



# Fulston Manor School



## EASTER NEWSLETTER 2024

### EX STUDENT PAYS IT FORWARD

Two incredibly lucky Year 13 students had the most amazing day in London during half term. Ex Fulstonian, Toby Turpin, had gifted two tickets to see Cabaret at the Playhouse Theatre, London, to Christopher Rayner who chose Ben Woollett to go with him as they are both taking A Level Performing Arts.



Toby, 3rd from left, back row, with the rest of the cast.



Christopher Rayner

Toby left Fulston a few years ago, having secured a scholarship to Emil Dale Academy which is a musical theatre school. Having graduated from there Toby has now hit the big time as understudy for Jake Shears, who plays Emcee, the lead character in Cabaret. Playing such a flamboyant character will not phase Toby who, when performing in Fulston Manor School productions, absolutely stole the shows he was in. Mrs Sarah Palmer, Events Manager at Fulston, said "I have seen Toby perform a few times on stage since he left school and was lucky enough to see him in Anything Goes a few years ago. Even then his stage presence was a force to be reckoned with. I would really like to see Toby as Emcee so will just keep checking to see when he is on rather than Jake Shears - although I'm sure he is wonderful too!"

17 year old Chris enthused "It has literally been the best thing ever. The theatre was awesome and we were lucky to be upgraded to some of the best seats in the house. Ben and I can't stop smiling and we can't thank Toby enough for the chance to have been part of this performance". Chris has also seen the bright lights as he was chosen to be part of the The Trials at the Marlowe last year. Fulston are watching Chris's Performing Arts career develop with interest.



**End of Term 4**  
**Staff Training Day**  
Thursday 28th March

**First Day Of Term 5**  
Monday 15th April

**Bank Holiday Monday**  
Monday 6th May

**End of Term 5**  
Friday 24th May

**Start of Term 6**  
Monday 3rd June

**Sports Day**  
Wednesday 19th June

**Book Return Day (Details to be confirmed)**  
Friday 21st June

**Sixth Form Induction Week**  
Monday 24th/25th and 26th June

**Reserve Sports Day**  
Wednesday 26th June

**New Student Parent Evening**  
Monday 1st July

**New Student Visit Day**  
Thursday 4th July

**Family Values week/Camp/Work Experience Week**  
Monday 8th July—Friday 12th July

**Year 9 Graduation Awards & Year 7 & 8 Lower School Awards**  
Tuesday 16th July

**End of Term 6**  
Tuesday 23rd July

**GCE Results Day**  
Thursday 15th August

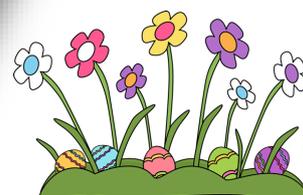
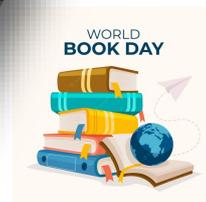
**GCSE Results Day**  
Thursday 22nd August

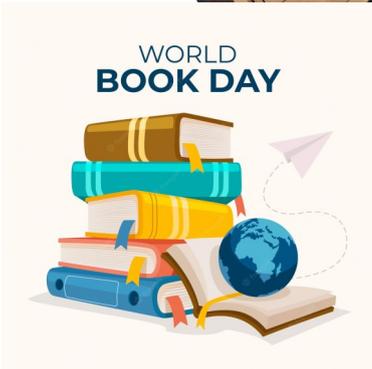


# STAFF BRING BOOKS TO LIFE

Staff at Fulston truly entered into the spirit of things for World Book Day and surprised students by dressing up as their favourite characters. Mrs Palmer said “World Book Day certainly gets students and staff talking about literacy matters and the characters involved – albeit fact or fiction. It was so lovely to see so many staff take part and we managed to get a photo of just a handful of them together. The outside and inside areas were littered with Harry Potter, James Bond, Ozymandias, Robin Hood, Edna, Alice and many more. It’s one of my favourite days of the year” A big thanks goes to Librarian Mrs Silver who dressed as Ferus Parfax and organised the whole event.

