

# Frewen College Newsletter

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## Welcome to our newsletter

**By Nick Goodman, Principal**

*Dear Frewen Parents*

The Summer Term is always a busy time, not least for Year 11s and Sixth Formers, who have been busy preparing for and sitting their end of course exams.

You might think that these were over, things would start to wind down, but in recent weeks we have had a Prep school concert and a Senior School concert; the Prep School, Years 7, 8 and 9 have all camped in the Frewen deer park; students have taken part in their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition; a group of students has been on an adventure week in the south of France; we have had our most successful Activities week ever, with students involved in everything from metal detecting to gliding to creating and broadcasting their own radio show; the Prep School have been to Knockhatch and the Senior School to Chessington, and the whole thing has culminated in the annual prize day!

All of these activities have helped our students to learn and grow in ways which enhance the more traditional learning that has been taking place throughout the rest of the year, and the students have risen to the challenges with a sense of adventure and spirit, living up to their Ofsted classification of "delightful".

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and commitment of Frewen's talented and hard-working staff, and I am sure you would want to join with me in thanking them for all of their hard work, and wish them a restful summer in order that they can return refreshed in September.

As always at this time of year we are saying goodbye to a number of staff: Amanda Glubb, Linda Stevens, Lesley Hayden, Ewa Biadala-Peters, Mary Garland, Isobel Street and Melanye Richmond. I am sure parents will join me in extending our thanks and best wishes for the future. I would also like to wish those students who are moving on all the best for their future after Frewen, and hope that you will remember your time at the school and the friends that you have made for many years to come.

I hope you will agree that we had a perfect day for our annual Prize Giving, and we were delighted to welcome Dr Kate Saunders to our school again this time as guest speaker. As always, it was a day of mixed emotions, a happy celebration of all our pupils hard work but a sad day too as we bid farewell to our sixth formers and some year 11s.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your children a wonderful summer, and look forward to working with all of you again in the new school year!

Nick Goodman



## PREP NEWS by Sally Welch

We were very proud of all our pupils who participated fully in the camping activities this week. Everyone got involved with pitching the tents and by the time we set off to the woods, we were a well organised troop. Many pupils enjoyed the 'survival safari', where they chose their own animal and hunted for the survival clues. The winning animal was the lion, chosen by Chloe. Pupils made their own camp lunch and we sat around the fire pit to discuss the afternoon's activities.

The sun continued to shine and pupils appreciated the chance of a swim on both days.

In the evening the pupils gathered firewood and then had a chance to continue building their dens. Everyone helped with the preparation of the food and, whilst Miss Beaumont tended to the pasta, we went in search of trees to climb. Pupils were also delighted to discover a tyre swing. After dinner, the campfire was lit and we toasted marshmallows before heading back to the camp site where we said goodbye to the Year 4 pupils. Despite lots of chat, pupils eventually fell asleep, exhausted after their active day.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### English by Neil Stanley

In Activities Week, teachers from the Arts and English faculties worked together on the Bexhill FM project. With a group of 11 students from years seven to 11, we planned, wrote, practised and delivered a one-hour show that was delivered live.

In that hour, we included features such as: traffic and weather reports; a fashion feature; live commentary on a game; poetry recital; radio comedy and drama; and live singing. Many radio stations feature catchy 'jingles' and our students wrote and recorded their own.

In just four days, the show was complete, and the Bexhill FM team were very impressed with both its quality, and the way our students supported each other.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Science by Scott Wassell

The Science department has had a good year at Frewen College. Many pupils have experienced many brand new experiments (some even worked as they were meant to).

The Year 8s had a trip to the Big Bang Fair South East. We got to make straw rockets and CD hovercraft and hopefully gained an interest in science related jobs.

We hope that the select few who took part in the STEAM group during activities week had an enjoyable and educational time. Be sure to check out the museum of curiosities in the front hall.

Everyone in the Science department would like to wish all pupils a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September.

### Food and Nutrition by Lesley Hayden

Students enjoyed some particularly creative learning experiences during the end of term Activities Week. Some delicious picnics were made with the inclusion of a dessert with a vegetable in it! But the really big challenge was to embrace 'Entomophagy' - or cooking and eating insects!! Students made Buffalo Worm buns, flapjacks and chocolate chip cookies and insect stir-frys!



### Arts Faculty by Katie Buckland

This term has been dominated by concerts and exams. The Summer Concert on June 16th was a great success, enjoyed by all who came to watch, followed by the excellent Prep and Year 7 Concert on the evening of 22nd June.

The arts faculty were also heavily involved in the recent Activities Week, overseeing the hugely successful Bexhill FM project and running Arts and Design Technology projects within the STEAM group.

