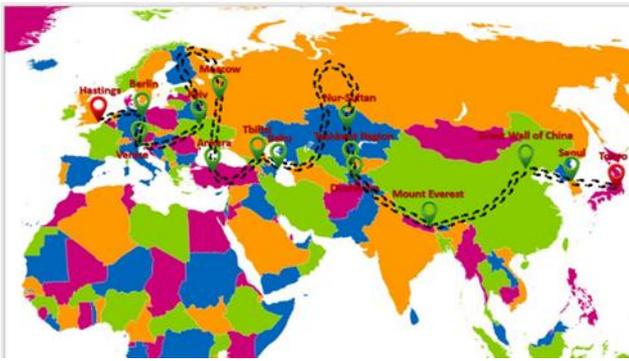
This term we set the school the 'active' challenge of Hastings to Tokyo - As a whole school we are hoping to cover the 5958 Miles between Monday 22nd Feb and 1st April.

Week by week our wonderful Frewen Families have been actively 'moving' and clocking up the miles

visiting countries such as Berlin, Venice, Moscow, Baku, Mount Everest and finally to Tokyo- Japan!



GAMES & SPORT continued..By Jo Hamberton



It has been a fantastic effort from families and staff who have walked, run, scooted, horse rode and swam the miles over the last few week. I am pleased to announced **we have completed 8377 Miles** which takes us to beyond Tokyo! Very well done to all those who took part, I hope you enjoyed it.

BOARDING by Sarah Medcraft

After weeks of a strangely empty boarding house, it has been great to welcome everyone back. It is hugely rewarding to see our boarders genuinely happy to be back at school and reconnecting with their extended boarding family.

As much as we have sought to re-establish routines, we have also been keen to find creative ways to keep everyone entertained, particularly at weekends. Food options are usually popular, and we have baked brownies and, back by popular demand, created our own pizza supper. Mr Blance organised a night photography walk, and everyone enjoyed the daytime photography challenge. Following the Frewen Hastings to Tokyo challenge, boarders and staff have been racking up extra miles to contribute to the school total.

It has been a very short term, but a good opportunity to have everyone back together in preparation for what we hope will be a more 'normal' and exciting term when we return after Easter.

