

## Upcoming Events

**Wed 4th January**

Students Return to school

**Thurs 5th**

Year 13 Certificate Evening

**Tues 10th**

Year 10 Parent/Carer Guide to GCSE exams

Late buses resume

**Wed 11th**

Ski Trip final parents' information meeting

**Thurs 12**

6th Form Open Evening 6.15-8.30pm

**Fri 13th**

Open Morning 9.45am

**Thurs 19th**

Parents' Social and Workshop Evening with

AGM 7-9pm

**Tues 24th**

Year 9 Meningitis Vaccinations

**Thurs 26th**

Year 9 Options Evening

**Sat 28th/Sun 29th**

Upper School Production Rehearsal

**Wed 1st February**

Year 11 Parents/Carers Virtual

Consultation Evening

**Sat 4th/Sun 5th**

Upper School Production Rehearsal

Gold DofE training weekend and route

planning for practice expedition

**Mon 6th**

Upper School Production primary schools

performance

**Tues 7th - Thurs 9th**

Upper School Production “The Lion, the

Witch and the Wardrobe” performances

**Fri 10th**

Open Morning 9.45am

**Mon 13th - Fri 17th**

Half Term

## Head's Message

As we move towards the end of another very busy and productive term at Farlingaye, I would like to celebrate the way in which our community has embraced the spirit of the season. Three things have struck me as particularly significant over the past few weeks. One is the way that our students and their families have embraced the full return of the Farlingaye Christmas hamper tradition by donating generously and by helping to make many of the hampers works of art. I was impressed by the way in which the nature of their donations reflected the times on which we are living: alongside the usual biscuits, cakes and other treats, this year we saw many donations of children's clothes, everyday foodstuffs and household essentials. Clearly, the students have taken on board that many of those supported by the charities to whom we donate will be finding things especially tough this year, and will need support with the 'basics'. Their recognition of this fact and their determination to help speaks well of their generosity and thoughtfulness.



Generosity comes in many forms, of course, and the students and staff involved in this year's winter concerts have once again demonstrated an extraordinary capacity for giving of their time and talents in order to create some really special events. Every year, these concerts just seem to get better and better, and this only happens on the back of hundreds of hours spent preparing and rehearsing together. I am very grateful to all the participants for their efforts and their wonderful teamwork.

Finally, I would like to mention the return, after four long years away, of the Farlingaye Staff Christmas Panto. It was lovely today to see the students enjoying this unique extravaganza of dance, music and frankly dodgy acting! That so many staff are willing to hurl themselves so generously out of their comfort zones in the name of Christmas fun for the students says a great deal about the school.

I would like to wish all our staff, students and families a safe and happy festive period.

## Regional Schools Trampolining Qualifier

Shannon Waterman, in Year 12, represented Farlingaye High School at the Regional Schools Trampolining Qualifier in Hitchin. Shannon came first in the East of England at Elite level qualifying to the zonal round (Wales, East Midlands, West Midlands and the East of England) to be held in Hinckley in January. Congratulations Shannon.



## Charity Committee Bake Off

The Charity Committee continue to host a range of fund-raising events to support a variety of charities. Last half term they hosted a Halloween-themed bake off with many prizes to be won! One of the winners was Tallulah Saunders' witch's cauldron cake, which was a showstopper! In total the fantastic cakes raised £159.24.



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## PASCH German scholarship success for students of German in the Sixth Form

After successfully applying for a place on the PASCH German summer courses, we had the opportunity to travel to Germany on a fully-funded scholarship for three weeks during July and August 2022. Two of us travelled to Goslar in northern Germany and another to Benediktbeuern in the south of Germany. This three-week period involved a mixture of interactive German lessons, activities and daytrips to German towns, sights and universities, allowing us to connect with fellow German learners of our age from across the world. We gained the opportunity to travel to another German speaking nation – Austria. During lessons we all took part in, we improved our listening, reading, writing and speaking skills, as well as brushing up on our grammar. We also presented projects we had been working on throughout our time in Germany, from creating newspapers about the area to interviewing locals of the town. One of the nights that will forever stand in our memories is Länderabend, an evening where we presented our countries and cultures to each other. We were able to try food from all around the world, watch each other's traditional dances and listen to traditional music. For all of us, this trip greatly improved our German and allowed us to make great friends for life – it will be an experience we will never forget and we would like to thank Simone Pfliegel and the PASCH team at the Goethe Institut London for providing this fantastic opportunity for us.

