



## Newsletter

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### Word of the Week

**Versatile** (adjective) having or capable of many uses.

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'.

### PTA

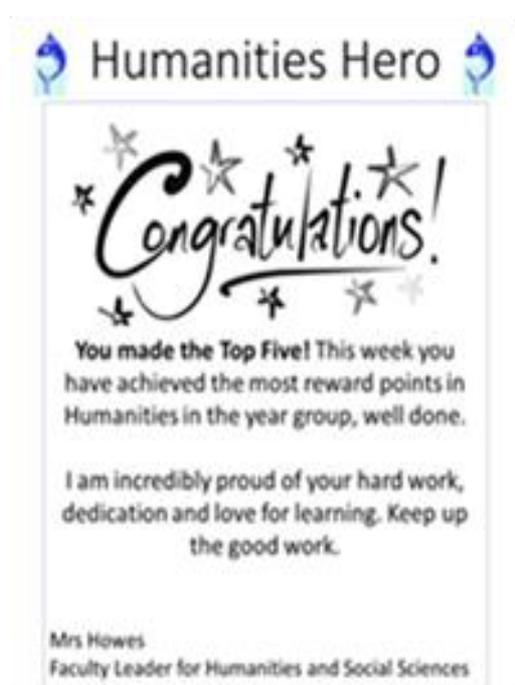
For more information about our PTA or to join the lottery, please visit the school website.

<https://www.friesland.ttct.co.uk/information/pta/>

### Humanities Heroes

Congratulations to the most recent Humanities Heroes...

[Freya Allen](#), [Lilley Gascoyne](#), [Sophia Ireland](#),  
and [Lois Hull](#)



### Headteacher's message

I hope you all enjoyed your bank holiday weekend, it was certainly lovely weather for our Y9 Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition, with a brilliant (but exhausting) time had by all. There is further information on the expedition later on in this newsletter

As you look through your children's books this half term you should see more and more green pen as students 'check and correct' their work. This is a key element of our teaching and learning strategy, with the idea that all student's leave every lesson with all tasks completed correctly. This will help our students to make excellent progress, and provide them with a valuable revision resource for the future.

Please make sure that your child has a green pen with them every day as part of their equipment, and please feel free to let me know how you think it is working for your child.

[Craig Patterson - Headteacher](#)

### 'DNA' Drama Trip

On Tuesday the Drama department took their GCSE Drama and A Level Drama student's to the theatre to see Dennis Kelly's play 'DNA'. The students had a talk before and after the show from the educational officer at the theatre giving the students tips on how to write a live theatre review and giving them an insight into the creative process the actors, director and set designer went through when approaching this performance, starting with the rehearsal room right through to how the technical and dress rehearsal were run at the theatre. The students took part in a Q&A with other schools where they could ask anything about the themes of the play, character interpretation, director's concept and why it was staged in the way it was.



## Career of the Week

### **TV or film production manager.**

The salary is variable, you could work at a film studio, on a film set, in an office or at a TV studio.

TV or film production managers need a lot of experience in TV or film, and an in-depth understanding of the production process to get into this job. Your experience and track record will often be more important than formal qualifications.



## Year 7 - Independent Traveller

### Workshop

Year 7s will take part in a Road safety workshop this half term.

This workshop focuses on the importance of students not being distracted whilst travelling to school, the group work session allows the students to recognise risks and the associated consequences. The workshop also looks at the effect that COVID-19 had on our transport choices, as well as looking at sustainable ways to travel. The workshop will motivate students to keep themselves safe and make informed choices around their own and their friends' safety.

Thank you to Andy Adlington,  
Road Safety Officer for Derbyshire County  
Council for delivering these sessions.



## Sixth Form Alumni - Where are they now?

I started at Sixth Form with the view of going to University to study Sport as it was my passion growing up. I loved playing football, and still do - and wanted to see where it could take me.



I initially studied PE, Psychology and Maths.

I had a difficult first year, taking Maths as an option after securing an A at GCSE, but found it a lot more challenging than I thought. I persevered with the subject, and sought help to improve my grades, with a great deal of support from teachers and my Form Tutor/Head of Sixth Form. Sadly, when it came to my AS Level exams, I hadn't achieved the grades in Maths to continue.

I had to make the difficult decision to restart Sixth Form, and I changed subjects from Maths to Geography. I struggled enormously to start with, having to restart with students in the year below me that I didn't know, and just feeling like giving up - but I was quickly welcomed into the year group and made some great friends to help support me through the next two years, as well as my teachers - and I ended up really enjoying my time at Friesland. All of my teachers were so supportive, and nothing was ever too much trouble, because they want you to succeed just as much as you want to.

Over the 3 years I spent at Sixth Form, I decided that University really wasn't for me, and that I wanted to start working and find a career that way. By September I had secured a job as a Customer Service Advisor at Boots, and 6 months later, applied for and got a job in the Head Office as a Merchandising Assistant. I have since been promoted and I am now an Assistant Merchandising Manager, looking after Cosmetics - which is a massive achievement for me, looking back at where I was in 2019, having just finished Sixth Form and having no idea what I wanted to do.

I love my job, and I believe that if I hadn't had had these hurdles to get over whilst studying at Friesland, I wouldn't be where I am now. I really had to push myself to get through difficult periods in my time at Friesland, but the teachers and staff really helped me, and made me the person I am today.

[Charlotte Fitch \(2011-2019\)](#)

## DofE

The year 9 DofE Bronze Practise Expedition went ahead last weekend, Friday 29 & Saturday 30 April. This was the time for students to demonstrate their classroom training via a practical expedition. 38 students with their packed rucksacks headed to Drum Hill Scout Campsite near Little Eaton in Derbyshire via a coach. Once there, they began by setting up tents before further First Aid training and then a navigation activity all led by Mr Stanley the school's DofE manager. After this, the group cooked and ate in the open air and enjoyed a sing song by the fire before lights out and a [chilly] night under canvas.

On Saturday the 38 students split into 7 groups carrying expedition equipment and using their new map reading skills, began to navigate across the landscape back to school all working as a team.

It was a warm day where some students struggled with the heat and others with the terrain and the odd blister was found but eventually all students managed to get back to school all in one piece, most still smiling, if a bit tired.



Overall the practice expedition went well with some students doing extremely well, although some training is still required by all, before their final assessed expedition which will take place in the Peak District in July.

Thanks should go to the following staff for their assistance and support: Mr Parker, Mr Fowkes, Mr Burnes, Miss Bennett and Deb Elsdon and Hayley Manchester from the Two Counties Trust.

## Meaningful May

**Meaningful May 2022**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger.
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

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