

FELIXSTOWE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



Friendship Through Education

Newsletter

January 2025

Principal's Welcome

Well done to all of you for a successful autumn term. With the new merit system in place, all your efforts have been recognised with a record number of **1,009 merits** being awarded last term and many of you achieving reward milestones. We look forward to next term's reward choices being enjoyed by all students! The school app has had a successful trial and we look forward to using it more next term to celebrate all the students successes and school life experiences. With 11 winter school students joining us for 6 weeks next term we will be inviting our full-time students to join our winter school for various evening and weekend activities, so look out for more information to follow in the coming weeks. This is a unique cultural experience opportunity for both the winter schools students and our full-time students. A chance to meet new friends and support them during their time in the UK so we look forward to you all asking them lots of questions and helping them feel part of FIC (something you can all do very well, so just be yourselves!). I trust that you have all enjoyed a well earned rest and have renewed energy to start the spring term, happy new year to you all. *Mrs Becky.*



Christmas tree for Home for Good

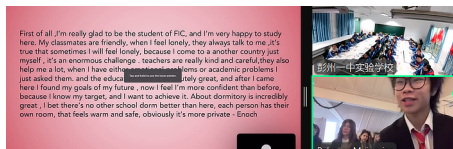
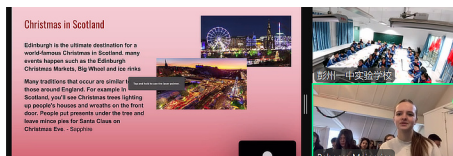
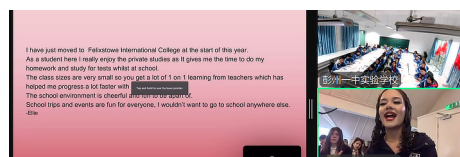
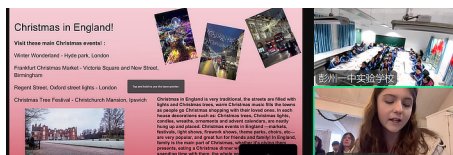
FIC students decorated a Christmas tree for the charity tree festival at Felixstowe Salvation Army. Our tree was in support of 'Home For Good Suffolk', a charity supporting adopting and fostering families, who came to speak to us about their work in an assembly this term. Excellent community work – well done all!

<https://homeforgood.org.uk/connect-locally/suffolk>



Chinese cultural exchange

All students participated in a Chinese online cultural lesson. A particular commendation goes to all those who volunteered to speak about FIC and UK Christmas traditions, merits have been issued in recognition as it shows courage to take part. It was wonderful to see the whole school support this and we look forward to Pengzhou school teaching us next term.



Boarders' cooking skills

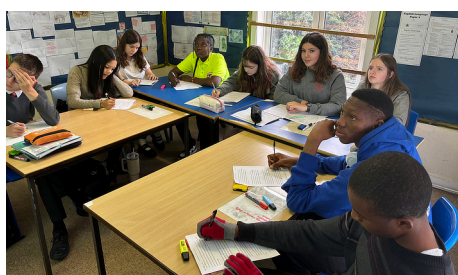
In both September and December, our boarders had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on cooking session with our talented chef, Mrs Su. This event is part of the ongoing Personal Empowerment Programme for our 6th form boarders, where we offer a range of activities aimed at helping students learn essential life skills to support both their physical and mental well-being.

Students have cooked fried rice, learning valuable culinary techniques while enjoying the experience of preparing a delicious meal together. We look forward to more activities soon as part of this programme!



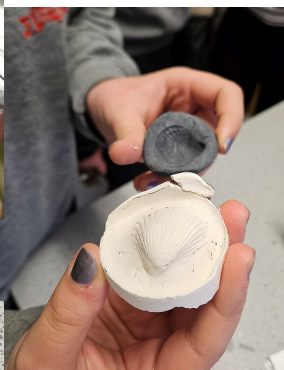
Nigerian students visit

We were very pleased to host some visiting Nigerian students recently, who boarded with us for a few days and experienced a variety of lessons across the curriculum. Well done FIC students for making our guests feel welcome with your usual kindness, friendliness and consideration. *Photos from GCSE English Language Deben class*



Finding fossils at FIC

GCSE Biology students have made cast fossils as an end of unit activity on Genetics, Inheritance, Variation and Evolution. Using plasticine, casting powder and shells from Felixstowe beach they each created their own fossils.



Macmillan cake sale success

A huge thank you to all those who contributed cakes to our bake sale last term for Macmillan Cancer Support! Thank you also if you supported Macmillan by buying cakes or helping with the stall. Our particular thanks goes to Eden who organised it all. We raised £45 for a great cause.



Christmas shoeboxes

A huge thank you to all students and families whose generous donations made it possible to send 14 Christmas shoeboxes filled with goodies from FIC to less fortunate youngsters.

Well done to our Christian Youth Group and Mrs. Polly for all your hard work and dedication in making this happen! Your kindness truly makes a difference.