We hope you have had a chance to visit the fantastic display of Curiosities in the school foyer generated during Activities Week, and the equally impressive display of GCSE Art and Display work in the Drawing room.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Maths by Graeme Rawlings

### MATHS ZONE



### Summer activities: brush up on the basics?

- ♦ Timetables: best-chanted 'old-fashioned style' one two is two, two twos are four .... Put up a poster where it will be frequently seen.
- ♦ Arithmetic skills – addition, subtraction, multiplication & division. Use this [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/238967/Mathematics\\_Appendix\\_1.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/238967/Mathematics_Appendix_1.pdf)
- ♦ Help them understand money. When shopping show them receipts so that they understand money is written to 2 decimal places.
- ♦ Help them to tell the time – both analogue & digital – and then to recognise the 24 hour clock.

### Maths Challenge 3: Noughts and Crosses

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+	/	+	0	
36			?	

### Answer to Maths Challenge 2: Swallowing elephants

No, elephants are not easy to swallow.

Firstly, Elephants always wear pink trousers. No creature that wears pink trousers can play the bagpipes. Therefore, Elephants cannot play the pipes.

If we add that to every creature that eats honey can play the bagpipes, then we can deduce that Elephants do not eat honey.

Seeing as Anything that is easy to swallow eats honey, then Elephants are not easy to swallow.

Q: What do you call friends who love math?

A: alge-bros

Q: Why should you not mention the number 288?

A: Because it is two gross.

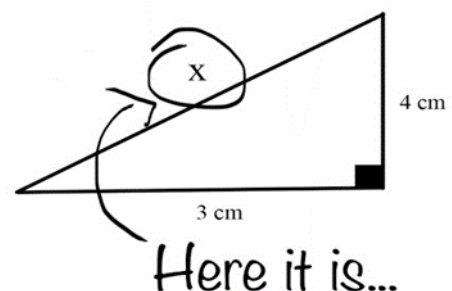
Q: What happened to the plant in math class?

A: It grew square roots

Q: Why is a math book always unhappy?

A: Because it always has many problems

### 3. Find x



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Humanities by Hazel Lawrence

Year 10 go to the beach!

The Year 10 geographers recently had the first of their two fieldtrips – visiting Glyne Gap & Birling Gap; part of the outstanding Seven Sisters Country park.

This trip gave students the opportunity to see 'in action' the physical processes they have been studying in class, as well as being able to collect the data they need for their course.



Caspar , measuring pebbles.



Bea, Caspar & Will at Glyne Gap

Mexican Day of the Dead.

As part of their studies in RE, Year 8 have been exploring how different cultures and religions celebrate death. Isabella brought into school a number of artefacts, including some sweet treats, so that all the students could experience the Mexican Day of the Dead celebrations.

Many thanks to Isabella and her Mum for this experience.

Activities Week: FAB group



Daniel, Tommy, Ellie and Danielle – ready to go Gliding.

As part of the Activities Week programme 12 students had the opportunity to experience a range of different activities. This included: Beach Games at Camber; sustainable cooking also known as cooking with insects (and yes students did get Mr Goodman to try some of their cakes!); a trip to Bedgebury Pinetum; Challenge Games - and the highlight: a trip Gliding.

As well as some great experiences, students were able to develop their team building, co-operation and communication skills.

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Mealworm Stirfry anyone?



Cakes with extra protein!



Strange things in the trees at Bedgebury!

Brandon, Jamie, Nuri & Daniel



Photo by Brandon



Ducks at Bedgebury, Photo by Brandon

## SIXTH FORM AND CAREERS

By Amanda Glubb

### Another successful year in Sixth Form.

The end of term is always a busy one in sixth form as students, tutors and Teaching Assistants rush around making sure portfolios are complete, and that every last mark that might upgrade them from a pass to a merit, or from a merit to a distinction has been grabbed. Preliminary results for students this year are excellent (preliminary because they still need to be externally moderated by the awarding bodies) with a record-breaking number of Distinction and Merit grades gained. But congratulations should go to all the sixth formers who have worked so hard and successfully completed their courses - and to the sixth form TAs who have committed so much time and effort into supporting them, at Frewen, Bexhill College and Plumpton's Ivyland Farm, Netherfield.

We wish all our leavers the very best for the future, whether they be going on to gap years and university, employment, apprenticeships, or independent study at other colleges. Good luck all of you!

### Thalatta trip

The sixth form residential trip aboard the converted Thames Sailing Barge Thalatta took place in the last week of June.

TSB Thalatta was built at Harwich in 1906 as a fully-rigged, traditional spritsail barge. Much of her working life was spent carrying cargoes of grain between London and Ipswich.

In 1967 she was entirely restored and re-rigged to take on a different role as a school ship. In 2003 she was completely restored again, thanks in part to the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund, and today she is the only wooden barge providing education cruises.