Milly Brooke; Ayla Cross; Tara McCulley



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## German food tasting

Christmas came early to Farlingaye this year, when students of German in Years 8 and 9 had the opportunity to try Stollen, Lebkuchen, Spekulatius, Zimsterne and Dominosteine. All are part of traditional German Christmas baking and as the students found out "sehr lecker!"

As a special treat, German assistants Hendrikje and Nadine made traditional German bread rolls, demonstrating how to make and shape the dough using a family recipe. Bread making is hugely popular in Germany and there are over 600 types of bread and over 1200 different types of pastry and rolls!

Students in Years 8 and 9 can look forward to the next German food tasting session in February, which will celebrate all things pancake: German pancake soup and Austrian fluffy pancakes. Invites will go out via email to students closer to the time.

We would like to thank the Goethe Institut London for providing the funding that allows us to run this activity for our students.



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## PASCH football trip to Hamburg St. Pauli in Germany

During the autumn half term break, we had the opportunity to travel to Germany for a football and German course, funded by PASCH\* and organised by the Goethe Institut London. After a long day of travelling by plane from London, we were kindly greeted by a member of the Goethe Institut at the airport in Hanover. Following a further two hours' drive, we arrived at our accommodation and we were given a very large room to share between four students.

We started football training the next day and German lessons on Monday morning, both lasting two hours each day. We had coaches from St. Pauli and a German teacher who spoke German and English. We did fun activities in the evening like climbing in the woods and a tour of the St. Pauli stadium. On Friday, we did a four hour training session instead of our German lessons. It contained everything we already did in the previous sessions and even more. The main aim during that training was to speak as much German as we could. We had been learning most of the words we needed during the week already, since they were frequently used.

We also spent a lot of our time in the afternoons in Hamburg. The German tour guides showed us around some cool places in the city. The second time we visited, we had a tour of the St. Pauli Stadium, where we even got the chance to go into one of the many VIP rooms, from where you could watch the match.

On our last day, we took a coach to Hamburg to go shopping. We were given some pocket money from the group leaders and went to explore the city centre. At the end of the day, we watched a St. Pauli match. The atmosphere was amazing. The final score 1-1 was great, since they were playing a team at the top of the table.

Harry and Matthew Lovell (Year 10)

\*Farlingaye is a member of PASCH, a global network of schools founded by the German Foreign Office, which supports the teaching and learning of German.



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## Year 9 students of French, German and Spanish teach languages at primary school

After impressing their languages teachers with their excellent applications, three groups of students were chosen to teach students at Kyson and Woodbridge Primary schools. Here's what they said about the experience:

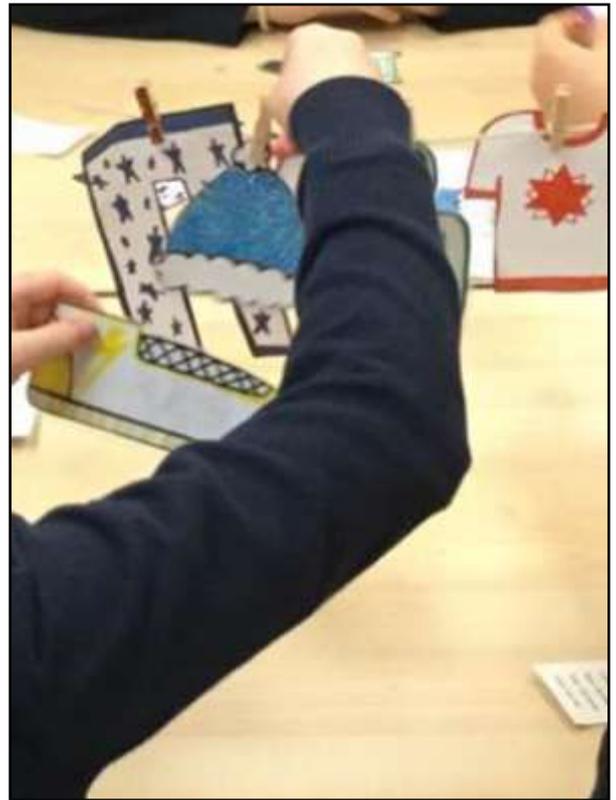
“It was very nice seeing the younger children’s confidence grow when learning something new. They picked up the new words quickly and we could quickly teach them more than just the basics. We enjoyed preparing the activities and creating fun tasks and watching the children respond. “

