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Head's Message

As we approach the end of the first Spring half-term, I am struck by the extraordinary range of activities and developments which staff and students at Farlingaye have managed to cram into this short span of time. Apart from the usual high-quality teaching and learning that goes on in so many of the lessons at Farlingaye, there have been many other successes that have depended upon endeavour and resilience. I was hugely impressed by the work of all of the cast and the support crews who put on a marvellous production of the musical Fame this week. The fact that all four nights were sold out is a testament to the great traditions of performance at Farlingaye, and the audiences were treated on each of those evenings. During one of those performances, an appreciative spectator wrote, a “young and hopeful spirit [was] so successfully portrayed”. It was truly a production to inspire others, and I am sure that there are many more aspiring singers, dancers, actors, musicians and technicians within the school who now cannot wait to join the cast and crew of next year's ‘Big Show’. We can't wait.

I would also like to congratulate the members of our Endeavour Club team that represented the school at the Regional Finals of the Little Big Awards, and came out on top against stiff opposition. They will now go on to represent the school and the region at the national finals. Their hard work and enthusiasm have been deservedly rewarded, and we look forward to seeing them take on new challenges with aplomb.

The rest of this month's Forum describes many other exciting and valuable projects and events. I hope that you will enjoy finding out more about what our students are doing in school and out of school to develop themselves. I am sure that you will agree that they deserve their half-term break! I would like to wish all of the Farlingaye families all the best for the holiday period, and hope to see many of you at our Quiz Night on Friday 3rd March.



Upcoming Events

- 23 February
Year 12 Parents' Evening
- 3 March
FHSF Quiz Night
- 10 March
School Experience Morning
- 15 March
Progress Evening
- 22 March
DofE Gold Kit Check/Parents' Eve
- 30 March
Last day of term
- 31 March-3 April
DofE Silver expedition
- 8-13 April
DofE Gold practice expedition

FARLINGAYE HIGH SCHOOL
7 PM FOR 7.30PM – DINING HALL

FRIDAY 03 £5 Students
MARCH 2017 £7 Adult

Teams of up to 8 – smaller groups and individuals
are very welcome

Student teams, Year 11 or below need parental
supervision close by please!

Ploughman's supper included.
Bar available.

FHSF
**QUIZ
NIGHT**



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Brafe Engineering 'Cambridge Business Technical' Trip

On Tuesday January 24th the current cohort of Year 12 Cambridge Business Technical students from the 6th form were invited to Brafe Engineering, a large Woodbridge factory and engineering works facility. For students this was an opportunity to better understand Business and Management Systems within a practical context.

This is a very complex business offering very high technology solutions to global businesses. Brafe engineer components for gases and fluid distribution systems and pipelines all over the world and is a large local employer with nearly 200 people currently working there.

Students were treated to an in-depth tour taking them through the making of moulds out of sand and other materials, then computer simulation of how these would turn into castings once poured. We had missed the pouring of the molten metal but these moulds were still red hot when we arrived, the heat and the bright colouring left students wide eyed and open mouthed!

From here we were taken through the scrap and cooling areas and the machine finishing shops and quality control procedures. The technology, the high level of investment and the value of the components was a real surprise to our students – one valve we looked at was worth over £25,000.

A huge thanks need to be made to Brafe Engineering for arranging the tour and getting Farlingaye students so close to the action. A much clearer understanding was gained of what happens at their facility and how their business functions and it will support them hugely in completing more of their coursework. We think it's really important for our students to see real businesses and to have current real examples to work with and Brafe has made this very easy for us to do in the future.

Mr N Edge

The Lower School Musical Will Be...!

Auditions for this year's fantastic show will be taking place two weeks after half term – the show will be revealed when we return, so look out for posters around the school.

It will be great fun and will have opportunities for actors, singers, musicians and backstage crew so please do come along and audition!

Ms Lansdowne, Mr Picton and Miss Ring

1st Farlingaye Spanish Conference

On Saturday January 28th, students and teachers of Spanish from the local area came together at Farlingaye for a day of talks and workshops on all things Spanish. The day started with a live performance of Spanish guitar music by Mr Hynes, parent of Paddy Hynes in Year 13, and Dr Packard, from the University of Suffolk talked about Basque refugee children, who came to Suffolk during the Spanish Civil War.

Students honed their pronunciation skills with Miss Andrades using tongue twisters. Alfredo Castro from the University of East Anglia talked about how studying languages enhances your employability, as well as running an interactive creative writing workshop. Farlingaye's own Year 12 students introduced the delegates to Spanish music, then Dr Lalaguna from Imperial College London spoke about the benefits of learning languages.

During the lunch break, delegates completed a quiz on Spanish culture and enjoyed a selection of delicious Spanish food and drink. The day was rounded off with a prize draw. We would like to thank the Association for Language Learning for their generous financial support, as well as all participating speakers.

Miss Andrades and Mrs Green



Raffle Donations

Donations for the raffle at the FHSF Quiz will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at Reception.

Many thanks

Reading Raffle!

