



THE FULHAM BOYS SCHOOL

A Church of England School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year.

The Enterprise skill for this half term is 'Teamwork' and our Christian value is 'Serving Others'. Please help us to reinforce these at home.

Diary Dates

7th to 18th January:	Year 11 Mock Exam Fortnight
14th January:	Year 7 and 8 Exam Week
15th January:	GCSE 'A Christmas Carol' Theatre Trip
17th January:	Year 10 HAP Trip to Cambridge University
18th January:	Year 9 and 10 Reports go Live
19th & 20th January:	Drama GCSE Rehearsals
21st January:	INSET Day - students not in school on this day
22nd January:	Friends of FBS Screenagers Event
23rd January:	Year 9 Parents Afternoon and Options Event
25th January:	Year 11 Drama Mock Performance at The Lyric Theatre
29th January:	Parent Prayer Group
31st January:	Year 11 Mocks Result Day
	Sport, Enrichment and Co-curricular Committee Meeting
6th February:	Chaplains Termly Prayer Meeting
8th February:	Parent Consultation Day
	Year 9 Options Forms due in today
9th February:	Year 11 History trip to Pevensey Castle
8th to 16th February:	Ski Trip
16th to 24th February:	February Half Term Break
25th February:	Boys return to school

Please check the [FBS School Calendar](#) regularly for information on upcoming events.

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Conference in Nicaragua

Ms Konate and I will be out of school next week as we have been invited to speak at a teacher's conference in Nicaragua.

Options Information Evening

Thank you to all of you who attended the options evening yesterday. I hope you found it useful. As requested, please find attached copy of letter outlining the options process.

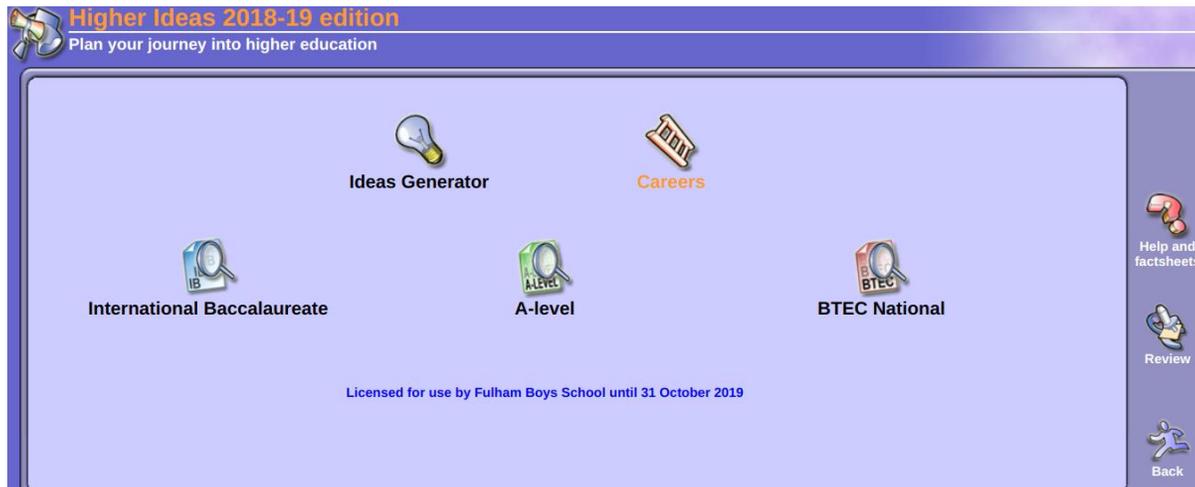
Year 9 Options - Opening up Future Career Paths.

The options that our current Year 9s are taking will have an impact on the A' Level choices that they have in Year 11 and in further education. To support in these choices and to really start the conversation of the potential paths that are open to the students we have invested in a programme called Higher Ideas.

This allows to think in a progressive way and begin to open the conversation of what A'levels your son may want or need to study for a particular career path and hence ensure the right decisions are made now.

The link your son can use on his Chromebook which gives you direct access is

<https://chas.careersoft.co.uk/hi/?Linkmaker=13592c10-effd-41f5-bbef-e012805e19d3>



Thinking about what A'levels (see tab above from the home page) your son will need may help to decide which options to take at this stage. Once you are clear on the choices your son wants to make for Year 12 he can have that discussion in school with his teachers to ensure he has the right choices now.

