

Head's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the new-look Farlingaye High School Forum. I hope that you will agree that this edition of the Forum shows clearly why Farlingaye is such a great school, through its many stories of collective and individual endeavour and achievement. I have hugely enjoyed my first few weeks in post as Head of Farlingaye, having arrived from London over the summer. The school has been very welcoming and I have been most impressed by the positive attitude of students and staff, and by the strong sense of community that is evident everywhere in the school. In this edition you will read some examples of the excellent contributions made by students to their own academic progress, to Farlingaye's sporting and artistic success, to our links to cultures beyond our borders and to our awareness of our environment and the steps that can be taken to protect it. Thanks go to Lucy Potter, Leon Noble, Mary Howard, Jorja Brimicombe, Robert Hayden, Zac Clouter, Liam Flin, Katy Jones and Robert Keen for volunteering to write about their experiences. I hope that you will enjoy reading their contributions, and all of the other articles in this edition, and I hope to see many of you at the Annual General Meeting of the FHSF, our Parents' Group, at 7pm on 29th September. More details on this and many other school events and developments can be found on our website - please do visit us there soon.



Dr Andy Sievwright, Headteacher

Exam Results

Congratulations to all our students who took their A Levels, AS Levels and GCSEs in the summer. They achieved excellent results and you can read about them on the back page.

Our First Week

Our first week at Farlingaye has been brilliant. We've had lots of interesting things to do, for example in Science we looked at cells in the body and used Bunsen burners and planned our experiment.

PE was really fun and exciting. We played "line ball" and "vortex ball". We never got a chance to do this before, so it was great. The other things that are good about Farlingaye are the lunches, loads of clubs to join and lots of chances to do new things.

The teachers are really nice, they have helped us to find out about Farlingaye and what we need to do. It's different from primary school and this is good. The older students are really nice, helping us find our way around and making sure we are okay.

Farlingaye is brilliant!!

Lucy Potter, Leon Noble, Mary Howard, Jorja Brimicombe, Robert Hayden, Zac Clouter—7F

German Scholarship Experience

This summer was unlike any other for me. Having been selected as one of only eight in the UK to enrol in the PAD (Pädagogischer Austauschdienst) Scholarship programme in Germany.

The aim of the programme was to bring individuals from across the globe together via our love of German. It was the trip of a lifetime. I saw great improvements in my German and, most importantly of all, now have the desire to visit Germany as much as possible over the coming years and to travel the world.

Liam Flin

To read the full story follow this link [German Scholarship](#)

Mrs Green wins German Teacher Award

In June, the Annual German Teacher Award Ceremony and the Sommerfest der deutschen Sprache recognise the outstanding achievements of German teachers across the UK.

The Awards Ceremony was presented by Ambassador Ammon and The Rt Hon Lord Watson of Richmond at Royal Horse Guards, Whitehall.

Our lovely Mrs Green was honoured with the award.

To read the full story follow this link [German Teacher Awards](#)



Schoolgateway

Keeping up with what's going on at school is easier than ever

For some time we have been sending text messages to keep you informed, which can be expensive.

We now have a new smartphone app - School Gateway. This app is completely free, and cuts the costs of text messaging. If you have a smartphone, please download the app from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Download the 'School Gateway' app/Select 'I'm a new user', enter your email and mobile number – your PIN number will then be sent to your phone/Enter your PIN and login

That's it. You will now: receive messages even without mobile signal – if you're connected to WiFi; not be charged for sending replies back to the school; be able to store and receive messages all in one place.

If your mobile phone isn't able to download the app, we will continue to send messages via text instead.

U14 Cricket

The boys came second in the County at the County Finals held at Woolpit CC on Friday 9th July. Second in the County is a great achievement for all those involved and the overall feeling should be one of accomplishment and not regret. The team included Teddy N'Tuli, Jude Machan, Oliver Fisher, Sam Fortmann, Matt Sheridan, Josh Smedley, Charlie Crossley, Tom Shallish, Louis Francis Smith, Ben Saberton and Captain Tom Sidhu.

Mr Steed

For more information please follow this link [Cricket Team](#)



Raising the Bar

Paddy Hynes was a finalist in the 'Inspirational Young Person' category at the Raising the Bar awards in Bury St Edmunds in June.