Here are a few photographs for your enjoyment.....





# BONJOUR PARIS - EXCITING TRIP ACROSS THE CHANNEL FOR YEAR 8S - UN ÉNORME SUCCÈS

WRITTEN BY MR STONE

This year's trip to Paris saw 44 Year 8 students embark on a journey to the continent, each eagerly looking forward to exploring all that the French capital has to offer.

With a brief stop at a service station en route (where many students sampled a French "MacDo" for the first time), we arrived at PGL centre Château de Grande Romaine in the early evening, enjoyed a hearty dinner, and got settled into our surroundings.



Saturday was spent in the heart of a chilly, peaceful Paris. First up was the Eiffel Tower, looking resplendent in an early morning fog. After negotiating security we were greeted by hundreds of steps up to the first and second floors. At the top, any breath that we had got back was immediately taken again by the 360 degree view of the city, taking in landmarks such as l'Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame and Sacré-Cœur. After a bit of souvenir shopping and a quick bite we boarded our boat and floated down the Seine, once again admiring the sights of Paris. In the remaining time, we jumped back on the coach and headed to the Place du Trocadéro for the classic 'finger on Eiffel Tower' photo opportunity, before heading over to the Louvre and the Place de la Concorde for one last walk. Quelle journée!



Sunday saw the students negotiate the market town of Brie-Comte-Robert before stepping back in time at the Château de Fontainebleau, one of Napoleon's most prized residences. Students had the opportunity to explore the Château in its original glory, each room filled with ornaments and possessions that were, quite literally, priceless.



At our final evening meal the chance to try snails was taken by many, with reactions varying from pleasantly surprised..... to less than impressed. The evening disco was a chance for many of the students to show off their dance moves, whilst others enjoyed a more relaxed time in the games room.

On Monday we had one last excursion to a hypermarket on the journey back home, with the opportunity to see the range of French (and English!) products on offer and spend some pocket money.



We arrived back in Sittingbourne after a brilliant 4 days full of excitement and adventure (and walking), with many excellent memories being made along the way.



# ICELAND TRIP - A FREEZING BUT FUN EXPERIENCE

## 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

WRITTEN BY MISS FINN

A trip to Iceland was mentioned way back in the Summer of 2022 – this trip had been 18 months in the making and involved a lot of people, from start to finish. But my goodness, was it worth the wait.



40 Students, 6 members of staff and 1 tour guide later, we were on a plane ready to fly to Keflavik Airport. For some of our pupils, this was their first time on a plane, for others it was their first trip away from home.

Packed with hundreds of layers between us, we left the mild climes of the UK for the chillier north – at some points, minus 19 degrees Celsius.

As soon as we left the airport in Iceland, we were straight into activities with Val, our tour guide. Our first stop was the 'Bridge Between Two Continents' which was a highlight for the Geographers amongst the team, and then onto a bubbling hot spring (too hot to bathe in) which was a great photo opportunity for our Photographers.

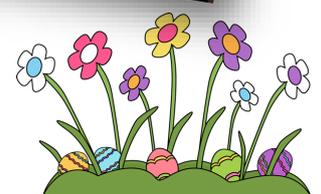
After this, we headed to our accommodation to check in, have dinner and work out our evening entertainment. We were greeted by two lovely dogs that live at the guesthouse who were always joining us for dinner and wanting to play fetch! Evening entertainment involved the use of the hot tubs for those brave enough to get back out of them in the freezing temperatures! Others explored the site and settled into their rooms.



Our first full day in Iceland was jam packed with activity – we visited a Geothermal Power Plant (which has also been visited by Zac Efron in his Netflix documentary), the famous Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir that erupts every 6-8 minutes, and finally topping off with the Thingvellir National Park.

Back at the guesthouse, there was talk amongst the ranks about the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis). Hushed whispers spread of when the pupils could get up in the middle of the night...

.....There was an easy way to rectify this.....



