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## Headteacher's Welcome



It has been an amazing few weeks getting to know the staff, students and local community here at Fram. There is so much going on and everyone is full of enthusiasm for ensuring we are a friendly and welcoming environment where we live up to our motto of 'Anything's Possible'. I've tried to capture in this newsletter some of the highlights and share information about upcoming events. Our Twitter feed @FraminghamEarl will also keep you up to date with day to day snippets and photos. Many thanks to all for your incredible welcome and I look forward to seeing you all after a restful break.

## Curriculum Events



Maths Challenge UK, History Photo Competition, Religions in Norwich KBD, Healthy Relationships KBD, Year 11 Study Skills morning... just a few of the opportunities our young people have been involved with this term.



All staff continue to deliver lessons in an engaging manner and it is a delight to be able to pop in and see what is going on. Our whole Trust Development Day earlier in the term was focused on departments building links and sharing ideas for KS3 curriculum. Already there has been an impact in lessons and staff are looking forward to our next event on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Year 11s are now completing their GCSE courses and moving towards revision. Passport to Prom is proving to be a success, with students keen to win stamps to gain prom tickets. Additional classes are being provided by staff and a study room each night, alongside tasks shared on Show My Homework.

It is a delight to welcome Mrs Wollerton to the DT team. The tech room is a busy place with our new laser cutter (many thanks to John Jarrold's Trust and Savoy Education Trust) and lots of interesting projects being worked on. We are currently building links with Poringland's Men's Shed and looking to organise a project upcycling some of the classroom stools.





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## Sporting Update



The PE department continue to provide a wealth of opportunities for our young people. This term there have been fixtures and competitions in netball, rugby, handball, football, dance and cross country. One highlight was the Y11 Netball team who saw great success in making it through to the

Regional Finals – seeing the girls in their new dresses ready for the event was a great moment. Another great day was when Norwich Kayak came in to run taster sessions in the Sports Hall.



We have hosted a range of events for the Cluster including indoor athletics and basketball, with our students supporting the organisation and delivery.

It is always lovely to see the real enthusiasm of all students partaking in events and wearing their FEHS badge with pride.



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## Trips & Visits

The ski trip embarks this half term and we wish all the students and staff an enjoyable adventure in the snow! Over the last 6 weeks students have been to a range of venues including the FramulaE Business Breakfast, Jarrold Y10 Training/Careers Event and Geography field trip to Cambridge.

A huge thank you to those staff who went to the circus before Christmas... it was obviously a big hit, as I have been told we MUST run it again next year by lots of students!



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## Headteacher's Council Digest

House Captains meet with Mrs Arnold every Friday to discuss student issues. This half term we have worked on a staff recognition scheme (box in reception for your nomination slips!), Y7 Enterprise Challenge, House notice boards & social media, House sports events and taken Mrs Arnold on tours of the school site to give our views on future improvements. We are looking forward to hearing from the Y7 Litter Buddies who completed litter picks over 3



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days and want our help to ensure the site is a clean, friendly and environmentally sound place. Together we are going to share feedback to form groups and hope to plan for a more sustainable future.

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## Sports Centre

John Allen is our Sports Centre manager and he has put together some great programmes of events including the Ben France Cricket Camp over half term and new activities such as skateboarding and tennis during the week. The full programme of events is an additional document with this newsletter. John is keen to make the Centre a success, so please do pass on feedback or contacts for local groups to [JoAllen@S-NORFOLK.GOV.UK](mailto:JoAllen@S-NORFOLK.GOV.UK).



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## Safeguarding & Parents Attending Events

We are delighted that so many of our young people partake in events and fixtures and that parents are keen to support.

However, in accordance with our safeguarding policy, spectators are not permitted on site **prior to 3.15pm**, as we do not have the staffing capacity to supervise parents and carers.

If you wish to watch an **after school fixture**, please attend reception between 3.15pm and 3.30pm to sign in and collect a visitor sticker, before making your way over to the sporting venue.

The same rules apply for other Norfolk schools. If we are informed in advance that venues are happy to release a member of staff to supervise spectators, our PE staff will ensure parents and carers are aware, so they can attend to support.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation.

Please see our Safeguarding Newsletter for updates on Xanax, Internet Safety & Players Unknown Battleground

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## Coronavirus

 Department for Education advice for parents/carers

- You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.
- There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.
- We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the latest travel advice.

## What action you can take



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A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses. Public Health England recommend that everyone should maintain good hand, respiratory and personal hygiene - there are [NHS guidelines on good hand hygiene](#).

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### Parents' Forum & Survey Feedback

Thank you to those families who have attended the Parent Forum or completed feedback surveys on the Y8 & 9 Parents' Evenings.

