

# Frewen College Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Students

Here we are again at the end of another school year. It's been a difficult year - but we have been in school more than we were in 2019/20, and despite several brushes with Covid, at

the time of writing, everyone in the school is well. We are all looking forward to what will hopefully be a more normal school year starting in September.

Once again, we are not able to have our prize giving ceremony - and there is only a certain amount I can say in this article. It has been another highly successful year, and to celebrate this we are working on an end-of-year video, to be available via the students' Microsoft 365 accounts, on the last day. We will send parents a link, and I hope you will watch this.

In the meantime, I just have space to thank everyone - support staff and teaching staff, for making this such a successful year in spite of everything; students, who have continued to be amazing, resourceful and funny throughout; and parents, for supporting your children, and for working with us and supporting the school.

Good luck and best wishes to those students who are moving on this year. Also, to the following staff, who are leaving us: Nicola Reading (Teacher of Humanities) Elizabeth Als (Sixth Form TA), Jackie Croucher (Catering Team), Josh Taylor (Head Gardener), Tess Hemsi, Max Blance and Rebecca Norval (Graduate Residential Assistants). We wish you all the best for the future!

We look forward to seeing everyone else next term, which starts on Monday, 6th September (Prep and Senior Schools) and Tuesday 7th September (Sixth Form). Students will be expected to be in FULL UNIFORM, unless notified otherwise.

From everyone at Frewen: have a fantastic summer!

## Mr Nick Goodman

Principal, Frewen College

## PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

### Summer Term Events

The Fun Run was great success. Thank you for your contributions. Due to bad weather, we have decided to record the concert pieces separately and will share them remotely. In place of the induction days, we have worked hard to put fun alternatives in place. This Tuesday we hosted a mini fete at the Prep. Pupils used their spending money from the Fun Run as the stalls were rather busy.

### Fun Run

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Fun Run. 1st: Tim , 2nd: Aidan, 3rd: Raphael and 1st girl- Tabitha. Winning costumes: Ethan as a soldier and Henry as a knight. A special mention goes to Seren who dressed as Bob Ross and made me smile all day!



### Bedgebury

Pupils greatly enjoyed their trip to Bedgebury National Pinetum. In the morning, pupils completed the activity play trail where they

## PREP NEWS by Sally Welch



enjoyed a whole variety of play equipment set along various points throughout the forest. We then ate lunch by the lake. There were some members of the public also enjoying the lake and pupils were very well behaved. We felt very proud to be representing Frewen as we ate our delicious picnic. In the afternoon we walked around the Pinetum. Pupils especially enjoyed the miniature conifer gardens and the giant lily pond. Finally, we ended our busy day at the large sandpit play area where children used up every ounce of energy they had left. We covered 5.5 miles! The children and staff returned home tired, but happy.



### Outdoor Activities

Some of our pupils have been enjoying the role-play shed which has now been transformed by Mrs Dunga from a ticket office to a café. Staff have been served a succession of delicious laminated food all week. We have also been enjoying volley ball this week as a lunchtime activity.

From September, Tuesday club will be a STEM club. Pupils enjoyed looking a variety of skulls this week and identifying what animal they were from. They also enjoyed using the magnifying glasses to study a variety of items they found in our arboretum.

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### English by Neil Stanley

September 2021 sees the return of a house system at Frewen College. Previously, we had four houses, all named after famous dyslexics. However, with the events of the last year, this has rather withered on the vine.

In September 2021, for the first time ever - following our sustained increase in pupil numbers - there will be three tutor groups in each year group from Year 7 to Sixth Form. Consequently, we will have three houses and each tutor group will be linked to a house. Prep School students will also be allocated to a house.

We gave some thought to the naming of the houses, wishing to have names that drew upon the school's rich traditions. The problem was solved when Mr Goodman discovered an old history of the school. This made reference to three houses, whose names were Lions, Navy and Oak.

#### Lions

Lions House calls to mind the lions at the school entrance. Lions are known for their bravery. The colour of Lions House is gold.

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### English.. continued by Neil Stanley

#### Navy

Navy House recalls the background of Admiral Frewen. Navy House was traditionally known for its resilience. The colour of Navy House was, unsurprisingly, blue. Dark blue, in fact.

#### Oaks

Oaks House commemorates the proud oak tree that stands in front of Mr Goodman's office. The house is associated with strength and the house colour is green.

