



FBEC STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2022 - Message from Mr Pinkney

What a year! Personally, I think this has been the most challenging, most rewarding and to cap all that the hottest in my 30 years of teaching.

Our first full academic year for a while, our first GCSE exams for three years, two Proms, lots of building work in school, new classrooms, new toilets and from September another 170 students will join the school. We have also had to deal with a late surge in the pandemic, however we have still been able to take students out on trips abroad and in the UK, have visitors in school providing innovative and informative sessions for all students and deal with some challenging behaviour that we have looked to support. As I say What a Year!

All of this is only possible with the great team spirit we have at FBEC (that is the last time I will use the old name). I personally would like to thank all the hard working and well behaved, polite and supportive young people. Also, the carers/parents of all students who have supported us over the year. To the fantastic teachers who work tirelessly to provide the best possible education experience and those pastoral staff who work many hours to support the young people 24/7. A thank you also to the support and admin staff in school whom without the school simply would not function. Finally, our senior management team who have had to make some difficult decisions over the year.

Individual thanks to Mr Poulson our new Director of Learning for Music, and Mrs Sowerby (our Raising achievement lead for English and Performing arts teacher) who produced a fantastic show last week that had a capacity audience and some brilliant performances from both our young people and our talented staff!

Thank you also to Mrs Craddock who organised and managed a fantastic Prom for our Y11 students. It was a lovely evening, in a lovely venue with some of the best students we have worked with.

Congratulations to Mrs Young (Maths teacher) and Mrs Wilson who have both celebrated new arrivals in the families.

Finally, goodbye to Mrs Attle our Director of Learning for ICT. Mrs Attle has been with FBEC since September 2001 and has been the most dedicated, passionate and hard-working teacher you could wish to have in your school. We all hope you enjoy the next chapter in your life with no more of those BTEC verifiers to annoy you. Goodbye also to Laura Thornton one of our behaviour support workers. Laura has not been with us long but I know she has made a very positive impression on many of students who need that little bit of extra support. Good luck in your new job.

We have lots of work going on over the summer, our new name and uniform will be introduced in September and we have a number of new teachers starting that I will introduce to you in September. Exciting times at Ferryhill School. I wish all our students, carers/parents, teachers, support workers and admin staff all the very best for the holidays. Enjoy, stay safe and recharge the batteries for another exciting year that for Y7 and Y11 starts on Tuesday 6th September, and for the rest of school Wednesday 7th September.



Meet the new members of our team

Mr Henderson - Geography

I am originally from Newcastle, but I have spent the last 9 years living in Bristol in the SE of England. Before moving I studied Geography at the University of Sunderland where I received a BA Hons degree. I then continued my study at the UoS where I completed my teacher training (PGCE). I have spent time teaching in the North East, Bristol and NE Somerset and Swindon. I am a huge football fan and enjoy travelling. I have visited many places around the world, such as the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, the filming location of Lord of the Rings in New Zealand, watched geysers erupting in Iceland and I have walked along the Great Wall of China, just to name a few. I am a qualified Forest School leader - this involves teaching outdoor skills; outdoor cooking, making fires, sustainability and many more. I will be setting up a Forest School at Ferryhill and hope that lots of students will join the club.

I am very much looking forward to getting started in September.

Mr Woods - Maths

My name is Mr Woods, born and raised in Bishop Auckland and studied at Sheffield Hallam University achieving a first in Mathematics. I have been teaching for the past 4 years at Dene Academy and am looking forward to joining the staff at Ferryhill.

In my free time I am a keen golfer, despite minimal improvements, and enjoy reading crime thriller novels.