Although there are flushing WCs, a shower, and a fully fitted galley on board, it is not a luxury liner. Students take a step back in time, to a simpler, slower way of life. They sleep in hammocks, which are stowed during the day, and keep all their possessions in their own sea chest. They have to think twice about the things we take for granted in the modern world such as unlimited water supplies, electricity, mobile phone signals and wi-fi. The trip takes students out of their comfort zone and gives them the opportunity to discover more about themselves, each other, and their environment.



This year's trip started with glorious weather with a soft breeze on the face and blue skies overhead as they sailed out of Ipswich dock on Monday afternoon. Tuesday saw sunny intervals, seals and a lively wind, while Wednesday required some serious sailing as the wind picked up and the waves in the North Sea grew bigger. On Thursday the students and crew welcomed a royal visitor on board - HRH Sophie, Countess of Wessex, who is coincidentally the Patron of Dyslexia Action who opened the old Frewen Prep School in 2004. Friday saw the students sailing back from Harwich to Ipswich and returning to dry land at the end of a life-changing week.

## SIXTH FORM AND CAREERS (continued..)

By Amanda Glubb



The eight students - Jasmin, Shaun, Ewan, Will, Jake, Alex, Charlie B and Charlie G - had a fantastic time. Tolerant of each other - which is no mean feat in such confined conditions - they threw themselves into all their jobs with good heart and humour, hoisting the anchor, setting the sheets (that's sails to landlubbers like us), swabbing the decks, polishing the brass, preparing meals and washing up. Well done to them all, and a very big "thank you" to the crew of the East Coast Sail Trust, and to Frewen staff members, Duncan Sangster and Jess Gould, who accompanied the eight seafarers. Without staff who are willing to give up their own time, these type of invaluable residential trips would not be possible.

### Sixth Form Work Experience

Students in Years 12, 13 and 14 undertook their annual week of work experience at the start of July. Work experience is a fantastic opportunity for students to discover a little bit more about their own likes, dislikes and abilities, and to develop the interpersonal and communication skills valued by employers. Those students already with part-time jobs were encouraged to find a new work placement for the week in order to boost their practical knowledge and experience, and their CVs.

Placements included food stores, clothes stores, hotels, riding stables, kennels, IT companies, builders, and plumbers. Two students worked with the Hastings Pier Charity helping to prepare for the "Zooquarium" music festival, while one student volunteered at ARRC in Rye and another worked on Maserati cars in Tonbridge.

Feedback from employers was very positive with many comments about how enthusiastic and hard-working the students were. Well done all of you - and don't forget to update your CVs.

## GAMES AND SPORT

By Nick Kirkwood

### Summer Sport

This term the pupils have been making the most of the glorious summer weather by being able to combine their usual rounders or cricket games lesson with a swimming session in the schools outdoor pool. During the rounders and games sessions we have been working on developing the pupils throwing, catching and running skills through a range of fun activities such as 'race the ball home'. The improvement in the pupils skills and understanding of the tactics involved has been very noticeable as well as how closely they have worked within a team. After a hot but enjoyable lesson the chance to cool off with the above mentioned swimming session proved most welcome! Next term the pupils will be playing a range of sports including football, netball and soft lacrosse.

## PTFA

By Thea Johnson



For details of all our featured PTFA activities please see our updated pages on the school website.

### Fundraise with Frewen College PTFA

We aim to run events to build our school community, have fun and raise funds. Our current focus is to honour our historic 400 years old site and we aim to fundraise to improve our outdoor spaces.

During every school year, we will run three regular fundraising initiatives that together can maximise involvement from those younger than seven and older than seventy-seven.

**School Angel** (<http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/frewen-college.html>) Earn cashback for the school on everyday shopping



**100 Club** (A monthly prize)

**Cash 4 Coins** - donate loose coins (and notes!) left over from holiday



### Parent-to-Parent Communications Plus More.

We would like to invite YOU to join Classlist.com – it is the trusted parent to parent communication website for Frewen College parents and carers. Classlist.com provides a FREE, Easy and Secure way for parents & carers to communicate & much more from EHCP info gathering to car sharing, parties & play dates to lost & found.

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## BOARDING NEWS

By Kath Kirkwood

Our end of term party this year was a toga party. Initially I was worried about the bedding being used for togas however, our very inventive boarders preferred to use their swimming towels. Dinner was Greek themed and entertainment was the Frewen Olympics which included piggy back rides, see how many you can fit on a lilo and a space hopper race which tragically ended in a burst space hopper. The four boarder jousting was good with the unsurprising results of a senior boy win. This term we have been to play mini golf, the penny arcade, cinema, and made very good use of the swimming pool. Evening swims, morning swims, swims in the rain we have done it all. We hope everybody has a lovely Summer holiday.



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

Autumn Term Starts

Wednesday 6 September

(Boarders Return 7pm Tuesday 5  
September)

(Sixth Form Return Tuesday 5 September)