

December 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are fast approaching the end of a very busy first term. It has been an exciting term with many achievements.

#### Attendance

All students should make sure that their attendance and punctuality is exceptional to ensure they gain full benefit from their education at Feversham College. Please bear this in mind when making appointments for your daughters, they need to be out of school hours where possible. In the event that this is not the case the College needs to know in advance of the appointment to make arrangements in all cases. Students should not be missing a full day from school for an appointment.

#### OFSTED

We were visited by one of Her Majesties Inspectors on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November to look at our Citizenship provision. After two very thorough days the Inspector stated 'the overall effectiveness of citizenship at Feversham College is good with outstanding features'. We are extremely proud of this outcome and the continued hard work and dedication of staff, students, parents and our governing body.

#### Trips, visits and events

There have been many opportunities for students to participate in events outside the timetabled curriculum, from motivational speakers such as Andrew Mohammed, Aim Higher events including: 'Teachers of tomorrow today' the UCAS convention, Sheffield University, Bradford University focus days are just a few. As ever our Sports teams have been very active throughout the term. Our under 14 Badminton team have reached the District Finals beating Laisterdyke and Hanson Schools to get there. The under 16 Badminton team won a bronze medal in the School Sports Partnership competition. We are midway through the netball season and our year 7 team are fairing well.

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### Anti Bullying week

This was an exciting week at Feversham. We had students leading assemblies and raising awareness of bullying with a special focus on cyber bullying and the various forms this may take. We sold wristbands, tags and stationary to raise money for charity during the week. Students raised nearly £200 for Save the Children.

### Mock Exams

Year 11 students have just completed their mock exams. The real examination series starts in January with many students sitting examinations that will count towards their final grades, it is important that all students start their revision now.

### Specialist Science status.

The Specialist Schools programme is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Our year 9 students have been actively involved in the Field Studies Council OPAC project and have collected data from soil and water samples in Peel Park that will be used on a National database, we now have a science club available for students from which we are hoping to recruit Junior Science Technicians with their work contributing towards the much acclaimed CREST Award.

### Islamic Ethos

We have had many activities this term, whole school reminders on Ramadhan, Iftar bags, Ramadhan activities, Hadiths every week and fundraising for charities. Our long term project is to 'build a well' in a third world country.

Shining Star of this month was Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him), he was the friend of Allah because he was very obedient to Allah and his actions were very righteous. Building on Ihsan was, 'Compassion is the basis of all morality.' We continue to work with our students in helping them to develop their Islamic personality and to also develop the skills that will enable them to make a positive contribution to the society we live in.

### Uniform

May I ask you to remind your daughters that full school uniform must be worn at all times. It is important that sleeves are full length and appropriate for Salah.

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#### Start and End of School

Could I please remind you that staff are on duty from 8.00 am in the morning, whilst the school is open your daughters are not directly supervised before this time.

If your daughter is staying behind for any after school activity, detention or event then she will receive a letter beforehand informing you of the time you need to collect her. All activities are organised prior to the day, so unless you receive a phone call from a member of staff or a letter from your daughter, could I please ask you collect her at 3.00 pm unless she travels on the bus.

#### New Building- 6<sup>th</sup> Form Extension

Feversham College will be embarking on a new building project that will provide our students and staff with a purpose built 6<sup>th</sup> form block. Work will begin on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 with the completion date due mid 2010. Where possible construction work will take place during normal working hours with the site compound located totally within the grounds of the College.

The College will lose part of the lower car park which will mean that some staff will have to park their cars on Cliffe Road during the school day. The College has also contacted the Police, we have made them aware of our situation and they have agreed to put in place additional patrols especially at the end of the college day when traffic is heavily congested. I ask that you support us in ensuring the safety of the students at Feversham College. The yellow buses will need the space directly outside the College in the morning and from 2.45pm-3.15pm. Extra staff will be on duty and I ask you speak to your daughter carefully about arrangements for collection at the end of the school day. Please observe the signs when parking your vehicles as there will be police presence around.

#### Dates for your Diary

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December College closes at 1.15pm for the Winter break, reopening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January School dinner prices will be £2.10 for students
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January A2/AS exams commence. Year 11 GCSE modular exams begin this week also.

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Please support and encourage your daughter to revise thoroughly for these examinations throughout the holiday. Our first Oxbridge student has been invited for an interview to Cambridge University to read Medicine, we pray she succeeds in achieving her aspirations.

As you know we value the involvement and contributions you make as parents to the College and welcome any suggestions that will enable you to participate more in the life of Feversham College. We are also in the process of updating our website so please continue to look for updated information: [www.fevershamcollege.com](http://www.fevershamcollege.com)

I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a peaceful and restful winter break.

Yours sincerely

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