

Upcoming Events

Tues 7th Jan 2020

Students return to school

Tues 14th Jan

Late Buses start

Thurs 16th Jan

6th Form Open Evening

Fri 17th Jan

Open Morning

Wed 22nd Jan

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thurs 30th Jan

Year 11/12 Trip to Berlin

Year 9 Options Evening

Sat/Sun 1st/2nd Feb

Bronze DoE training weekend

Thurs 6th Feb

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Fri 7th Feb

FHSF Quiz Night

Fri 14th Feb

Year 9 Enterprise Day

Open Morning

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb

Half Term

Head's Message

As we reach the end of term, Farlingaye's staff and students are heading off for a well-earned break. It has been a term of dealing with loss – particularly in relation to the recent passing of John Phillips, who has been such a mighty figure in the history of music at Farlingaye. His legacy has been very clearly on display in the many marvellous concerts and performances which students have been involved with over the past two weeks. The hundreds of singers, dancers, musicians and student technicians that have



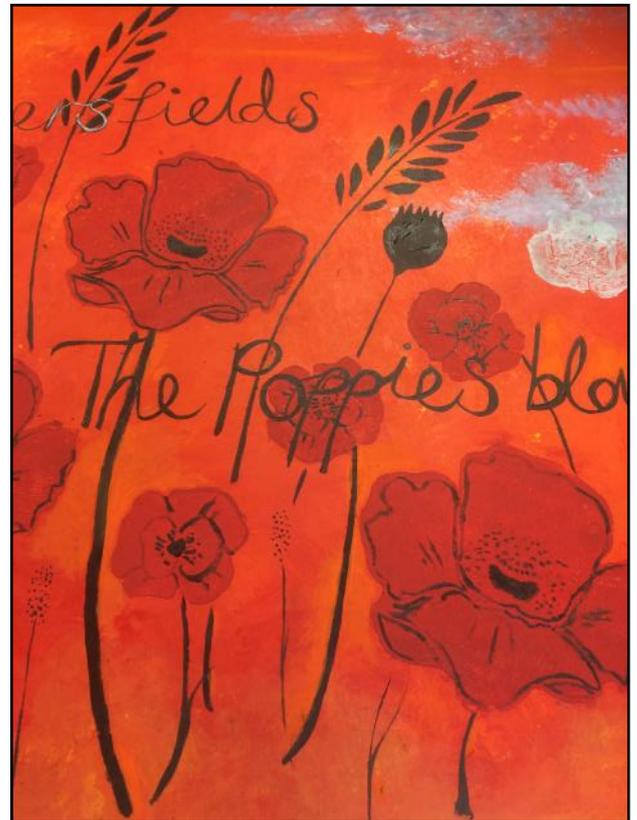
taken part have, once again, shown tremendous dedication and teamwork. Their togetherness and commitment, and the tireless support of our wonderful Creative Arts team, has carried them through this difficult period, and has allowed triumph to emerge from the sadness. This positivity was evident once again at our first-ever Dance Show, which took place during the final week of term. Dances in a huge range of styles, and from the era of the Jazz Age to modern times, were on display, and the audience enjoyed a display of skill, high energy and coordinated effort which did the students and their teachers proud.

The generosity of our school community continues to delight and surprise. In particular, the collection of goods for the community hampers was hugely successful, as was the fantastic creativity that went into making the hampers themselves – some of which were like installations from an art gallery. They were all very well-received by our partner charities and will bring cheer to the many people that they will be supporting this Christmas. It is another example of the power of generosity that we would like to encourage all of our students to continue to learn from.

I would like to wish all of our students and their families a peaceful, restful and enjoyable break.

Art Department Mural for Remembrance Day

We were delighted to be asked to create a mural for the Royal British Legion in Woodbridge. Farlingaye High School has a long tradition of engaging with the wider community and we are always grateful for opportunities for our students to contribute their talents to local projects. Remembrance Day is an important event for our school and is something that is close to the hearts of many of our students, staff and parents. Students from all year groups have enjoyed contributing to this mural, and it has generated many positive discussions in school. We would like to extend our thanks to ex-Farlingaye student Natasha Webb and the members of the Royal British Legion for inviting our students to create a commemorative artwork to mark this important occasion.



Photography Donation

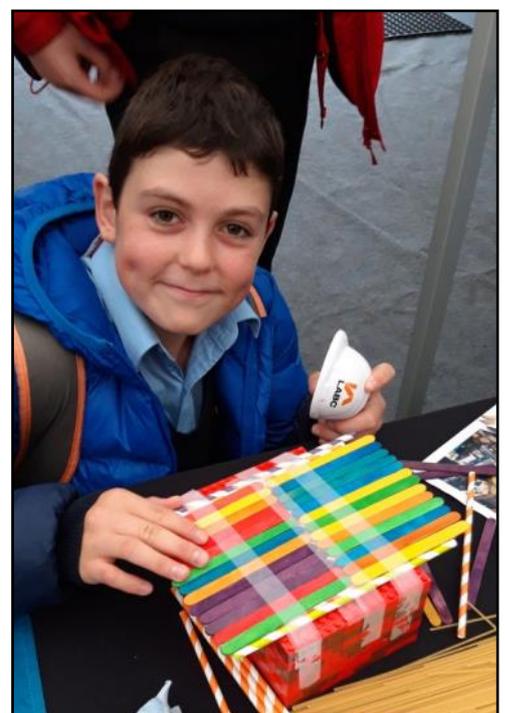
Many thanks from the Art Department to Age UK in Prince of Wales Drive, Ipswich for their donation of photography materials to our GCSE and A level students. We are grateful to have the use of paper, chemicals and darkroom equipment that had been passed on to benefit the local community.