“We found this such an amazing experience, to be able to show our love for languages and be able to teach primary age children. The children were well-mannered and seemed to really enjoy learning German. All of them participated so well in the activities, loved the games and were very competitive!”

“Over several lunchtimes we prepared our lessons, and it really helped us when teaching. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting Woodbridge Primary school and teaching them Spanish. The children were extremely enthusiastic, and well-behaved.”

“We found the experience very fun and interesting. The children were all very cooperative and enthusiastic about the tasks. Something which surprised us was the children's attitude to learning French. It was educationally enriching for us too and I would definitely recommend it to anyone who gets the opportunity.”

“At the beginning, it was really stressful planning the preparation of the lesson. At the beginning, we found the preparation a bit difficult and stressful. We were anxious about teaching and delivering the session. I am delighted to say that the lesson turned out to be very enjoyable and fun. Everything clicked into place and was great. The children were delightful and a pleasure to teach.”



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## Students in Legally Blonde

Wow! Our amazing students shone bright in the Legally Blonde Musical on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

At Dance East in Ipswich, Erin Clark (Year 13) , Leah Williams (Year 10), Stacey Williams (Year 9) and Isobel Pilsworth (Year 8) took to the stage to perform two sell out shows through the Pauline Quirke Academy (PQA). Singing, dancing, acting – their professional attitude both on and off the stage was worthy of awards. Audiences were amazed at the high standard of professional acting and we cannot wait to see what they will perform next. Rumours are that a West End show is in the pipeline for 2025! Remember us, when you reach Hollywood in future years!



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## Music Update

What a term!

On Sunday 4th December, Sinfonia and Chamber Choir performed alongside the Riverside Music Theatre Company at the Riverside Theatre in Woodbridge. It was such a lovely opportunity for the students involved, performing against a star-studded back cloth, in a theatre auditorium. The sound was wonderful and the performances amazing. We performed an excerpt from the concert version of the 'Snowman' with narrators Ollie DeVita and Zac Clouter, and singers Arabella Moore-Smith and Anya Foreman. The recording will be available to watch on the playlists series on the website. Please see the link to the Concert recordings below. We dedicated this performance to the families and staff involved with EACH, the Children's Hospice. Following the concert there was a collection for EACH which raised over £600. Our thanks to Sam DeVita, Martin and Wendy Warden for involving and supporting us with this collaboration. Many thanks to the support of those who attended the school concert. They kindly donated money to the Charity Committee's refreshment stand which raised £89 for Crisis at Christmas. This money will support three people over the Christmas period.

Wednesday 7th December saw our string chamber group go to Grove Court Nursing Home to perform for the residents. The students were warmly received and I know that they brought a bit of magic during the festive period.

On Thursday 8th December, we had our school concert in the New Hall. Big Band staged a comeback and sounded amazing with a new line up of students. Concert Band performed 'Most Wonderful Time of the Year' and we had our 'Six drummers drumming' play. The choirs sang a wide range of styles and genres for their Christmas repertoire, to applause from the audience. The students have worked really hard in the run up to Christmas, managing their time and attending rehearsals. We are really proud of their achievements, they sounded great.

