

Upcoming Events

- Thur 26th Sept**
FHSF AGM with
workshops for parents
- Fri 27th Sept**
Sponsored Walk
- Tues 1st Oct**
Travel & Tourism
“Aviation Trip”
- Y13 Biology Trip
- Thurs 3rd Oct**
Open Evening
- Fri 4th Oct**
Y9 IWM History Trip
- Mon 7th Oct**
Y6 Curriculum Day 1
- Tues 8th Oct**
Y6 Curriculum Day 2
- Thurs 10th Oct**
Families Forum at 6pm
- Fri 11th Oct**
Y7 Mountfichet Trip
- Sun 13th Oct**
FHSF Craft Fayre 10am -
4pm
- Mon 14th Oct**
Y11 Work Experience
Week starts
- Wed 16th Oct**
Y9 Trinity Park Careers
Event
- Fri 18th Oct**
Open Morning
- Half Term 21st—25th
October**

Head’s Message

The school year is now fully underway at Farlingaye and, after a summer where we saw our Year 11 students and our Sixth Formers achieve fantastic things in the public exams, we are eager to throw ourselves into more hard work, opportunity and success this year. Within the next few weeks we will welcome hundreds of prospective students and their families to our Open Evening, send our Year 11 students out into the world of work for a full week of discovery, and walk our way around Woodbridge in a huge, brightly-dressed crocodile. There is rarely a dull moment here! One of the most exciting

aspects of life at Farlingaye over the past two years has been the wonderful opportunities offered to students through our special relationship with the Goethe Institute as a partner school in their PASCH scheme. Celebrating this relationship is a particular focus for this edition of Forum, which features accounts of some of the great experiences students have been able to access through their own hard work, the initiative of school staff and the enthusiastic support of the lovely people at the Institute. We look forward to more students benefitting from this relationship on an ongoing basis.

As always, our plans for this half-term depend to a great extent on the participation of our families. We are holding one of our key events this week – on Thursday 26th September – in the shape of the FHSF AGM. This will again feature several informative and timely workshops and talks designed specifically to promote effective support from home for our students through the school year. The workshops will cover a wide range of topics, from applying for university to gender stereotyping and its impact on the options process. I hope that there will be something of interest for everyone. We will also be holding the first of this year’s Families Forum meetings on 10th October. This is designed to create a dialogue between senior staff and families, and creates genuine opportunities to influence the development of policy and practice. We would very much welcome all of our families to come along to both of these important events.

This week we are also looking forward to one of the events that is, I believe, unique to Farlingaye: our whole-school Sponsored Walk. Once again, we will set off on our communal adventure in high spirits and strange clothes, determined to enjoy the exercise and the company, and to raise as much money as possible for local charities and the school itself. It will be fun.



Young Carers

We are proud to have been given a Silver award from the Young Carers in Schools programme for our work to make sure students don't miss out on an education because they are young carers.

The Young Carers in Schools programme helps primary and secondary schools improve outcomes for young carers and celebrates good practice through the "Young Carers in Schools" Award.

We have been running a Young Carers' group since 2007 and now help the 70 students in school who care for a relative. The group hold regular meetings in the style of a youth club, where they share food, make friends, play games and support each other. They have twice yearly outings and trips, at Christmas and in the summer. This summer they played mini golf at the Congo Rapids at Ufford Park with a picnic and ice cream.



Mrs Wright, who runs the group, works closely with Suffolk Young Carers to get additional support for students outside school. She is always available if needed, and checks up on all the young carers regularly for a private chat. The students themselves also look out for each other.

"I have been working with the Young Carers' group for two years and it has been delightful. The courage and strength of character they possess is amazing and I am constantly impressed by how well they deal with their personal situations. But most of all it is their cheerfulness and humour that makes any time spent with them joyous."

Mrs Wright, Young carers' Lead.

Tehya Wyard, Year 10, and Liam Charleston, Year 9, said, "We receive incredible support all year round. If you feel like there's no-one you can talk to elsewhere, there'll be someone in the Young Carers' group you can, either Mrs Wright or each other."

Reading Champions

We are pleased to introduce Farlingaye's Reading Champions; Mrs Mason and Mrs Deverson-Dean are looking forward to this exciting initiative that aims to both promote reading and improve the reading skills of students.

October will see the introduction of our 'Reading Skill of the Month' and our Key Stage 3 Reading Champion loyalty cards.

Year 7 will also be receiving Reading Champion skills sessions during tutor time. These sessions will be directly linked to our 'Reading Skill of the Month' and will encourage students to fully engage with texts in all of their subjects and in the books they choose to read for pleasure.

There are reading lists for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. These lists have been generated to give both students and parents some ideas of the kind of books students should be enjoying; all of the books are available in the library and Mrs Mason is always on hand to help!