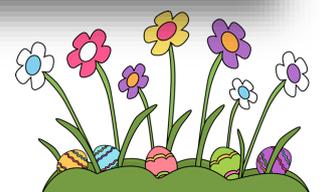
The Northern Lights made an appearance early in the evening (at about 10:30pm whilst some staff were still in the hot tub) so we got everyone out of their rooms. We were all so excited, we ended up going to bed at about 1am! This has been the best showing of the lights so far this year, and with clear skies they truly made the trip a once in a life time experience.



*This photo was purely shared to show what three teachers would look like on a Boy Band album cover! Thank you Mr Stone, Mr Box and Mr Westby for the image.*



Day two and, as you can imagine, breakfast was a little bleary eyed. However, the Lava Centre called our name! This was an interactive exhibition that was built in 2012, after the last major volcanic eruption. We then saw the famous Skogafoss Waterfall, as well as a trip to the Black Beach, with its perilous sneaker waves! Luckily, no sneaking that day, but caution was still taken on the beach. We also managed to stop at a town called Vik for some souvenir shopping, as well as a stop at an ice cream farm, where everything is produced in house. I have never seen 46 people be served with scoops of ice cream so quickly! Who doesn't like ice cream when it is minus 5 outside? We also finished the day with a glacier walk, allowing our pupils to see something that could be non-existent in 50 years and appreciate just how big glaciers can be, topping off with another smaller waterfall before heading back to the guest-house.

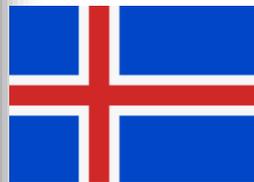




It was a very early start on our final day as we headed to the airport – sometimes a silent coach is enough to tell you how much of a great time they have all had. Lisa, our coach driver for the trip, delivered us back to Keflavik earlier than scheduled having tackled some really tricky driving conditions throughout the week. We arrived back at school with plenty of time to spare, meaning everyone could go home and have a well-deserved afternoon nap!



I cannot thank everyone enough who was involved in making this trip go ahead, including Mrs Mitchell, Mr Westby, Mr Bennison, Mr Box and Mr Stone, but I must give a special mention to Val, our tour guide in Iceland, and Lisa, our coach driver for the trip.



## WHEN WORKSHOPS WORK! HISTORY STUDENTS ACE THIS.

Ex Head of History, Mrs Sharman, was our guest of honour as she was invited back to help Year 11 revise for their British America unit. Through stories and photos from her own memories and visits to America, Mrs Sharman explained the key events leading up to the War of Independence. We are so proud of our students for their commitment and dedication to their History GCSE.



Miss Hubbard was still buzzing hours after the event. She said “ I was so proud of our students. 38 turned up for a 5.00 - 6:30pm workshop! This was a really good turnout. Our thanks go to Mrs Sharman for coming in and imparting her knowledge onto our students. It will have helped them immensely”.



# *So You Think You Know Your Teachers ???*

We are hoping to include some personal information about members of staff in each Newsletter so that students and parents can get to know our staff a little better. And colleagues can be amazed at some of the hidden talents sitting across the staff room from them!

## ***Mrs Woollcott      Designated Safeguard Lead***

### ***Was teaching/working in a school your first career choice or did you have a previous career?***

Definitely not, I came to teaching later. My degree was in law at the University of East London and I wanted to do family law, but then I decided I didn't want a job I took home with me each night as I wanted to be able to switch off. Clearly that didn't last long as I went into teaching! I also worked in banking, selling insurances for Santander for a few years, then went back to Christ Church University and started my teacher training.

### ***When you're not teaching what do you do in your spare time to look after your well-being?***

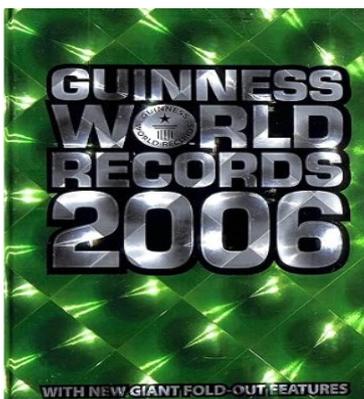
I read all the time, take my kids out places and occasionally run around Herne Bay covering about 5k

### ***What do you love about Fulston?***

I love the kids I get to work with. I love that every day is different and I have the funniest experiences every day; finding my office full of balloons, Year 11 playing knock and run on my office door, and the gentle ribbing over my choice of fluffy shoes.