Our Senior Citizens events was Friday 9th December, where older members of our community were treated to music, hot beverages and cake! It is lovely to bring together teenagers and senior citizens in an event like this. The students, especially the younger ones, wouldn't necessarily be aware of how important the event would be to the audience, but many commented that the event 'has made my Christmas' as they left. Testimony indeed.

The concert at St Mary's on Monday 12th December was cold and festive, as you would expect. This year the audience was un-masked and back in full voice! This is our Carol Concert with readings and songs from the choir. All this alongside mince pies and mulled wine, just a wonderful evening of music and community spirit. Our retiring collection raised over £400 for EACH. So we have raised over £1000 in total.

The Christmas events have been recorded and videoed by Tony Scarlett, our superb AV colleague. We hope to have snippets from all the events on the playlists by the end of term. Some of the music tech students have assisted and have been mastering audio tracks so that you can enjoy a listen. Please do share the link with family and friends. [Farlingaye High School - Recordings from our Concerts over the Christmas Season](#)



Finally, our sincere thanks to you as parents, family and carers. Without your support, organisation skills and prompting we couldn't deliver events as we have this Christmas.

Huge thanks from the Music team, we wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 2023.

Ms Martino

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## Christmas Hampers

Our great Christmas tradition of making Christmas hampers went ahead this week.

Each form group collectively made a decorative hamper and filled it with necessities and gifts for those in need this Christmas.

The beautiful, imaginative hampers were judged by year group and the following forms won.

Well done to:

7Y for their massive fireplace

8L for their stocking by the fire and 8R for the Football World Cup

9L for their Christmas tree

10I for the Queen on television

11I the snow scene and 11N for Santa's sleigh

The Sixth Form also made impressive hampers and the following tutor groups were given prizes:

J for their Narnia themed hamper

Y for the giant Quality Street box

A for the rotating sugar plum fairy

B for a huge mug of hot chocolate

E for the Big Ben model.

The hampers were all delivered to and gratefully received by the following good causes.

Home-Start Suffolk Coastal

Lighthouse Women's Aid (refuge centre)

FIND

EAST Villa - looking after the homeless and homeless families

St Felix Church and their foodbank

Suffolk Refugee Support

Ipswich Shelter.

Well done everyone.





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## History Prize

Elizabeth Birch, Year 13, has been awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Sir Martin Gilbert History Prize 2022. The judges were excited by the high calibre of the essays and felt Elizabeth's essay was really excellent. Second prize is a cheque for £150 for Elizabeth and £150 in book vouchers for our History department. Well done Elizabeth and thank you from the History Department.

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## Maths Inspiration

This year's 'Maths Inspiration' Cambridge lectures were attended by 30 Year 12 students to hear and experience three inspiring, interactive talks from @hughhunt, @SparksMaths and @sophiethemathmo. All were thoroughly enjoyed, inspiring creative thoughts and insight into future Maths possibilities.

Hugh Hunt demonstrated the mechanics of lots of spinning things, including gyroscopes, death wall motor cycles and flying boomerangs.

Ben Sparks showed how circles can be a source of beauty, awe and mystery. Maths can be, literally, moving and an excuse to hear a great guitar jam.

Sophie Maclean explained everything's better in colour and Maths is no different. Colouring and Maths can work together to solve some interesting real world conundra, from interior design to party planning and more.

Mr Trett and Mr Turner



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Early in January we will be placing a range of adverts for staff vacancies, roles to be advertised are:

- Learning Support Assistant
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant
- Receptionist
- Faculty Support Assistant
- Cover Supervisor
- In-house Supply Teachers
- Exam Invigilators

This is a fantastic opportunity to work here at Farlingaye and help make a difference to the students that we support. Please check our Vacancies page on our main website which can be found via the "Join FHS" tab or contact our HR team on: [hr@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:hr@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk)

## Parent and Carers Social and Workshop Evening with AGM

**19th January 2023**

**7pm to 9pm**

**All parents welcome**

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