



EASTER NEWSLETTER 2022

Last Day Of Term 4

Friday 1st April

First Day Of Term 5

Tuesday 19th April

May Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May

Year 10 Showcase

Thursday 12th May

Year 8 Showcase

Tuesday 24th May

End of Term 5

Friday 27th May

Start of Term 6

Monday 6th June

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8th June

Year 12 Showcase

Monday 13th June

Summer Arts Festival

Friday 17th June

Sports Day

Wednesday 22nd June

Book Return Day (Years 11 and 13)

Friday 24th June

Sixth Form Induction Week

Monday 27th June—Friday 1st July

New Parents' Evening

Sixth Form Induction Week

Monday 27th June

Year 10 Information Evening

To Be Confirmed

New Student Visit

Thursday 30th June

Festival of Learning/Camp/Work Experience Week

Monday 4th July—Friday 7th July

Lower School Awards

Tuesday 12th July

End of Term 6

Thursday 21st July

GCE Results Day

Thursday 18th August

GCSE Results Day

Thursday 25th August

Staff Training Days

To Be Confirmed

Start of Term 1 (2022-2023)

To Be Confirmed

STAFF BRING WORLD BOOK DAY TO LIFE

Staff surprised their students by taking part in World Book Day and dressed up as characters from popular books. The outfits ranged from simple to plain eccentric as in Dr Frankenstein portrayed by Mr Thompson. Ms Karrim dressed as the Mad Hatter from the book Alice in Wonderland and felt very connected to his personality. She said "The Mad Hatter is accepting and non-judgemental and I do feel a connection with him".



Headteacher, Mrs Burden, dressed as Mary Poppins. When asked why she chose that character her reply, with a huge smile on her face, was, "Because she is practically perfect in every way". Staff, of course, agreed.

Also taking part were the Three Blind Mice, Robin Hood, Professor McGonagall, The Queen of Hearts along with many more.





LOOKING BACK AT CHRISTMAS 2021

Despite what was going on in the world last December students and staff still managed to bring some festive fun into school. Much frivolity was on show during our Christmas dinner day when students were allowed to wear Christmas Jumpers, socks or ties for a donation to The Brain Tumour Charity. A fantastic £147.74 was raised and, looking at some of the photographs, the amount of happiness seen was priceless.



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**



THE END OF SIMS AND MOVE TO ARBOR

From the start of term 5 we will no longer be using SIMS at Fulston Manor school. 'Arbor' will be our new Management Information System. We will use this to communicate with home via email and as the system to send home grades. It has an excellent app linked to it that will allow you access to information about your child. You will be sent a letter at the start of the term explaining how to access it. Mr Bendon has sent a letter detailing how all of our current systems will be effected by this change.

STUDENTS REACHING FOR THE STARS

Students from Fulston Manor School and Borden Grammar School have recently impressed the European Space Agency and are now through to the next round in a competition to have their coding sent to the International Space Station. The Fulston Space Exploration Club have two projects on the go at the moment – one dealing with a camera looking out of the ISS and one concentrating on the inside of the ISS. Computer Science teacher, Mr James Snyder, runs the club after school and was delighted to find out that ITV Meridian News was interested in running their story. The reporter visited the school on Thursday 13th January and the footage was on the 6.00pm news the following day. The students explained about the project using a camera looking down on earth; The Astro Pi Mission Space Lab will be analysing data received on plant life over the last two years to see if Covid has made any difference to our ecosystem. All of the students were very excited about being on TV but not, it appears, as excited about working with the European Space Agency!



For the full news report please watch this link: <https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2021-04-19/catch-up-itv-news-meridian-east>



SIXTH FORMERS BECOME TEACHERS AND DO A FANTASTIC JOB!

Year 9 students were in for a treat on Wednesday 12th January when, instead of their normal History teacher, they were faced with two 6th Form students Bethany Hook and Kathrine (Kat) Pike who were taking control of their lesson. Supervised by Mrs Wisbey, the girls produced a splendid and very informative lesson on the Holocaust. Bethany and Kat covered the definition of the Holocaust, the number of innocent people murdered, and described the historical events. The girls also organised an interactive programme where they were able to speak to a Holocaust survivor, Kitty Hart-Moxon and the students learned about her experience.

Bethany said “The main thing I took from this project is the importance of humanising the victims and perpetrators. It is easy to just think of the Holocaust as some historical event but we must think about the deeper meaning behind it. Every victim was an individual with their own lifestyle, their own customs and traditions, their own story. Defining them just by a statistic stops us from realising the true horrific nature of the Holocaust. Similarly, the perpetrators were not just some villains or monsters but were people who made choices for varying reasons”.

