

Head's Message

At Farlingaye, we take E.M. Forster's injunction "only connect!" seriously. Our intention is always to encourage students to connect to each other, to their wider community, and to the world around them. We are also adamant that effective development of a school comes from establishing and utilising strong connections between all stakeholders, including staff and families. That is why developing links and connections has been a major focus of recent work and events at the school, and will be very much part of our planning for the future. We have begun our termly classroom trail, which allows senior staff to visit a large number of lessons to see teaching and learning in action with a particular focus in mind, and this term the focus is on Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural aspects of learning (SMSC). Enshrined in education law in the UK since 1944, inspected in England since the birth of Ofsted in 1992, the duty of schools to promote SMSC has in some ways remained a constant in the face of ever-changing policies and reforms. However, it has often been suggested that schools could do more to emphasise the importance of this duty to students and families, and to make it a high-profile element of their planning. Our intention at Farlingaye is to continue to put SMSC squarely at the centre of our curriculum planning, as part of a wider development of Character Education in the school. The trail being carried out is one way we are using to gather information about how these crucial aspects of teaching and learning are operating in the school and how we can further strengthen our development in this area. More information on the Character Education Programme, which will be launched officially in the first term of the academic year 2017-18, will follow in due course.

Another vitally important form of connection for us is the link between families and school. Our recent Quiz Night, featured on page 3 of this Forum, was an excellent example of how this can operate on a social level, and we have another chance coming up for families to enjoy a night of connection – this time through the music of Flaming Cheek, whose set will be the centre-piece of our 80s Night on 22nd April. Tickets, which will cost £10 (including food), will be available via reception, and more information will be on the school website. It would be wonderful to see lots of you there. We will also be seeking the views and ideas of Farlingaye Families at our next Families Forum meeting, which will take place in the Sixth Form Centre on 28th March, at 6.00pm. Every Farlingaye family member is very welcome to attend, and we value every connection we are able to make with you through these sessions.



Upcoming Events

- 22 March
DofE Gold Kit Check/Parents' Eve
- 31 March
Last day of term
- 31 March-3 April
DofE Silver expedition
- 8-13 April
DofE Gold practice expedition
- 19 April
Students return
- 20 April
DofE Silver Presentations
- 26 April
Y10&11 GCSE students' Fashion Show
- 12 May
Readathon

U13 Rugby 7s Elite

Year 8 Boys, finished 12th out of 18 at Suffolk and Essex U13 Rugby 7s Elite held at The Royal Hospital School. The event was organised and sponsored by Northampton Saints and included a lot of private schools. Our boys played very well, finishing second in their group. Damon Oliver scored a fantastic try against Royal Grammar School, Colchester and we ran Ipswich School close in our second place pool.
Mr Steed



Intermediate Maths Challenge

In the recent Senior Maths Challenge, open to students in Years 9, 10 and 11, nearly 70 students participated and produced a fantastic set of results with many notable performances. In total 65% of the students received a certificate. Gold certificates were awarded to Alex Richards and Raffy Zoio in Year 11, Thomas Horton and Joe McGlynn in Year 10 and Evie Zoio in Year 9. The additional award of 17 Silver and 18 Bronze certificates is a testament to the problem solving skills of the Maths students across the Key Stage 4 groups.

Following this, around 3,000 students are invited to sit a follow on competition called the Pink and Gold Kangaroo. Five of our students scored highly enough to qualify for this competition. They will sit the paper in the coming weeks.

Highest in the school	Alex Richards
Highest in Year 11	Alex Richards
Highest in Year 10	Thomas Horton
Highest in Year 9	Evie Zoio

Examples of questions (No calculators allowed!!)

Q3. How many square numbers have 7 as the unit's digit?

A. 0 B. 1 C. 2 D. 3 E. 4

Q6. The angles of a quadrilateral are in the ratio 3:4:5:6.

What is the difference between the largest angle and the smallest angle?

A. 30° B. 40° C. 50° D. 60° E. 70°

Q7. Four different positive integers are to be chosen so they have a mean of 2017. What is the smallest possible range of the chosen integers?

A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5 E. 6

Q12. The combined age of Alice and Bob is 39. The combined age of Bob and Clare is 40. The combined age of Clare and Dan is 38. The combined age of Dan and Eve is 44. The total of all five ages is 105. Which of the five is the youngest?

A. Alice B. Bob C. Clare D. Dan E. Eve

Well done to everyone who took part, rising to the challenge and representing Farlingaye so well.

Mr Daly (Answers on the next page)

Farlingaye Flyers

It's been a busy few weeks for the members of the Farlingaye Flyers riding club. We've had the NSEA County Challenge Show Jumping Competition in Bury St Edmunds, a pony morning at Newton Hall Equitation Centre, and the NSEA Show Jumping and Windsor qualifiers. To see our full news please view the report on <http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/Forum/> We hope to be organising another event over the Easter holidays, and remember, you don't need to have your own pony to join the riding club. If you are interested in joining, please see me.

Ms Gray



Year 10 Football

The Year 10 boys have progressed to the next round of the County Cup. A hard fought game against Bungay High School resulted in a 4-0 win. We played with three at the back and overloaded the midfield. This gave Teddy Baker and George Fricker a license to attack while Toby Barnard gave defensive cover in front of Josh Smedley, Ben Saberton and Dylan Hassan. George Ferguson and Matt Sheridan had the task of patrolling each wing. Euan Childs had an accomplished game breaking up opposition play and setting us on our way with fluent passing. Goal scorers included: Josh Smedley, George Ferguson and Euan Childs. The team next travel to Mildenhall for the quarter finals.