Uniform will have some clarification for September 2020 and a clear list will be sent out prior to the Easter break. Parents have asked that the House coloured 'FRAM' be removed from tops, due to the added expense and inability to hand-down between siblings. This has been agreed, however, all current tops will still be acceptable uniform for the next two years. In addition, parents have requested a second supplier and M&S will become a supplier of named goods from October 2020.

The School Day will be reorganised during the 4 week exam period (May to June). Our lunchbreak will move to the end of Period 3 to ensure we have a prompt start for GCSEs at 1.15pm for the afternoon session. This change will not affect school day start/finish times.

Early Closures for parents' evenings, mobile phone policy and electronic parent booking for parents' evenings are all on the agenda for future consultation with parents.

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### Attendance

As of January 2020 the school has engaged in a new attendance strategy led by Mr Edwards. The full policy will be published on the school website, once ratified at Trust level. Attendance has improved each week this half term and a large proportion of students have attendance of 97% or higher.

However, it is important that we work together to maintain high levels of attendance. Different levels of absence require different strategies from the school, an outline is below:

Stage 1: Off for 2 days in a week – call or email to parent/carer by tutor

Stage 2: Below 96% - Letter generated which is sent to parent/carer

Stage 3: Below 94% - Letter generated which is sent to parent/carer. Meeting with Director of Learning or Deputy Director of Learning to discuss concerns and implement support strategies, as required.

Stage 4: Below 92% - Meeting held with a member of Leadership Team to discuss concerns and implement support strategies, as required.

Stage 5: Below 90% - Fast Track meeting with Deputy Headteacher and school Governor, this could lead to legal action being taken.



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The Local Authority operates a system where any student will meet the criteria for legal intervention where they have:

1. 10 consecutive sessions of unauthorised absence where some or all of the absence may be attributed to an unauthorised holiday in term-time (for absences from 1 September 2017); or
2. 15% unauthorised absence over a period of 6 school weeks for reasons other than unauthorised term time holiday.

The intervention could be in the form of a Fixed Penalty Notice (£60 per parent per child). Any student at Framingham Earl High School who meets either of the criteria, will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered.

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## Local Governing Body News

Trudy Musgrove has stepped down as Chair of Governors and this role will now be taken by Peter Porter. Peter previously worked at FEHS and Chaired the LGB; most recently, as a Governor, he has been involved in the Compliance & Audit committee. He is a brilliant supporter of the school and is often on trips, such as the recent visit to the circus and the annual Paris event. This term all Governors have been into school to support my induction process and to add insight. If you wish to contact Peter, please email [Office@fehs.set.education](mailto:Office@fehs.set.education) and this will be forwarded.

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## Nationally Published Data

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/145776/framingham-earl-high-school/secondary> Earlier this term the DfE published the final data for the school following the Summer 2019 exam series. The result for progress, 0.26, shows how much value is added to students by their experiences at FEHS. In the words of the DfE we are 'above average' – well done to all.



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## Norse Catering



Norse supply all our food at FEHS and have over the past week sent out a customer survey. A new menu will soon be available and prices for the meal deal option will be displayed in the main canteen area. The team at Norse were really impressed by the work of our Food Committee led by Paris and Mrs Allard.



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## Support

NHS Parentline: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/just-one-number-and-parentline> 0300 300 0123

NHS ChatHealth for teens: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/chathealth> 07480 635 060

Child Advice and Duty Service Team: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/safeguarding> 0344 800 8020.

Solihull Approach to Parenting course is available free to all Norfolk Families and has a useful section on understanding your teenager's brain;  
<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/online-learning>

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## Upcoming Events

24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February Y11 Food Practical Exams

26<sup>th</sup> February Dragons' Parent Consultation 5pm – 6pm

2<sup>nd</sup> March Y11 Dance Practical Exam

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March Y11 PE Practical Exams

8<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 3pm FramDance

10<sup>th</sup> March Y8 HPV vaccinations & Parent Forum

13<sup>th</sup> March FramDance: Dance Show at the Sir Walter Roy Theatre

w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March: Assemblies focused on the theme of Testicular Cancer led by 'On the Ball' and Mr Chapman

16<sup>th</sup> March Form photos

17<sup>th</sup> March Y7 Parents' Evening (Early Closure 1.30pm)

18<sup>th</sup> March Y11 English Literature Paper 2 Mock Exam

24 – 25<sup>th</sup> March DofE Practice Expedition (Y10)

25<sup>th</sup> March Art Exhibition Private View 6pm – 7pm

26<sup>th</sup> March Y11 Super Maths Session (selected students only)

26<sup>th</sup> March Revision Event for Y11 families – planning for Easter holidays: 7pm – 8pm

31<sup>st</sup> March Trip to Wembley for England Football match

1<sup>st</sup> April End of Term (NOT an early closure)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Staff CPD at FEHS (focus on KS3 Curriculum)



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Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Staff CPD led by SET (focus on working with Primary Colleagues on transition between KS2 and KS3)

LOOKING AHEAD: 12 – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Y9 Paris Trip

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