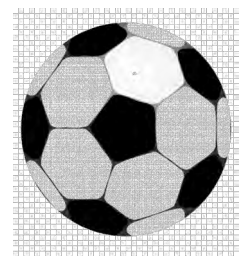
Year 9 student, Liam Sherrif said he really enjoyed the lesson saying “It was great. It was different being taught by another student and it was really interesting. I learned lots of new facts. Bethany and Kat did really well”.

Mrs Wisbey was equally impressed saying “Bethany and Kat had obviously worked really hard on their presentation. It was brilliantly planned with a great combination of information, photos, written resources, interactive video and lots of opportunity for discussion. They posed many thought provoking questions and from speaking to the students as well as the full class feedback, I could see how engaged the students were. They handled a very challenging subject with great sensitivity, allowing students the time and space to be able to come to their own conclusions without telling them what to think. The girls managed the class well, spoke clearly and with enthusiasm. Overall a really impressive lesson – well done girls”!



A QUICK SHOUT OUT FOR ANNIE

Year 7 Morrison student, Annie Boichat has recently played football for the Chelsea Girls team and did so well she has been asked to play again in the future. Well done Annie!



FULSTON STAFF DON'T LET THE SIDE DOWN.

The Fulston Manor staff football team travelled away to The Sittingbourne School on Friday 14th January, after school, to play the first staff game in five years. Despite playing the game on away territory in a notoriously hostile environment, the Fulston team emerged victorious following a hard fought battle with their ardent opponents.

The game started with Fulston Manor enjoying the lion's share of possession in the opening five minutes. The Fulston midfield were finding a lot of time on the ball and dictated the tempo of the game. However it was TSS that had the first real attempt at goal only to be denied by the gloves of Mr 'Safe Hands' Matthews.

The early attempt sparked the home side into life and the game ebbed and flowed for the following ten minutes before Fulston gave the exuberant travelling supporters something to cheer about. Patey drove forward with the ball flicking it over the heads of opposing players, the ball then broke to the composed Gardner who found Raher on the edge of the area, the latter then curled the ball with precision from 25 yards out round the goalkeeper and into the top right corner of the net. A strike worthy of opening the scoring in any game.

With their tails up, Fulston pressed forward in search of a second goal. TSS were pinned back in their own half and couldn't find a way out. Clearly startled by the pace of wide players Box and Beaumont, the TSS defence dropped deeper and Fulston came inches away from adding a second when Raher found Patey on the edge of the area, his shot left the keeper rooted to the spot but dipped agonisingly just inches over the crossbar.

With Fulston looking favourites to score the next goal they were subsequently caught on the counter attack by TSS. The young striker ran across the penalty area and sent a well-placed shot into the far corner of the goal leaving Matthews with no chance. TSS then pushed on in search of a goal to gain the advantage just before half time, however their efforts were thwarted by the resolute defending from 'fan favourites' Firth and Adjei at the heart of the Fulston defence. With the rotating full backs Hewitt, Hadler, Deeks & Westby all standing strong to ensure their opponents were kept at bay - the game was level at the break.

Fulston shuffled the pack at half time and introduced the much needed fresh legs of Spedding, Bishop and Belfiore. The beginning of the second half consisted of more intense battles in the centre of the pitch with both teams looking to stamp their authority on the game. Fulston started to turn the screw as the seasoned midfield maestro Lawrence continued to break up play and distribute the ball to the attacking players. Fulston were rewarded for their persistence midway through the second half, an out-swinging corner was sent into the box by Gardner and met by the head of Patey, his header sent the ball back across goal to find Lawrence who guided a deft header over the goalkeeper and into the corner of the net to restore Fulston's advantage.

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.....TSS pushed forward in the final ten minutes in search of an equaliser, however despite several attempts on goal they failed to find a way past Fulston's tenacious goalkeeper Matthews. TSS had a great chance to level the game, but the ball was scrambled away by the solid Fulston defenders and the heroic Matthews in goal. The game started to become remarkably stretched and Fulston looked to their bench for a calming influence. The crowd erupted as the experienced and assured McCutcheon entered the fray to tighten up the defence and protect Fulston's lead.