If you would like a more structured tour/intro to Higher Ideas use the link below. Any questions do not hesitate to contact me at j.fitzgerald@fulhamboysschool.org.uk

www.careersoft.co.uk/higherideasintro- to help you use the website

Staff INSET Day - Monday 21st January

Monday 21st January is a Staff INSET day, therefore, boys will not be in school on this day. Boys should work on completing ownwork assignments, Eisteddfod competitions and Year 11 revision at home during this day.

Parent Consultation Day

As you know our whole school parent consultation day is coming up on Friday 8th February. This is a very important day as it offers the opportunity for you and your son to meet with his form teacher to hear how he has been getting on in school so far this academic year. Your son will also share some examples of his work with you and you will discuss his behaviour, attitude and attendance.

The meetings are 15 minutes long and can be booked using mychq.net Appointments start at 8:30am and run until 5pm. You only need to make one appointment just to see your son's form tutor or associate form tutor but you may also be invited to meet with his Head of House or a member of SLT if they have concerns.

For Year 9 parents this is also the time you will be handing in the GCSE option forms to your son's form tutor.

If you have any problems making the appointments on CHQ please contact Ms Johnson via email s.johnson@fulhamboysschool.org.uk.

A Christmas Carol Theatre Trip - Tuesday 15th January

The GCSE theatre trip to 'A Christmas Carol' takes place on Tuesday 15th January. All boys participating must be in Beaumont Avenue reception by 6pm. Any boys returning to school should be back around 10.15pm. Please indicate on permission slips if boys can make their own way home. They will need zip cards to pay for the journey to Waterloo.

Enterprise Award Log

Parents of Year 7 and 8 boys should ask their sons to show them the 'Enterprise Award Log' on their Enterprise classroom for their year group. This is a place to make notes about how they have developed skills in their academic subjects as well as in other areas. There is little designated time within the school calendar for this and so it is for boys to keep up their log in order to qualify for the Enterprise award.

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Co-curricular - Message from Mr Maddison

Co-curricular has gotten off to a strong start and I am delighted to have had correspondence with parents about their son's choices. Year 7 and 8 will soon be choosing spring term 2 clubs while Year 9 to Year 11 will continue with the same clubs until Easter.

Work Experience - Year 10

Year 10 boys are currently organising work experience to occur during Enterprise Week (8th-12th July) and parental support is invaluable. Please discuss with your son the motivation behind his choices. Lots of boys think they want to work in the Nike store but we would like them to think beyond what they want right now!

Tenner Challenge

Tenner Challenge will occur in March and Year 7 and 8 boys have been submitting business plans this week. We are asking boys to focus on service industries and must emphasise that food and drink cannot be sold on school premises during the school day.

Exams Notices

A reminder to all Year 11 students and parents. Contingency date for Summer 2019 GCSE season is 26th June. This is the latest date an exam may be rescheduled nationwide in case of an exceptional event affecting all of the UK. You are strongly advised **NOT** to book any holidays before that date.

School Lunch

A reminder that payment for school lunches for this half term is now due. If you have not yet made payment please do so as soon as possible on [ParentPay](#).

Parent Pay - Setting up Alerts

If you have not yet set up your Parent Pay account to receive alerts on Parent Pay please do so as soon as possible. Alerts can be set individually for each child attached to your ParentPay account.

To set up alerts follow these steps:

1. Log into your ParentPay account
2. Go to 'Communications' tab
3. Go to Alert Settings
4. Then click 'Change alert settings' - from here choose to receive alerts by email.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Finance Officer, Emmanuel Boadi, by email e.boadi@fulhamboysschool.org.uk or call reception. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously.

Screenagers Evening Tuesday 22nd January

At 6.30pm on Tuesday 22nd January, parents and boys are invited in Beaumont Avenue hall for a free whole school Screenagers event: an award winning film, followed by Q&A discussion with a panel.

SCREENAGERS explore the struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

To book for this event please click [HERE](#). Trailer can be found [HERE](#)

Useful Links

For information on school events and term dates please check the [FBS School Calendar](#)

For the latest on sport at FBS please go to the [FBS Sport Blog](#)

For payments to school please pay online via [ParentPay](#)

To purchase school uniform visit [Sogans Uniform Shop](#)

To purchase sports kit visit [Tylers Sportswear](#)

To access the school's Parent Portal please visit [Parent Portal](#)

For information from the Friends of FBS please visit the [Friends of FBS website](#)

For information on the FBS Foundation please visit the [FBS Foundation website](#)

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