

### Upcoming Events

#### Fri 6th March

Year 9/10

Readathon

#### Thurs 12th March

Families Forum at  
6pm

#### Mon 16th March

Year 11 Revision  
Evening for  
Parents/Carers @  
6.80 pm

#### Wed 18th March

FHSF Committee  
Meeting

#### Thurs 19th March

Year 10 Parents'  
Evening

#### Fri 20th March

Open Morning

#### Sat 21st March

Year 9 Mock Trial  
Competition

#### Tues 24th March

Spanish exchange  
visitors arrive

#### Tues 31st March

Spanish exchange  
visitors depart

#### Fri 3rd April

Open Morning  
End of Term

### Head's Message

As the 'big push' towards the summer exams begins in earnest at Farlingaye, it is useful for us to reflect on how students can develop themselves through maintaining a healthy balance between academic and non-academic pursuits. This edition of the Forum highlights a number of ways in which our students continue to build self-confidence, skills and abilities outside of the classroom, and how we can encourage them to continue to do so.

The recently-completed production of Grease saw the culmination of months of effort by a huge number of students and staff, whose creativity, dedication and teamwork resulted in a joyous burst of energy on stage over four very demanding days. It was wonderful to see students revelling in the dynamism and skill of their own and others' performances. My thanks go to all those involved, but particularly Ms Baldwin, Ms Martino and Ms Parks, whose first Farlingaye show as director was a well-deserved triumph. As always, staff went well above and beyond the call of duty in order to support the students in their endeavours. The planning for the next show has already begun – I am sure there will be yet more fantastic opportunities for students provided by it.

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, I had the pleasure of helping to judge this year's in-school Teen Tech Awards 'City of the Future' design competition. I was fascinated by the ideas proposed, which took into account the challenges of 'future-proofing' a range of 21<sup>st</sup> century buildings. The Teen Tech programme facilitates the intense development of innovation, teamwork, and the kind of 'real world' awareness that will help to make our students ready for their next steps in education and careers. This edition of the Forum features an article by Jean-Baptiste Benoit, one of our Teen Tech 'alumni' (and national Teen Tech award winner), who recently attended the Global Innovation Forum in London. His account of the event shows how much the students involved in high-quality STEM projects are gaining from that involvement. They are helping to build the Farlingaye tradition of engagement and growth that promises much for the future.

It has been an extraordinary few weeks for sport at Farlingaye. The article in this edition detailing the progress of our Y10 boys' rugby team to the National Bowl semi-final tells only part of the story of our students' commitment and success. We have seen our Y11 girls' netball team win again to stay unbeaten in the Ipswich and South Suffolk A league, our Y7/Y8 indoor athletics teams shine at the county championships (with the boys' team victorious and the girls' team narrowly missing out on the title), our Y8 boys' football team going all the way to the national cup quarter-finals before a brave defeat, and the indoor rowing team competing impressively at the national championships (with Anna Gillingwater in Y8 starring with a top 20 finish in her category). There have been other great performances by teams and individuals, but there are too many of them to list here. At a time when the Sports Minister Nigel Huddleston has publically expressed his concern about the number of students dropping out of sport during their time in secondary school, it is very pleasing and reassuring to see so many Farlingaye students stay involved with sport, and to enjoy competing as part of a strong and cohesive team. However, we always want to promote more and more engagement with sport, and would ask parents and carers to talk to their children about getting involved with sport if they are not already part of a club or team. We believe that there is a sport for everyone – they just have to find out what it is. Please continue to help us to help our students to gain the tremendous benefits that come from an active, physically challenging life.

