



NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Principal

Mr Goodman



Dear Parents

Spring is coming; the days are getting longer, the sun is shining, and it's the end of another term.

As you will be aware, Grégoire Godin, our Vice Principal, is leaving Frewen at the end of this term.

Grégoire joined Frewen in 2016. His background, in mainstream and SEND schools meant that he was well-placed for the role at Frewen, and he has played a key role in the school's development into the award-winning centre of excellence for dyslexia education that it is today. He has worked tirelessly over the last six-and-a-half years, with the rest of the Senior Leadership Team, to ensure the very best for our students, academically and pastorally.

Students will be saying goodbye to Grégoire in a number of ways at the end of term, in assemblies, a "red, white and blue" charity day, and a French-themed lunch.

Many of you will know Grégoire from the help that he has provided in supporting your child through a particularly difficult time, or in helping you to negotiating the dreaded EHC funding route, and helping your child to access the support that they so clearly need.

I know you will join me in wishing Grégoire all the very best in his new role as Vice Principal (Strategic) of Goldwyn School in Kent.

We are currently recruiting for a new, long-term Vice Principal for September, and will be holding interviews in April.

For the Summer Term, Hazel Lawrence (Head of Sixth Form) will take on the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead, and oversee exams; and we will be joined after the May Bank Holiday by an Interim Vice Principal, Elizabeth Mason, who will take on Grégoire's other roles including Teaching and Learning and SEND provision. Elizabeth has a broad range of experience in both mainstream and SEND education, and we are looking forward to working with her.

Ellie Jennings has been a Graduate Residential Assistant, working in Boarding and supporting students during the school day, and is moving on to another school. We thank her for all of her work for the school and wish her all the best.

Happy Easter!

Prep School

Mrs Welch

Great Dixter Trip

We all greatly enjoyed this trip. Pupils not only learnt a lot about Tudor times, but also enjoyed the splendour of the beautiful gardens.

Dixter opens to the public again in April and is well worth a visit.



Introducing Mr Howard

Some of you may have heard your child talk about Mr Howard. He is Frewen's cover supervisor and teaches across prep, senior and sixth form wherever he is needed. He is a very kind and gentle teacher who has a great understanding of the challenges our pupils face with their learning due to his own dyslexia. He has commented several times on what amazing pupils we have at the prep!

Football

Year 3 and 4 pupils played against several schools in their first Frewen tournament. The pupils had a great time and worked well together as a team. Remy's goal deserves a special mention but all the pupils gave their best and made us very proud.



Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils had the chance to take part in hockey training and some tournament games against several other schools. We are pleased to say that we were placed top of our group. There were several impressive action photos which show our pupils performing with style and skill. Well done to all who were involved!

Hedgehog Houses

Our Eco-warriors have worked with Daniel, our head gardener this week to create some hedgehogs hotels in the Arboretum. This idea came from Isla who wanted to put the sticks and branches brought down in the recent storms to good use.



Link school in Malawi

The collection for Chittiwiri, our link school, has gone really well so far. This is all thanks to your generosity. This month we asked for your bras, knickers and pants and we have received a great number. Thank you. Next month we are focussing on collecting sunglasses and Isla has kindly designed a poster for this which is attached to this newsletter.

LAMDA

This year's LAMDA Public Speaking results came in recently and we were thrilled to see so many students achieve such amazing results. For the second consecutive year, all our students passed and all the year 7 students achieved a distinction.

Special mention must go to Kai Smallfield in Year 9 who achieved a score of over 90 and a top distinction for his speech about scuba diving and also to Artie Ward and Ben Barrow who, despite having to work from home liaising with their teacher, managed to achieve distinctions.

SHARING GOOD PRACTICE

The English department, working collaboratively with the Prep School and our team of specialist therapists, have been sharing good practice by welcoming in visitors from as far away as Hertfordshire.

Amongst our guests were representatives from St Mary's School, Bexhill, whose focus was on our dyslexia provision and strategies used within English teaching and intervention to support our students.