Sports Hall Athletics County Final

Our Year 7/8 girls' Sports Hall Athletics squad travelled to Newmarket to compete in the County Final having done fantastically well in winning the Ipswich and South Suffolk event. This event consists of a number of 'track' races and then 'field' events such as standing triple jump, shot put and speed bounce.

The girls gave their all. There were some exceptional individual performances as well as some great relay results. There was a great supportive atmosphere.

Their second place finish in the County is something of which they should all be proud. Well done all of you!

Team members: Ella Firth, Ella Brown, Libby Chandler, Eva Kelly, Scarlett Longbon, Lilly Bemmer, Tia Mee, Ruby Ford, Sophie McDonald

Senior Swimming Squad

Both our under 14 and over 14 swimming squads qualified for the area final having done well in their heat. They had a fantastic final with a tremendous spirit evident within and between the teams!

The structure of the gala is that 5-8 students cover five individual events and two relays and teams consist of both boys and girls. Our junior team had some very promising results and it was really lovely to see the high standard of performance. Our senior team were hoping that they might have a chance of finishing in the top two. We couldn't have asked for more from all of them, with their professional approach, and the whole team had a chance to show how talented they are. When the results were announced they were so excited and proud to hear they had won the overall title against some tough opposition. Well done to all the team members and particularly to the senior squad of Hannah Taplin, Eleanor Oliver, Jade Brewer, Ollie Pick, Henry Butler, George Crookall and Sam Cottee



Mural

Miss Markham has been working with Year 6 students at Gorseland Primary School, in Martlesham Heath, to create two large scale murals for display in the Gorseland School grounds.



Go to <http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/Forum/> to see more.

FHSF Quiz Night

The FHSF annual quiz night on March 3rd was another great evening out, with the School Dining Hall filled with 170 happy quizzers.

Thank you to the FHSF team, who produced a delicious ploughman's supper – with Adnam's pickle – and manned the popular bar. Mr Piddington was the tough quiz master, with Mr Moran updating the scoreboard, helped by the glamorous assistants Dr Sievewright and Mr Hall collecting in the papers. Well done to the winning team (of teachers) "Where there's a Will" with 92 points, closely followed by Q7 and Dolly Mixtures. The winning student team was "The Inglorious Quizmasters!" who won a tub of Celebrations.

The FHSF raised over £1,400 for school projects.

Maths Challenge answers: 3 A 6 D 7 C 12 D

Little Big Awards

Following the internal presentations for the 'Little Big Awards' held at Farlingaye, the group chosen to represent the school went to the regional finals held at the Cambridge Science Park on Thursday February 9th. The group was comprised of Barney Barnes, Harry Lansley, Tristan Whittle and Joash Jennis. There was stiff competition from students of more senior years and larger group sizes but the boys came through to win! They impressed the judges with their presentation, business plan and prototype of a mousetrap, that tweets when a capture is made. They will now go through to the national finals to be held in London.

Mr Hawtin



DT Work of the Month

Once a month the Technology team vote on their favourite piece of KS3 work, showcasing work of great quality and effort from students in all areas of Technology.

This month, Ben Wakeling, 7L, was particularly creative with his salad it was picked for colour, presentation and use of ingredients.



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Ski trip Folgarida, Italy 2017

On February 10th, we commenced our 28 hour journey to Folgarida located in the stunning Italian Dolomites. After a ferry trip from Dover to Calais we continued our journey through France, Belgium, Germany, Austria and finally Italy. After a well-earned sleep and continental buffet breakfast, we headed out to the slopes. We had five ski groups, with everything from first timers to absolute pros. After a morning of skiing we regrouped for lunch at a restaurant on top of the mountain with amazing views! It was a great location. On our last day we even started an impromptu party with the locals and a DJ! Our après ski activities included bowling, which Mrs Silvester won, and Mr Trett's world famous "Quiz and Fun Night"! The after-eight challenge and limbo competition were particular highlights! We also went ice skating and visited a local pizzeria for some delicious traditional Italian pizza and gelato. We had an amazing week! Huge thanks to the teachers, especially the fantastic Mr Parks!
Elsa Cooney and Jess Macfarlane, Year 12



Book Mastermind

Every year, Suffolk Libraries run Book Mastermind for students in Years 7-9 from across the county. Each high school holds its own competition with students choosing their favourite book instead of a subject. They answer up to 20 questions in two minutes. Winners go on to the area final in March and then the All Suffolk Final.

1st Oliver DeVita 7R came first and will be going through to the next round at Debenham High School.

2nd Iris Rea 8S

3rd Saul Osbourne

Well done to all who took part in the competition.

Mrs Mason



Huge congratulations to everyone involved in this year's Upper School production, Fame. Over 80 students took part, either acting and singing, dancing, in the band, backstage and technical, and Front of House. There were four sold-out performances before half term and the audiences enjoyed a gritty tale of students at the Academy of Performing Arts in New



York as they pursue their dreams of stardom. The performances were high-energy with exuberant dancing and singing throughout and some great individual performances, notably from Connie Lamb as Carmen, who stopped the show at the end by appearing on top of a full size New York yellow taxi. A special mention for the all-student band, conducted by Ms Martino, which sounded fabulous; for the dance captains who took on some of the choreography; and for everyone in the backstage team. Directed and choreographed by Miss Baldwin, assisted by Ms Parnell, with thanks to all the staff who helped either in production, technical, Front of House or refreshments.

To read more about any of these stories please follow this link <http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/Forum/>

