



FBEC STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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ASPIRE DAY

On Wednesday we held our second Aspire Day. All pupils were off timetable and took part in a range of workshops, visits, classes, talks and activities aimed at building skills, broadening their thinking and raising aspirations.

A huge THANK YOU to all of the visitors who supported us, delivering inspiring sessions:

- Resilient Me
- Talk the Talk
- Dare to Aspire
- Durham University Astrophysics Department
- Durham Music Services
- Stanley Black and Decker



YEAR 7 - MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE

Our Year 7 pupils experienced music and performance. 60 pupils visited the Gala Theatre to take part in a workshop. The rest of the year group tried their hand at a variety of instruments with Durham Music Service, before coming together to perform Sea Shanty The Wellerman.



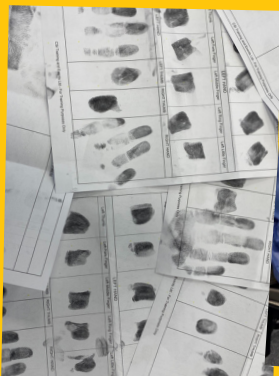
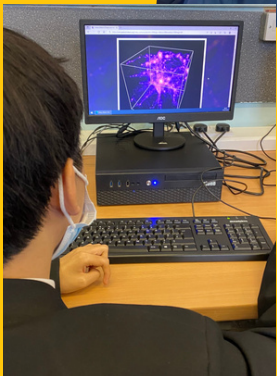
YEAR 8 - BEAMISH TRIP

Year 8 visited Beamish and got to take part in some behind the scenes STEM Workshops looking at miners lamps.



YEAR 9 - STEM DAY

From exploring galaxies with Durham University Astrophysicists', Crime Scenes with CSI Training and Events Ltd, Biology fieldwork, Titrations, Electromagnetics and escaping from Bad Robots with Engineer Paige Walmsley from Stanley Black and Decker.



YEAR 10 AND 11 - INSPIRATION

Talk the Talk joined us to run workshops with our Year 10 pupils building confidence in communication skills.

Meanwhile Year 11 had a revision workshop with Kevin Hall from Resilient Me followed by sessions with the inspirational George Fouche, from Dare to Aspire.



Be smart on the internet



Internet Safety Tip

No one should ever ask you to keep secrets from your parents. If someone you meet online asks you to keep a secret from them, tell your parents right away.

THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to Mrs Lunn following her exceptional work in securing The Rainbow Flag Award for FBEC for another two years!



Key Successes in School

A great start to the term with 2 Key group successes.

Our first group were Year 7 first timers for The Key but 'You can't 6 with us' blew the panel away with their ambitious stage 1 idea of a visit to Flamingo Land. They secured £250 towards their FBEC Adventure.

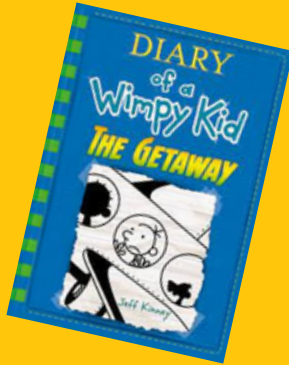
Our second group 'B1 Smarties' smashed their stage 2 presentation with their Friday Funday activity ideas. They secured £497.06 to support their project. Congratulations to Year 9 students Bryony, Hayden, Dominic and Rhys on their brilliant presentation.

Well done to all students involved, their hard work in after school clubs with Miss Langdale really showed and is reflected in their success.



Book of the Week!

Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Getaway



Greg Heffley and his family are getting out of town. It's freezing cold at home and his parents are stressed about Christmas, so they decide the whole family are going to escape to a tropical island! A few days in paradise SHOULD do wonders for Greg and his frazzled family. The trouble is this version of paradise turns out to include sun poisoning, stomach troubles and venomous creatures. Can their trip be saved, or will this island getaway end in disaster?