Fulston had chances to secure the victory in the closing stages of the game with the tireless Raheer, Gardner & Box all denied by the opposing goalkeeper. TSS also pushed forward themselves in search of an equaliser, however Firth & Adjei defended the Fulston goal like gladiators on a battleground clearing everything that came their way. Deeks then transformed from right back into a tricky right winger and provided some entertainment for the fans with a back-heel flick. Despite the tension, Fulston did make sure of the victory with the last kick of the game, Box floated in a corner which evaded all of the defenders and found Patey at the far post who sent a low left-footed strike beyond the reach of the goalkeeper.

As the final whistle blew, a bellowing roar swept across the pitch from the direction of the Fulston faithful. The smiles on the faces of Fulston players and supporters was a joy to behold - the staff team maintain their 100% record.



COUSINS REPRESENT SCHOOL AND CADETS ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Two cousins Myles Lewer and Samuel Gostling joined together to take part in their first ever Faversham Remembrance Sunday parade. Both boys had joined the Sittingbourne Army Cadets earlier this year and were pleased to be able to march the route alongside the other cadets. Not only were they representing the Army cadets, the Cromer House students wore their school uniforms to represent the school. Myles said "We really enjoyed taking part in the parade. We felt proud and honoured to have been able to attend as it was such an important event. We are really enjoying cadets and practise marching and hand signals as well as lots of other activities. We will be going away on camp very soon so are looking forward to that". Mrs Palmer said "We are very proud of Myles and Samuel. They looked very smart on the day and represented the school incredibly well".





ERASMUS CRAFTS TAKE TEACHERS BACK TO SCHOOL

It was lovely to see that the Erasmus project, run by various governments throughout Europe, was still going strong and, together with our partner schools in Spain, The Czech Republic, Lithuania, Estonia and Iceland we are exploring the preservation of local crafts in our countries. The most recent mobility for this project was held in the Czech Republic and Mr Box and Miss Finn were lucky to be able to travel there to take part in the latest project. Sadly, no students could join them this time which dampened the otherwise wonderful experience.

Miss Finn wrote about her experience:

The 5-day mobility involved the exploration of a different local craft every day, travelling in and around the local area of Nový Jičín, where our partner school, Mendelova Střední škola, is based.

Monday and Tuesday were based in the main school, as well as the town centre of Nový Jičín. We experimented with basket weaving and in the case of Mr. Box, managed this with ease! Miss Finn on the other hand, took several attempts to get started. The main aim of the project was to design and create a board game, using the 6 partner countries and their crafts as the main focal point for the game. This also included having to design pieces using TinkerCad, which could then be 3D printed into real parts of the game.



The afternoon on Monday was then spent visiting the local hat museum, for which the town is famous for, to decorate miniature hats, as well as trying on some of the pieces exhibited in the museum. Tuesday afternoon was then used to visit a local bakery to attempt mastering the art of creating local signature pastries (as well as sampling a few of them).



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....Wednesday and Thursday were used to explore the wider surrounding areas, including a visit to a glassworks where students design and create their own pieces and exhibitions. This involved some engraving of pre-made pieces, which of course Mr. Box was a natural at, and another visit to a bakery in Štramberk to see how Štramberk Ears are made, which was finally a task that Miss Finn could manage with ease! On Thursday afternoon there was a visit to Beskydy Pustevny, one of the newest attractions in the area. This is a huge wooden walkway in the mountainous region of the area, reaching over 1000m above sea level. If ever there was a need for a woolly hat, this was it!



Our final day in the area we spent at the closing ceremony for this mobility of the project. This was held in the town hall, where all contributors were presented with a certificate of participation as well as being treated to a musical performance from pupils from Mendelova Střední škola.

Our special thanks go Svatava Olbrechtova and colleagues for hosting the mobility and welcoming all of us to their town and school, especially given the current travel restrictions. We also extend our thanks to the European Parliament for allowing Fulston Manor School to enjoy the fruits of the Erasmus Project, learning in adventurous ways both at home and abroad.

TWINS TACKLE CROSS COUNTRY COURSE.

Morrison House twins, Even and Owen Gosling, certainly are a talented pair. They have recently taken part in the Kent Athletics Cross Country event with Owen finishing a very respectable 15th. Evan was a strong contender but, as he was recovering from concussion caused by playing rugby, not long before the race events, he couldn't manage all of the races on offer. Both boys run for Swale Athletics Club and are a credit to them and the school. Well done lads!