Paddy is a talented musician, playing and singing with enthusiasm and energy. He has been instrumental in encouraging other students to get involved in music; supporting them behind the scenes, practising with them, playing behind them in concerts and assemblies and ensuring that the young musicians are nurtured and grow as performers.

Ms Martino



Solar Panel Appeal

It's been a long-term dream of the Green Council to get some solar panels for the school and this year we are hoping to make that dream come true. We have enthusiastic Green Council members, we have a suitable location and we have planning permission. All we need now is the money, which we are hoping to raise through the M&S Community Energy Fund.

For this we need your help. Money for the project will be raised in two ways. Firstly you can vote for our project to receive money from the fund. Various community projects will be applying for the money and the projects with the most votes will get a slice. The fund itself will not cover the full cost, so the rest will be made up by public donations. You can donate towards our project through the scheme using Crowdfunder.co.uk. In total we will need about £14,500. We will be collecting money on an 'all or nothing' basis so if we do not meet our goal, the money will be returned.

Please help us reach our goal by either voting for us, or better still by making a financial pledge. Any support will be very much appreciated. For more information and to support us, please visit [Vote for Solar Panels.](#)

Mr Hatfield

Music Tour

On the 2016 Music Tour, 140 staff and students went to Austria, which was brilliant. We performed two concerts. We played beside the lake in St Gilden and then at a pub/restaurant just across the German border.

The tour is a great opportunity for the students to mix with other year groups and other musicians, they



work as part of a team to produce some wonderful music that enthralled audiences. One of the comments I received was 'With such unhappiness in the world, your students have made me feel hope that there is goodness!'

Ms Martino

For more information please follow this link [Music Tour](#)



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A Level Results

2016 was an excellent year with a pass rate 98.6%. The average grade per A Level subject score is 222. The average point score per student is an excellent 998.

Every student achieved at least 2 A Level passes which will enable them to go onto either Higher or Further Education or their chosen career.

59% of grades were at A*/A/B and 17 of our students achieved at least two A* grades.

Special congratulations to Natalie Nickells and Jonty Page who achieved at least 4A* and Will Crookall, Sam Yale, Megan Taylor and Sam Elliot who all achieved at least 3 A*s.

Students' Destinations

University	62%	Employment	4%
Apprenticeship	3%	Further Education	2%
Gap Year with Uni in 2017	11%	Gap Year/applying for Uni next Year	18%

GCSE Results

We had a brilliant set of GCSE results, which, using the new criteria, could be our best ever. 79% of students achieved A*-C in Maths and an English. An incredible 43 students (15%) achieved 10A*/A, and a third of the year group achieved 5A*/A. A superb 32% of grades were A* and A. 76% of students achieved 5A*-C including English and Maths. 33% of students achieved the EBAC qualification.

Special congratulations should go to the three students who attained 10A* grades – Kate Atkinson, Alice Curzon and Rosie Seabrook; and also to Jasmine Butcher, Dylan Fotherby and Erin Hamilton who managed 9A* grades and to Alice Brown, Andras Dervenkar, James Liddell and Euan McKenzie, who all achieved 8A* grades.



Katy Jones, ex-Year 13

Since Year 11, I have had health problems which necessitated me having a part time timetable for my last three years at Farlingaye.

All of my teachers were very supportive, they would send me work to catch up on and offer for me to go and see them when I was in school if I was unsure of anything. Often they would stay behind with me for a while after school, or during the lunch break, going over work with me.

The exams office and invigilators were incredibly helpful at exam time. They organised for me to have rest breaks during exams.

I am very pleased with the results I received for my A Levels. My aim was to get what I needed for University, which was 320 UCAS points, equivalent to ABB. I actually achieved 400 UCAS points!!

I will be going to the University of Winchester to study Primary Education, from which I will reach Qualified Teacher Status at the end.



Robert Keen, ex-Year 11

I am pleased with my results. I exceeded the requisite results for attending the college I wanted to go to. During my time at Farlingaye I sailed at national and international level and during the college application process I did have to take various days and weeks off school, but the school was very understanding and gave me the time off I needed, providing me with notes from lessons I missed or some quick work to do in order to catch up.

I am now an Army Officer Cadet having passed through the Army Officer Selection Board and am studying for my A Levels at Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College.

Farlingaye provided me with almost endless support. The Headteacher was always ready to write a reference for me and available to assist me in various aspects of the application.