Mrs T Hetherington – Head of Art

Building a Winner

Congratulations Ollie Harrison Frost for winning the Building Control Competition at The Skills Show in Ipswich in October, when he went with the rest of Year 9.

The organisers chose him as the winner from 40 entries. They said he was very inquisitive and had an excellent thought process. As a reward for his efforts, Ollie was surprised in a Year 9 assembly by Alex and Jade, East Suffolk Building Control Surveyors and presented with a fabulous goody bag.



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Fußball Success for Farlingaye

Congratulations to Harrison Strand, Harry Lansley and Kit Barton in Year 10, who entered and won a competition to participate in a trip to Hamburg at half term. In addition to training with Hamburg St. Pauli football club, the three winners also improved their German language skills. Participation in this competition was made possible through Farlingaye's membership of PASCH, a global network of schools supporting the teaching and learning of German. We would like to thank the Goethe Institut London for coordinating this fantastic opportunity.

Mrs Green

St. Pauli Cultural Exchange

This trip opened many doors for us. Not only expanding our knowledge of the German language, but also our footballing ability.

Whilst improving our spoken language skills, we also had the opportunity to get high level football coaching from St. Pauli coaches at their training ground. Our group (around 25 people) experienced trips out into the modern yet historic city of Hamburg during our exhilarating week. We went shopping, visited new places, ate many new foods and met lots of people. We stayed in a modern hostel where we were able to socialise with a variety of students from across the UK. During this weeklong exchange we made lifelong friends.

The highlights for us were going swimming in an amazing pool, meeting professional coaches and learning new techniques from them. One evening we even went on a stadium tour (stopping off at the unique gift shop on the way round).

Overall this trip was something we will always remember as it has given us greater confidence in German speaking, and has improved our football skills massively with help from our enthusiastic leaders.

Harrison Strand, Harry Lansley and Kit Barton



New term and the recycling continues!

With the start of the new academic year the Green Council and school pupils continue to have an excellent attitude to recycling across many areas. Different recycling schemes continue, with volunteers this term removing unused paper from old exercise books to use as scrap paper, the recycling of old biro/whiteboard or highlighter pens, used paper and cardboard, and all printer cartridges across the school. A huge thank you to everyone involved and we hope many more pupils and staff decide to make a difference this year.



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Rotary Young Chef Competition - October 2019

In October, 10 students from Years 7 to 10 competed against each other in the "RIBI Young Chef" supported by family, friends and Staff. The contestants were:

Year 7 Arthur Waldron, Ryan Mawson, Isadora Hester, Rosie Moore-Smith, Tommy Quinton, Lily Jarrold, Betsy Parker; Year 8 Millie Hayward; Year 9 Emma Quinton, Alice Potter; Year 10 Matilda Sheldrake.

Each student had to prepare, cook and serve a three course meal for two people based on healthy eating within 2½ hours. They had a maximum budget of £20 and were marked on their choice of dishes, planning, costing, skills, hygiene, time management, taste and presentation of each dish. Everyone did fantastically well to take on such a mammoth task and it was great to see such a range in age and ability of students involved, including some who had not previously cooked. The winners were:

1st prize – Ryan Mawson

Starter: Spicy Prawn Cocktail

Main: Spanish Paella

Dessert: Mini Salted Caramel Banoffee Pies

2nd prize – Alice Potter

Starter: Smoky salmon tartare with lemon and capers, served with griddled crostini.

Main: Chicken Katsu curry with steamed broccoli and jasmine rice.

Dessert: Baklava with a hint of rosewater, orange blossom, cinnamon and coconut.

The Dish of the Day was Emma Quinton's Hazelnut Heaven cake, which was described as layers of delight.

All competitors were presented with a certificate and the winners received a voucher to spend.

The judges were very positive in their response to the students' food, complimenting the colours, textures and flavours along with the presentation. They also pointed out that they would happily have paid for some of the dishes served on the night in a restaurant.

The competition was organised by Ms Gray and run by the Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben's Rotarians Peter Senior, a professional chef in his own right, and also judged by Matthew Mowles, a development chef and operations manager for Caterlink.

