



Framingham Earl High School Autumn Term 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

What a fabulous and busy half term! It has been lovely to welcome our new Year 7s and see the return of our Year 8s to Year 11s.

Whilst lots of adaptations have been made to ensure we are Covid safe, the essence of the school remains the same – a place where children are part of a community, a place where we work hard, a place where we are kind to one another and a place where we celebrate our achievements.

Many thanks to all for your commitment to the school and with working with us to support students engaging with their education and peers.



Flourish at Fram:

Students have engaged brilliantly this term with the wide range of wellbeing events available at the school. Our 'Start the Day the Right Way' programme has been a positive for all students in tutor time. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have completed a PSHE unit focused on the Barry Carpenter rainbow of skills for supporting students to re-engage with school. Our Year 11s have completed a Knowledge Building Day exploring First Aid, Positive Self Talk, Safer Driving, Mental Health Awareness and Understanding Effects of Alcohol. Several children are attending our Mindfulness sessions and Mrs Andrews' No Outsiders group. In addition, some children have a more personalised approach via a Wellbeing Action Plan to support their engagement in school.



As we all adjust to the changes in school and society, it is important that we work together. If you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, please do be in touch with their tutor.



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Headteacher's Awards:

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Headteacher's Award this half term:

- Jonty Du Plessis
- Ruby Coles
- Olivia Wright
- Elliot Aldis
- Isaac Mainwaring
- Will Hurrell
- Josh Blackburn



Student Voice Groups:

Headteacher's Council – this half term the group have worked on creating a draft 'Fram Award' that is now being shared with SAFE and staff for feedback. They have also created a 'Thank you teacher' scheme that has already had over 100 entries for staff. Our Year 11 members are now completing duties with reception each morning and some of our Year 10s are involved in a project with BBC Radio Norfolk's Voices programme. A huge thank you to this group for attending meetings, sharing their views and supporting students throughout the school.

SAFE: Congratulations to our students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who have been nominated and voted into SAFE. These students will be working alongside HTC, Mr Keates and Mrs Arnold throughout this academic year.

Curriculum Events

Art & Textiles Trip to Southwold:

It was lovely to be able to take the Year 10 students to Southwold for a day of photography in preparation for their GCSE projects. Thank you to Mr Wall for organising and all staff who supported.





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Mathematics Department:

This term has seen the start of Year 11 revision sessions in Mathematics which ran on Mondays after school. The Foundation sessions are on Week 1 and the Higher on Week 2; we have had an amazing turnout and the Year 11 students should be very proud of themselves for their commitment to their studies and enthusiasm to improve and excel. During the sessions, the students have covered exam questions on straight line graphs, manipulating algebra, Trigonometry and Pythagoras and angles. Remember, that the best way to revise Maths is to practise it by completing questions on a specific topic.

We would like to remind students if they are at home (self-isolating etc) and they have a Maths lesson, that we are expecting them to complete work set on Teams. For all students in Years 7 to 10 this is set in the 'ALL FEHS YEAR' under the Maths Work channel. This then takes them to a link on the student sharepoint where there is work set for each week. For students in Year 11, the work is set on their individual class groups by their class teacher.

Next term sees the start of the University of Southampton's National Cipher Challenge. This is aimed at students enthused and passionate about Maths and codebreaking. This year's challenge entitled "Tinker Tailor Tourist Spy" focuses on a story about the British intelligence services prior to WWII. As a new recruit you are given the job of decoding the secret messages that will expose the enemy agents. This is a challenge that you can enter on your own or as part of a team. Registration and a practice round, suitable for all years, open on 22nd October. Would you like to challenge yourself to completing these over half term? If you enjoy them, the real competition opens on 5th November. If you are in Year 10 and are considering studying Maths or Computing post 16, this would be an excellent addition to a sixth form application. Look out for the lunchtime sessions next term to allow you to collaborate with others.

Mrs Clare, Director of Mathematics and Computing

RPE Department:

So far this term, students in Key Stage 3 have embarked on the brand new syllabus that has been put in place for all Norfolk schools from September 2020.

For Year 7 students, there is an opportunity to visit Dippy, the model of a diplodocus, which will be at the Cathedral from January 2021. We will be taking some members of Year 7 to the Cathedral on Tuesday 19th January – a ParentMail letter with information about this trip has been sent out this week, with replies required by 6th November. Also for Year 7 students, after half term on Tuesday lunchtimes, members of Youth For Christ will be running a Club entitled "Levy's" for any students who might like to come along and talk about various aspects of life (including, but not exclusively, Christianity).