From September, tutor groups will be known by the house names (i.e. 7L, 7N, 7O, etc). Students will each have a badge showing the colour and name of their house. The houses will have a Captain, who will be a sixth former and a Vice Captain, who will be a Year 11 pupil. Houses will compete against each other at Sports Day and other sporting events throughout the year. They will also compete against each other for Good Order Marks.

### English by Rebecca Lowe

#### English – Handing over the Baton

Some of you may have noticed a succession of skips outside the classrooms over the last few weeks. That is because there are changes ahead, both physically and in terms of staffing, for the Frewen College English Department. The old drama block is being transformed into three purpose-built classrooms to house the new look departmental team, providing a dedicated hub for English.

With regards to staffing, I am incredibly proud to say that, from September, I will be taking over from Mr Stanley as Head of English allowing him more time to focus on his role as Head of Senior School. This means that Frewen will have the enviable advantage of having three members of staff with experience as Head of an English Department, quite fitting for a school that specialises in provision for dyslexia. Behind the

scenes, a number of meetings have been taking place, scrutinising various aspects of the curriculum to ensure that we deliver the very best experience for our students.

I will be joined by Mr Claasen, Mrs Taylor Wade, who is joining us from the Sixth Form, Mrs Jefferson, who will be joining us on a part time basis, and Miss Payne who will continue her invaluable work with the younger students.

Needless to say that we are all looking forward to the start of an exciting academic year in September.

### Science by Scott Wassell

Greetings from the Science Department in our last newsletter article of this year.



We start with the year 7 cohort who have been busy with how the body uses muscle and bones for mobility by making models of the arm and investigating which type of shoe creates the most friction.

Year 8 have looked at what light is made up of and how we perceive colours. This allows us to get the sheep eye dissection in. A few have obviously seen All Creatures Great and Small and fancy themselves the new Dr Herriot.

We wish the departing Year 11s all the best as they move on to Sixth Form. They have had a difficult last year or so and managed to get through it without too many scrapes.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Humanities & Geography by Louise Payne

#### Year 7

This term Year 7 have continued to learn about tourism. They have learned about topics such as forbidden places in tourism, including planning a trip to the forbidden place of Chernobyl. They have also studied mass tourism, to include Benidorm. The Year 7s engaged in a fantastic tourism trip out to Hastings where they visited Hastings Castle, the Smuggler's Caves, the beach and Old Town, as part of their visit. Well done Year 7s, you have had another great term of Humanities!

#### Year 8

This term Year 8 have been learning about water and have mainly focused on making their models of the Hydrological Cycle. They have also learned about plastic pollution and surveyed students and staff about their plastic use. In addition, they have been engaging with the topic of water aid and development. Excellent effort Year 8!



Year 7 Hasting Tourism trip

### Year 7 PSHE by Rebecca Lowe

#### Money, Money, Money!

Year 7 have been exploring all aspects of personal finance in their PSHE sessions this half term. They can explain the difference between a store card and a credit card, a student loan and a loan shark and being in credit and being in debt.

Using a wide range of resources from interactive media programmes to 'BBC Teach' videos, they have learned why it is important to save and the various problems that can arise from debt. I am convinced that their piggybanks will be overflowing by the end of the summer holidays for, as my grandma used to say, "if you look after the pennies, the pounds will look after themselves."

### Music by Debbie Chambers

The Music department has been very busy organising performances by students from all years across the school. Mr Barnett has been working tirelessly, and recorded several performances ready for tutors to share at the end of term, including world premier performances from some newly formed bands in Year 8 and Year 9 - well done everyone!



Our Year 8 band 'My Heart your Toes' on the Fun Run

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Art – an outstanding student, by Duncan Sangster

In April 2021, The Big Draw announced its first ever digital residencies. They invited all UK-based artists to submit a proposal that responded to the 2021 Big Draw Festival theme, **Make the Change**. Together with an esteemed judging panel (see link below) of brilliant industry arts and culture professionals, they were able to select five artists, one of which was Merlin (Jake) one of our departing A-Level students! Merlin has been with us for 2 years now, studying A-Level Art amongst other subjects .

He submitted an impressive portfolio of work, sharing his love for hand-drawn animation and his innate ability to create 3D models, from monsters to machines. Merlin is greatly inspired by Leonardo da Vinci and Heath Robinson, and has even constructed his own crossbow in a da Vinci style.