STUDENTS SMASH THEIR PREVIOUS RECORD

Following on from what can only be described as the country's Annus Horribilis, 6th Form students found their mojo and enjoyed a whole night of exercise, entertainment and all round jollity towards the end of last year. On 26th November the energetic Year 12 and 13s took part in the school's annual Stayawake night and smashed their fundraising record by donating an amazing £8455.20 in aid of local charity, Demelza House. Having spent a full day at school the students kept going until 7.00am on the Saturday watched over by the much older and more exhausted staff! They all kept going by playing sport, having a silent disco, taking part in a Fulston Bake Off and watching a considerable amount of Netflix!



Alongside all of the other activities a marathon game of Monopoly was played, lasting 8 hours, and was won by Sophie Ansell and Adrian Angol-Henry who, coincidentally, was also the banker! On Thursday 20th January, the top fundraisers were invited to visit Victoria Adley, Senior Community Fundraiser at Demelza, to see just what a difference their donations can make to families who use the facilities at the children's hospice. Due to Covid restrictions they were not allowed into the buildings but were shown around the beautiful grounds which are enjoyed by the children and their families. The students were delighted to find Shrek in the grounds of Demelza who brought back happy memories of watching his film and gave them a very good photo bomb opportunity.

Top fundraiser, Phoebe Wood, raised £220 and said "It was lovely to be able to visit and I really enjoyed looking around the gardens and grounds at Demelza. I'm glad I could do my bit towards this worthy cause".

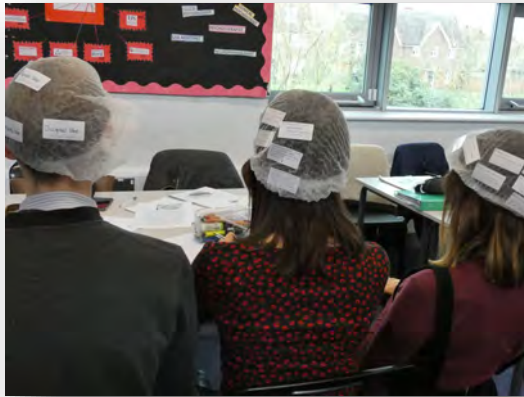
The students also had a photograph taken next to Len Goodman's Celebration tree. Len, a previous judge on Strictly Come Dancing is Vice President of Demelza. The public can purchase a leaf to add to the tree, have them engraved and hung for visitors to view. Information on how to do this is on the Demelza website.

Vicky Adley said "Thank you so much for bringing the top fundraisers along today. It was a pleasure to show them around. I hope they were able to see how important their fundraising was and what a difference it makes to the local community. We look after about 500 families across the South East, so lots of families will be impacted by their fundraising at a time when they need the most support."



YEAR 13S ARE VERY BRAINY—FACT!

Year 13 Psychology students have been learning about localisation of function in the brain which is part of their Biopsychology topic. To add a creative element to the subject they made "brain hats" by labelling the lobes of the brain along with their functions. They then stuck these onto each others "brains". Not everyone can pull off such a stylish look but these students certainly can!



ESPORT TECH CLUB BATTLE SUPER SMASH BROS

A number of students have begun to enjoy an exciting way to spend some time, after school, by taking part in the Fulston Manor School Esports Tech club. This has led to the students playing in the Digital Schoolhouse Super Smash Bros qualifiers which took part on Thursday 3rd March against other Kent Schools in the Regional final.

Super Smash Bros is a game which challenges the players to fight their opponents on a small stage, using skills and strategy to win. Most of our players have been keen followers for a number of years with Ryan Eckersley and Jay-Jay Adlington being top players in their field.



The club is run by 6th Former Owen Craycraft, overseen by Ms Comer, and helped by James Barrett and Skylar Annor-Cole. James said "Some of us play every day and we can play solo, duos, teams of 3 to 4 or even up to 8 through the game's multiplayer feature".

Sadly our team did not win against their worthy opponents but the students are looking forward to next years' tournament where they all hope to have increased their skills and progress further in the matches.

Back row: Jay-Jay Adlington, Owen Craycraft, Skylar Annor-Cole, James Barrett
Front row: Reece Savage, Ryan Eckersley



IS THIS AN ACTOR WE SEE BEFORE US?

Cromer student Emmie Clarke has recently had her hopes of fame and fortune soar to levels way above her imagination. Having recently travelled to Finsbury Town Hall, Emmie was auditioning to win a place in the Pre Elite squad for the Spirit Young Performers Company. Following a tough audition where Emmie was asked to dance and sing and then go through an intensive interview she was thrilled to receive an email from Jen Clarke of SYPC who said “Thank you for your display of dedication, professionalism and commitment. I am delighted to inform you that your audition was successful”. Jen then continued to explain that Emmie had been awarded a place in the actual Elite group “Huge congratulations Emmie. It is extremely rare to be invited into an Elite team straight from an audition, so this is a huge accomplishment indeed”.



