

Upcoming Events

- Thurs 21st Sept**
DofE Gold
presentation evening
- Fri 22nd Sept**
Open Morning 9.45
- Thurs 28th Sept**
FHSF AGM
- Fri 29th Sept**
Sponsored Walk
- Tues 3rd Oct**
A Level Biology
Minsmere trip
- Thurs 5th Oct**
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Minsmere trip
Open Evening 6pm
- Thurs 12th Oct**
Year 10 Information
Evening
- Fri 13th Oct**
Year 7 Mountfichet
History trip
- Sun 15th Oct**
Craft Fair 10 am - 4 pm
- Mon 16th Oct**
Year 11 Work
Experience Week
- Thurs 19th Oct**
Family Forum Meeting
6 - 7.15 pm
- Fri 20th Oct**
Open Morning 9.45

Head's Message

It has been a busy and exciting beginning to the new academic year at Farlingaye High School and I have been delighted by the positive start made by our students, and particularly by our new Year 7s. We have been so pleased with their attitude and the way they have so quickly integrated into the Farlingaye community, and we look forward to their years of progress with us.

We will again be looking this year to build on the recent successes of our students. In the summer, we saw many of their stories of determination and achievement reach key points with the arrival of exam results. In this Forum you can see our headline figures and read about some of the individual student journeys. Connie and Jack, who have kindly contributed their accounts of their time at Farlingaye, have unique stories to tell. However, the emphasis on excellent support and creditable aspiration in their stories is representative of the approach of so many of our students, an approach that I am sure we will see again this year.

This year, we will be focusing on three key areas designed to promote the success of all students: the development of our character education programme; the further exploration of how we can use differentiation strategies in our lessons and feedback; the raising of awareness of how students can all contribute to the development of a really effective learning environment. The first opportunity for us to engage parents and carers in discussing these and other areas for development will be the Farlingaye High School Friends AGM on 28th September. All parents and carers are invited to come along to find out more about the FHSF, and to take part in a series of workshops on topics related to education and child development. The next day, Friday 29th September, will see the reappearance of a Farlingaye institution: the biennial Sponsored Walk. We hope that all our students will throw themselves into this event, which is a major fundraising opportunity for the school and our link charities, as well as being a great opportunity for teambuilding, exercise and fun. We would ask that you support us by encouraging your children to raise money and get their fantastic costumes ready!

You can, as always, read reports on some wonderful activities in this Forum. This year, we have decided to focus on regular updates of their efforts and successes of our students, through our website and The Forum, rather than using the Recognising Success booklet as a summary. We will aim to give you detailed and up-to-date accounts of school life. We want to provide news of students' successes outside of school too, so please do let us know about these. I am certain there will be many great stories to tell as we look forward to another year at FHS.





Wellbeing Art Workshop

As part of the Wellbeing Art and Acoustic event held last term, students, staff and members of our local community created artwork. The event was held in support of raising awareness of mental health charities and organisations along with community support for wellbeing. The artwork was designed to be uplifting and bright and created a forum for people to come together to share ideas and experiences. The collection was displayed in Woodbridge Library over the summer, where it provided a little sunshine whilst raising the profile of mental health charities. The animals and flowers were created using textiles techniques such as batik and embellishment along with printing, collage and photography.

Mrs Hetherington

Welcome to Farlingaye Library.

Look out for the following activities this year

Year 7 library challenge, Writing competition, Book fair, Library week, Book Mastermind, Battle of the Books, and Readathon.

Mrs Mason



Behaviour Support: September 2017

Changes to detentions this year:

We would like to make parents and carers aware of some changes to school sanctions this year. There will be 2 lunch time detentions: a 15 minute detention for students with 3 sign ups (minor infringements) and a 30 minute detention for students with more than 3 sign ups a week or for more serious offences. As before, detention time means sitting silently or as directed by the member of staff to achieve a purposeful working atmosphere. Students are informed if they have a detention during period 2.

Parents and carers will be notified if a student fails to turn up to 2 or more 30 minute detentions in a half term. The student will then spend a day in student support which will now run until 5 pm. Parents/carers will also be notified if a student receives more than 3 x 30 minute detentions in a half term.

Thank you for your support in this.

Mrs L Rudge (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs C Barnard and Ms F Knight, Student Support.

A Year at Reading Club

We've had a great year at Reading Club, with a regular attendance of over 20 students from years 7-10. We are really fortunate to have wonderful staff and 6th formers who volunteer and read with our students regularly. Bryan Clarke, a volunteer, comes in each week to help with the teas and reads with our students too.

