Fulston Manor School

Weekly Newsletter

#FulstonFamily Friday 13th November

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Homework Landing Page

Today's assembly looked at the fact that on 11 November, we mark Remembrance Day, remembering the anniversary of the Armistice in 1918, when the fighting of the First World War came to an end. At 11am, we pause to remember the millions of people who lost their lives in the First World War and all those who have served, suffered or died in conflicts since, including the Second World War, the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our remembrance also provides an opportunity to recognise the work of the Royal British Legion (RBL). While many people associate the organisation with the annual Poppy Appeal, its support for the Armed Forces community continues throughout the year. The RBL provides vital assistance to serving personnel, veterans and their families, including mental health and wellbeing support, financial advice, housing and employment assistance, and rehabilitation for those living with physical injuries or disabilities.

It also supports families affected by military service and campaigns to ensure that those who have served our country receive the recognition, opportunities and support they need.

Remembrance is about more than looking back at the past. It is also about recognising the sacrifices made by others, supporting those who need our help today and ensuring that their stories are never forgotten.

Mr R Prutton
Assistant Headteacher



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Upcoming events

Monday 16th November	Year 10 and 12 Work Experience Online Parent Meeting (Join here)
Thursday 26th November	Sixth Form Open Evening
Monday 30th November	Staff training day (School closed to students)

Sports results!

Year 8/9 Netball



Fulston 6 TSS 5
Fulston 3 Highsted 2

Squad: Harriet S., Amelia H. (Player of the match), Serine B., Daisy H., Bonnie Z., Amelia J.-B., Yasmin J., Clara Rose B., Eliana M.

Year 8 Football



FMS 1-0 Leigh Academy Minster

Squad: Billy H., Jonny W., Preston T., Oscar H., William C., Harry H., Kayne M., Rhys K., Joshua D., Stanley V., Jack G., Freddie W., Jack B.

Unifrog events

Unifrog is our Careers Platform which can be accessed from home and school. It has incredible resources to allow students to plan their future pathways. All students now have an account on Unifrog- they will have a welcome email, if they have not already logged on, in their email inbox.

Parent Accounts! If you would like one go to unifrog.org/sign-in and select 'sign in as a parent' and register using the email address you have registered with us.

Business accounting taster: making strategic business decisions
Mon 16 Nov 16:30-17:15

Dear AI, you still need a designer: why creativity, judgement, and human imagination still matter
Mon 16 Nov 17:30-18:15

VWEX: Live career experience day
Tue 17 Nov 09:00-15:00

Is a placement year at university really worth it?
Tue 17 Nov 16:30-17:15

An introduction to linguistics: how human language really works
Tue 17 Nov 17:30-18:15

Formula 1 vs Formula E: which one offers the greatest engineering challenge?
Tue 17 Nov 18:30-19:15

Beyond battles, kings, and queens: exploring everyday life in Shakespeare's England
Wed 18 Nov 16:30-17:15

Business and marketing taster: why do we love certain brands?
Wed 18 Nov 17:30-18:15

History taster: race, power, and democracy in the US
Thu 19 Nov 16:30-17:15

Healthcare science taster: could a career in audiology be for you?
Thu 19 Nov 17:30-18:15

Psychology taster: do your eyes lie to you?
Thu 19 Nov 17:30-18:15

Interior design taster: how to take a room from empty to extraordinary
Thu 19 Nov 18:30-19:15

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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Students Make Progress

Our first Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice walk of the season took place on Saturday, and what a start it was. We had a fantastic turnout of over 35 pupils, including some of our experienced Silver cohort, who came along to help our new Bronze participants develop their navigation and walking skills.

The weather certainly made things interesting. We set off in incredibly foggy conditions, with visibility so poor that at times we could barely see the pupils navigating at the front of the group. Thankfully, everyone made it through the mist, and we headed from school towards Lynsted and back, crossing fields and footpaths that many pupils probably didn't even know existed on their doorstep.

We kept things at a nice, steady pace for our first outing, covering an impressive 7 miles in just two and a half hours, with rest stops and plenty of opportunities to practise navigation along the way. There were lots of chances to get to grips with map reading, following footpaths and, most importantly, working out which muddy field we were supposed to be in.

By the time we returned to school, everyone was thoroughly muddy, with some pupils looking as though they had brought half the Kent countryside back with them. We suspect a few parents were less than delighted at the prospect of letting them into their cars afterwards.

A huge well done to everyone who took part, particularly our new Bronze participants, who tackled their first walk with enthusiasm and good humour. A special thank you also goes to our Silver pupils for helping out and sharing their experience.