It is fair to say that when Emmie found out she was nothing short of elated and said “I am so excited. Being in the Elite group means that the training is faster paced and we will learn new skills in just one day. I have also been offered a place in the choir and I am super excited about that too!”.

Emmie would love to be given the chance to perform in Billy Elliott, her favourite musical, but also has her sights set on TV work as acting is her passion. She is a keen Netflix addict and loves the film tick, tick..BOOM! and the wonderful series After Life.

Mrs Palmer said “Emmie certainly has the drive and determination to succeed and her Fulston Family will be watching where her career takes her. I’m pretty certain the West End is calling and she will be on stage soon”.

STUDENTS REACT POSITIVELY TO BEN KINSELLA FOUNDATION WORKSHOP

Fulston Manor are lucky enough to be part of a countywide project with Kent VRU (Violence Reduction Unit) working towards supporting young people in our area away from violence. We were offered the opportunity to, as part of this partnership, visit the Ben Kinsella Foundation Workshop in Barking, where our students took part in an interactive set of sessions with young adults with lived experience of violent crimes.

We took a small group of Year 10 boys along who engaged brilliantly on the day, with every session, and were a credit to the school. The boys started by watching a short documentary on the tragic death of Ben Kinsella who was murdered aged 16 in 2008. This led to an open and honest discussion around why some young people carried weapons, with the consensus from our boys being that it was both foolish and a reactionary scared response. They had a session on wound first aid and joint enterprise, which also educated them on the legalities of carrying weapons as well as being a part of a group where one person commits a crime; all can be convicted of the offence. This was eye opening for our students who were not aware of this legal loophole, though not as surprising as hearing their SnapChat history could be fully downloaded from SnapChat!

Mrs Woolcott said “The boys were shown a mock prison cell to talk through the realities of prison as well as their own aspirations for their own futures. This was particularly lovely to hear with almost every student having a plan for himself. Finally, they had a discussion with the organisation around other case studies of young people killed by youth violence, with some really thoughtful observations made by our boys. The boys were praised by the organisers of the day for their enthusiasm and maturity in the discussions and I was very proud of them”.



MADDIE THROWS SOME SHAPES

Year 7 Morrison student, Maddie Stephens, spent the weekend of the 5th and 6th March taking part in the Street Dance British Finals. Maddie travelled to Newcastle Under Lyme and was delighted to take 4th place against scores of other dancing talent in the age 10-12 category.

Maddie also competes in Freestyle and Rock 'n Roll, the latter being her favourite by far. Training 2 – 3 times a week with the Helen K School of Dance based in Sheerness, Maddie enjoys every second of the hobby. When not competing in dance competitions at the weekend, Maddie is thinking about dance.



AND MADDIE'S NOT THE ONLY STUDENT STRUTTING HER STUFF ON THE DANCE FLOOR...



Year 8 Stanhope student, Jude Viotto, and Year 7 Megan McGlynn, also a Stanhope student, joined Maddie in entering the British Street Dance Championships. Jude came 1st in both the individual and group events and Megan came 1st in her crew, 5 v 5 battles and quads events. Well done to all of the students.



And just to add to our success Rihanna Reynolds had an amazing weekend with fantastic results;

- Solo under 12 advanced- 2nd
- 1v1 all styles battle under 12's - 2nd
- 5v5 all styles battle under 14's - 2nd
- Under 14 advanced Team - 1st
- Under 14 advanced Duo - 1st
- Under 14 advanced Quad - 1st





THE SHOW MUST GO ON—DESPITE STORM FRANKLYN’S ATTEMPTS TO CANCEL!

Our Performing Arts students, ranging from Years 10 to 13, were delighted to finally make the trip to Bromley on Wednesday 23rd February to watch Waitress at The Churchill Theatre.

Originally organised for Monday 21st February, Storm Franklyn hit the rail lines with a vengeance and, with no certainty that we would be able to get home that night, the decision was made to cancel and rebook the trip. Luckily the theatre staff were able to get us all new seats and the trip went ahead. A big shout out to South Eastern Trains who helped us immensely.