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## GIF London trip - Endeavour

As a follow up to the TeenTech Awards final on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 I and three other winners were invited to give a presentation at the Global Innovation Forum (GIF) in London. This annual event is an opportunity for businesses and entrepreneurs to collaborate to drive innovation. We were invited to attend to tell industry about our projects and the TeenTech program which is centred on problem solving projects. The selected TeenTech winners were given three minutes to briefly present their projects and then answer questions, chaired by CEO of TeenTech, Maggie Philbin OBE. It was a nerve-racking experience talking to around 150 international CEOs and managers of big companies such as Microsoft, LEGO and IKEA. Despite this, it was an amazing experience and I learnt many things. It was an inspiring insight into the world of innovation and how companies prepare for the future, particularly becoming as environmentally friendly as possible. The venue was next to Fenchurch Street Station so we had a nice walk from Liverpool Street Station through the streets past the Gherkin (designed by Norman Foster (cool architect!)).

Jean-Baptiste Bonniot

We had to be tourists and take a photo. The old and the new side-by-side.



Cartoon wall including little key parts of each talk including a small cartoon about my project!



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## Farlingaye German Masterclasses 2020

On Tuesday the 5th of February approximately 80 students from Farlingaye and four other local schools met at Farlingaye for an afternoon of German masterclasses. The programme included a talk on the fall of the Berlin Wall by Dr Leila Mukhida of the University of Cambridge. An interactive master class on memory techniques for language learning allowed students to fine-tune their German vocabulary knowledge of Berlin landmarks. The school's German Language Assistants, Marie and Lena, led a session on German pop music. As well as working with the song 'Auf uns' by Andreas Bourani, students also explored other types of German music. Upon arrival, students had the opportunity to sample some German food and to chat to our current Sixth Form students about studying German at A level. The day was rounded off with a prize draw, with a jar of original German Sauerkraut as the 'Star Prize'! This event was made possible thanks to PASCH, a global network of schools supporting the teaching and learning of German, of which Farlingaye has been a member for the past three years.

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## Valentine's Music

Three of our talented musicians have played beautiful music for a Valentine's meal experience at our local hospice.

Iris Ray, Maddy Ray and Amelie Magotte performed as a string trio for patients, staff and families at St. Elizabeth's Hospice's Restaurant Valentine's Night experience.

It is lovely for our students to have the opportunity to contribute to local concerns.



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## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Volunteers

We were really pleased to receive a certificate from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme to acknowledge the 2171 hours of voluntary service the DofE participants contributed to the community from April 2018 to the end of March 2019.

The DofE Awards Scheme is a very popular venture at Farlingaye, not only developing the students' skills and character, but also benefitting the community.

Congratulations to all students who completed this section of their award.



## Reading Club.

We had a wonderful year at Reading club in the last academic year 2018-19. There was a very loyal band of 6<sup>th</sup> Form volunteers and staff who supported the club. We regularly had between 20-25 students from Years 7-11 attending. Some of the students in Year 10 have been coming to the club since they were in Year 7.

We have been fortunate enough to have the support of the local bookshop, Browsers, and The Seckford Foundation. The students who attend regularly have a trip in the summer term to choose a book and visit the ice cream kiosk! Tai Smith, now in Year 11, had the top attendance and was able to choose two books. The books were presented by Dr Seivewright at the end of the summer term to all the students.

Bryan Clarke who has been a volunteer at Reading Club since it began in 2002 and has read with countless students over the years, 'retired' in the summer. His warmth and support and dedication will be missed by all of us, but Reading Club was fortunate to have him helping for so many years. We wish him well.

Reading Club is now being led by Mrs Foden who took over at the start of this academic year.

Ms Anderson

## Dancing Through the Decades

Over 100 students were involved in our "Dancing Through the Decades" show in December.

The dance show celebrated myriad genres of dance from the past 100 years. Music and dance styles from the 1920s to the present day were represented. Beautiful ballet, fantastic Latin and a cheeky Charleston were sharing the programme with jazz, rave and modern dance.

The staging, lights and sound were supplied by David Hermon and ably managed by our students.

The energy and talent displayed by the performers was extraordinary, and the audience couldn't help but join in on the last number.

Well done to everyone involved, including Miss Baldwin and Miss Ring for organising it all. It was spectacular.