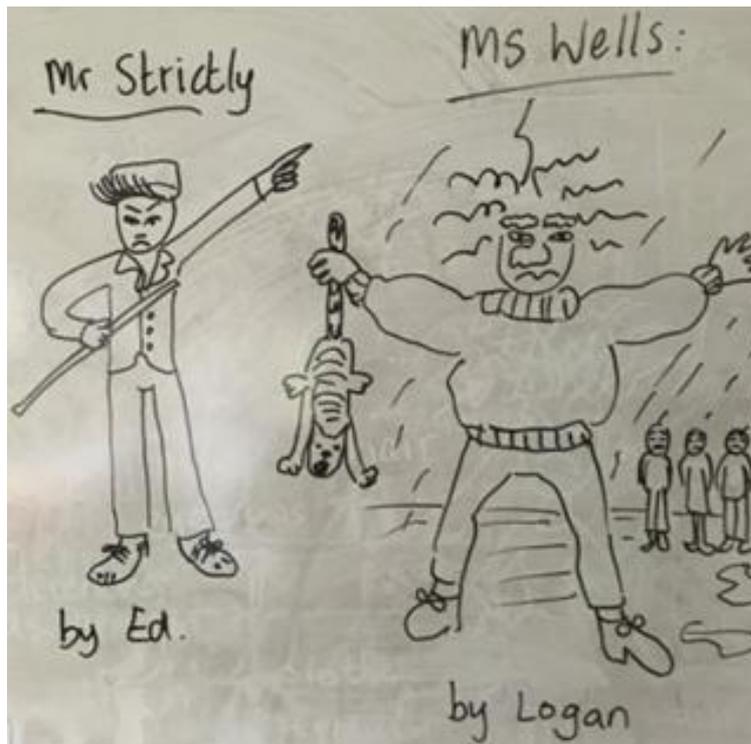
Led by Emily Dewar, we also showcased our use of assistive technology to a visitor from Pinewood School, a special educational establishment in Ware, who was keen to learn how we use assistive technology to enable our students and lift barriers to learning.

Curriculum



With the summer exam season fast approaching, year 11 students have been taking advantage of extra revision sessions during lunch. If you think you might benefit from a bit of extra help in a more relaxed environment come and see one of the English team.

Mrs Lowe



Year 7 have been exploring characters by reading extracts from books such as 'The BFG' and 'Matilda' then producing short pieces of descriptive writing based on the theme of 'Heroes and Villains'. My year 7 class were asked to describe their own negative, villainous teacher character, after reading about Ms Trunchbull in 'Matilda'. They then challenged me to draw their characters at the end of the lesson! Here are two of the results:

'Mr. Strictly was so strict, he was like an army sergeant, and he treated the children like soldiers. When he ordered them to line up, if they did not stand straight enough, he would yell at them at the top of his lungs! He wore a perfect suit every day and wore his brown hair in a quiff. He was a thin figure with scuffed brown shoes and a grumpy expression.'

Edward Nevey, Year 7

'Miss Wells had wiry, gray hair and always wore an itchy, red jumper that smelt like old eggs. She had a big nose and a crooked smile and big, bushy eyebrows...'

Logan Lyward, Year 7

Mrs Jefferson

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MATHS CLUBS

Tuesday:

Functional Skills with Mr Torres

Wednesday:

Fun Maths with Mr Torres

Maths Clinic with Mrs Claasen

FS & GCSE with Mr Rawlings



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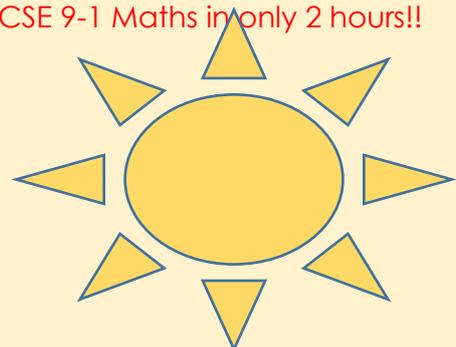
- ✓ For the mad ones out there ... **this is the whole of GCSE 9-1 Maths in only 2 hours!!** Higher and Foundation Revision

- ✓ 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.