The show was enjoyed by the 44 students and 6 staff and discussions on the way home ranged from how much some people cried, how much we laughed and how wonderful the one child in the production (and it must be said that it was for only five minutes) had stolen the show!

One thing everyone agreed on was how wonderful it was to be able to do the simple things in life once more without restrictions.

Our thanks go to Miss Tarrant for planning and organising the trip.

NATIONAL CUP GLORY BECKONS FOR DANIELLE

Girls’ football in Kent is going from strength to strength and Year 11 Stanhope student, Danielle Way is playing her part.

Danielle is in the Kent under 16 squad that will take on Lancashire for national cup glory this spring, with Oxfordshire standing in their path.



Kent's under-16 girls, above, will take on Lancashire this spring with national cup success at stake while the under-14s have their own final against Oxfordshire

Dates and venues are to be confirmed but stadiums in recent years include St Mary’s, home of Premier League Southampton, and Birmingham City’s St Andrews ground Coach, Rob Boyce, said: “They are all very good footballers but everything has to go your way on the day. A lot of people play football their whole lives and never get to see a final, so it’s a great achievement for all of the girls”

We will be watching closely to see how Danielle gets on.



FULSTON JOINS THE MASSES IN HELPING UKRAINE

Fulston Manor has joined the many other schools around Kent in requesting, receiving, sorting and now delivering donations for the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. With some expert packing skills, the school minibus was filled to the rafters using every square inch of space. Mrs Burden had asked staff and parents to donate from a long list of wanted items and, together with the use of Social Media, the deliveries filled the conference room. Mrs Burden said "Staff were joined by 6th Form students in sorting the donations into similar categories and then teachers, Mr Deeks and Mr Hadler, drove the haul to Folkestone to offload at the collection centre. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our staff and parents together with the general public and it was, and continues to be, a humbling experience for Fulston to play a very small part in helping those suffering. We are still open for donations and are acting as a collection point for Swale, we will be taking part in another drop off to Folkestone very soon"



ERASMUS TRIP CROSSES CONTINENTS (WRITTEN BY MR MATTHEWS)

Istanbul; Crossroads of Europe and Asia, modern mega-city and playground of the world's ancient civilizations, a melting pot of ancient religious sites, world-renowned cuisine and breath-taking views along the Bosphorous Strait...and for 6 plucky Fulston Manor students venturing on the Erasmus trail in Mid-March, home to the heaviest snow blizzards this side of the Arctic.



And so it turned out not to be Covid restrictions but *flight cancellations* which plagued the first leg of Fulston's final Erasmus+ experience: *Who's Knocking at My Door? 2*. A new project exploring the role of migration in modern Europe. An Istanbul, blanketed with snow, awaited all our partners, with students and staff from schools in Sweden, Italy, Spain and Belgium due for weekend arrivals but constantly checking

Arriving under white skies, with thick slush underfoot, the FMS team traipsed through sub-zero temperatures to the Lionel Hotel, their accommodation for the week in the western district of Bayrampaşa, a stone's throw from Tuna Anadolu Lisesi School, our hosts for the week. With bags unpacked and materials organised for the week, an exciting itinerary was only a Sunday-night dip in the pool away...

Aside from opportunities to socialise and meet students from across Europe, collaborative activities focusing on group-work, role play, and public speaking would provide insights into the phenomenon of migration in all the partner countries. Punctuated by exquisite selections of Turkish sweets and pastries, the FMS students navigated their way through the week's project work and the impromptu blizzards.



Traditional dance lessons tested the footwork of the entire group, Turkish tea kept late-night fatigue at bay and performances from the Tuna Anadolu Lisesi's school bands would practically raise the roof of the local youth centre one afternoon in scenes that would rival any performance at the O2.





True to form, Erasmus experiences provide opportunities to sample local culture and so the Turkish team prepared a kaleidoscopic program of visits; from the gravity defying chandeliers of the Sultan's Palace to Hagia Sofia's otherworldly domes; the winding alleys of the Grand Bazaar and heady scents of the antiquitous spice market, Fulston's students ducked in and out of Istanbul's relentless traffic to sample some of the capital's finest sights.

As the week drew to a close amidst swirling dervishes of snow, the adventurous 6 would feel the all-to-familiar pangs of heartfelt goodbyes. With return trips looming, one-by-one the national teams departed with smiles and tears, ready for new adventures and committed to sustaining new friendships. Having provided an exceptional welcome and disarming hospitality, our Turkish hosts had brought young people together from across Europe and sown the seeds for a project that will surely bring delight to everyone brave and lucky enough to take part.