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## Grease

This year's Upper School Production was Grease.

With over 100 students taking on all the roles, including actors, stage hands, band members, and lighting and sound technicians, this was a huge undertaking. The students produced five excellent performances over four days to sellout audiences. Tickets were so sought-after that people were being accommodated in extra seats in the floor spaces. This amount of support was amazing.

The energy of the production was high and all students participated with great enthusiasm. The singing was both fun and touching in turn and the dancing was spectacular.

It was a hit which will be remembered for years to come.



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## U15 Rugby

This year, the U15 Boys' Rugby squad were entered into the National Schools Cup competition. The team were entered into the second tier competition, the Vase. In their first game, the boys did not quite perform to the standard that they are capable of and lost to Thomas Mills. This loss meant that they dropped down into the Bowl competition where it is a straight knock out.

The first game in this competition would be against City of Norwich School (CNS) at home. Though CNS produced some excellent rugby at times, Farlingaye were far too strong for them to produce a very convincing win. Next was St Edmunds College, an independent school in Ware, away from home. The weather conditions on the day were far from ideal for the backs, but the forwards relished the slower pace and battered their way across the gain line time and time again. Each of the boys put in a shift enabling them to come away with a hard fought win against a well organised St Edmunds College side. This win resulted in a last 16 trip to Redborne Upper School in Ampthill. After a long journey, the boys started really well and produce some dominant attacking rugby to go into the half with a heavy lead. Unfortunately, as the half finished, one of the other team was injured and unable to move from the pitch. With light fading and mindful of our long trip home, the referee called the game meaning we won 20-5.

This result meant the boys progressed through to the Quarter Finals. Fortunately, we were drawn as the home team as our next opposition were Scarborough College. We knew this would be a tough game as the opposition were again, an independent school, who play a lot of rugby and were very well organised. The boys didn't have the best first half and were just not clinical enough when it mattered and we went into the half 10 points down. After a bit of time to gain their composure, the boys started the second half perfectly with Cameron Fullerton making a huge break for the try in the first few minutes to make it 10-5. The game was now very close and back and forth but Farlingaye struck again and with Harry Lansley converting the points, we took the lead 12-10. The last few minutes of the game were very tense but the atmosphere created by the parents, who came to watch, lifted the boys. After failing to clear the ball into touch to end the game, they managed to bundle their player into touch to bring the game to a close. With this fantastic result, the boys are now heading to the Semi-finals and are again at home. A big thank you

must go to Woodbridge Rugby Club who hosted the game and put on some food for the boys after it. We are waiting to hear who our opponents will be but the boys cannot wait to get back out there! Well done lads!

For up to date information about fixtures, results and all things sport related, please follow us on twitter at @FarlingayePE



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## Vacancies

We currently have staff vacancies. If you are interested please look at them at <https://farlingaye.schoolrecruiter.com/>

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## Young Carers

Thank you to everyone who participated in the non-uniform day and cake sale in aid of the Young Carers. £1294.61 was raised and will be put to good use supporting our students who care for a family member.

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## Enterprise Day

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, all Year 9 Farlingaye High School students participated in an exciting 20th Enterprise Day with BT.

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year that Farlingaye and BT have been collaborating in this venture and the event has continued to grow every year in both its complexity and success.

300 Year 9 students had been working within their 22 separate micro-companies for the previous month and a half, developing their business with their own structures and strategies in order to sell 'their' brand of cars to a global market.

Teams earned "money" from completing a range of group based and individual tasks and activities and used the financial rewards to buy resources from the stock market, commodities exchanges and banks to further their business. They also needed to participate in a Dragons' Den style presentation to gain further business investment for their venture, with many teams putting on very professional displays.

Teams designated official roles to their members, preparing marketing portfolios, websites and presentations. This year, technology really took hold with many teams creating online adverts, animations, websites and the use of other digital media to support their efforts. The Enterprise Twitter account was buzzing before the day with questions and promotional material very much reflecting the media age we now live in.