### ***What is your biggest achievement in life?***

I feel like I have to say my kids, but I was also in a World Record Attempt for 'Most People in a Mini' in 2006; we broke the record and had 24 people in. It has now been beaten.



### ***What has been your favourite Fulston memory so far?***

Taking a Year 10 group camping a couple of years ago. It was wonderful—for everyone involved.



# *So You Think You Know Your Teachers ???*

## *Mrs Martin Science Teacher*

Was teaching/working in a school your first career choice or did you have a previous career?

It was not my first choice. I originally wanted to be a vet but unfortunately missed out on one A in my A levels! I had to have a rethink and went into teaching. I've loved it ever since.

When you're not teaching what do you do in your spare time to look after your well-being?

My passion used to be horses but I don't have them any longer so I spend the weekends exploring the countryside with my dog, Tinks.

What do you love about Fulston?

I worked here as a supply teacher for a couple of years but am now here full time. The staff make you feel so welcome and I feel like I've been here for years.

What is your biggest achievement in life?

That has got to be when I saved a student's life, when I worked in a different school. He cut his major artery open when he put his arm through a window in the playground. This was about 7 years ago and he had to have an operation to fix his tendon, artery and nerve which had been severed in the accident.



What has been your favourite Fulston memory so far?

This is a simple answer—just being here.



# *Mr Milne*

## *Teacher of Law*



### **Was teaching/working in a school your first career choice or did you have a previous career?**

It was certainly not! I was initially on a career course to be a solicitor (the more boring variety of lawyer that doesn't even get to wear the wig). Despite the fabulous accent, I actually came from a poor background, and though I went to a good university, I can even recall my last words to my tutor about UCAS before I went - 'I don't care, I just want to make money'. I even began specializing in a specific type of law - 'Equity and Trusts Management'. It was soon after graduation, and going into the industry, that I began to get some dreadful worries about the sort of legal issues - and people - I would be helping if I continued along that path. I now know this is called a 'conscience' and it does, unfortunately, still plague me. I saw an advert for 'Teach First', and ended up teaching at a school in Birmingham before I came to Fulston.

### **When you're not teaching what do you do in your spare time to look after your well-being?**

I am a huge rugby fan and, in particular, live for the six nations when it's on (so long as, of course, Scotland or England are winning). I am also frankly obsessed with cars - my partner and I have fixed and converted an old Landrover for a cross Europe trip, where we can live out of it. (I am extremely proud of the folding bench with which I received only minimal serious injuries attempting to put it together).

### **What do you love about Fulston?**

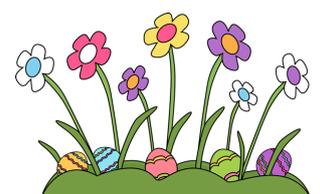
Fulston is full of the most wonderful characters. I definitely never know what on earth they are going to say next. I love how they can always surprise you.

### **What is your biggest achievement in life?**

Somehow convincing my beloved partner to marry me. In a very romantic scene - I had forgotten the ring, had to go back for it, dragged her up a mountain on a walk that was far longer than expected, at Christmas with corresponding temperatures, and was left kneeling in a puddle as she admired the view with her back to me, after mistiming my proposal. When she said 'Finally, I thought you'd never ask', I knew I had just expounded 30 years of luck in a few fleeting seconds.

### **What has been your favourite Fulston memory so far?**

I delivered a whole school assembly on the merits of being reasonable, with the ever wonderful (true) story of Susan and her legal case, and I will never forget the elation of hearing a Year 10 I didn't know tell me that he had enjoyed my assembly and 'didn't think it was that boring'.