Maths Inspiration Lectures

'Maths Inspiration' gave an opportunity for 30, Year 12 students to experience the UK's most inspiring Maths speakers at a live event in Cambridge. Students saw three inspiring lectures, presenting mathematics in the context of exciting, real-world applications;

Rob Eastaway: Maths on the Back of an Envelope

Some people think maths is all about getting a precise answer, but Rob explained how being able to estimate, which is done on the back of an envelope and is only a rough approximation, is really vital. He demonstrated how back-of-envelope maths can help with anything from landing a top job (how many sausages are eaten everyday?) to working out the chance of Earth being invaded by aliens.

Hilary Costello: Flying with Maths

Maths can take you to some incredible places - including up into the sky. Hilary explained she was a trainee pilot who also works on the engineering side of aviation. She showed how maths is helping us to fly solar aircraft to save the planet and gave some insight into the future development of aviation.

Colin Wright: Patterns, Predictions and Juggling

What comes next in this sequence: 1 2 4 8 16...? A fair guess would be 32, because there's a pattern here. Colin gave a highly entertaining talk, showing us how spotting patterns can help in a surprising number of situations, including the invention of new juggling tricks. We were shown why patterns aren't always as predictable as they seem.

An inspiring morning was had by all.

Mr Trett and Miss King



Christmas Hampers

We'd like to say how much we appreciated the efforts of all the students for making such fantastic hampers. They were really imaginative and beautiful and stuffed full of goodies.

The designs featured a huge range of elements, from carol singers and a big wheel, to characters such as Edgar the Dragon, Groot and Elf. Some of them are featured below.

All the individuals and charities, who received hampers, passed on their thanks and appreciation for all the hard work and generous donations within them. It will really make their Christmas!

The family who received the train hamper with lights on were delighted to use it as their Christmas decoration as they were unable to put any up this year.

The charities we gave hampers to included; Home Start Suffolk, St John's Church Woodbridge, Age UK Suffolk Coastal, West Villa homeless charity, Suffolk Refugee Support and Lighthouse Women's Aid.

We also need to say a huge thanks to all the staff who helped deliver the 75 hampers.

The Hampers Winners are as follows:

Y7 – S (Train) and A (Giant Xmas Pudding); Y8 – R (Dragon) and F (Tree); Y9 – S (Big Wheel); Y10 – R (Church); Y11 – N (Quality Street Box); Sixth Form – W (Choir).



Music

It has been a very busy term for the Music department. The Extra-Curricular provision started in September and we have welcomed new members to all of the groups which is good news. Brass Band played to support the Public Services BTec students at Suffolk New College in November for their Remembrance Parade and Oliver Cavanagh played the last post. It was a very moving service and a great opportunity to show community support and respect to our service men and women.

We then performed at the Blossom Appeal event in support of Cancer at their charity Quiz in November. The Christmas season of concerts went extremely well, and both Mr Picton and I are very proud of the students and their performances. At the time of writing we still have a performance to complete at Haughgate House but we are nearly done. Over 235 students performed to audiences in the New Hall, St Mary's Church and nursing homes in the local area.

The school concert was lovely and our tech team made every effort to ensure that the lights shone brightly on the performers and that the sound was as it should be. Students performed in Sinfonia, Brass, Concert Band and our choirs sang with backing tracks, piano accompaniment and also Acapella! The audience joined in with our final carol. Our thanks go to ex-student Peter Ling for narrating the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' alongside Sinfonia, which added a real touch of sparkle and magic to the proceedings.

The senior citizens concert was a showcase of what we had produced the night before. We had so many lovely comments regarding the performances. One lady told me that she was 97 and this was the best Christmas Concert she had ever been to. I can't imagine living through 96 Christmases let alone remembering them!

The concert at St Mary's was really very special. We had found out that Mr Phillips had passed away peacefully at home over the weekend so we knew this would be a tough concert to do. The Music staff have worked together for 18 years and we have always been a tight knit team. However, we had performed the piece 'For Good' at the school concert and we were determined to do it again in the church. I don't think there were many that were not affected by the poignancy of the piece. It was beautiful. The backing track showcasing our peripatetic staff, the dance which was choreographed by students and the four part singing and the words that gave a clear message of thanks and recognition. The music department showing strength in its numbers and brilliance. Mr Phillips would have loved the tribute I am very sure. It was also really lovely that we could let Mrs Phillips have a copy of the video taken at Thursday's concert. We will miss John as a dear friend and colleague but also as a respected and dedicated teacher who had a real belief in Music and the impact it can have for a lifetime. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

I should also say that due to your generosity we raised £760 through the retiring collection, a raffle and cake sale. This will be shared between The Brain Tumour Charity and the St Elizabeth Hospice.

We hope to have a selection of pieces from the concerts, including 'For Good' for Mr Phillips, on the school website by the end of term for you to enjoy.

It just leaves me to say a truly heartfelt thanks to the parents for their unstinting support to the department. We couldn't do any of the work we do without your support. Your children have been particularly amazing during this term, they have helped us carry on and produce something quite wonderful. The sense of support and community has been such a strength and has given us joy, laughter and celebration. The students, notably the older ones who knew Mr Phillips well, have been respectful and mature whilst dealing with difficult news.

Wishing you a restful and peaceful Christmas. We'll start again with the show in the New Year!

Thank you.

Ms Martino