We streamed the day live to school and it was watched by students and staff on screens around the school and on the network at break and lunch. Our dedicated media team also put a great video together reflecting the challenges and fun students had on the day.

Alongside the Enterprise event, the teams must also earn real money for charity to emphasise the need to think about their wider corporate social responsibility. This year was more innovative than ever before with 'soak the teacher stalls', cake sales, computer gaming, games and even busking! Over £2300 was raised by student activity this year and this has been donated to the Children's Charity 'Barnados' once again. Particularly impressive efforts were made by Patrick Strand on a sponsored cycle the length of the Deben, and from Jean-Baptiste Bonniot and Sam Garratt who battled through storm Ciara washing cars. Farlingaye students have raised more than £35,000 for Barnardo's over the years.

Team Fjord raised the most with an impressive £260 and consisted of: Amber Cavanagh CEO, Jean-Baptiste Bonniot, Leo Buckmaster, Samuel Capell, Jack Collins, Lily Firth, Carlos Fragata, Sam Garratt, William Gitsham, Joshua Goodwin, Phoebe Gotts and Lucca L. Marcote.

The 2020 winning team was Uraboat: Madeleine Rea CEO, Sophie Lowe, Grace Nash, Chloe Oulds, Esther Owers, Matthew Palmer, Lilly-Anne Popplewell, Zach Roberts, Madeleine Thompson, Nathan Wallis, Evelyn Whitmore, Charlie Winter, Amber Woolnough, Eve Yates.

30 Economics and Business A Level students also helped make the day possible along with the wonderful staff from BT.

The school really values the business links established with BT and want to thank them for hosting and working so hard on this event. Particular thanks should go to both Kevin Peirce and Andrew Trawford, the key people who make this day as enjoyable as it is.



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## Vision and Voice

Hello, my name is Vivian Mushati.

I am from Vision and Voice, which is a partnership of charities in Suffolk, who were chosen to deliver a whole-school approach project at four secondary schools. The partnership, consists of *Green Light Trust, Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality, Access Community Trust, The Mix, Volunteering Matters and Community Praxis*.

I will be based at Farlingaye on Wednesday and Friday. Farlingaye and Vision and Voice will be working together at promoting the school's wellbeing. As people, we fluctuate habitually between thriving, struggling and something in-between. Wellbeing is fundamental to thriving in life and how we experience the world. And, as the world is constantly changing it is vital having the essential skills to evolve and adapt to be able to meet the challenges of everyday life.

Some of our young people are currently at a stage where they are facing some challenges in their life journey such as discovering and finding their own identity, while negotiating and struggling with social interactions and developing a sense of morals, values and beliefs. As a school we want to support them to develop the abilities and character to cope with setbacks that they may encounter on their paths as well as easing the transition to adult life in the best possible way.

I will be delivering activities designed to support and improve the wellbeing of the school. The project is also attempting to better connect the schools with the wider voluntary sector to create a community informed offer for schools. We will accomplish this by assessing the needs of the young people then looking for experience in the community to support those young people. An example of this is through social prescribing which seeks to understand what matters to an individual, and connects them with a range of programmes, services and events that support their personal development, improve their health and management of their own wellbeing. It is important that we work together because those who receive support and encouragement will emerge with a strong sense of meaning, who they are and what they want to accomplish.

I look forward to working with the everyone at Farlingaye to identify and build on the strengths and good practice that already exists as well as ascertain their vision of what wellbeing should look like across the school.

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## Still Life

This is this year's still life!

Inspiration came from my visit to the Christian Dior exhibition and the haberdashery dept at Liberty's. It's been a difficult one to do but hopefully will generate some wonderful art work and photography from my students. Thank you to family, friends, Sewing Cabin, Darling Vintage Boutique of Long Melford and our drama dept who have lent and given me various goodies. Thank you!

Miss Crofton