A Message from Mr Godin

Dear Parents and Carers,

For the last 6 years, it has been my pleasure to work at Frewen College. As you are aware, I will be leaving Frewen this Easter to move on to another school, in Kent, educating students with Social Emotional and Mental Health difficulties. I wanted to seize this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you all for making it such an amazing experience. Seeing students at Frewen making such progress year on year and being part of their journey has been a true privilege. I wish you all the very best for the future and hope to come back very soon to see how you are all doing.



Au revoir!

Gregoire Godin,
Vice Principal.

Science We are making good progress in Science this term.

Mr
Wassell

The year 8 groups have recently been looking in combustion reactions. This gives us the opportunity to set a mixture of corn starch and sugar on fire. This does require a few hours of work to remove the powder from our Bunsen burners. But it is a popular practical with the students, who compete to get the highest flame.

A mention now for the Y10 entry level group who are often overlooked in the newsletter. They have been flexing their creative juices recently. They came up with the idea of using stop motion to show how part of our immune system works. We have used the director's cut which includes footage of the bandaged hand of Max.



Art

Mr Sangster



Recently the Art department have had the pleasure of working with Lynn Katz, who is currently working in Boarding, sharing her expertise as a ceramics teacher, and practising artist.

She has been working with some year 8 classes helping them to develop their portrait projects and create clay 2D relief outcomes. The students enjoyed the experience of working with a practising artist, as well as learning various techniques when working with clay.

Once finished we hope to use a raku firing technique to fire the work, which should result in some unpredictable and exciting outcomes.



Music

Mrs Hurford-
Jones

In Music this term at Frewen the KS3 students have been focussing on how to play ensemble pieces, trying a variety of different instruments, and also learning about different structures in Music.

Y7 have been using BandLab to create a piece of Rondo Music, having already explored 12 Bar Blues and Theme and Variations. The Y10 BTEC Musicians have been practicing hard for a performance at the end of this term, trying a selection of songs, working on balance and timing and also trying a bit of improvising.

Mr Barnett continues to coach the extra-curricular bands in Y9 and 10 who will also be performing soon.

The Y11 BTEC students have had a very successful set of results from their Unit 1 exam, with all achieving a Level 2 at either pass or merit grade. They are now working towards their last performance this term which will be the culmination of all their hard work and practice



Humanities and RE

Mrs Payne

Year 7 Humanities:

This term, Year 7 have been learning about Medieval society and have particularly focused on how Medieval people lived, the murder and death of Thomas Becket and the Black Death.

As part of their learning about Thomas Becket, Year 7 have recently enjoyed a visit to Canterbury Cathedral, where they undertook a costume trail around the Cathedral and engaged in activities in their school room. Year 7 have also produced some great pieces of work this term, including their own medieval pictures of heaven and hell. A great term Year 7- well done!

Year 8 Geography:

Year 8 have been engaging in the topic of Coasts and have worked on specific topics, to include the topics of coastal erosion and erosional landforms, such as the Old Harry rock stack.

They have also enjoyed using playdoh and lots of labelled diagrams to recreate some of these landforms, such as wave-cut platforms. In addition,

They have worked on deposition and depositional landforms, such as bars and spits, to include Spurn Head spit and have been able to explain the process of longshore drift. Well done Year 8, on all your hard work!



Year 9 RE:

Year 9 have continued working on the topic of suffering and pain and how different religions manage this. We have had some good discussions during the lessons about personal and religious beliefs and Year 9 have been able to formulate their own views, in a developed way.

Some of the topics covered have included healing and miracles in the religions of Islam and Christianity and the specific pilgrimages to Lourdes and pilgrimage of the Hajj.

Other topics addressed have included the reasons for suffering, to include free-will and karma and Jesus's sufferings on the cross. Year 9 have produced some great work, to include questions about clips and stories showing how mothers and fathers reflect God's love. Excellent work, Year 9!