## 2024 INTER COUNTY NATIONAL U18 FINALS – LOWESTOFT

*A wonderful write up by Mr Goldsmith, father of James.*

After a year of regional county matches, the 16 most successful teams gathered for the National Pool Finals at Lowestoft in Suffolk. Kent were drawn in the last sixteen against Derbyshire.

Being the defending champions from 2023, Kent were tipped as favourites to retain the title on the Sunday afternoon.

All matches are best of 36 frames so the first player to 19 wins the match. A draw is possible at 18-18 but this would activate a 3 frame play off.

Kent beat Derbyshire in the last sixteen 19-5 in a very one sided game. This then pitched them against local rivals Essex in the quarter finals. Kent were behind all the way but managed to draw level at 18-18, which meant there would be a 3-frame play off to see who would qualify for the semi-final on Sunday morning.



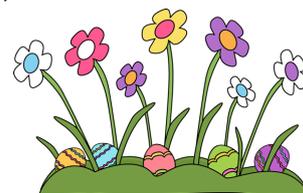
Kent won this nail biter with Stanhope student, **James Goldsmith**, winning one of the crucial 2 frames to give victory at 20-18.

The semi-final opponents were West Midlands who beat Kent in the 2020 final (8.30am start on Sunday morning), so the pressure was on. It turned out to be a comfortable victory, Kent got to the winning target of 19 frames with plenty to spare in a 19-11 final score.

So onto the 4<sup>th</sup> final in as many years (we believe no junior has ever played in 4 national finals, and he still has another 2 years at this level) and it was Greater Manchester juniors who had come through a tough semi-final against Bedfordshire edging it 20-18 in a playoff.

Kent juniors got off to a very poor start going 10-4 down. They fought back to level at 13-13, then played some great pool to win the final with a scoreline of 19-14. James contribution was again significant winning 10 out of his 16 frames, 4 of which were in the final. However, the biggest frame win was the playoff match in the quarter-final.

Having now qualified for the England Team earlier this year, James looks forward to representing his country in the World Championships in Blackpool at the end of June, this is pending success in the internal trial on the 6<sup>th</sup> April, so fingers crossed for that, but he is very confident. He also looks forward to four series of tournaments at locations throughout the country— three in the Under 18 category and five in the Under 25 category. The latter contained many “Ultimate Pool” professionals and Internationals, five in the South East tour & three individual tournaments in Leicester, the latter two being men's competitions. We wish James the best of luck!



## LUKE TAKES GOLD AND SETS HIS HEART ON BIGGER THINGS.

Hales student, Luke Mannering-Green, recently entered the Black Belt Taekwondo LTSI English South East Open in Hatfield and was delighted when he took the gold medal, winning all three of his fights and earning the title of 'English Champion' for his division.

The 15 year old student competed in the 15-17 year old age group and received his black belt last summer. He has, in fact, been training for the last 7 years at TSA Taekwondo, based on the Eurolink in Sittingbourne. Luke trains 3 to 4 days a week and visits the gym 6 days a week. This hardworking lad wants to progress to training 3 nights a week in London as he has his eyes set on Team GB in two years time.



When asked if he was ever scared of getting hurt Luke said "No but my Mum is. She closes her eyes at times!" A spokesperson from Fulston said that staff wished Luke every ounce of luck and they are watching his taekwondo career with interest.

## AND A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO ALFIE WALACH

Second trip to Sheffield this winter for Alfie Walach who set some huge PBs in March at the National Combined Events Championship.

He ended up 13th in the English Championship Pentathlon and 15th overall in the UK.

Alfie had a great set of performances, soaring to club record jumps of 5.22m in the Long Jump and 1.62m in the High Jump! He was also close to his bests in the Hurdles, Shot and 800m.

Alfie had a great day, finishing on a PB/CR score of 2172pts.