Mr Heppell - PE

Hello I am Mr Heppell, I will be teaching PE at Ferryhill School from September. I grew up and went to school in County Durham. After completing my post 16 study at Durham Sixth Form Centre I moved away to Leeds to pursue my interest in sport and sports coaching. During a work-based placement in Leeds I discovered my love for teaching PE at a KS3 and KS4 level. Once I completed my degree in Leeds I moved back up to Durham. In September 2021 I started my initial teacher training through Durham SCITT. My first placement was FBEC (Ferryhill School), during this time I received excellent feedback and advice from the PE department to further develop my teaching. Outside of school I enjoy participating in a variety of sports. My favourite been golf, recently playing in qualifying for the Open and maintaining a handicap below scratch. I also represent the men's tennis county team playing in both the summer and winter county cups. Over the past 10 months I have thoroughly enjoy my placement at Ferryhill School and look forward to starting in September.

Miss Major - English

Hi everyone, I am the new English teacher at Ferryhill School. You may recognise me as I have been here since April finishing my teacher training; I am looking forward to joining you all permanently in September and you can find me in room 6.

Before becoming a teacher, I was studying Education at Teesside University. Since April I have really enjoyed getting to know some of you, in lessons and around school. I can't wait to meet more of you in September, but before then I am looking forward to travelling around Europe in the summer as this is one of my hobbies!

Miss Davison - Maths

I'm one of the new maths teachers this year and have just completed my teacher training. I did a placement here at Ferryhill so if you've seen me around that'll be why!

Before doing my teacher training I worked for an engineering company for around a year as my degree is in chemical engineering. However, it was a lot of desk work in an office which wasn't for me which is why I decided to come into teaching. I've enjoyed being at the school to train so am really looking forward to being a proper member of staff and seeing what the next year brings!

Internet Safety Tip



Keep your password a secret, do not write it down, tell anyone, or choose one that would be easy to guess!

SCHOOL RETURN DATES

Years 7 and 11 will return on Tuesday 6 September. Students will have tutor periods 1 and 2 then normal lessons for the rest of the day.

Years 8, 9 and 10 will return on Wednesday 7 September. Students will have tutor period 1 then normal lessons afterwards.

Normal lessons will resume for all students on Thursday and Friday.

End of Summer Raffle Winners

1st Prize - Amazon Fire Tablet -
Alisha Carr

2nd Prize - Wireless Ear Buds -
Theo Parlour

3rd Prize - £25 Love2Shop
Vouchers - Ruby Grayson

4th Prize - £10 Google play Gift
Card - Ava Hodges

After School Clubs

Homework Club

The club is held on Mondays and Wednesdays in room 36.

Board Games/Lego Club

Miss Corner is running a board game/Lego club in room 12 on a Monday 2:30-3:30.

After School History Club

Students from Year 7 and 8 are invited to our history club which runs every Thursday in room 35.

Drama Club

Running every Wednesday 2:30-3:30
in the Main Hall

Steam Club

For students in Year 7, 8 and 9 STEAM Club started Wednesday 19th of January and runs once a fortnight. We will be doing different Science investigations looking at different topics such as chromatography and forces. If interested please speak to Mrs Porritt (room 48).

Choir

Running every Thursday 2:30 - 3:30
in the Main Hall

Pride Club

Pride Club is open to students from all year groups and has now moved to lunchtime drop in sessions on a Tuesday Week A (room 18)

After School Reading Club

All students are invited to our Reading Club which runs on a Thursday after school in room 14. Each term we will explore a new book and share our thoughts and opinions on the book, the characters and more. It's a great way to share our love of reading and also for students to make new friends. We look forward to seeing you there,
Miss Gibbs

EXTRA CURRICULAR PE

Our PE department are pleased to announce the return of their extracurricular clubs. Please see below information on the various clubs running, these are open to all within the specified year groups.

**Monday - Table Tennis - All Year groups
Netball - All Year groups**

Wednesday - Dodgeball - All Year groups

**Thursday - Football - All Year groups
Badminton - All Year groups**



Family Nurturing

A Behaviour management course that improves the emotional health of both adults and children.

Who is it for?

Parents/carers of children who want to get the best out of family life.

What is it?

A parenting course delivered over 10 weeks it is a cognitive-relational programme providing parents new skills in listening and communicating with their children. 8 out of 10 parents attending this course report significant improvements in their children's behaviour and Family life.