Alex McKnight said "The Erasmus trip was the best experience I've ever had, I made friendships that will last a lifetime and experienced things that are incomparable. The culture you're invited to was incredible and enlightening to say the least, being in Istanbul connected with me personally and I adored every moment. "



Lily Hanson agreed "I felt the Erasmus experience really inspired me to work harder at school and travel the world while meeting all different groups of people from different places. It also taught me to be brave and take every opportunity " and Jessica Bootes commented "The Erasmus trip allowed me to be more confident and gain new skills from the experience. By talking and getting to know, not only the hosts, but the other students from all the different countries it meant that I could learn about the various cultures. Our generation tends to be quite reserved and shy away from learning new things so this really pushed us all to do something out of our comfort zones, which ended up being really beneficial.



ERIN ON HER WAY TO THE TOP

Year 13 student, Erin McNeice really is on her way to the top! Erin was delighted to recently be chosen as senior member of the GB Team for Competition Climbing after years of training. Specialising in Bouldering, 5.5metre high and Lead, 15 metre high walls, Erin trains 4 times a week in London with a further two days training at home.

Following trials in Sheffield a month ago Erin was absolutely delighted to receive an email from Tom Greenall, Head Coach at GB Climbing, offering her a place on the squad. Erin said "I actually dropped my phone on the floor with excitement! I rang Mum straight away but couldn't understand what she was saying as she wasn't particularly coherent amongst the screams of joy. She did say that she could finally relax after stressing all day!".



Erin now has hopes of joining the 2024 Olympics in Paris but until then life is about to get incredibly busy for her. She could be in a different country every couple of weeks and there is a very high chance of her attending the Youth World Championships in Texas later this year. Best friend, Lucy Davis, also Year 13, also feels elated "I'm so proud of Erin and her achievements. She just works so hard all of the time and it has now paid dividends. All this while studying for her A Levels".

Mrs Palmer agreed "Erin is so humble in her achievements. It was Lucy who really pushed Erin to let me know she had finally got the good news she had been waiting for. Erin has always shone in climbing and bouldering and so it came as no surprise that a few weeks ago, during a PE lesson, Erin beat all of the boys in her class during a strength test! We have followed Erin's climbing career for many years now and will continue to do so after she has left Fulston – I am pretty certain we will be seeing her in the Olympics! Well done Erin".

DOUBLE ACT JESS AND ROXY WOW THE JUDGES

On Friday 11th March Year 13 student, Jess Bootes, attended Crufts 2022, the biggest and most prestige dog show in the world, with her beagle Roxy. They came 2nd in a class of 11 and again 2nd in a class of 19. Jess was delighted and said "Getting to the point of qualifying for Crufts is amazing so winning here out of such strong classes means so much, especially as the other competitors have double/triple my experience. After attending Crufts for the past 6 years of my life, getting placed this year was extremely special to me".

We are thrilled for Jess and, of course, Roxy, who is just gorgeous!



SCHOOL FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

At Fulston Manor School we have a wide range of facilities available for hire that can suit any needs.

Whether you are an organisation looking to hold an event or conference, a sports team looking for a regular venue to train, or you may be just looking to hold a private function, we have facilities to offer. We also have an off-site playing field available for hire.

Our facilities are available during weekday evenings and weekends during term time and throughout the week during school holidays.

If you would like further details on the availability of our facilities please contact the Finance Office on 01795 412600 or finance@fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk

SPORTS NEWS



Our Fulston students never fail to make us proud and, following many sporting fixtures this term, we would like to thank the following students for representing Fulston Manor School so admirably..

Felix Akhurst
George Barham
Tyler Bennett-Stanfield
Eathan Birch
Rhys Boden-Thorne
Jordan Brown
Eben Butler
George Caulfeild-Browne
Joshua Chambers
Emmie Clarke
Owen Collins
Daisy Conway
Hayden Cunningham
Olliver Dawney
Lillia Delahaye
Finn Duchesne-Taylor
Hayden Duffield
Ethan Ellison-Evans

Simon Farrell
Frankie Faulkner
Harrison Flatt
Ashley Ford
Robert Fox
Harry-Jay Gawn
Ioannis Gayle
Bradley Glover
Evan Gosling
Owen Gosling
Charlie Halle
Isabelle Hockney
Heidi Hughes
Ben Hughes
Oliver Ingram
Harvey Ingram
Harry-Jay Gawn
Vydas Kajuk
Regan King