*Well done Alfie !!*

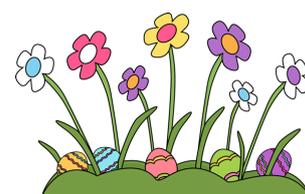


## SWALE DISTRICT FOOTBALL

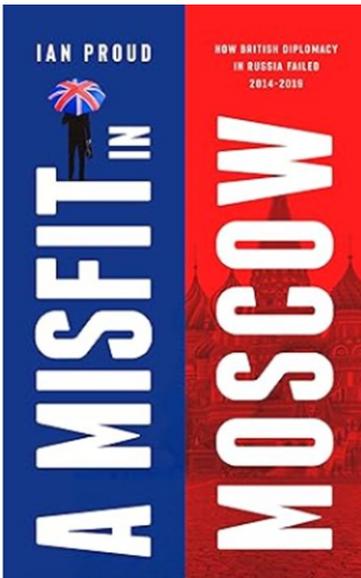


Many of our students play for various teams across the county and subsequent leagues and, at the end of the season, some trial to represent the district based on their Schools location (Fulston therefore being Swale district). For the 23/24 season Jake Hoggins (Morrison), Charlie Harvey (Stanhope), Liam Foy (Morrison), Roman Walmsley (Hales) and Callum Maddox (Morrison) have represented Fulston and the district across both County League and National Cup competitions, often making up 50% of the starting line-up (some achievement in itself).

Whilst narrowly exiting the National Cup after extra time against a Croydon District, packed with boys from Arsenal, Crystal Palace and Brentford, the Swale team bounced back with victory over a strong Brighton and Hove district team again full of pro academy players, this time with a thrilling 5-4 result, in Swales favour. This victory set up a "Charles Harvey County final" against West Kent District, played at the Gallagher stadium (Maidstone Utd) on Friday 15th March. All the Fulston boys mentioned started this game and after an enthralling and hard fought match, Swale won the contest 4-3 with two goals from Jake and one from Liam, securing the title. Impressive in itself but even more so when you consider that Swale by School, is one of the smallest if not smallest districts in the UK and as such has not won this competition since 1985, nearly 40 years ago!!!!



# A MISFIT IN MOSCOW—IAN PROUD



We were delighted to welcome former British diplomat, Ian Proud, to Fulston on Wednesday 13th March. Ian, who has mastered 8 languages, took charge of five assemblies throughout the day speaking to over 700 students and covered a number of topics including Geography, Modern Foreign Languages and, of course, Politics. He spoke of his time as a diplomat in various places around the world and gave the students a fantastic insight into cultures and traditions of different nationalities. As his second language is Thai the students loved testing him on his prowess in this foreign tongue. Many questions were asked and the students felt that they had been in the company of someone as close to James Bond as they could imagine.



The evening saw a more formal event when Ian promoted his book - A Misfit in Moscow. Talking about his various antics in Russia and Thailand, he also touched on his skills at organising the G8 summit in Northern Ireland. Mrs Palmer said "It was a fantastic evening, full of amazing questions and answers. It was thoroughly informative. To listen to the views of a man who has been in the middle of diplomatic tensions between the UK and Russia was eye opening. We cannot thank Ian enough for coming and sharing his knowledge with our students and parents, or our Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Mr Pastor, for organising the whole visit. We really hope to see Ian on our doorstep again in the future. I would also confirm that Ian's book is a jolly good read and can be bought off Amazon!".



# CHARITY WEEK WELCOMES ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS

Fulston Manor ran yet another incredibly successful charity week recently and raised, in total, over **£9200** which will be split between Ellie's Angels, Demelza House and Cancer Research UK. The vast majority of money was taken through donations supporting the Sixth Form Stayawake (please see next page).

Throughout the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> January, many fun activities were enjoyed by all including a staff handball match, a gaming session and the ever popular 'I'm a Teacher. GET ME OUT OF HERE!'

Thursday 1st February brought the highlight of the week for some, where staff 'volunteered' to take part in a bug and 'surprise' eating competition. At the table were Mr Westby, Mr Bennison, Mr Phillips, Mr Carter, Mrs Palmer and Ms Belfiore. Noticeable in his absence was Mr Bowden who, having taken part last year, respectfully declined the invitation to join the brave souls. Once was obviously enough for him! On the menu were crickets, meal worms, buffalo grubs and locusts.