It's been a pleasure to see our students fully engaged in lessons and enjoying the opportunity to discover more about the religions of the world, adopting an open mind about various issues that we have covered in class discussion. I wish everyone a happy half-term break and look forward to more progress from November onwards.

Mr Neville, Director of RPE



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Duke of Edinburgh Expedition:

A long-awaited trip, but with a difference... no overnight stay. Our Year 11s excelled themselves in their organisation, positive spirit and walking. Thank you to Mrs Tilley-Jones, Mrs Booker, Mr Horne and Mrs Swanepoel for dedicating their weekend to this experience for the students.



Christmas Circus Trip: Mrs Swanepoel

Following on from last year's fabulous end of Autumn term visit to the Hippodrome Circus, we are planning another trip on Thursday 17th December to really see this year out with a bang. All of Santa's little elves are looking forward to it (you may need to see photos of staff from last year to really understand this) and can't wait to share it with our students again. So students, dig out your best Christmas jumpers and come and join us for a night to remember.

Year 11 Geography Fieldwork, Holkham Coastal Field Trip – Thursday 5th or Friday 6th November

We will be embarking on a one-day physical geography fieldtrip to investigate the interactions between coastal processes and their distinctive landscapes in Holkham. This fieldwork course will be delivered using the expert tuition of the Education department at Holkham Hall.

We are having to split the Year 11 cohort in half, so that half attend on one day (Thursday 5th November) and the other half attend the next day (Friday 6th November). The Geography department will advise your child which day they will be attending the fieldwork nearer the time.

Students will leave school at 8.15am and are due to arrive back at school at 4pm. Students should bring a packed lunch and drinks and need to pack waterproofs and wear sensible footwear, i.e. walking boots or trainers.

Are you shopping online?

If you use online shopping – including Amazon - you can help support the school raise funds by being part of our easyfundraising scheme. Every purchase you make means money comes to the school at no cost to you. To sign up please follow this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/framinghamearlhs/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cpl



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Virtual Parents Events this term:

We have all slowly become used to using virtual methods to communicate, rather than being in the Hall all together. Our content for the Year 7 Welcome Event, Year 10 Introduction to GCSEs, Year 11 Study Skills and Futures Event and Year 6 Virtual Open Evening is available via our Youtube channel www.youtube.com/channel/UC7DxQf3SY-gn5blh2amHeYQ/videos or school website www.framinghamearlhighschool.co.uk/1204/about-us if you were unable to attend live. Notes and action points from our Parents Forum are on the website <https://www.framinghamearlhighschool.co.uk/1365/parent-forum?search=parent%20forum>. Our first Parents' Evening was held this week using Microsoft Teams and we will review this process prior to future events.

Young Carers:

In Norfolk it is believed that on average 2 students in every classroom are Young Carers; this could involve providing physical or emotional support for a parent, a sibling or for another family member outside the home who has physical or mental health needs.

At Fram we are committed to supporting our Young Carers fully at this time, and so in September, we delivered a virtual assembly to all students on Microsoft Teams to help Young Carers to self-identify and seek any extra help they may need. This assembly was put together by the Caring Together team, in coalition with Norfolk County Council and we will be collaborating with the team as Fram works towards the Young Carer's Tick Award. Please see more information about the award here <https://www.caringtogether.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Carer-Friendly-Tick-Award-Education-Standards-09.19.pdf>

Mrs Andrews and Miss Rushford will be meeting all **Year 7** Young Carers who wish to be involved in this scheme on Thursday 5th November in M108 at **1.30pm** and welcome as many students as possible to join us. We want your voices to be heard so we can assist you as effectively as possible.

If you are a Young Carer and you wish to access further support outside school, you can do so through this forum managed by South Norfolk Youth Advisory Board. <https://mtmyouthservices.jimdo.com/>

New Staff:

This term we have welcomed trainee teachers into school in a range of subjects.

Ms N Hobbs- English

Mrs G Garrod - History

Mr J Van-Diepen - Maths

Mr D Moore - Science

Mr J Mclean - Art



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In addition we wish Mrs Cunningham our Director of Geography a happy and healthy maternity leave. Miss Chapman is taking on the Director of Geography role during this period and Mrs Fowler is teaching within the department.

