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Felixstowe International College Newsletter

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Thank you from the Principal!

I just wanted to say that on behalf of myself staff and students a very big thank you for your support and encouragement at this testing time for the school. We have obviously had some challenges particularly financial and we hope now to move forward and put down some firm plans for the School's future.

There are many things we would like to be able to accomplish, such as upgrading our boarding accommodation at Maybush, moving some students to our superb Castle Lodge and also using host families to encourage English language and be involved in British Life. We have been constrained financially, in addition we have to operate with external agencies such as Ofsted, the local Council and UK Border Agency who sometimes respond in longer timescales than we would like.

There have been many encouragements and I am very proud that most of our Year 13 students have gained places at some of the most prestigious universities in the country. We look forward to exam success and we hope to see many of you at our Prize Giving in July.

Andy Byford, Interim Principal

Hello from Jiyea Kim FIC Student 2015-2016



Hello again,

Sorry for the late reply, I went to Thailand last week with my family :) I had a great time there !!

Also great to hear from you too. Thank you so much for your help.

I've had an interesting amazing year. Travelling a lot, not studying at all (which is abnormal but exciting xx), instead, spending most of my time teaching other children at an academy.

Reunion sounds fantastic :) We actually tried to meet up with FIC leavers who are currently in Korea but haven't had a chance yet. But I will definitely send you some photos when we meet up.

I still have not decided a specific area of sciences so I am applying to universities with different degrees but always in a field of science (similar to 'Natural Sciences' at UCL, I should say). For Amsterdam, I applied to the

degree called "Liberal Art and Science" majoring in Science. It's sort of an American college style, I guess.

But I'm preparing to apply to 2 other uni's in the Netherlands, one for studying Chemical Engineering at uni of Groningen and one for studying similar degree as Amsterdam at uni of Utrecht.

Sadly, snow here was not that heavy to make a nice snowman... ☹

Thanks for your kind guidance ☺

Wherever I go for my university, I will visit FIC anyway ha ha.

Thank you again, and I wish everything with you is great, too!

Many thanks,

Jiyea Kim

Principal's Note:

In January 2015 a young lady turned up in my A-Level Chemistry lessons called Jiyea Kim. She had already missed half of the year and I wasn't hopeful she would be ready for her first exams in May. How wrong I was. Within a few weeks I realised that Jiyea was an exceptional student and her work ethic along with her considerable ability took her straight to some exceptional grades in her first 1/2 year.

It wasn't long before we decided Jiyea was not just good but gifted. She was quite capable

of achieving the highest academic grades and showing considerable talent in sports and martial arts as well as linguistics along with very high moral standards. We decided she should apply to Cambridge and I was delighted that she had the opportunity of an interview. She was gracious when Cambridge was unable to offer a place but we were very proud that she had tried and was equal to some of the brightest individuals from all corners of the world.

Head girl at the school is a very special position and we look for students who have a particular gift or character that we feel we would like other students to emulate. Jiyea easily performed this role and she was incredibly loving and supportive of all in the school, particularly those who required both academic help and emotional support.

I am so glad we had the privilege of Jiyea's presence in the school.

Future Promotion

Air Cadet Jaehyuk Lee proudly holds his certificate confirming his successful



attendance at the Junior Non-Commissioned Officer's (JNCO) Course at RAF Barnham on 28-29 January 2017. The two-day course included drill, care and correct wearing of uniform, team work, responsibilities of a JNCO and leadership skills. The course was attended by 22 cadets with Jaehyuk being the only international student. Cadet Lee should be commended on his ability to work as part of a team and for his willingness to take on extra responsibility. All good news for his university application! He now awaits his promotion which is likely to be early in the Summer Term. Congratulations from all at FIC, Jaehyuk!

Games Rooms



In addition to

students having Year-specific Common Rooms in which they can spend break times they now have not one, but TWO, new Games rooms in which to relax and enjoy some games such as table tennis, air hockey, pool and Playstation Wii.



After School Clubs

We are very pleased students like to think up ideas and organise after-school clubs. It allows them to have interests outside of their studies and something which they can enjoy and take time to relax.