The atmosphere was tense. First up, the guests had to grab a handful of meal worms. Starting small (and crunchy) this didn't seem like too much of a challenge. Dry with a salty flavour, they were likened to bad tasting crisps. Sardines brought the next slimy, and very smelly, addition.



From most peoples' point of view, the person enjoying themselves the most was the lovely Mrs Woollcott who organised and compered the event. She revelled in the fact that she then served up some incredibly hot chillies. Mr Phillips and Mr Carter definitely struggled but it was Mrs Palmer whose face turned the reddest and eyes streamed so much tissues were called upon to wipe away the tears. Still numb from the furnace of heat, the final delicacy was cat food! If it could be said that the coolness of the cat food was a welcomed relief, that would be a lie. The taste and the texture made most people feel very sick.



Mrs Palmer said "I remembered last year saying I'd NEVER do this again. But time is a healer and I'd forgotten just how gross some of these dishes were. I don't cope well with hot food but I'm proud to say I wasn't defeated. But only just".



Mrs Woollcott wanted to thank everyone for taking part and for supporting the event. "I really enjoyed watching the staff squirm—but probably not as much as the students did. It was all for a great cause".



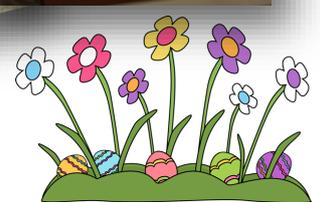
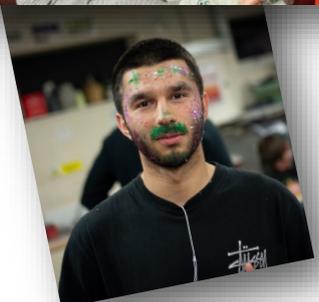
# SIXTH FORM STAYAWAKE SMASHES FUNDRAISING RECORD

On Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 180 students and 20 staff took part in our annual all-night 'Stayawake'. A long-standing tradition at Fulston which sees dedicated staff and students staying in school from 7pm until 7am the next morning, to raise funds for our chosen charities. This year our Sixth Form students chose to support two local charities - Demelza House in Sittingbourne, who provide end of life care for children and young people, and Ellie's Angels, who do wonderful work in helping support young adults with their mental health.

Throughout the night, we ran a variety of engaging and motivational activities to keep the students (and staff) awake. Mr Stewart Bendon, Assistant Headteacher, ran a very successful 'Bake-Off' competition, creating some very yummy pizzas – watch out Paul Hollywood; Mr Josh Meades, PE Teacher, showed tremendous endurance refereeing a very competitive 5-a-side football match; Mr Scott Rayfield, Head of Art, and Ms Shanna Taylor, Photography teacher, dazzled us with their wonderful artistic flair at the face glitter station as well as making Valentine's Day cards and Mrs Lauren Smillie, Head of RSE, let the students sing at the top of their lungs with her legendary Smillieoke sessions. Other activities included Basketball, Benchball, Gaming, Table Tennis and Dancing, with the evening coming to an end with a quiz and some well-earned celebrations.

The night was a huge success, and we are so proud of everybody who took part. All students have been wonderful in raising funds far beyond our expectations, with a record-breaking total of £9306, which will go such a long way in supporting our local charities.

Staff at Fulston Manor School said "Thank you to everyone that contributed towards such a successful event; we look forward to supporting our local community again next year".



# SPRING FESTIVAL IS, ONCE MORE, A HIT WITH THE AUDIENCE

This term saw yet another splendid performance by our students and directed by our amazing Performance Arts Teachers.

Held on Wednesday 20th March the festival, entitled 'Through The Ages', covered music and dance from the 1950's to present day. The performances were some of the best we have seen and everyone, participants and audience alike, had a fantastic evening. A massive well done to all involved.