Over the course of the residency, The Big Draw will share a unique look into Merlin's process and work, even visiting his back garden! Merlin will explore and make a variety of models - certainly including machines and monsters! - as part of the process of refining his methods and making them more accessible. A real creative and explorative residency, it will be exciting to see Merlin's work and the steps he takes to bring his imagination to life. We wish Merlin all the very best next year as he begins his degree in animation (BA Hons) at Bristol UWE.

[The Big Draw - The world's largest drawing festival |](#)  
[The Big Draw Festival 2021: Make The Change](#)

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[Digital Residencies Judging Panel](#)

**THE BIG DRAW 2021 RESIDENT ARTIST...**

**Merlin**

**'MACHINES, MONSTERS AND MAYHEM'**

#THEBIGDRAW #MAKETHECHANGE #BIGDRAWRESIDENCIES

### Extra Curricular Activities – Clubs

#### Gardening Club Rebecca Lowe & Nina Cardinale



#### Good Enough to Eat!

With England's typically unpredictable summer weather, an aggressive army of hungry rabbits and the relentless attack of invasive weeds, the Frewen College Gardening Club have been battling away to keep our cottage garden in pristine condition.

I am pleased to report that we have achieved our ambition of cultivating an array of produce good enough to eat. We have grown a wide variety of crops including courgettes, raspberries, corn, nasturtium, carrots and sweet peas.

During the holidays, the fabulous Frewen Grounds Team have promised to look after our plot, sending photographs so we can monitor its progress whilst we are away.

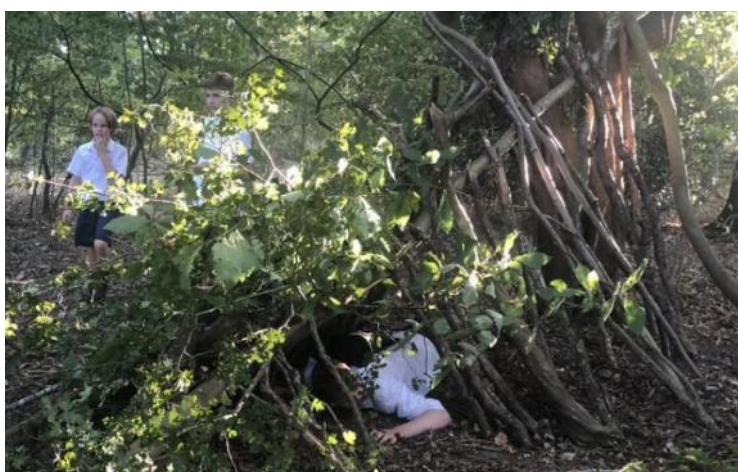
## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Bushcraft by Debbie Chambers

In the Bushcraft Department, Ms Chambers has just returned from a 3 day camping trip to Long Wood in Copsale, where Year 9 students were learning how to safely use knives, making a selection of craft items including tent pegs and mallets.

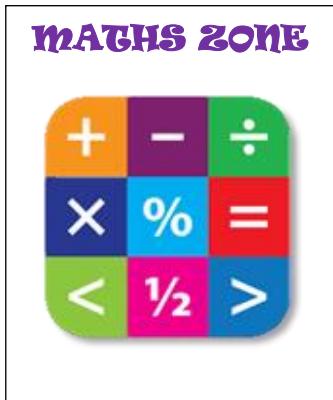
The students were introduced to the glory of the composting toilet, and the bumblebee nest within! They behaved really well, and even managed to pitch and pack away their own tents with very little help. Sam, Jake, Felix, Dillon and Max also tried using an Atlatl, a type of wooden spear thrower.

They were a credit to the College. Well Done boys!



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings



**Growing plants is a brilliant way to boost maths skills.**



**Y7  
have  
'bean'  
very busy**

### All sorts of sums

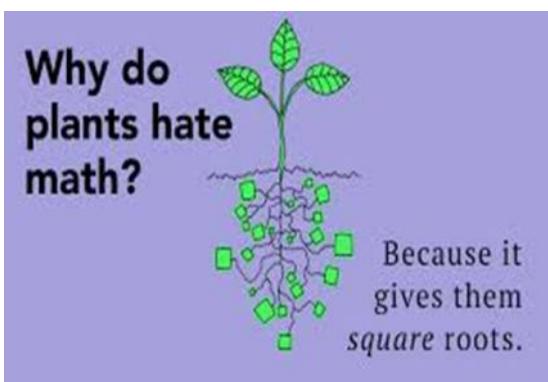
It offers plenty of opportunities to practice problem solving using all of the four operations. How many seeds can be planted in a tray /bed, or how much soil to fill a container; measuring distances & heights; graphing results...



