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Head's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week saw Farlingaye hold our annual Open Evening, and it was another very successful and extremely well-attended event, at which staff and students came together to show the best that the school has to offer. There were hundreds of students operating as guides, speakers, demonstrators, and helpers throughout the evening. One visitor sought me out on her way out of the school to tell me how “fantastic” all the students she had met had been, and this was only one of the very many positive comments that I and other staff received about the contribution of the students. All of the students were certainly a credit to themselves and to the school, and they deserve our thanks and congratulations. I would particularly like to mention our speakers*, who were all willing to work through the evening to deliver their comments on the student experience at Farlingaye School bravely and clearly to large and expectant audiences.

Another important event for the school was our FHSF AGM that took place on 29th September. We had over 130 parents and carers attending, which is a very impressive showing for a secondary school, and all of those attendees were able to take part in a range of useful workshops, and to find out about upcoming events – including the FHSF Oompah Night, which is on 18th November, and which promises to be a lot of fun! Tickets are available from Reception.

At the AGM, we trailed the idea of a Family Forum: our proposal is to hold a series of consultations throughout the school year, where parents, carers and other family members can meet with senior school staff to discuss some key areas of school practice and development. We have had a very positive response to this idea and will be sending out more information in the near future. I would ask that as many of you as possible get involved in these consultations to give us your views and ideas – these are crucial in helping to shape the work that we will be doing throughout this year.

*Our speakers were as follows: Harrison Strand, Evelyn Dixon-Minter, Ivan Perez-Sanchez, Danielle Smith, Barney Barnes, Olivia Gaskin, Daisy Heron (all from Y7); Jon Llewellyn (from Y10); Suzie Gosling (from Y13)

Dr Andy Sievewright, Headteacher



Equipment Donation

Farlingaye's Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme has received a generous donation from the Rohan shop in Woodbridge. The shop is involved with the Gift Your Gear scheme, which encourages people to donate unwanted outdoor equipment to be passed onto groups involved in outdoor activities, like our DofE unit.

I collected a very large box, full of very high specification, nearly new condition garments from Nick Hughes, the manager of Rohan Woodbridge, recently and was overwhelmed by the quality and quantity of gear donated.

This means that we are able to loan high quality outdoor clothing to students who may not have the full range of necessary kit. To see the kit we were given please follow this link [https://](https://www.facebook.com/FarlingayeDofE/)

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Mr Shaw



GCSE Technology Exhibition Evening

On July 6th, Design and Technology held the first GCSE Exhibition Evening to celebrate the successes of last year's Year 11 students. Exhibitions were set up in the Technology bloc and projects and products were on display. Our Year 10 Catering students showcased their amazing culinary hospitality skills by creating and serving some delicious canapes and mocktails for guests to enjoy as they arrived.

It was lovely to see so many students came back with their parents to celebrate and take stock of all they



had accomplished.

Many Year 10 students also attended and commented on how seeing the finished work had motivated and inspired them in their current projects.

Mrs Cornell

Most Able Tech and ICT Morning

In July, 83 Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were involved in our annual Most Able Technology and ICT Enrichment Morning. Students were selected to participate in specific subject sessions including Textiles, Systems and Control, Resistant Materials, ICT, Catering and Graphics.

The morning was a real success and students commented on how much they had enjoyed the opportunity to speak to experts from industry, as well as access activities outside of the curriculum. One student said, "I was able to try things I wouldn't normally do and was able to work with people outside my year group."

Another commented, "It has made me realise that Textiles isn't all needles and thread."

As a faculty, we are looking forward to next year's enrichment morning already!

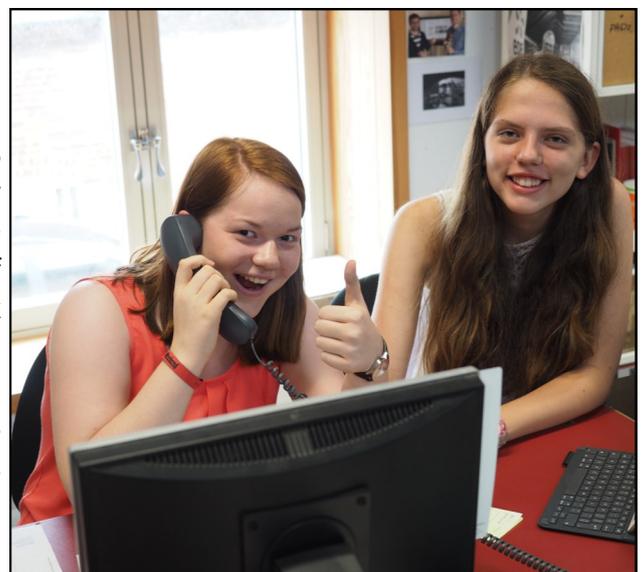
Mrs Cornell



Work Experience

On Monday September 5th, 293 students in Year 11 began the academic year by taking up their Work Experience placements. The range of placements was as wide as ever. The students found themselves in placements as far afield as Italy, London and Cambridge, as well as more locally in Woodbridge and Ipswich, in a range of businesses that provided students with varied work including retail outlets, offices, garages, hospitals, veterinary practices, nuclear energy, financial institutions, the legal profession and publishing firms. Our students impressed with their hard-working approach, enthusiasm, adaptability, responsibility and initiative.

Mrs Frazer



Croquet

Following victories in both the singles and doubles championships at Oxford last summer, Farlingaye's croquet team headed to Watford to defend their respective crowns.