# STUDENTS REPRESENT FULSTON IN SPORTING MATCHES AND, YET AGAIN, MAKE US INCREDIBLY PROUD.

Our thanks and congratulations go, yet again, to those students who have represented the school in Football, Basketball and Rugby. Well done one and all.

## Rugby



YEAR 10
Amarachi Agbaegbu-Griggs
James Barham
Oscar Buck
Archie Cleaver
Jack Friedman
Hayden Fuller
Blake Gates
Harrison George
Harry Green
Joshua Ingram
Riley Keen
Tyler Roberts
Franklin Smith
Oliver Whiting
Freddy Woodward

YEAR 9
Haydn Cunningham
Finn Delahaye
Harrison Flatt
Tyler Glover
Oliver Green
Sam Horne
Olly Massey
Oliver Payne
Finley-James Smith
Harry Smith
William Sutcliffe
George Turner
Alfie Walach
Henry Ward
Charlie Warner

YEAR 8
Brandon Apps
Zane Batchelor
Aiden Brown
Jack Colenutt
Kai Collins
Freddie Crayden
Raphael Danenburg-Brightly
Ben Forman
Izaak Butler Hills
Jarell Ifeanacho
Tommy-Lee Gaunt
Jesse McKenzie
Anthony Owolabi
Ryan Penn
Kyan Setterfield
James Sotiri

## Basketball

YEAR 10
Isaac Cork
Harrison George
Tyler Hart
Joshua Ingram
Preston Smith



YEAR 8
Brandon Apps
Aiden Brown
Izaak Butler-Hills
Freddie Crayden
Jarell Ifeanacho
Jesse McKenzie
Charlie Oswald
Anthony Owolabi



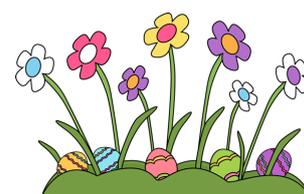
## Basketball Girls

Tiffany Dighton
Megan Fulton
Emmanuella Olupon
Caitlin Reed
Ava Smith

## Football Girls

YEAR 7
Tiffany Dighton
Lexi Doherty
Brooke Hall
Lola Head
Bella Holden
Nyla Horner
Lily-Ann Monaghan
Summer Oosthuizen
Caitlin Reed
Lola Simms
Ava Smith

YEAR 7
Archie Bartlett
Isaac Gregory-Bourne
Finley Brunger
Jude Partington
Charlie Pike
Jacob Swarbrick



## 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](mailto:finance@fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk)**

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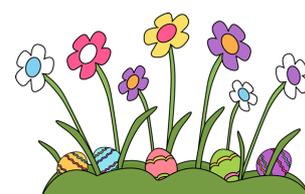
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# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## 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](http://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

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 if during break or lunch time. 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.

## REMINDER RE UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

We pride ourselves on the appearance of students at Fulston Manor, and we expect them to be smartly dressed on their way to and from school and throughout the school day. If you require any further guidance please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House.

**Our uniform is compulsory.**

Our uniform **must** be worn correctly at all times – this includes on the journey to and from school.

Students may only wear weatherproof outdoor coats in addition to their school uniform. These **must not** be worn in place of their blazer. Hoodies, sweatshirts, denim jackets, leather jackets and gilletts are **not** allowed.

There is to be **NO** make-up worn, this includes painted/false nails.

There is to be **NO** jewellery worn, or piercings.

Only those hairstyles suitable for school are allowed – **NO** unnatural colours

**School skirts** should be grey in non-stretch fabric– choice of two styles - either straight (with small back split or kick-pleat) or box pleat. Skirts must be knee-length.

**Trousers** must be “Charcoal grey or black classic straight-legged tailored school trousers.

**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 they will be given until the next school day to rectify. (nail varnish remover is kept in house areas and students will be asked to remove the nail varnish immediately and their community card will be signed). Failure to rectify could lead to isolation.*

*PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.*





## 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 child's Head of House for support should you need it.

Please note the **Main School Office** will be

Open 9am - 1pm

2nd - 5th April

8th - 12th April



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