We had our second trip to Browsers Book Shop at the end of June. The students were able to choose a book as a reward for attending the club regularly over the year. This was generously funded by The Seckford Foundation and the books were presented to the students by Dr Sievwright. Three students were able to choose an extra book as a reward for attending most regularly, so well done to Beth Finalyson-Hawes, Emma Malham and Kyle Last.

Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Houston for all her dedication and commitment to the club over the years, helping to provide delicious teas and clearing up allowing the smooth running of the club.

Ms Anderson

Farlingaye Reading Club.

Can you help?

We would like to invite any parent/carer who feels they have the time to volunteer on a Wednesday between 3.45 and 4.45 to help with the tea we give to the students or to read 1:1 or in a small group. 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 4th. Please call Mr Hall or myself for any information via Learning Support.

Ms Anderson

Endeavour Technology and ICT Enrichment Morning:

On Wednesday 6th July, 83 students from years 7, 8 and 9 were involved in our annual Endeavour Technology and ICT Enrichment Morning. Students were selected to participate in a specific subject sessions including Textiles, Systems and Control, Resistant Materials, ICT and Catering for periods 1 and 2. A whole range of exciting activities were organised for students to take part in.

With the expert help of Luke Bailey, a professional chef from The Crown and Castle in Orford, students got the chance to learn how to make pasta, paired with two different Tuscan sauces. Students who were involved in the Systems and Control session worked in small groups to compete in mini-challenges looking at mechanisms, energy and forms motion through Lego. In Resistant Materials, students investigated aerodynamics and designed and created cars with aim to achieve the highest speed. In Textiles, students completed a design challenge to looking at the capability of 3D printing in Textiles. Over in ICT, Students were shown how to program a robotic buggy using BBC microbits.

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 accessing activities outside of the curriculum. One student said 'I really enjoyed experimenting and working with people outside my year group.' Another student commented on how 'it has made me understand how much effort goes into making things.'

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



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GCSE Results

Our students performed admirably in this year's GCSEs. Operating with a complex assessment landscape created by significant changes to GCSE exams and grading, the great majority of students have been successful, with 73% of the cohort of 294 achieving the new grade 4 or better in both English and Maths. Students achieved many top grades, with 25% of all grades at A (or equivalent) or better, and with 26 of the new "super A*" grade 9s secured in English and Maths.

Connie Lamb, ex-Year 11

After spending 5 years at Farlingaye, I couldn't recommend a better school to help you discover your dream and aspirations and reach your goals. I enjoy performing very much, which meant I loved being part of the fantastic musical productions each year. The Music and Drama departments at Farlingaye are so committed, they work so hard in supporting all their students through all aspects of a production and entertainment events. Doing GCSE Music and Drama meant that I gained an insight into a more professional world of singing, acting and performance. Whilst I was at Farlingaye, I realised that one of my biggest dreams was to attend The Brit School in London. Luckily after many auditions, I was thrilled to be offered a place and I'm now enjoying my first term in Year 12. The Brit School offers so many amazing opportunities, however I would have never been able to get here without the help, support, passion and commitment from the staff at Farlingaye High School – THANK YOU!



A Level Results

The 2017 grades of our Year 13 students were very strong overall, with 75% of all A Level grades at A*-C and 98.5% at A*-E. Of our 220 A Level students, 18 students gained at least 2 A* grades, while 74 students achieved ABB or better.

These excellent results have allowed many students to access demanding and prestigious university courses, at institutions such as Cambridge, Warwick, Edinburgh, and the London School of Economics.

Jack Moody, ex-Year 13

I am currently doing an apprenticeship for Balfour Beatty getting practical experience in the building management trade whilst just being accepted into Anglia Ruskin university unconditionally to study part time Quantity Surveying (MSc). As I will be doing the course as well as a full time job, I have day leave from the apprenticeship to go and study to further my knowledge and therefore increasing the effectiveness of my work skills, making me more and more useful to the office. Balfour Beatty are funding my university fees over the 5 year course and are paying for all of my travel arrangements from Norwich to Chelmsford weekly, which means I will have no student loan or any debt to pay back. Farlingaye helped me by checking that my CV was up to scratch and helped me get the grades I needed to get accepted onto the course. The aim is to become a fully chartered quantity surveyor and advance through the business ranks.