Prefix of the fortnight

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Many

READ LEAD SUCCEED

Year 7 history trip

We are delighted to confirm that the Year 7 History trip to Canterbury will be running as planned. I will be contacting parents in the coming weeks to confirm which day their child will be attending if they have reserved a place for their child.

Thank you so much for your support, we are aware that some parents have made over the recommended contribution to support this trip, we are incredibly grateful for your kindness.

Mrs E Mason
Assistant Headteacher

Performing Arts head to see Sylvia

Performing Arts students had a great time at the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury, watching the award winning production 'Sylvia' featuring Beverley Knight and ZooNation.

The production included the untold story of Sylvia Pankhurst and a different side to the Pankhurst family that both students and staff did not know which they found interesting as well as entertaining. Two students said "It's similar to Hamilton, only better!" A wonderful evening for all.

Miss C Wheeler
Head of Performing Arts



Year 11: Kent Choices is now live!

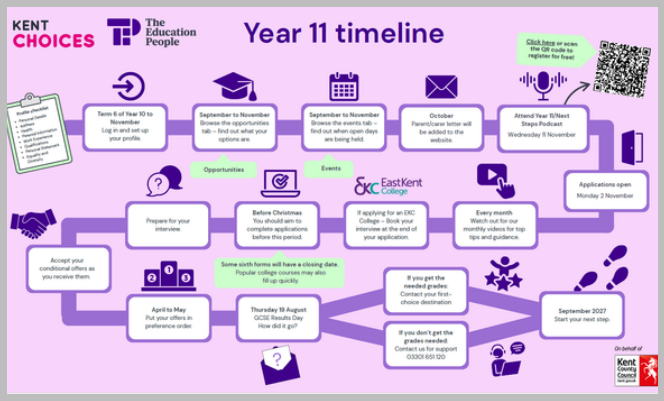
Applications via Kent Choices open are now open. All Year 11 students have been issued login details (also attached to the front of their 'Next Steps' magazine); please email careers@fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk if these have been lost.

If you would like to meet with Miss Jones, our careers adviser, with your child, you can now book an appointment with her by using this link.

Key Resources & Support:

- Unifrog: Students can log in via Google to research careers and post-16 pathways. Parents can also set up an account using this link.
- Post-16 Guide: Access our Post-16 Study Guide and watch the on-demand webinar version. Additional advice is available on the Kent Choices parent support section.
- Sixth Form Open Evening: Takes place on Thursday 26th November 2026. You can book a slot for the Head of Sixth Form's presentation via the school website.

This roadmap may help you in discussions with your child about moving forward with their post-16 applications:



School Uniform Expectations
Wearing Our Uniform with Pride

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

At Fulston Manor School, we have high expectations regarding school uniform and expect all students to wear it correctly and with pride.

We have provided students who choose to wear skirts with several opportunities and reminders to ensure that they are worn appropriately and in accordance with our school uniform policy.

Moving forward, where students repeatedly fail to meet these expectations, despite reminders and opportunities to correct their uniform, we will require them to wear school trousers instead of a skirt.

We ask for the continued support of parents and carers in reinforcing these expectations and ensuring that students arrive at school wearing their uniform correctly.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in maintaining the high standards we expect from all members of our school community.



Please ensure:

- Skirts are unrolled and not folded.
- The waistband is showing and worn at the waist.
- The skirt is level with the top of the knee.
- The skirt is worn neatly.

Well done Year 11!

A huge well done to all our Year 11 students for their fantastic effort during the first week of PPEs. Your behaviour, focus and attitude have been excellent, and you should be incredibly proud of the way you have approached your examinations.

As we head into the second week, the message is simple: keep going! Maintain that same level of focus, determination and resilience right through to the final exam.

Remember, if an examination hasn't gone quite as you had hoped, don't dwell on it. Put it behind you, learn from the experience and focus your energy on the next one. This is an important skill to develop ahead of your GCSEs in the summer.

One week down, one to go! Keep working hard, stay positive and finish as strongly as you started.

Well done, Year 11!

Mr C Hadler

Assistant Headteacher

Christmas Lunch Day

Our Christmas Lunch Day coming up for Years 7-11 on Wednesday 16th December. You can find full details here.

Our Sixth Form will also be having a Christmas Lunch Day on Thursday 17th December, you find full details of this here.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, a separate letter has been sent to you.

We look forward to celebrating with our students!