Commences 14th September 2022

Venue Chilton Primary 1pm-3pm

For More Information Contact:

Lorna Wall Attendance officer

This is a course for Parent/carers only.





Participation

Your Voice Heard



Details

Developing Policy and Practice Guidelines for Working with Young People aged 18 and Under in Relation to Self-Harm, Suicide Attempts, and Deaths by Suicide

Who's involved

Teesside University, in collaboration with Sunderland University and United Voice, are running the 'Your Voice Heard study', which is looking to explore the current services being provided to young people around self-harm and suicide.

Take part

We are looking to host interviews with young people and families of young people who have recently accessed self-harm and suicide services. We would like to hear your experiences to help create new guidelines to support young people seeking support for self-harm.



Get involved

Your Voice Matters!

For more information or to get involved please contact:

- Young People up to the age of 20: chris.affleck@investinginchildren.net or call 0191 3077030
- Parents/ Carers: support@rollercoasterfs.co.uk or call 07377213952
- To contact the research team: g.waller@tees.ac.uk



Housing Support in County Durham

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County Durham Housing
Support Services
June 2022

Celebrating Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History Month

Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History Month has been marked in the UK every June since 2008.

In recognition of the month, our Project hosted a fun information session open to other Humankind staff, external agencies and service users. This included a particularly tricky quiz on Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History designed to test and expand on peoples knowledge, as well as identifying celebrities who were part of the community, or descended from. It also allowed us to promote our service, highlight some of the work that we do, and gave opportunity to speak to the members of the team.

Alongside GRT History Month, our team also visited the history Appleby Fair, an annual event that we attend and also the ideal opportunity to promote our services, provide support as required and also to boost knowledge and skills for our staff around the community and issues they face.

Susan Snowden, one of the Support- Coordinators for the project, said of the personal family life and how his experiences within the war had changed him.

C's story - Changing Lives for the Better

This is just one example of the support we can provide to improve the lives of those who are struggling. This property was in the same area they were previously living, so they could maintain stability and their friendships in the area.

C now has payment plans in place to ensure all bills are paid on time, and other sources of financial help have been explored, including Discretionary Housing Payments by the Local Authority to assist with ongoing rent. Funding was also accessed to purchase essential furnishings/white goods needed for their home. This has had a huge impact on C's mental health and given them a more stable living situation for the foreseeable future.

C was supported to find alternative suitable accommodation in the short timeframe, despite owing thousands of pounds in rent arrears, and then served a Section 21 Notice of Possession, leaving them at risk of homelessness. At this point, they were referred to Humankind as they only had a short time until they needed to leave the property, and this was really affecting their mental health.

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since joining the GRT Team. I found it to be a great experience and enjoyed watching the way the GRT community took pride in their horses. Everyone was very polite and I felt the day to be relaxed. It was lovely to walk around the fair and see some handcrafted stalls."

Externally, the team attended an informative talk on John 'Jack' Cunningham, who was one of the thousands of Gypsies and Travellers who joined the army during World War 1. John was awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery during the war, at just 19 years old. We also learned of his personal family life and how his experiences within the war had changed him.

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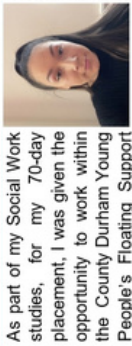
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Emily's Career Success



As part of my Social Work studies, for my 70-day placement, I was given the opportunity to work within the County Durham Young People's Floating Support Service. I have really enjoyed this opportunity and throughout the placement I have gained so much experience, having been trusted with my own caseload and received a lot of valuable support from the team.

Life-Changing Funding Secured for Family

M is an older lady, who is diabetic and has multiple boxes of different medications, which she struggles to understand. Her husband is also illiterate and their granddaughter also cannot read and write.

We worked with the family to secure funding for a C-Pen reader, which is a portable device that scans and reads text out loud with an English human-like digital voice.

This Pen will transform her life in many ways, helping her to stay safe understanding medication, and also help in her day to day life.