Cambridge art trip

In October, GCSE and KS3 Art students went on a trip to Cambridge by train. Once there, the students enjoyed a small amount of free time before heading to the Fitzwilliam Museum for a tour of Landscape Art led by museum teacher Holly Morrison. Holly gave lots of valuable insight to the paintings we saw by putting them into the context of the time they were made and teaching some analytical skills.

Next, we headed to Kettle's Yard House, where we looked around Jim Ede's collection of modern artwork. The students were able to see some of the artwork by St Ives artists we have talked about in class, including a number of Seascape works. Whilst on the train and in galleries, students were able to make sketches, which will contribute to their portfolios. They took photos of artworks they liked and will be able to use these artists as inspiration for their own work. *Mrs Polly*



Careers news

In careers this term, KS3 and KS4 students have had careers talks on becoming a Medical statistician and becoming a Marine Biologist.

Year 12 students have been researching their chosen careers and have been using Labour Market Information to inform their choices. As a result of this they have started to build a personal development plan and have looked at the recruitment and selection process.

Year 13 students have been choosing their degree courses and completing their UCAS applications and all students have now submitted their applications to UCAS. Year 12 and year 13 students also attended the Felixstowe jobs fair, where they had the chance to talk to local businesses about career and training opportunities. *Mrs Sharon.*

Come to Felixstowe! By Jesse

Looking for a small seaside town for your summer weekend escape? Then come down to Felixstowe!

The town has a vast seafront, expansive beaches and a glistening, engulfing ocean. Scattered all across the promenade are kiosks selling all sorts of things, from ice cream to shovels for your time at the seafront. Also along the seafront are many fish and chip shops where you can order the famous British delicacy.



Felixstowe also has an interesting history, which can be found all around the town. The docks are one of the most famous parts of the town, as they are the largest docks in England. Another big part of the town's history is Landguard Fort. The fort features aspects from loads of different eras, from Victorian to WWII. Landguard Fort is a must-see if you visit the town.

Additionally, Felixstowe has quite a few shopping options. You can head down to Beach Street to order food, or shop at the small stands or tiny shops. Beach Street has something for everyone. You can also visit the town centre and shop at all the different shops it has to offer. It has Italian restaurants, clothes shops and cafes.



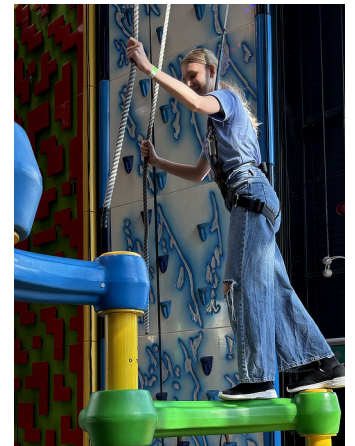
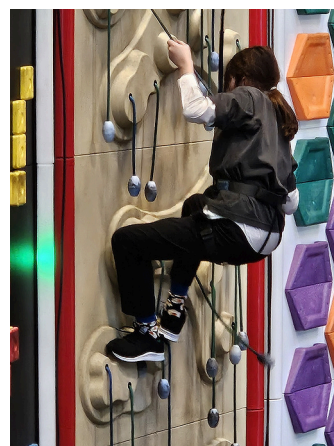
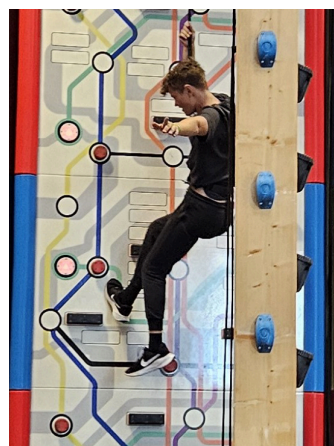
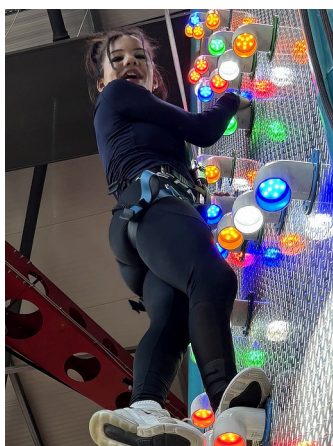
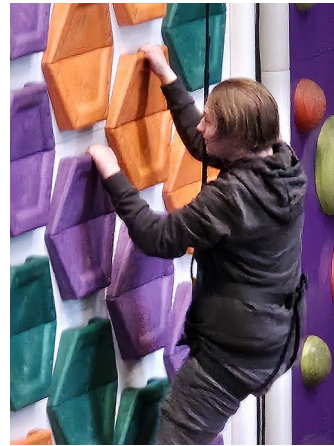
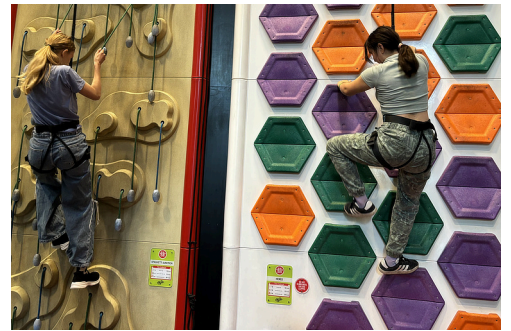
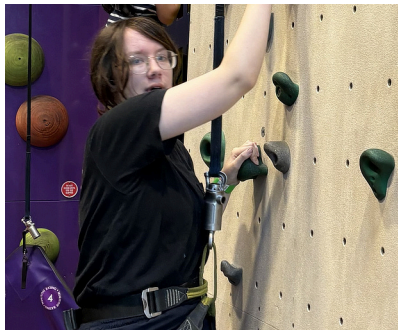
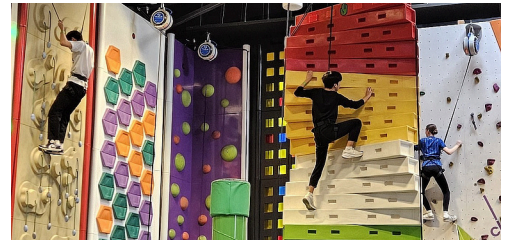
In the town centre, you can find the Palace Cinema. The Palace has all the things you would expect from a good cinema, but with the added benefit of being local. You could also visit the arcades down the seafront, with the main one being the pier. The pier has a massive arcade, fish and chips, a bar and an ice cream shop. If none of those interest you, you could go to the Spa Pavilion, watch a pantomime and relax.



