

NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing: Monday 15 March 2021

UPCOMING LOCAL ROADWORKS

We have been made aware of forthcoming roadworks taking place on Woodham Lane (from The Victoria to the Black Prince roundabout) and also on Scotland Bridge Road.

There is potential for these roadworks to overlap which may impact journeys to and from school for parents at drop off and collection times along with access to the residential roads which allow access to the Fullbrook site.



Please ensure that you make suitable adjustments to your journey to ensure that students arrive at school on time, and are collected at the correct time.

You may also wish to make arrangements to drop off/ collect your children at a location on the West Byfleet side of the canal.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

We have completed two full weeks in school and students and staff are enjoying getting back to normal of school life as far as is possible.

It is really important that we make the most of this part of the year and that students attend school every day they possibly can. Attendance from 8 March is mandatory and the usual rules on attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of practice.

Our policy on holidays during term time has not changed and we will not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please can I draw your attention to the attendance page in the parents' area of the school website where the policy is set out in full. Information on when a penalty notice may be issued by Surrey County Council is attached to this newsletter on **page 4**.

“Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play.” – Jane Goodall

RUNNYMEDE SCHOOL BUS SERVICE UPDATE

The new Runnymede School Bus Service is now due to be launched for the start of the next academic year in September. Runnymede Borough Council is not yet ready to start subscribing children to the new service, but will be able to do so from late June or early July.

Once the Council is ready to accept subscriptions, we (the school) will be able to send you more information and a web link where you can sign up your child and pay the fees.

CONTACT US

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Click the symbols below to view the Fullbrook Facebook & Twitter pages or the Fullbrook 6 Instagram account.



WORD OF THE CYCLE

Our Word of the Cycle was missed off last week's newsletter, but we wanted to still share it with you as it's quite an interesting one. We have been incorporating it into lessons and tutor times with students. We would be grateful if you could continue to support this by using the word in conversation at home.

Word of the cycle: Myriad (noun and adjective)

Noun: A countless or extremely great number of people or things.

Example: *The students had a myriad of creative ideas which they enjoyed sharing with the teacher*

Adjective: Very large in number or having great variety

Example: *They offered no solution for our myriad problems.*

BIKE PERMITS

Next week we will be checking permits for students who cycle to and from school. If your child no longer needs or wants their permit, please can you contact the Heads of Learning to let them know, as we have a waiting list that the unused permits can be allocated to.

We would also like to remind everyone that any student cycling to and from school must be wearing a helmet and using it in the correct manner (not hanging from handlebars or unfastened).

NEWS FROM THE LRC

Please see page 3 of the newsletter for an update from the Mrs Alderson in the LRC.

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED GEP MERGER

Don't forget that the GEP is considering a merger with Athena Schools Trust after spending the last 18 months working closely together. Before any action is taken, a public consultation is open until Wednesday 31 March which will allow you to share your thoughts on the proposal. More information about the proposal on the GEP [website](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Thursday 1 April	End of Term (Early finish for students)
Monday 19 April	Summer Term begins (all students in school)
Friday 30 April	Year 8 Choices deadline
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)

NEWS FROM THE LRC

Stuck for your next great read?....just head over to the LRC home page and click on reading lists or the latest news stories for some inspiration!



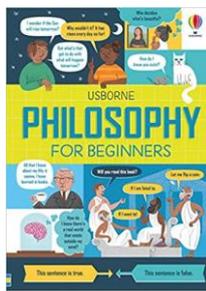
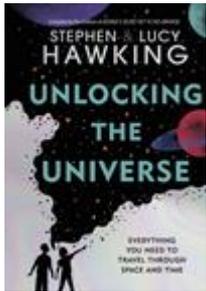
Our latest news story picks out some top new non-fiction.

Whats new in Non-Fiction

If fiction isn't your thing, the LRC still has something for you!

From self-help guides to overcoming anxiety, dealing with bullies, and coping with the everyday stress of being a teenager to how to save the planet. From scientific questions like "what exactly is a black hole?" to more fundamental questions about humanity and philosophy like "If God exists, why do bad things happen?"

Check out our newest non-fiction arrivals and learn something new!



Want to read on the go?....SORA has some great books you can read on your phone or tablet...anywhere you have internet access....OR download a book before you go out and enjoy it wherever you are!



Happy Reading from the Fullbrook LRC!

Dear Parent/Carer

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Inclusion Officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.

2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). **Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body have to judge whether there are exceptional circumstances and may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement, please contact the school or the Inclusion Officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is £60 if paid within **21** days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after **21** days but within **28** days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the recipient will be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued. **Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 28 days.**

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130 South West - Tel: 01483 517179
North East - Tel: 01372 833588 South East - Tel: 01737 737777