Lost Property:

Our lost property box is currently overflowing with jumpers, PE kits, trainers, water bottles and coats. If you have mislaid something, please come to reception to look through the items. We will place the items from this half in the school hall after school each evening for the w/c 2nd November for collection. After this date items will go to the local charity shop.

Remote Learning Plan:

A reminder that our remote learning plan for those children unable to attend school due to self-isolation is available on our website. Work will be set using Microsoft Teams, which requires students to download the app on their device and log in with their school credentials.

https://framingham.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/key_information/FEHS-Remote-Learning-Plan-September-2020-pdf.pdf?t=1602599778

Clubs and Societies:

It has been great to see students returning to clubs and groups during social times and after school. Our programme for Year 11 intervention has been incredibly well attended, homework club is increasing in numbers and our Co-Curricular has also begun to flourish. Thank you to parents for encouraging students to attend and facilitating journeys home.

<https://www.framingamearlhighschool.co.uk/1297/co-curricular?search=clubs>

Uniform Post Half Term:

A reminder that shorts and natural coloured tights are Summer uniform and are not permitted post October half term.



Covid safety precautions require all rooms to have at least one window open to allow for fresh air ventilation in rooms. Therefore, students should dress accordingly. Our suggestion is that all students wear a school logo jumper (V-neck or sweatshirt) in lessons. An additional layer could be a school blazer over the top of a jumper or thermal skins under their polo shirt or school shirt.

Some students have begun to wear canvas shoes, which are not part of the uniform. If you require support financially for uniform and your family is in receipt of the Pupil Premium, please contact Mrs Anna Harvey to discuss support available a.harvey@fehs.set.education.

We aim to keep the field open as a social area for designated bubbled for as long as possible. On the days when the field is open, we ask children wishing to use this space to bring a change of shoes post half term, to avoid mud being brought into our main buildings.



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School Governance:

If you are interested in applying to be a school governor at FEHS or another SET school, please contact enquiries@se-trust.org to find out more.



Partnerships Update:

Bandwagon continues with Adam Lawrence in the afternoons and evenings in the school hall for students who wish to engage with additional music and singing lessons

<https://thebandwagon.uk/free-trial/>.

Poringland & District Men's Shed are using the school bungalow at the front of the school for meetings from after half term <https://pdmensshed.org/>.

Peri Music Lessons: If your child would like to have music lessons at school, please complete the form here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DOFJ4V491Ui-MgzG50Ui2MwkHheYNIFmEPHEwEXtO5UNkIUQzBVUVNFNDRWR0xFQkZaWVFWlC1Ri4u>

Dramactive: Sessions will begin after half term for Years 7 to 9 students with Jane from Dramactive. Please sign up via the letter sent earlier this week on ParentMail.

National Theatre Connections are working with the Drama department on an exciting project which will culminate in a performed play

South Norfolk Council continue to manage the Sports Centre and have ensured it is Covid safe, with a wide range of opportunities for young people <https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/visitors/leisure-centres/framingham-earl-sports-centre>



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And finally...