This term we have had Drama and Debate, Chess, Games, A version of football and Speaking Thai. In the past, students have learnt German and Russian, produced Art work in

Art Club and played Badminton.



Next term we hope also

to add cooking, model making and one group to run a nail bar!!



Dogger, Fisher, German Bight

"Isn't the weather fabulous in Felixstowe today? It's cold but the forecast says tomorrow will be nice again so that's good. We could do with some sunshine. Seems like a long winter Anyway how are you getting along, not had that horrible flu that has been going around I hope....." and so the conversation starts and continues.



I was talking about the weather to one of our Chinese students last week. She was a brave girl and said to Mr Andy why do you always talk about the weather? The best answer is, I'm English.

Yes, the English love everything about the weather, particularly talking about it. It is part of the way we socialise. If I sit next to somebody I know, or even a stranger, then the easiest way to talk to them is to discuss the weather. Then you can talk about other things later. Our weather changes so much that we all watch the weather forecasts so we can pass on the news to friends and strangers as to what will happen in the coming week.

I listen to the forecast around our island called the Shipping Forecast every day at 5.20am!! It is sheer poetry and wonderful to listen to when warm and tucked up in bed. All the sea areas around our coast have names and the area off Felixstowe is called **Thames** and I have named three more in the article title. See if you can find them all on the Internet.

One commentator wrote 'The Shipping Forecast turns our landscape into a slightly ethereal world, inhabited by communities we are connected to but know nothing about'

However the weather forecast is not always right!! Here is the story of poor old Michael Fish on duty at the BBC, the night of our one and only Hurricane.



What happened before the Great Storm of 1987?

In an infamous weather broadcast in October 1987 Michael Fish wrongly denied claims a hurricane was going to hit Britain. Hours after he said there was no hurricane coming “but it will be very windy in Spain” there was devastation across the UK that claimed 18 lives. During the segment, he said: “Earlier on today, apparently, a woman rang the BBC and said she heard there was a hurricane on the way... well, if you’re watching, don’t worry, there isn’t!”

Whoops ...Oh dear!! Anyway here at Felixstowe we are all looking forward to spring, some nice sunshine and warm walks along the beach. We could do with a drop of rain though.....

Article contribution by Mr Andy

Easter Holiday Arrangements

The last day of Lent term is 7th April. Students will have a two-week break resuming school on 24th April. During this period students will have the option to take part in excursions and activities organised by staff. There will be a charge to cover costs for these events.

There will be classes for some students while most will be expected to take this opportunity to do some private study in preparation for examinations in May and June.

If your son or daughter is coming home or staying elsewhere other than with you, please email fic-uk@hotmail.com. Where students wish to go out for the day we will need your permission and would therefore ask you complete the *Permission for Leave Out Form* available on the website under the Parent Zone or email fic-uk@hotmail.com for a form.

End of Summer Term Arrangements

Although some way to go before the end of the Summer Term, already we are thinking about arrangements to get students to Heathrow airport. As soon as you have your child’s flight details please could you notify the school using the *Flight Notification Form* on the website Parent Zone.

We would respectfully request that no student departs before the end of term on Friday 7th July as in doing so it does not give students the opportunity to participate in end-of-term activities and trips, acknowledge their achievements and say proper goodbyes. The boarding house will close at *midday on Saturday 8th July*.

Prize Giving 2017

Family, friends and alumni are cordially invited to Prize Giving Day to be held on **Thursday 6th July 2017**. During the last week of term there will be Sports Afternoon and of course, students will be packing up at the end of the school year. If you are interested in joining us for the occasion or for a few days, please contact Mrs Sue on suelewis.fic@gmail.com



SUMMER CAMP 2017

We are planning to run a Summer Camp at FIC from **22 July – 19 August 2017** for 12-17 year olds. The programme is still in the planning stages but it will include English, science experiments, bible study and worship and an exciting programme of activities and excursions. Please could you mention the Camp to friends and family and let us know if they are interested in receiving further information. Please contact Sue on suelewis.fic@gmail.com.

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