



Newsletter

Word of the Week

Counselling (verb) the provision of professional assistance and guidance in resolving personal or psychological problems.

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

www.friesland.ttct.co.uk/information/forms/
and select 'Update Student details'.

PE Update

Monday - Athletics Club

Wednesday - Tennis Club

Thursday - Athletics Club

All of the clubs finish at 3.45pm

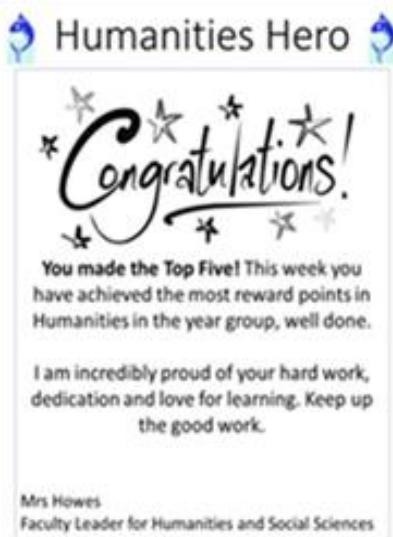
Congratulations to the student's involved in the Rutland Athletics competition last week.

Year 9s came 3rd and Year 10s came 2nd

Humanities Heroes

Congratulations to the most recent Humanities Heroes...

Scarlett Harrison, Zebulun Padley,
Lucas Randall, Sheila Fernandez and
Isla Smith



Headteacher's message

As we reach the end of the penultimate half term I would like to thank you all for the support you continue to show Friesland as we strive to become a truly great school. I am really pleased with how smart our students look, how they conduct themselves on our site and how hard they work every day.

I do understand, however, that we have a small minority of students who are choosing not to follow the values and ethos of our school. I can assure you that we are working with those students to improve their behaviours, and I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to all of our students who were affected by the fire alarm activations this week. We have sanctioned those individuals responsible and been very clear on how disruptive and dangerous their actions were.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful half term break and that our students return refreshed and raring to go in June. Next half term will see a welcome return to many Friesland summer institutions, including sports day, the lower school show and our awards evenings.

Craig Patterson - Headteacher

Superstars

Congratulations to the 664 students who have won an Amazon Voucher as part of the Superstar prize draw.



Year 8 Football Success

The Y8 team won last week against a very strong Ecclesbourne team and move into the semi-finals of the county cup against Lady Manners. They put in a brilliant performance in the heat on what is a huge pitch for their age.

Goals from Noah Kennedy, Jack Lee and Jamie Renshaw saw us win 3-2.

Special mention to Eddy Hayes who 30 seconds before kick-off had to change from midfield to Goalkeeper due to an injury and played brilliantly.

Career of the Week

This week's career of the week is **Oceanographer**.

- Oceanographers study the seas and oceans.
- To become an Oceanographer you will need a degree and post graduate qualification, you could earn between £14,000 to £60,000 per year.
- You could work in an office or in a laboratory. Your working environment may be outdoors some of the time and you'll travel often.



Year 13 Leavers lunch and celebration

It is a tradition at Friesland to mark this important time with a social event and it is with great pleasure, post pandemic, that we were able to host year 13 in our Common Room with a combination of pizza, awards, tutor group games and activities, alongside tributes to this fabulous year group.

Taking a temporary breather from revision, it was great to see year 13 relaxing, laughing and engaging in a range of games and silly challenges. Particularly popular features were the balloon game and the 'Would I Lie to you' two truths and one lie game, with students guessing from the many contributions from members of staff.

The event finished with the well-established pool (think balls not water) challenge, with a very welcome appearance from our previous Headteacher Mr Monk, who in partnership with Mr Puddy took on the year 13 challengers for their as yet unbeaten crown. On this occasion the students lost 3-1 and it is now down to next year's cohort to rise to the challenge!

We wish year 13 all the very best with their exams - lessons and revision sessions will continue throughout the exam period and then full celebrations can happen on July 1st at our party and of course on results day!

Thanks as always to our Year 13 tutor team for their work with year 13 and to Mrs Pitman, Mrs Tideswell and Mrs Carr for always going the extra mile in support of our students.

Mat Puddy - Leader of Sixth Form and Careers

Sixth Form Alumni - Where are they now?

As I reflect on my time at Friesland Sixth Form, I can only thank the staff for being a pivotal part of my journey to date. Whether it was the support of the staff or giving me the opportunities to experience new things, it all played a part in leading me to the path I'm on today. Looking back, I recall thinking that I knew exactly what I wanted to do when I left school. Computers had always interested me and under the guidance of the staff at Friesland, that passion only grew and set me on the path to a career in software. After obtaining my A-Levels, I enrolled at Nottingham Trent University to study Computer Science, which always felt like the logical step. Yet interestingly, since completing that degree, I've never once had a job that truly aligns to it.

