



## Newsletter

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### Word of the Week

**Cunning** (adjective) showing ingenuity.  
Can you use this word in a sentence?

### Contact details

You can now tell us online of any changes to your details via our webform - go to  
<http://www.friesland.ttct.co.uk/information/forms/>  
and select 'Update Student details'.

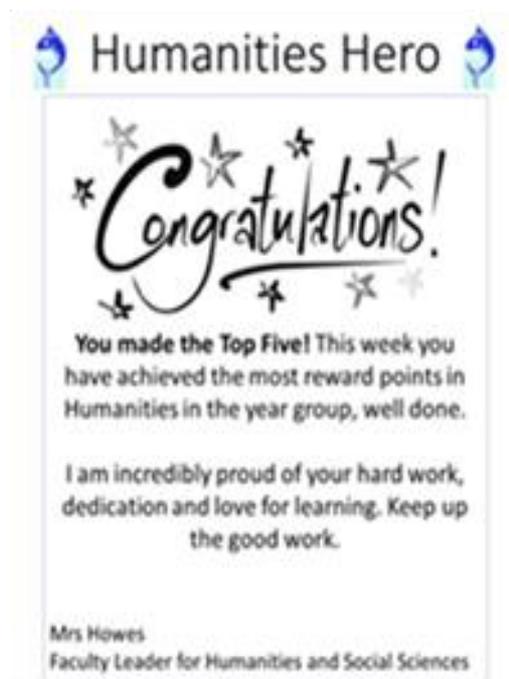
### Upcoming Events

- Monday 2nd May: May day bank holiday
- Tuesday 3rd May: PTA meeting 7pm
- Thursday 5th May: Y7 parent's evening

### Humanities Heroes

Congratulations to the most recent Humanities Heroes...

[Reuben Doherty and Millie Storey](#)



### Headteacher's message

Welcome to the first newsletter of the term, I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break. My assemblies this week have been on the theme of 'honesty', and especially self-reflection and being honest with ourselves.

My message, to all of our students, is that if they are honestly trying their absolute best in everything that they do they will all be genuinely successful at Friesland School. I cannot ask for anymore than for our students to try their best.

As I said in my letter last week, if I am being honest our toilets at Friesland have not been good enough for a while now. We have put a lot of work into improving what we have over Easter, with that work also ongoing over the coming weeks. As always, if you have any feedback please do not hesitate to let me know.

Finally, thank you to all of those Y10 - Y13 families who came to the joint careers event at Trent College on Wednesday. It was a wonderful event and such a delight to see our students engaging so positively with the providers.

[Craig Patterson - Headteacher](#)

### Thank you to the PTA

The Performing Arts faculty are incredibly grateful to the PTA for their kind donation towards the replacement of the curtains in PA1. Our old curtains were very much on their last legs - having being kept going the past few years with patches and repairs. Unfortunately, they had come to their end of their usable life. After a long wait, our new curtains were finally installed during the Easter holiday and our theatre is looking nice and smart once again - just in time for the return of our Lower School Show this summer!



## Career of the Week

**Geneticist's** study genes to work out how cells and organisms behave.

Geneticist's earn £18,821 to £47,642

To become a Geneticist you would need to go to university and you might work in a laboratory, a university or at a research facility.



## Audition Time...

A big well done to the 75+ students from Years 7, 8 and 9 that auditioned for High School Musical before Easter. This involved a busy three evenings where students were required to learn sections from the performance and were given the opportunity to showcase their talents in singing, acting and dancing. We were incredibly impressed by the quality and enthusiasm of all those that came along. We have now cast all the roles and look forward to starting the rehearsals this week ready for the show in July. Let the hard work begin!

### The Performing Arts Department



## Student Success

Congratulations Tyler! Our Year 9 music students entered a county-wide music composition competition - creating a new soundtrack for a film - and Tyler was selected as the winner! Huge well done and enjoy spending your prize! With



## Sixth Form Alumni - Where are they now?

I left Friesland school in 2016, went onto further A-Levels studying photography, product design, English combined and EPQ I achieved AACD. I then applied to Nottingham Trent University to do a Law (LLB) Degree. I started this in 2018, due to Covid our studying went from lectures in lecture halls with 100's of students to sitting at home listening to them alone. It became a very independent degree but my tutors were so helpful and ensured we all understood our learning. I graduated from Nottingham Trent University with a 2:1 Law Degree in 2021. I then originally was going to do my LPC (Legal Practice Course) LLM Masters but I had also applied for a few jobs. Somehow to my amazement I managed to get a paralegal role at Browne Jacobson Law firm which I felt I couldn't reject. So, I began working as a paralegal in October 2021. I am completely in love with the job and every day is different, I currently specialise in defending clinical negligence claims which I love. I then began my Masters LPC in January 2022 which I do part time whilst working 4 days a week as this course is so intense working 5 days just was not possible - luckily my work is flexible enabling me to progress in my studies and gain experience in a law firm at the same time.



### Laura Thorpe

## Careers Fair Success

We are delighted with the success of the very first Three Schools Careers Fair, organised by Friesland, Wilsthorpe and Trent College that took place on Wednesday.

Year 9 -13 students and their parents were invited to Trent College to listen to and speak an extensive range of representatives from universities, further education and training providers and employers.

## Year 11 Final GCSE dishes

Here are a few of the photos from Year 11 students who have been cooking Italian themed dishes. They have done very well and I am very proud of all their achievements this year. A real variety of homemade pasta, sauces and delicious desserts and risottos. A huge well done!

Mrs Pitman



## Wuthering Heights

On Tuesday night our A Level Drama students went to see Emma Rice's new adaptation of the famous novel by Emily Brontë, 'Wuthering Heights' at Nottingham Theatre Royal.

'The epic story of love, revenge and redemption. Rescued from the Liverpool docks as a child, Heathcliff is adopted by the Earnshaws and taken to live at Wuthering Heights. In their daughter Catherine, Heathcliff finds a kindred spirit and a fierce love ignites. But, when forced apart, a brutal chain of events is unleashed. Shot through with music and dance, Emma Rice, the director transforms Emily Brontë's masterpiece into a passionate, powerful and uniquely theatrical experience.'

Our students adored this new adaptation and the play was followed by lots of in-depth discussions the next day in lesson on the diverse techniques Emma Rice used to spark new life into this classic story.



## Animal Farm Theatre Trip

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 190 Year 7 students went to Nottingham Theatre Royal to see a stage adaptation of the novel they have been studying in English, 'Animal Farm'.

Students excitedly boarded the 4 coaches for the journey into Nottingham. For some students it was their first school trip in a number of years; whereas for others, it was their first experience of live theatre.

The performance featured highly effective and engaging stage puppets, bringing the story to life. It was so well performed that there were even tears shed in the audience at the death of some of the animals!

The students were engaged throughout and behaved immaculately. Well done, Year 7!