### Ask impossible questions.

The garden is a great place to ask questions that seem silly, before using simple maths to work out sensible answers. How many blades of grass on a lawn?

How many leaves on a tree?  
How many stones in a flowerbed?



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## SIXTH FORM By Hazel Lawrence

This term has seen the launch of the Sixth Form's new Life Skills Programme, the Wheel of Independence.

Students have taken part in a variety of different activities including:

- Bed making
- Planning and cooking a meal within a budget & clearing away!
- Sessions on personal finance
- Driving theory sessions
- CV writing
- Sessions on politics and the British political system
- Travel training, using public transport to get to Tenterden.
- Team building activities including making a Mascot for the England football team.
- Board game Tournament – some very strategic play from some students!
- Exploring employability skills and jobs available in the sectors which link to their courses.

On 28th May we also said goodbye to some of our Sixth Formers.



Sixth Form leavers party.

## GAMES & SPORT By Jo Hambleton

### Fun Run

This year, instead of our usual Sports Day, we hosted a Covid friendly "Summer Fun Run." Students across the whole school took part in completing the one mile course through the woods and in our beautiful grounds. The theme set by the Year 10 Study group was fancy dress through the decades. Students really embraced the theme and we had Spice Girls, Ghostbusters and Marty Mcfly. Well done to all those who took part! In our usual Frewen way we did the best in difficult times.



## GAMES & SPORT continued..By Jo Hambleton

### Staff v Year 11 Football Match

As part of Year 11s leavers' week, we arranged a Year 11 v Staff football match. As the anticipation built and team lists were finalised, the big day arrived. Students fought hard and showed excellent teamwork, an early goal took their confidence up. The staff team managed to hold their nerve ,and some superb goals scored by Mr Sangster, Mr Blance and Mr Wassell took the team ahead. In the hot afternoon sun the final score was 7-1 to the staff. Well done all those who took part, staff and students enjoyed the afternoon and it was a fantastic way to end their time in Year 11. Thank you to Mr Baxter who refereed the match, and who has been helping with the football sessions throughout the term.



### Go Karting

Year 11s had the opportunity to go to Lydd Go Karting track for their Leavers' event. It was a fabulous day which involved two groups taking on the track, each lap was carefully timed and results produced. Students had a great time and enjoyed the competitive nature of the day. We then enjoyed lunch at Camber.

Good luck to the Year 11 students as they all move on to their next steps, many returning into Sixth Form and others further afield. We wish you the best of luck!



### Olympics

This summer it is the rearranged Olympics which are being hosted by Tokyo. There will be extensive coverage of the games on TV, streaming and over social media. Try and check out some of the amazing sports that are going to be shown. These global events are an amazing inspiration for children and teenagers and something not to be missed !

## Boarding By Sarah Medcraft

As the school year ends and we reflect on the last term, our thoughts are full of happy memories. Our Boarding community has shown a strong sense of camaraderie and supported each other, clearly delighted to be together and settled back into familiar routines.

The emphasis on weekend activities has been fun and being active. We have done paddle boarding, the Aqua Park, and cycling all of which have encouraged teamwork and communication – as well as being a lot of fun!

The 'Night at the Movies' themed end of term party was a huge success, with all our students and staff taking to the red carpet dressed to impress. From Sherlock to Alice in Wonderland, to James Bond, Ferris Bueller and Dementors, all costumes were fantastic, and an awesome evening was had by all.

To those students leaving us this year, we say a sad farewell and wish you all the very best of luck. We thank our three Graduates who have been amazing. We hope everyone will take away fond memories of your time at Frewen. You will all be missed!



### Coming Soon...Dates for your Diary

Term begins– INSET for staff	Thur 2nd & Fri 3rd September
<b>Students Return to school</b>	<b>Mon 6th September</b>
Half Term	Mon 18th -Fri 29th October