If you want to keep active during your stay, you should visit one of the many places for sport. Brackenbury Sports Centre has squash, tennis, badminton and table tennis courts, as well as many expansive halls for all kinds of activities. The Leisure Centre has even more interesting options, like a gym, pool and much more. But if you want something a bit more fancy, you might want to visit the golf club. It has vast fields and excellent facilities.

Clip 'n' climb

We enjoyed our Saturday trip in October to Clip 'n' Climb, where our students challenged themselves and encouraged their peers to reach new heights – literally! It was a fun event, filled with friendship and a lot of smiles. A great time was had by all!



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National Mathematics Challenge

In October, our 6th formers entered the UK Maths Trust's Senior Mathematical Challenge, a very challenging 1-hour logical mathematical test with 20 multiple choice questions. Hyeongjun achieved a phenomenal 115 out of 125 (only 2 questions wrong), for which he was awarded a Gold Certificate. He was also invited to participate in the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad, in which he has achieved a Merit.



Seonghun and Namhyun also had excellent results, receiving a Silver and Bronze Certificate respectively.

End of Year Prizewinners

Certificates were awarded to students at the end of term celebration assembly:

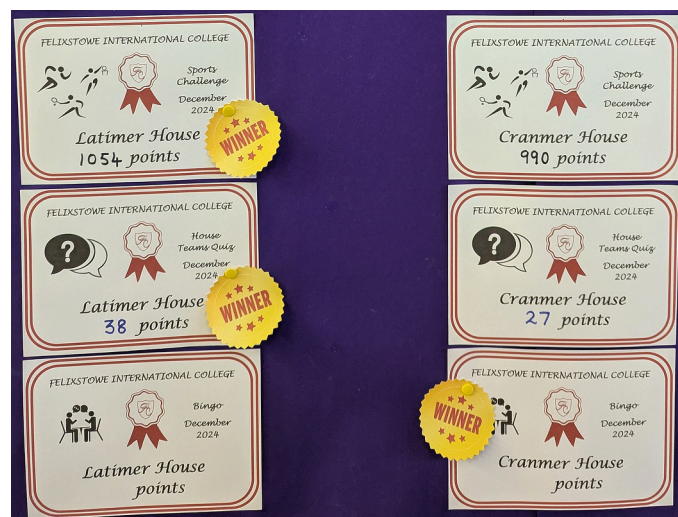
KS5: Punctuality to Lessons: Seonghun
 Concentration and Focus in Lessons: Francesca
 Oral Participation in Lessons: Enoch
 Planning and Organisation: Seonghun
 Presentation of Work: Grace
 Attention to Detail: Hyeongjun
 Completion of Work: Seonghun
 Communication with Teachers: Francesca

KS4: Punctuality to Lessons: Thomas
 Concentration and Focus in Lessons: Maddy
 Oral Participation in Lessons: Jesse
 Planning and Organisation: Sapphire
 Presentation of Work: Sapphire
 Attention to Detail: Pop
 Completion of Work: Maddy
 Communication with Teachers: Theo

KS3: Concentration and Focus in Lessons: Dylan
 Oral Participation in Lessons: Blake

Latimer wins!

Latimer has won two of last term's House Team Challenges (Sports and Quiz), with Cranmer winning the Bingo.



Term dates

Monday 6th January: Teacher Training
 Wednesday 8th January: Autumn Term starts
 Saturday 15th February
 – Sunday 23rd February: Half Term holiday
 Friday 4th April: End of Term

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Keeping Safe

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child at our school, you can talk to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Chaerin Lee, or the Alternate DSL, Joyce Jennings.

Our Governor responsible for Safeguarding is Katherine Murphy who can be contacted through the school office (tel: 01394 282388).