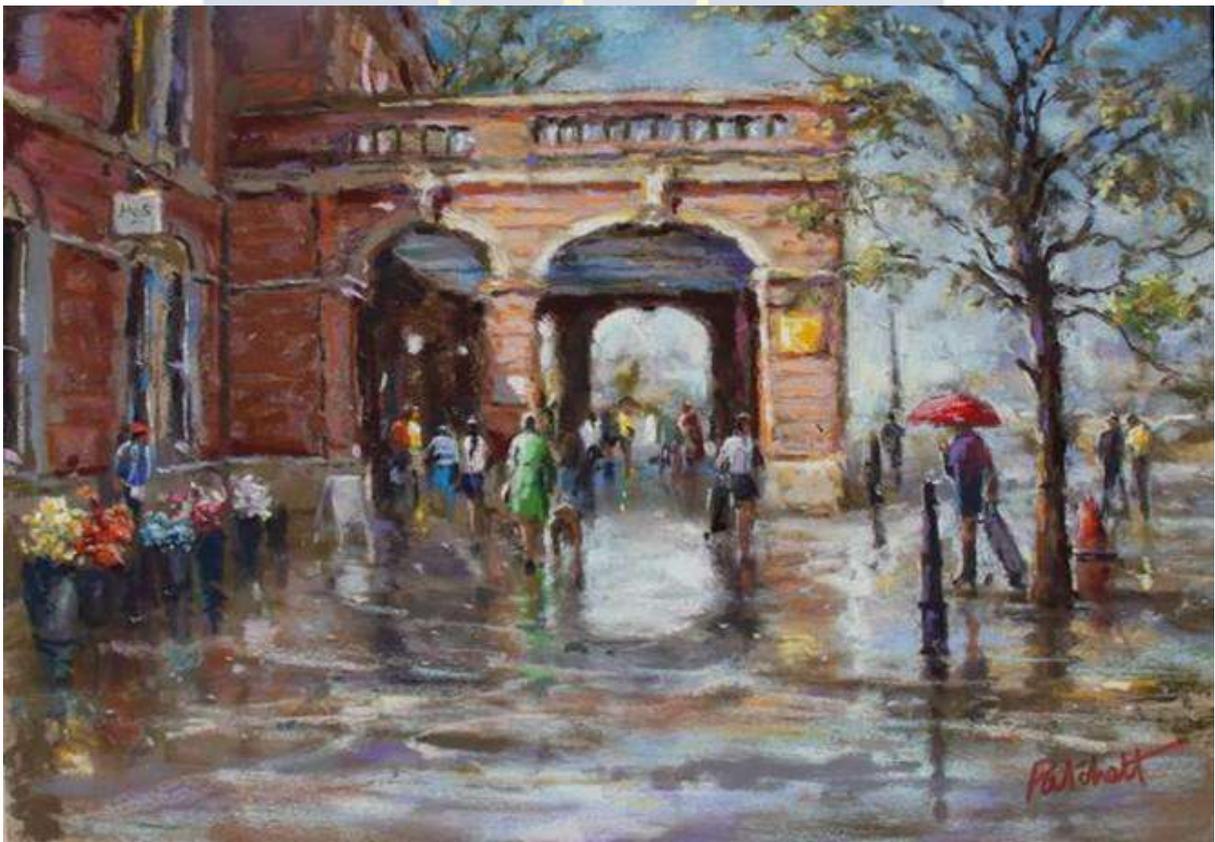
Congratulations to the following staff who have had academic work published in recent months:

Mr Dan Keates (Assistant Headteacher): His piece on 'Unpicking the threads of interpretation' was published in the Teaching History magazine in July

Mrs Lisa Andrews (Assistant Headteacher): Her work Wellbeing work on the Flourish at Fram programme featured in the TES earlier this month

Mr Richard Evans (Literacy Intervention Teacher): His book 'Emotional Literacy' is available now to pre-order from www.independentthinkingpress.com

Mr John Patchett: Exhibition 'Norwich, Norfolk and Beyond' is showing at the Forum in Norwich Monday 26th - Saturday 31st October *Free admission from 10am to 4pm daily (Saturday open until 9pm).*





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Upcoming Dates:

- 2nd November – Autumn term 2, return on a Week 2
- 3rd November – Years 7 & 8 Camouflage Learning STEM Opportunity (selected students)
- 5th November – Years 8 & 9 Assessment Point 1
- 5th November – Year 7 Flu Vaccination
- 5th & 6th November – Year 11 GCSE Geography Coasts trip
- w/c 9th and 16th November – Year 11 Mock Examinations
- 11th November – Governors' Compliance & Audit Meeting
- 12th November – The Den Family Day hosted by Mrs Harvey
- 13th November – Year 10 Event with SET
- 21st November – Framula E's one and only race this year at Lotus
- 24th November – Year 7 Assessment Point 1 & Meet the Tutor event
- 25th November – Local Governing Body meeting
- 25th November & 2nd December – Year 11 GCSE Art exam
- 26th & 27th November – Year 11 GCSE Textiles exam
- 27th November – Year 10 Assessment Point 1
- 30th November – Year 11 RSE Knowledge Building Day
- 7th December – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 7th – 10th December – Year 11 Drama Devising Examination
- 11th December – Year 11 Assessment Point 2 (Mock Exam Results)
- 14th December – Year 7 Christmas Event 2pm (details to follow)
- 14th December – Parent Forum 2 6pm
- 17th December – Christmas Circus Trip to Great Yarmouth Hippodrome
- 18th December – Final day of term; school closes for Christmas break at 1.40pm
- 4th January – Staff training day
- 5th January – Spring term 1, return on a Week 1