Happy reading!

Mrs Deverson-Dean



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Mail from Germany!

What could be more exciting when learning a new language than to communicate with someone who lives in a country where that language is spoken every day?

In the summer term, a group of 90 year 8 students of German participated in an open letter exchange with a group of students at our partner school Friedrich-Koenig-Gymnasium in Würzburg, Germany.

Farlingaye students wrote in German and received a letter from Germany written in English. Students were excited to read their letters and to find out more about their 'penfriends' and their lives in Germany.

At Farlingaye students have many opportunities to develop into global citizens and to improve their intercultural understanding and language skills, such as the upcoming exchange trip to Germany for years 9, 10 and 12.

Mrs Green

I really like England and I can't wait to go there next year. I went to London a few years ago and it was amazing (the weather wasn't even as bad as people always say).

My favourite subjects are sports, arts and maths. Most of my teachers are quiet okay. I have some really good friends in my class. What I don't like about school, is the fact that I have to get up very early in the morning.

I live in a small house with a garden in a village next to Würzburg. Würzburg is a big city in the north of Bavaria. My hobby is unicycling. I train once a week at the unicycle club in my village. We drive tricks and formations with costumes to a song. I also like to meet up my friends. Together we often go shopping in the city or we

German Residential Seminars - Jugendkurs

Rebecca Newman and I went to Schule Schloss Salem, which is in the south-east of Germany, in the state of Baden-Württemberg. It was a three week long course, and in that time we really did a lot. During all three weeks, we had German tuition Mon-Fri from 9am until 4pm, which eventually culminated in me taking the Goethe Institut's German exams, at B1 level (on the CEFR). Every day, after our tuition, the staff there had organised activities for us. For example, the first nights we were there, we played group games to get to know one another. Other than games, we had craft sessions, walks and more. It wasn't just Europeans there with us, either. There were people from Asia and Africa too, and it was a great chance to really experience other cultures, which was especially aided by the "Laenderabend" which took place halfway through week two. In this evening, each country had to present a little on their traditions back home, or do a performance of some kind. For example, the Indonesians did a dance, and the Namibians did a fashion show of traditional dress.

It was a great experience, and as it was both my first long trip to Germany, and my first trip without adult supervision, it'll really go down as one of my best holidays/memories for years to come.

Harvey Hulse



German Language Opportunities

Our students have had these wonderful opportunities in Germany due to their own hard work, the initiative of staff and our special relationship with the Goethe Institute as a partner school in their PASCH scheme.

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UK-German Connection Course

The UK-German connection course was possibly one of, if not, the best experience of my life. This course pushed me, not only to improve my German and feel more comfortable speaking the language, but also allowed me to make a host of amazing friends that I am presently in touch with and go out of my comfort zone with socialising with other people my age.

Initially, the idea of spending two weeks in a foreign country with a family I had never met sounded daunting. However, at no point did I feel uncomfortable. Everyone involved in the course allowed me to feel at ease and made my stay exceedingly enjoyable. It was a new, exciting experience and I truly flourished in that environment. From the moment I set foot in Germany, I felt accepted. We were greeted with colourful welcome signs as well as an orchestra when we later entered the school. My hospitable host family even wrote: "wilkommen Matilda" on the door.

During the course of two weeks, we had German lessons every day as well as activities in the afternoon and weekends. We often all visited the local Freibad, which is an outdoor pool, when there was a lot of heat, to cool down. There were slides and diving boards as well as starting blocks at the foot of the pool. We also went on school trips. We took a scenic boat tour to a river in Königsee where we dipped our feet in. We also visited Regensburg with Klasse 7, where we explored a historic castle whilst filling in a German quiz with assigned partners. Both were exciting and thrilling excursions. Additionally, my host family entertained me with lots of fun events. I played mini golf, went canoeing, played handball, visited a beer brewery, visited a historical Bavarian fair and danced with my host partner. I also met up with my host partner's friends and watched a magnificent fireworks display. We also had the pleasure of meeting the Bürgermeister of the area.

Throughout the entirety of my stay I was fed delicious German food and had the privilege of tasting the infamous delicacies: currywurst and weißwurst. It was very intriguing to sample foreign food and I enjoyed it all.

During school days, we had hour long German classes and thematic workshops, as well as being given the pleasure of teaching some students from the Grundschule. We also observed and partook in a few German classes, and it was exceedingly interesting to compare teaching in Bavaria to England. The German classes, conducted by Philipa Sykes, were informative yet enjoyable. They allowed me to extend my vocabulary and enhance my grammar during the two weeks and I noticed a clear improvement in my German from the beginning to the end of the course. The courses, activities, and workshops, all delivered completely in German, improved mine dramatically. Living in an environment where a foreign language is spoken engrained German into my mind and improved it greatly. I am now confident speaking and conversing in German.