Play began with the 2016 doubles tournament. Liam Flin and Chay Hathway stormed into an early lead in their semi-final clash against Albie Willet and Sam Parkinson, only to be pegged back and eventually lost the game 10-7. In the other match of the doubles format, Eden Rodgers and Ryan Gray triumphed over Wycombe Abbey Boarding School to ensure an all-Farlingaye final.

In the grand final of the doubles competition, Eden and Ryan failed to secure back-to-back titles, as Sam and Albie were triumphant by a score of 12-11. They would later be presented the doubles trophy by the head of the National Croquet Association.

In the first round of the singles tournament, Liam Flin fell to a 14-3 thumping against a former Junior European squad member, while Chay Hathway edged past his opponent 12-11. Eden Rodgers was unable to defend either of last year's titles, after he lost out a tightly contested affair to Albie who advanced along with Chay to the semi-finals. Unfortunately neither could pave a path to the final and Farlingaye had to settle for just the doubles crown this year.

It was an enjoyable day out yet again and it's been impressive to see how far this team has progressed, even without the noble stewardship of former teacher and highly ranked croquet player Jarrod Coutts. Well done boys.



Deben Rowing Club Juniors - The Yare Cup

The day began surprisingly warm and sunny with seven seniors and six juniors taking part in 11 different racing categories at the Yare Cup in Norwich. The competition was divided into two divisions to allow competitors time to row the 6k to the start line before racing the 3700m course and returning home.

The Yare Rowing Club is really unusual as it is on an island so you can only get to it by boat. Fortunately, we were kindly hosted by Norwich Rowing Club who allowed us to use their enviable facilities at Whitlingham.

The wins: Tilly Barnard (Year 12), Lotte Tyndale Hardy (Year 13), Aiden Ward and Olly Wroe - Mx.Im3.4x - also the fastest boat in division 1; Tilly Barnard and Lotte Tyndale Hardy - W.J18.2x; Megan Stocker (ex-Farlingaye student) - W.IM2.1x.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The staff at Farlingaye recently held a coffee morning for MacMillan Cancer Support. The staff room tables were groaning with an incredible variety of cakes, and staff were happily donating money.

The Biology department also held a Biology Bake Off, with Biology themed cakes, as a precursor to Biology Week which will run from 10th to 14th October. Students bought and enjoyed them at lunchtime.

The two events raised an impressive £250.68 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Well done Farlingaye.

Invigilators Needed

We will shortly be recruiting invigilators for the external and internal exams. If you would be interested in this, please look on our website (under non-teaching vacancies) for further details and an application form. Alternatively, please contact Angela Grundy, Exams Officer, or Gail Hicks, Personnel Officer at the school.



Reading Rules!

As an English faculty, and school, we are eager to encourage students to read as this is a key skill which will influence students' success in every walk of life. Students in Years 7 to 10 have all received a reading passport. They are aiming to complete a minimum of 30 minutes reading a week (although we would urge for more!), and get their passport signed by a parent/carer when they have completed this. Hopefully parents/carers have already seen these at home. As students travel around the world, there will be prizes recognising their effort in reading.

We will also be including some book recommendations in every Forum, which we hope students and their families will find helpful. Here are this issue's suggestions!

Miss Jermy recommends **The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern**

"This is a beautifully descriptive account of the wonders of a travelling circus. Surrounded in magic and fantasy, the circus also conceals a frightening duel between two young rivals which endangers themselves and the circus itself. I loved reading this book, as every chapter transports you into a world of illusion and beauty that is enchanting, or, at times, intimidating. The opening chapter invited us to enter the circus, and indeed you will remain trapped there until the story sadly ends."

Tom Hayden, Year 10, recommends **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone**

"Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is a great book. After living with the Dursleys since the day he was born, Harry Potter thinks that he is a normal boy. When he finds out he is a wizard and moves to Hogwarts, he thinks that there are some strange goings on. When he deciphers what they are, he pursues and persists in trying to prevent the taking of what could end the world in the wrong hands. The first major battle is just around the corner!

It is gripping, exciting and, above all, a great adventure for any reader to enjoy as if they were the main character. You will not want to put it down until you have finished every last word on every last page. A recommended read for any reader!"

Miss Jermy

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

Farlingaye Reading Club.

Can you help?

Thanks to all of those who put the Co-op green tokens into the Community Token scheme boxes in Woodbridge and Wickham Market before the summer. We received a cheque for £300 to raise funds for the students to buy new books and pay for teas at Reading Club.

We would like to invite any parent who feels they have the time to volunteer on a Wednesday between 3.45 and 4.45 to help with the teas and clearing up or to read with the students. We can arrange for the necessary paper work and we would love to have you as part of the team. We start again on October 19th. Please call me for any information.

Ms Anderson Learning Support.

German taster at Kyson Primary School

As part of a project Liam Flin in Year 13 is currently completing after winning the German Scholarship this summer, he went to Kyson Primary School to deliver a German taster session to a group of children in KS2. After telling the children about his trip to Berlin and Munich this summer, he taught numbers 1-10 and played bingo to practise the numbers. He also "busted" a few stereotypes (Germans CAN be funny and the buses are NOT always on time). The children then made and decorated their own 'Schultüte' a small cone made of colourful cardboard filled with sweets that all German children get as a present on their first day of primary school. This was followed by some Haribo tasting. Both Liam and Mrs Green were very impressed by the children's questions about Germany and their German numbers skills. We look forward to seeing them at Farlingaye in a few years' time.

Mrs Green