Job Vacancy

Due to the retirement of the current postholder we will have a permanent vacancy in the cleaning team which we hope to fill from June 2022. If anyone is interested in applying for the post the closing date is Monday 9th May 2022 and application packs are available to collect from the main school office or by following the links on our website - go to contact-vacancies.

Completed application forms can be returned into the main school office or via email sent to general@fbec.uk

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

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).

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



PARENT'S GUIDE TO

This information sheet provides guidance on the current laws for e-scooters in the UK

ELECTRIC SCOOTER (E-SCOOTERS)



WHAT ARE E-SCOOTERS?

- E-Scooters are classed as "Powered transporters". This term covers a variety of personal transport devices which are powered by a Motor.
 - You can legally buy an e-scooter but cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement.
- ONLY PRIVATE LAND**

THEY ARE NOT TOYS!

DID YOU KNOW?

- E-Scooters are illegal for use in any public space unless rented as part of a government trial
- Riding an e-scooter on the road is against the law as per the Road Traffic Act of 1988 and the Highway Act of 1935
- E-scooters are prohibited from being used on cycle tracks, cycle lanes or other spaces dedicated to pedal cycle use.
- Privately owned e-scooter can only be ridden on private land.



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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT POLICE TO DO IF THEY STOP ANYONE RIDING AN E-SCOOTER ON A PUBLIC ROAD?

- Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows police to issue you with a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, harassment, distress or annoyance.
- The police may ask you to take your scooter home or they may seize it from you because they are classed as illegal vehicles on public roads.
- You could be reported to court for driving without any insurance or having an appropriate licence to ride them or other traffic offences

CAN I BE PROSECUTED FOR USING A POWERED TRANSPORTER?

- Any person who use a powered transporter on a public road or other prohibited space is in breach of the law, committing a criminal offence and can be prosecuted.
- If you use an e-scooter illegally, you could face a fine and penalty points on your licence and the e-scooter can be seized
- Those who use powered transporters dangerously or under the influence of drink or drugs can also be convicted of offences leading to imprisonment.
- Offences relating to the standard of driving and speeding also apply



ARE E-SCOOTERS SAFE TO RIDE ON PUBLIC ROADS?

- E-scooters can be very dangerous and are not designed for use on public roads
- They have no suspension meaning even a minor defect in the road could cause the rider to fall off the scooter
- E-scooter consist of a thin piece of metal between two small tyres with the user being inches from the road surface. This can result in a significant risk of traumatic injury on the road
- E-scooters are not designed to carry more than one person
- E-scooters are small, quiet and quick, meaning they present safety challenges when being ridden on busy public roads
- E-scooters can be dangerous when used in parks or on public footpaths as they can cause significant risk of injury to pedestrians

E-SCOOTER TRIALS

The government began trials of e-scooters in the UK from July 2020. Trials are for approved rental e-scooters only. Maximum speeds are set at 15.5mph and those taking part in the trials will have to have a driving licence and insurance to be able to legally ride rental e-scooters.



FBEC ASPIRATIONS

We are looking for individuals and / organisations to collaborate with FBEC as part of our 'Aspire' programme. As part of the programme, we would like to develop links with the local and wider communities to develop aspirational career and life goals for our students. The scheme is in its infancy at this point and we already have some superb support already in place. For example, we have a former student, currently based in Manchester who works on defence systems. We also have the involvement of another ex-student who works locally as an engineer for Black and Decker. Both of these former students have been excellent in working with our current year 10. Moving forwards, FBEC would like to expand this scheme and get more ex-students involved from various fields of employment. This could lead to future opportunities to support our students in a way that fits your availability and requirements. This could be through a number of strategies such as student mentoring, career pathway support in your field of expertise and much more.

If you would like to get involved in 'Aspire' either as an individual or an organisation, please email Mr Elliott and Mrs Wilson on the following email address: tutor@fbec.uk

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