Bushcraft

Mrs Hurford-Jones

This term the KS3 Outdoor Ed students have been learning knife skills. They have learnt how to hold and pass a knife safely, how to do a strip cut, push cut and some battening techniques. As part of this session they have made tent pegs and have also made gnomes!

Some students have also learnt how to use a saw safely and have been harvesting and processing wood ready for future projects.

The Arboretum has been cleared beautifully and is proving to be a great basecamp for these sessions and also the KS4 Bushcrafters who continue to learn new skills and work together brilliantly as a team.



PE It's been a busy term in the PE Department, from GCSE Practical Assessments to Brighton FC Football tournaments and a mid-week Charlton FC match and enrichment not to mention Core PE and Games in the mix it's remained non-stop.

Mr Swinson

In Core PE we have been developing not only our skills in Lacrosse and Ultimate Frisbee but as we improve our physical skills, we have been challenging students to work on observation and feedback to help coach our peers.

The Y11 GCSE PE cohort are just one unit of course work away from completing their course and The Y10 group will be finishing off Badminton assessments shortly and moving on to Table Tennis as well as exam pre for this summer.



We have been fortunate to develop our relationship with Charlton Athletic FC this term and completed a successful visit to the Valley to watch Charlton beat Gillingham in a first match for many of our students. The return to college was slightly later than we had hoped and a few of the students dozed off on the way back but a fun time was had by all.



This last week the Girls' Football team of Annabel, Katie, Rose, Elise, Sophia, Jess, Isobel & player of the tournament Jules visited Burgess Hill for Brighton in the Community Football tournament. Despite the low number of teams, we played a round robin tournament with 2 other teams culminating in Frewen in the Final against a team we had struggled against all day.

In the end a 0-1 loss was a huge credit to all the team who played with grit and determination all day and was a much-improved display. Jess top scored with 3 goals in the event, Isobel kept an excellent clean sheet in the semi-final, Katie and Annabel ran and ran all day, Rose got stuck into the midfield like Steven Gerrard, Elise was unlucky to hit the post in the final, Jules tackled anything and anyone who got close to her all day.

A fun day was had by all and the feedback I got from tutors the next day was that all the girls were buzzing. We are looking forward to getting involved with more football tournaments for all year groups soon.

Sixth Form

Zara-Mae Rose

As another term comes to a close, we can reflect on the exciting half term we have had in our Sixth Form. Our students studying Catering at Bexhill College were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend not just one, but two trips! The students first journeyed to South Lodge Hotel and Spa to expand their knowledge about catering in a luxury hospitality establishment.

Later on in the month, they attended the Excel Food and Drink Trade Show in London, where I hear they sell the world's most expensive coffee (perhaps worth the investment for the start of next term!). The students were able to explore and sample the world of culinary with stalls offering cookware, uniforms and various food experiences. These wonderful opportunities allow our students to envision life beyond college and motivate them for their exciting career journeys.

We would also like to give huge congratulations to Sam Turpin for achieving a Merit on his Public Services exam, and likewise to Archie Roberts for achieving a Pass on his Business Studies exam! These significant achievements and hard work have ensured us a successful half term in Sixth Form.

Well done to everyone, and enjoy the well-deserved rest!



News from the Gardens

There's a lot been happening in the gardens this term. The big storm caused some damage! An enormous old oak was felled in the parkland.

The fallen oak.

We will leave the tree as it is and create a habitat, it should be occupied by mammals, bats and insects!



Introducing the new woodland/stumpery garden. This area has been taking shape since last autumn. It's currently filled with spring flowers and in summer will be filled with many fern species. It's located behind the music room (igloo) so please come and have a wander through!



Finally, the year 10 bushcraft students have designed and built a little garden called 'Relaxation Garden'. They've done an amazing job! It will be filled with lavender and wildflowers; there's a wildlife pond and it's finished with a hand made wattle fence. It can be found at the back of the auditorium.



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