

FELIXSTOWE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



Friendship Through Education

Newsletter

January 2026

Principal's welcome

It is a pleasure to reflect on a highly successful Autumn Term, when our school community continued to grow, welcoming new students from both near and far. We are now proud to represent seven nationalities, enriching daily school life and strengthening our international identity. This diversity is a real asset and is lived out through our motto, "Friendship through education." Students consistently demonstrated kindness, mutual respect, and a willingness to support one another. These qualities are key foundations for confident learning and personal growth.



Academically, students approached their studies with focus and ambition, making strong progress, and showing resilience, curiosity, and increasing independence in their learning. A significant milestone has been the launch of our University Foundation Programmes. These pathways offer students a flexible and supportive route into higher education, allowing them to build confidence, develop essential academic skills, and pursue futures aligned with their individual strengths and aspirations.

Beyond the classroom, enrichment continued to play an important role in school life. New opportunities such as the Music Group and Planet Club, alongside our partnership with Level Two and the growing Christian Youth Club, provided students with creative, social, and reflective spaces that support wellbeing and personal development. Students also demonstrated a strong sense of social responsibility in their Community Work, and were helped to connect learning with real world values of remembrance, service, and citizenship.

One of the highlights of the term was the residential trip to Korea. Students embraced cultural exploration, independence, and teamwork, developing confidence and global awareness that reflect our wider educational aims.

The Autumn Term concluded with Christmas Spirit Week and celebration assemblies, where students' talents, confidence, and personalities were on full display. This momentum continues to grow through the Spring Term, as we look forward to supporting every student to thrive in 2026.

Katherine Murphy, Acting Principal (maternity cover).

Korea residential trip



In October, eight students and Ms Cerys enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to South Korea, staying at our link school, Korea Wales Christian School (KWCS). During the visit, the group immersed themselves

in Korean culture through a wide range of experiences, including trips to a traditional folk village and an amusement park, a



Korean barbecue meal, a river cruise, and the adventure of navigating Seoul's subway with its tuneful trains. Sightseeing around Seoul included time spent with FIC alumna Song Kim, adding a

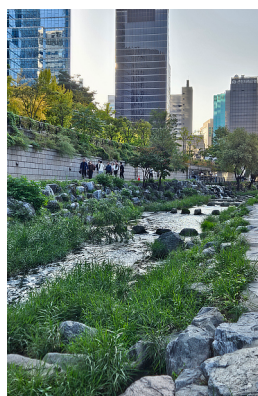
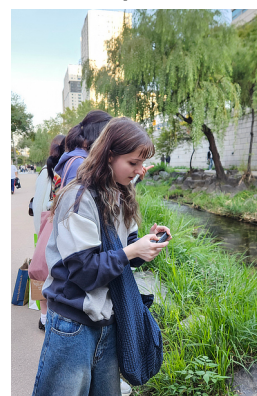
personal and meaningful connection to the journey. A highlight was a day at Everland theme park with the Rotary Club student exchange group, alongside visits to museums spanning Korean



history from prehistory to K-Pop, including the War Memorial. The students also enjoyed the Nanta show, where one brave student joined the performers on stage,



visited Seoul N-Tower, dressed in traditional Hanbok to explore a palace, and spent a day shopping in a bustling mall. While staying at the boarding school, no one quite managed the 6:45am run, but students did take part in an evening worship and shared rooms with Korean students, building



lasting friendships. It was a fantastic and enriching trip, and we very much look forward to welcoming the Korean students back to FIC in the future.



Edible Felixstowe



Our Community Work group has been volunteering with Edible Felixstowe, a local initiative that grows edible plants for the community to enjoy. We recently helped to water the plants outside Felixstowe Library.



Macmillan bake sale

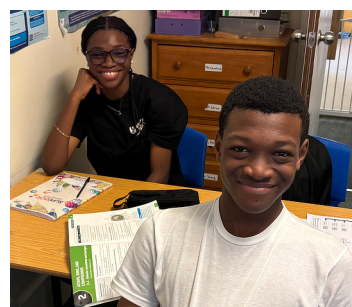
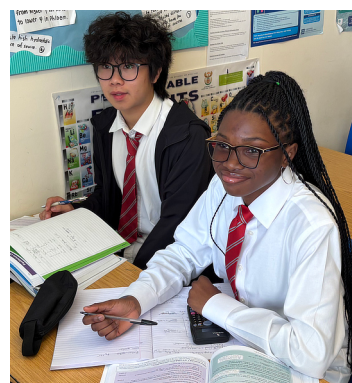
A huge thank you to all our parents, students, and staff who supported our Bake Sale



for Macmillan Cancer Support. Your generosity, delicious bakes, and enthusiasm made the event a great success!

Friendly faces of FIC





Mayor's visit

We were pleased to welcome the Mayor of Felixstowe, Corinne Franklin. She spoke to the students about her role in the community, explaining how she represents the town at events, supports local initiatives, and works with different organisations to help promote and improve Felixstowe for everyone. The students were highly engaged and asked many thoughtful questions about her responsibilities and what inspired her to take on the role. Our School Council also had the special opportunity to meet with Mayor Franklin as a group. They shared information about our school and talked about their own personal experiences as students at FIC. It was a useful opportunity for students to learn more about local government and civic duties.



A Christmas Story

Our KS3 class enjoyed a festive and engaging visit to “A Christmas Story” at Felixstowe Methodist Church at the end of term. The event brought the nativity to life through creative displays, storytelling, and interactive activities. Students explored a series of themed exhibitions, listened to a short reading of the Christmas story, and took part in a simple hands-on activity. It was a thoughtful and enjoyable start to the Christmas season.



Alumnus assembly

As part of our careers programme, FIC alumnus Jaehyuk Lee (Class of 2018) returned to speak with students about how his time at FIC supported his studies and career in biomedical science. He highlighted the value of getting involved beyond the classroom – through clubs, activities, work experience, and volunteering – to build wider skills and interests. These experiences, he explained, show initiative and commitment, which are highly valued by universities and employers. We were delighted to welcome him back and grateful for his insight.

Celebration assembly and prizegiving



End of term certificates

Congratulations to all students, who were celebrated for their “attributes for learning” throughout the term.

Brynley	Presentation of work
Cleo	Oral participation in lessons
India	Concentration and focus in lessons
Isabella	Presentation of work
Jude	Oral participation in lessons
Blake	Concentration and focus in lessons
Evie	Presentation of work
Isha	Oral participation in lessons
Jian	Attention to detail
Joy	Communication with teachers
Eden	Presentation of work
Eva	Planning and organisation
Jesse	Oral participation in lessons
Maddy	Concentration and focus in lessons
Pop	Concentration and focus in lessons
Taya	Concentration and focus in lessons
Theo	Oral participation in lessons
Thomas	Concentration and focus in lessons
Covenant	Concentration and focus in lessons
Enoch	Oral participation in lessons
Francesca	Concentration and focus in lessons
Jeremy	Concentration and focus in lessons
Joelle	Concentration and focus in lessons
Maryjane	Oral participation in lessons
Nelly	Communication with teachers



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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 DSLs, Joyce Jennings and Katherine Murphy. Our governor responsible for safeguarding is Robert Noakes who can be contacted through the school office (tel: 01394 282388).