Humankind Skills Academy

The Skills Academy is our e-learning resource for service users. It can be accessed via various means, including PCs/laptops, tablets and android phones.

The site contains a range of materials for service users, including e-learning courses and video / audio courses. This includes our Tenancy Ready training, a vital tool in preparation for taking on a property, and in either with our service or the local authority, before a property can be offered.

County Durham Services

Alongside our Housing Support Services, Humankind also provide a wide range of other services within the County Durham area.

- Our Housing Project aims to offer accommodation to those who are in housing need, and aims to boost their skills to live independently.

- We also have a well established substance misuse support service, offering free and confidential support to all who need it.

- Our Young People's Service includes support for young carers, as well as young LGBT+ people who are in need of advice and support.

- We support those who have skills, training and employment needs, including links with the National Careers Service

- More Time, our Social Enterprise, aims to assist others to gain skills, work experience and qualifications.

- We offer a Liaison & Diversion service, offering support to those in police custody to access relevant services.

Interviewing New Staff

As part of the process of recruiting new members of the team, our Service Users are given the opportunity to take part in the interview process, asking questions to potential new staff and contributing to the decision making process, helping us shape the project to benefit those we work with.

Lunch is often provided and is a good opportunity to discuss the process and any learning going forward. A recent attendee commented:

"I really enjoyed being in the interviews. It gave me something to do and took my mind of the other stuff going on. I think it will help me as well, as when I am sorted I want to get into support work, so I know what will happen in the interview now. I liked the McDonalds as well!"

Meet the Team

	Angela Stevens Service Manager		Ashleigh Wright Senior Co-ordinator
	Susie Broughton Support Co-ordinator Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Suppt.		Debbie Calvert Support Co-ordinator Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Suppt.
	Susan Snowden Support Co-ordinator Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Suppt.		Karen Anderson Support Co-ordinator Young People's Floating Suppt
	Stephen Rooney Support Co-ordinator Young People's Floating Suppt		Shannon McNamara Support Co-ordinator Young People's Floating Suppt
	Savannah Turnbull Support Co-ordinator Young People's Floating Suppt		Marion Richardson Support Co-ordinator Young People's Floating Suppt
	Jordan Anderson Support Co-ordinator Young People's Floating Suppt		Emily Tait Support Co-ordinator Young People's Floating Suppt
	Emily Purvis Support Co-ordinator Young People's Floating Suppt		Olive Proctor Senior Administrator

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**SUMMER HOLIDAY
SHORT BREAK SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES**

SUPPORT KEY	
<p>Fun activity sessions with food – These are fun activities for children and young people with SEND, are free to attend and include food.</p> <p>These are delivered by Community Organisations funded through Department for Education.</p> <p>NB the Organisations are not monitored through Commissioners.</p>	
<p>Activities for children with disabilities – There are a number of activities targeted at children with disabilities delivered by a range of local Organisations.</p> <p>These activities are not monitored or checked by Commissioners at Durham County Council.</p>	
<p>Activities and trips for families of children with disabilities. These are arranged and co-ordinated by DADLG who are contracted by Durham County Council to develop a menu of activities, removing barriers and supporting adjustments to ensure inclusion for those who have disabilities. Parent/ carers are part of this programme.</p>	
<p>Parent/ carer support – Durham County Carers are contracted by Durham County Council and Health to provide support for parent/ carers. Support available for parent/ carers over the summer.</p>	
<p>Specialist Holiday Hubs – These are holiday clubs that are delivered with very specialist/ enhanced support for children and young people with disabilities and complex needs who have a social work assessment. Providers are contracted by Durham County Council and monitored to ensure adequately trained to provide these services.</p>	
<p>N.B Some activities children and young people can attend alone and some require parent / carers to be present.</p> <p>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT SHORT BREAKS SOLUTIONS 03000 260270.</p> <p>The Short Breaks Solutions Officer and Enabling Inclusive Communities Co-ordinator may be able to assist with:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and signposting. • Researching any potential opportunities for families who may require funding support to enable access to short breaks over the summer. • Removing potential barriers for families to access the community. 	