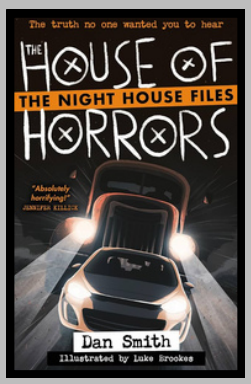
Mrs Silver's reading recommendations...

Longer Read: The House of Horrors by Dan Smith

Deep in the Texan desert, the Slade family's trip of a lifetime takes a terrifying turn when their car crashes on the highway. Stranded and alone, they're picked up by passing trucker Sam, who leads them to a long-abandoned ghost town, Coyote Creek.

There the family are forced to enter Dr Kilgore's House of Horrors, a nightmarish maze filled with sinister, all-too lifelike waxworks and bone-chilling secrets. Will they find a way to escape or will they become the latest victim of the horrors that await?

AR 5.3 Dyslexia Friendly



Shorter Read: Me and My Brain by Helen Rutter

Josh has always called his brain Brian, and Brian can sometimes be his best friend, helping Josh with tests and giving him brilliant moneymaking ideas. But he can also be Josh's worst enemy, keeping him awake at night worrying, and telling him that his family's problems are all Josh's fault.

When the arguments at home get really bad, Josh is sent to live with his grandma. At first Brian's voice gets louder and louder, and Josh feels out of control. But as he helps his grandma in the garden, growing their own food, and with all the jobs that need to be done around the shack, Josh starts to realise that she understands him and Brian better than anyone.

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Fulston Manor
School & Sixth Form
Sittingbourne

6th Form

Your future
Your way



Join Fulston Manor Sixth Form

Aspirational
High expectations, high achievements.

Supportive
Expert teaching and personal guidance.

Future-Focused
Pathways that open doors to your next steps.

Inclusive Community
Be part of a vibrant community where ambition meets opportunity.

Great Facilities
Modern learning spaces, specialist equipment and inspiring environments to help you thrive.

OPEN EVENING
26TH NOVEMBER

Head of Sixth Form talk at 5.30pm and 7.30pm
Subject market place open 6–7.30pm

Scan the QR code to find out more about our Sixth Form

Visit our website for more details
fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk

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YEAR 11 WORKSHOPS TIMETABLE

A TWO-WEEK SCHEDULE OF TARGETED SUPPORT

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK A	HISTORY RS	ART TEXTILES PHOTOGRAPHY	PHYSICS iMEDIA COMPUTING	PSYCHOLOGY GEOGRAPHY FRENCH 3D DESIGN	BIOLOGY SPANISH
WEEK B	MATHS	CHEMISTRY DRAMA	BUSINESS MUSIC CITIZENSHIP	ENGLISH	FOOD DANCE SPORT H&S

If not now.....when? If not you.....who?

YEAR 13 WORKSHOP ROTA

6th Form

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MATHS LUNCHTIME CLINIC N5- YEAR 12 WELCOME	MATHS LUNCHTIME CLINIC N5- YEAR 12 WELCOME	BUSINESS (WEEK A) B6	CHEMISTRY R1	3D DESIGN Y2
BIOLOGY G8	SOCIOLOGY S2	RS T4/T6	LAW S6	UCAS APPLICATIONS S9
MATHS (WEEK B) N5	TEXTILES Y4		HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE S4	
ART Y8	ENGLISH LITERATURE (WEEK A) N11/M7- YEAR 12 WELCOME		PHOTOGRAPHY T2	
PSYCHOLOGY S3	GEOGRAPHY E2		FILM STUDIES (WEEK A) N9/N10	
COMPUTING B11	POLITICS B7			
	HISTORY (WEEK B) I6			
	IT B8			

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Fulston Family Celebrations

Tutor group of the week:

C-OTA

Sixth form tutor group of the week:

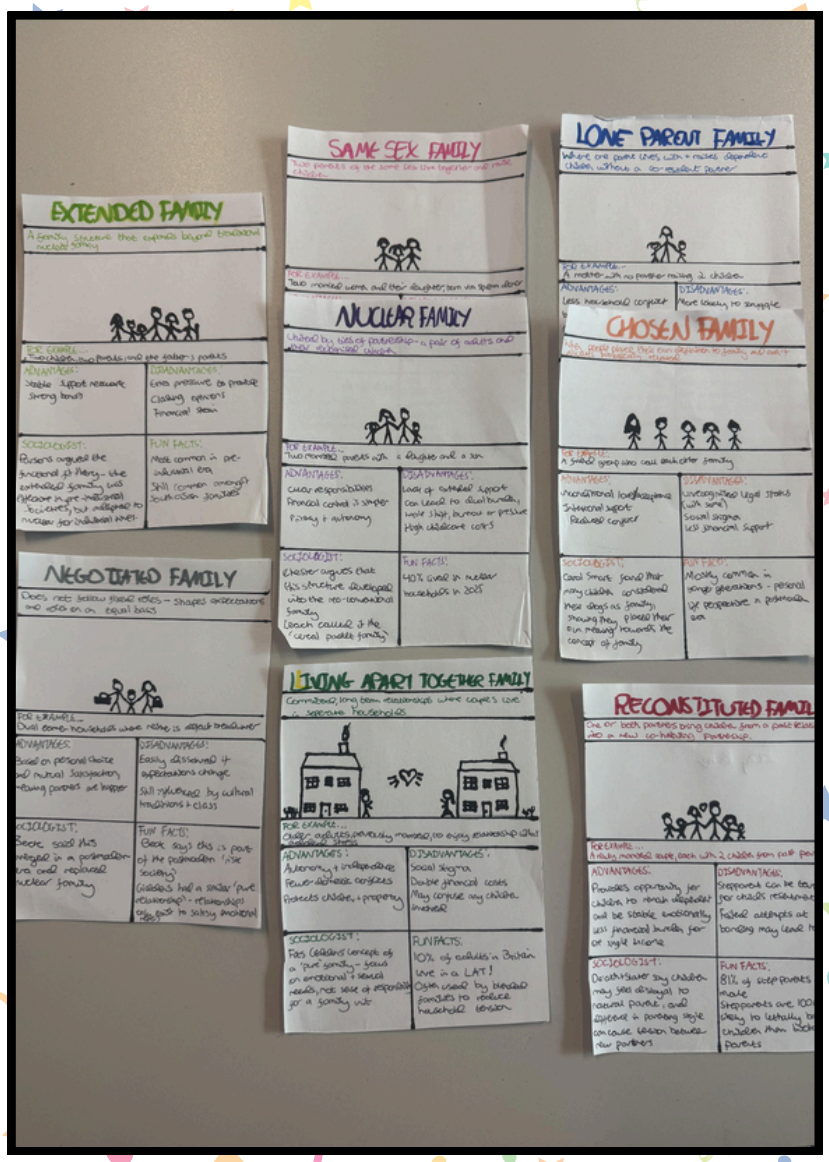
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Ambition Students of the week

Year 7: Anastasia P
Year 8: Jamie D
Year 9: Ella D
Year 10: Jacob N
Year 11: Miley F
Year 12: Amy B
Year 13: Kathryn H

Ambition

Work of the Week:
Sociology by Isabelle B (Year 12)



Congratulations

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Total positives so far this year...

Fortitude	Ambition	Mindful	Integrity	Leadership	Young Citizens
39,700	51,050	20,290	12,465	5724	10,643

VALUES UPDATE

STAFF • STUDENTS • PARENTS

Fulston Manor School

everybody matters, everybody succeeds, everybody helps

THIS WEEK: AMBITION & RESPECT

Ambition

Respect

This week's focus was on Ambition and Respect. Students showed high levels of aspiration, effort and consideration for others across the school.

AMBITION POINTS

Whole School Total: **6,073**

WINNING HOUSE

Stanhope

1,516 points

TOP YEAR GROUP

Year 7

1,412 points

TOP TUTOR GROUPS

KS3	KS4	KS5
C-OTA	M-SRA	12-ADO
184	217	25

TOTAL VALUES POINTS

Whole School Total: **15,148**

WINNING HOUSE

Stanhope

3,841 points

TOP YEAR GROUP

Year 7

3,607 points

TOP TUTOR GROUPS

KS3	KS4	KS5
C-OTA	S-LBI	13-GMU
614	523	69

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **6,073** Ambition points across the school.
- **Year 7** achieved the highest year group total (**1,412**).
- **Stanhope House** were this week's winning house (**1,516**).
- **15,148** Total Values points for the week.

NEXT WEEK: MINDFUL & SAFE

Mindful

Safe

Next week we will focus on being **Mindful and Safe.** Students will explore how we can look after our own wellbeing, make positive choices and help to keep our school a safe place for everyone.

YEAR GROUP TARGETS – CAN YOU BEAT THE TARGET?

Work together to earn as many **Mindful points** as possible this week!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
500+	500+	500+	550+	550+	300+	300+

READY • RESPECTFUL • SAFE