Cameron Lowe
Ollie Massey
Zenande Mbalula
David Olowale
Ollie Payne
Henry Pegg
Stanley Roberts
Sebastian Robertson
Denton Rogers
Harry Rogers
Ronnie Sulsh
George Turner
Christian Upton
Henry Ward
Rosie Wells
Leonard West
Ronald West
Harry Youens



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of the school having to close, due to adverse weather conditions for example, we notify parents in a variety of ways:

- Kent school closure website www.kentclosures.co.uk
- Notice on the home page of the school website
- e-mail message service (direct to your e-mail address)
- and/or text message service (direct to your mobile phone)



STUDENTS FEELING UNWELL AND THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES



There have been a number of occasions when students have felt unwell and have contacted home asking for parents to come and collect them from school without the knowledge of any member of staff. Can you please remind your child(ren) that should they feel unwell they should inform a member of staff or go directly to the First Aid Room. A member of staff will discuss the illness with your child and will contact you if it is necessary for them to be collected and taken home or taken for further medical examination.

Please note that the Medical Room is staffed by trained First Aiders, not qualified Nurses. Should your child have an on-going medical issue this should be referred to a doctor as we are not able to provide advice or treatment for such conditions.

If students are using their phones at unacceptable times, locations or in other ways they will be confiscated and taken to the school office. No phone can be collected before 3:15 p.m. In some cases phones may be collected by the student but generally they will need to be collected by a parent.

REMINDER RE UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE



- Skirts** Regulation school skirt is as follows:
Straight skirt with kick pleat at centre back, or Box pleat
All skirts **must** be knee length
- Trousers:** Should be charcoal grey or black straight legged., tailored trousers
- Hair** Hair that is dyed in non-natural or contrasting colours is not permitted in school. All extremes of hairstyles are not permitted. Girls' hair bands must be **plain** black, red or white only. No scarves or flower accessories are to be worn.
- Nails** Painted and/or acrylic nails are not permitted in school.
- Tights** Must be black, minimum 40 denier.

REMINDER RE SHOES : Shoes should be black, leather, sensible and suitable for both indoor and outdoor use. Boots (defined as footwear that covers the ankle), trainers and canvas shoes may NOT be worn.

If a student should arrive in school not complying to the above he/she will be given until the next school day to rectify. (nail varnish remover is kept in house areas and girls will be asked to remove the nail varnish immediately and their responsibility card will be signed). Failure to rectify could lead to isolation.





ATTENDANCE—AIM FOR 100%

A reminder about our recent letter regarding attendance. Students should aim to be in school every day of the academic year and there are clear links between good attendance and academic achievement. Students may think attendance of 90% is 'good' but this is equivalent to one half day off each week and means a student actually has persistent absence. A student with 90% attendance from Year 7 to 11 will miss 20 weeks of schooling (3 terms or **half a year**).

Medical Appointments:

Please could parents try wherever possible to arrange Doctor/Dentist and other appointments outside of school hours. If this is not possible then students should not take the whole day off and should attend school around the appointment time.

Punctuality:

Students should be in school by 8.40am and any student arriving to the school gates after 8.40am will have their responsibility card signed. Tutor time starts at 8.50am, if a student arrives after 9am then this is an unauthorised late and can result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

Attendance letters to parents/guardians:

As a school we have a duty to ensure all students attend regularly. The school sets a minimum level of attendance for all students of 95% which is endorsed by the Department for Education and the Local Authority. Any student whose attendance falls below 95% will automatically be sent a letter stating the attendance and outlining further actions that may have to be taken should the attendance not improve. This is monitored fortnightly and students may be spoken to. Where we know of medical reasons for this absence we may not send this letter, however, this will not always be the case.

We will normally authorise up to 3 days of absence if we have been informed as to why the student is off, anything beyond this may result in letters being sent home and absences being classed as unauthorised. We ask for parents to make daily contact to inform us of absences via the House office, in certain medical cases some continued absences will be authorised.

Informing us of absence due to illness does not automatically guarantee it will be authorised, this will be determined by the school depending on the student's current attendance levels and whether medical evidence has been provided. We do not require letters from a GP, any medication packaging or an appointment card would be enough.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring students are in school. Please do not hesitate to contact your son's/daughter's Head of House for support should you need it.

Please note the **Main School Office** will be
Open 9am—1pm 4th - 8th April
Closed 11th - 18th April
The Finance Office will be open 9am—1pm 4th - 14th April



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