This was an experience I will never forget, it was truly magical.

Matilda Nunn



Reading Club

Reading Club will resume from October. It will be held on Wednesdays after school from 4-4.45pm in T2. It is a wonderful club for those that participate. If any Sixth Formers would like to volunteer to help out they would be very welcome. It is rewarding and fun and refreshments are provided. If you want to know more you can contact Mrs Foden at afoden@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk or find her in the Learning Support team room a break and lunchtime.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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A Level Results

Our Sixth Form Students have again excelled in their A Levels and Vocational Level 3 courses. The grades of our Year 13 students are excellent overall, with **81%** of all grades at A*-C, and **99.4%** of all grades at A*-E. Of our **208** A Level students, **66** have achieved ABB or better.

These excellent results will enable many students to begin prestigious university courses, at institutions such as Cambridge, Durham, York and UCL. We were delighted to find that all of our potential Medicine students secured their places.

Vacha Fadia, Ex Year 13

Moving to Farlingaye Sixth Form was a daunting decision to make, but it turned out to be a wonderful experience. I was given multiple opportunities to broaden my skills and learn new things. One of the best things was getting the opportunity to meet Sir David Attenborough at the Royal Society of Biology and presenting a team project on illegal wildlife trade to him! I also got to go on a three week German course in Germany, where I learned so much and made unforgettable friendships and built my own confidence through being abroad on my own. Through the passion and support of my teachers, I continued to grow and explore other academic projects, such as completing a science project in German with the help of a German professor, participating in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge and RSB Biology challenge, and doing an EPQ. Without their support and belief in me I wouldn't have been able to receive such opportunities or balance them with my A Level workload. Recently in my A Level results, I received 2A*s in German and Biology and 2As in Chemistry and Maths, as well as an A* in my EPQ. I am now going to study medicine at UCL, where I hope I will continue to get as much support and as many opportunities as Farlingaye has provided me over the last two years!



GCSE Results

Our students achieved another very strong set of GCSE results, with improvements to several of last year's headline figures. Core subject performance was strong, with 74% of the cohort of 294 achieving the new grade 4 or better in both English and Maths, and 55% achieving grade 5 in both those subjects. In English, 70% of students achieved a 5 or better, while in Maths the figure was 63%. Students achieved many top grades, with 124 of the new "super A*" grade 9s secured across all subjects.

Sukey Bathgate, ex-Year 11

I've just started Year 12 at Farlingaye High School. My GCSEs included Triple Science, Psychology, Music, German and History along with the usual Maths and English.

During my GCSE years, I always felt fully supported by Farlingaye and it was also great to know that staff were always there to encourage me to take part in extra curricular activities, such as music activities, the German exchange and the Maths Challenge.

I was thrilled with my GCSE results when I collected them in August - Farlingaye definitely helped me to do as well as I could.

Now I'm taking Maths, Physics, Music and Psychology for my A-Levels, and I'm really enjoying all four of them. I know that Farlingaye will keep helping me to do the best I can.





MAKERS MARKET

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER

10AM TILL 4PM

STALLS • GIFTS • CRAFTS

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DEMONSTRATIONS

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**Invites you to find out more
about life at Farlingaye
Thursday 26th September 2019**

6.45pm Drinks and nibbles

7pm Meeting followed by workshops

Workshops:

- **Key Stage 3 Maths** - Find out more about how we teach maths at KS3.
- **Key Stage 3 English** - find out what your child is doing in English and ideas to encourage your teenager to read.
- **Applying to University** - what can you do to help?
- **Mental Health in Teenagers** - Support with teenage mental wellbeing, including symptoms of mental ill health, protective factors and strategies to help create conversation..
- **Your Child's Future** - This workshop explores the effect that gender stereotyping can have on your child's choice of subject and how this can have an impact on their future career.
- **Drugs Awareness** - Raising awareness of the drugs, gangs and county lines issues facing our young people and the local community.
- **Supporting Boys** - how to help your son do his best in school.

FHSF AGM

Farlingaye Families Forum



This is an opportunity for parents and carers, and any family members, to get involved in how the school is developing. It is a chance to contribute to the planning and the creation of whole school policies which will have a significant impact on the daily lives of students.

Over the last few years a number of school policies and protocols have been directly influenced by input from the Families Forum Group. We would like as many voices as possible for our discussions, so do please come along.

Topics in the past have included:

- Looking at the School's Curriculum Statement and its implications;
- Student Well-Being and looking at delivery models that link to families.

Dates for your diary are:

Thursday 10th October 2019 at 6pm - 7.15pm

Thursday 28th November 2019 at 6pm - 7.15pm

Thursday 12th March 2020 at 6pm - 7.15pm

Thursday 11th June 2020 at 6pm - 7.15pm

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.