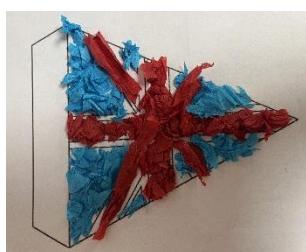


If there's one thing I've learned since leaving Friesland, it's that you never know the journey life will take you on. Saying yes to new challenges and experiences is a mindset I first started to adopt while at the school, putting myself out of my comfort zone. That approach has been vital in setting up the career I have today. Since leaving university in 2017, I spent the first four years of my career working in Project Management, before recently accepting a role as a Business Manager for the London Stock Exchange Group, a role that challenges me daily. Outside of work, I spend my time writing and reading, striving to learn something new every day... which is certainly not something I would have said back in my school years!

Peter Lawson

Jubilee Decorations

The Y10 Support Group got creative this week as they designed and made decorations for the Queen's Jubilee.



Drama Update

A Level and GCSE Drama students from Friesland joined forces with Drama students from Wilsthorpe on Thursday to watch a performance of 'Pool (No Water)' by Mark Ravenhill in our Performing Arts Theatre.

'Pool (No Water)' is a play about the fragility of friendship and the jealousy and resentment inspired by success. It explores how envy, jealousy, and competitiveness can simultaneously undermine and exist alongside love and compassion. The unnamed characters narrate their tale about a visit they pay to the palatial home of the one member of their group who has achieved phenomenal success in the art world.

This performance came at the perfect time for both GCSE and A Level students who are currently in the middle of their devised exam process and allowed them to see a highly creative performance where devised techniques were embedded throughout. The play was originally performed by Frantic Assembly Theatre Company and for our A level students who are currently studying them practically and theoretically, it was great to see their techniques put into practice on stage.
Thank you to Kristian Thomas Theatre Company for this performance and for allowing our students to speak to the actors after the event about how they put the piece together and all things drama school related



Voices of Year 7

This year, as part of our 'Find Your Voice' module, Year 7 have spent 5 weeks planning, writing and finally performing a speech on a topic of their choice linked to ideas about culture. Following on from study of persuasive techniques and Friesland values, students have learnt how to generate an inspiring and topical idea and develop their writing using a range of persuasive and structural techniques. As a culmination and celebration of their hard work this term, 10 Y7 students were chosen to deliver their speech in front of their peers at our 'Voices of Y7' celebration event. This event was a wonderful opportunity to hear from our young people and witness them overcome fears and apply their knowledge in such a creative and inventive way. We are incredibly proud of the resilience and ambition our Y7s have demonstrated this term and would like to share with you some of their reflections on their learning and successes:

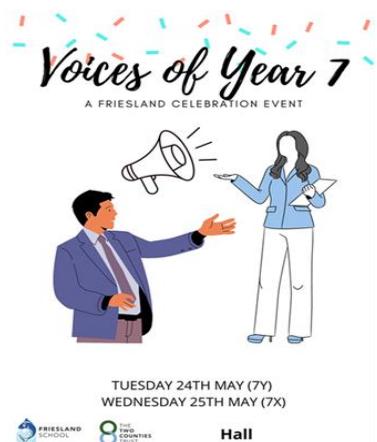


"I didn't enjoy giving my speech at, however I really enjoyed learning about how to write a successful speech. I want to be a lawyer one day and Find Your Voice has helped me realise I can deliver a speech well."

"I found it hard to decide on a topic but I enjoyed delivering my speech because I was proud of what I had written."

"I liked having the freedom to choose my own topic. I wrote about deforestation, which I am really passionate about."

"I think Find Your Voice has given me confidence with speaking in front of a group of people."



New Library Section

As part of a landmark investment, the Two Counties Trust have invested in 7,000 new novels with a value of over £54,000. At Friesland School we are proud to announce we have 1000 new books in the new section of our library. This record investment is just one example of how we are broadening our student's horizons through literature.

Each book has been carefully selected by the Trust's Librarians to stretch and challenge our students whilst exposing them to the world we all share. By the time our scholars leave one of ours schools we hope they will have read all 50 books.



The image shows a horizontal row of ten book covers, each with a unique title and illustration. From left to right, the titles are: 'The Escapist', 'The Risen', 'GHOST BOYS', 'To Kill a Mockingbird', 'Midnight Library', 'The Water Knife', 'The Art of Being', 'Patron Saints of Salinity', 'Loving the Stars', 'The Long Way Down', 'The Kite Runner', and 'The Stone Raft'. Each book cover is distinct in its design and color scheme.

On Wednesday 25th May we officially opened the new section of our library with a ribbon cutting event. Dan Goodall Trust English Lead said "I am delighted our students will have access to 1000 new books in our brilliantly stocked library and I can't wait to hear about what our students have been reading."

We also celebrated this landmark investment with DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) where students read their chosen book for ten minutes at the start of every lesson. It was a delight to see our students transported into the world of Literature.