In September, all students in Years 7 to 10 were issued with a Reading Passport by their English teachers. By reading outside of their lessons, students were encouraged to get every half hour of reading 'signed off' by a parent/carer with each half an hour equalling 500 travel miles. Students who undertook the challenge found themselves virtually travelling around the world, stopping off in New York City, Sydney and Beijing. Every time a student reached one of these landmarks they would be rewarded with commendations and those students who travelled all the way around the world found themselves with a ticket to the end of term raffle! Congratulations therefore to our first batch of Reading Passport winners who have each won a WHSmith voucher: Zara Lawrence 7S, Tamsin Parker 7S, Ethan Seva Madden 7N, Corey Baker 8A, Neave Matthews 8I, Ethan Boswell 8I, Maddie Bell 8Y, Albie Willet 9N, Daniel Gore 9G and Ross Malham 10N. All students praised the Reading Passport, saying how much it had encouraged them to read and explaining how it had given their parents an opportunity to be more involved with their reading at home. If you have not seen or heard about your child's Reading Passport, please ask them about it and encourage them to complete their virtual trip around the world so they too can be entered into this term's raffle!

Book Review

Little Women - Louisa May Alcott

Having never read Little Women when I was younger, I thought it was about time I picked up Louisa May Alcott's 19th Century Classic and I've been so glad I did. Little Women tells the story of the March family: a mother and four daughters living on a meagre income at home whilst their father is away fighting in the war. Whilst some of the 19th Century attitudes are outdated today, the depiction of the girls' individual characters and the emotions they grapple with including anger, selfishness and jealousy have a lot to say to us today. In our fast paced world of materialism, independence and impatience, there is a vast amount we can learn from the Little Women characters about contentment, relationships and use of time. Little Women is an engaging read for teenagers and adults alike and has something for everyone to benefit from.

Mrs Spurling

Farlingaye Netball

It has been a busy start to the term with lots of Netball fixtures and training sessions for all year groups. As a faculty, we have been so impressed with the number of girls attending training either at lunchtime or afterschool, showing a dedicated approach to advancing their skills and improving their netball fitness. The girls attend each week with so much enthusiasm and we have loved seeing all year groups mix and train together, sharing their passion for the sport.

The U15 Netball team have had an incredible start in the league. They have had two significant wins against Ipswich High School for Girls, 17-15, and St Joseph's College, 37-19. As a new team, we have been impressed with the U15's ability to communicate on court, develop set plays and be versatile on court as to play to full strength. Special mentions go to Polly Haste, Ellie Brooks and Ava McGreal, who have all been selected by the opposing team as Players of the Match.

The U13A Netball team have been unbeaten so far this year in their league. They scored an incredible 27-0 against Westbourne Academy and won 14-6 against Ipswich High School for Girls. The U13s work brilliantly as a team supporting each other by providing feedback and encouragement throughout the games. Special mentions go to Gracie Brayshaw Harman and Eva Kelly, who have both been selected by the opposing team as Players of the Match.

Well done to all the girls who have attended netball training this term and represented Farlingaye in fixtures. Please keep checking the sports notice boards for details of upcoming fixtures and team sheets, ticking to confirm that you can play.

Keep up the good work!

Miss Hall

Helping the Homeless

Over half term Jakob Poffley, Year 13, is raising money for the homeless.

He will be spending 4 nights sleeping rough in the 4 UK cities with the most homeless people and hitchhiking between them. He won't be taking any money with him.

He is raising money via <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/jakobpoffley> and any donations will be gratefully received.



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Erasmus + 3D Thinking in Education project



With the support of the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union

Mr White, Mr Barry and I travelled to Sweden to be part of a drive to develop 3D printing into the curriculum across Europe. Each country was represented by two teachers and a student, who brought their own experience and curriculum

expectations to the group. Over the course of the week we expanded our knowledge of 3D thinking and the technology involved with 3D printing. This was done through exchanging of experiences and being taught by an expert in the field, Jonathan Keep. The students of the course were tasked with creating a logo for the project. We worked with a Dutch designer to come up with a 3D object and 2D logo to encompass all that Erasmus + 3D education represents.

On the final two days, we had the use of the six 3D printers they had at the science centre to build our logo, whilst the teachers trialled and tested the practicality of their plans to ensure that they would work from a teaching perspective within their own curriculum areas. Farlingaye will host the return of the teachers from around Europe in May 2017.

This was an amazing opportunity to build and develop 3D thinking and 3D printing skills with likeminded people from around Europe. Thank you to Mr White and Mr Barry for promoting this opportunity for us at Farlingaye.

Luke Le Roux 12G

This project is running for two years and I am hoping there will be some exciting developments within 3D Thinking and Making across our school in a number of subject areas. We have selected a group of students to try out our various ideas with 3D printing. They will be meeting at lunchtimes and working in small groups producing solutions to problems in 3D.

This is a great opportunity for us to work with a range of schools and people throughout Europe. The countries involved in the project are UK, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland and the Netherlands. Watch this space for more news about this exciting project in the future.

Mr White

Year 7 Endeavour

On January 31st, Year 7 students made presentations on the topic of 'Connecting the unconnected'. The theme was set by CISCO, who have sponsored the Little Big Awards STEM event. Students chose products ranging from toothbrushes, bins and shoes to fridges and worked out ingenious ways they could utilise the internet to benefit our lives.

The judging panel included Dr Sievewright, Mr Wakeley, Miss Chapman, Miss Baldwin & Mr Van Den Bergh (STEM Ambassador).

Well done to all who took part, with the winning team of Joash Jennis,

Barney Barnes, Harry Lansley and Tristan Whittle presenting on a modern take of the pest trap. They will now take part in the regional finals at the Cambridge Science Park.

Mr Hawtin



Year 9 Boys' Basketball

The Year 9 boys' basketball team successfully defended their Suffolk County Basketball Championship after narrowly beating Basketball Academy County Upper in the County Final and will now travel to Great Baddow in the Regional rounds.

Mr Haughan.



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