

27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Our production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang has been a wonderful way to round off this Spring Term. It was a fantastic showcase of the talent, commitment and teamwork of our students and staff, complete with a flying car and, for many of us, the return of a childhood fear in the form of the Childcatcher! A huge thank you to everyone involved in bringing it all together so successfully.

Beyond that what a fantastic half term it has been. In just five weeks we have managed to pack in an enormous amount, and it has been a real pleasure to see the school so busy with opportunity. Our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions have been a highlight, with students showing real resilience and teamwork, and there has been a strong focus on revision, fixtures and wider enrichment across the school, as well as the wonderful FHSF quiz night! It has also been great to see the momentum behind our 100 Days of Maths initiative, with students now approaching the halfway point and continuing to engage so positively with it. My sincere thanks to our staff for the energy and care they bring to making all of this happen.


Looking ahead, the next half term brings plenty more to look forward to. Year 7 are preparing for Big School Camp, Activities Week plans are being finalised, and of course our Year 11 and Year 13 students will be approaching their important public examinations. It is always a significant time in the school calendar and we will be supporting them every step of the way.

I also wanted to update you on a small but important change to our uniform offer. As shared last summer, we are introducing tailored school shorts as part of our summer uniform. These will be permitted from Easter through to the end of the summer term.

The shorts must be black and tailored in style, and should be in keeping with the styles available from Coes in Ipswich. This change comes directly from feedback from students and families, alongside our recognition that summers are becoming increasingly warm. It is a sensible, practical change that allows students to remain comfortable while maintaining the high standards we expect in uniform. As a result, this replaces the need for any alternative arrangements such as wearing PE kit in warmer weather. I enclose the link below:

[https://www.coes.co.uk/collections/farlingaye-high-school?srsId=AfmBOorTR1SmXtuJlxRoQ7X8YtEH5fMyENfPO4IyBbMPa2Temkf1SE\\_s](https://www.coes.co.uk/collections/farlingaye-high-school?srsId=AfmBOorTR1SmXtuJlxRoQ7X8YtEH5fMyENfPO4IyBbMPa2Temkf1SE_s)

At this point I would also like to remind parents about the need for appropriate uniform. This includes students wearing the correct types of skirt, trousers and shoes. Hoodies are not to be worn and all jewellery and make-up should follow school guidelines. It is also important to note that students should be bringing a bag to school to carry necessary equipment, including a water bottle as we move towards the warmer weather. All uniform guidelines are to be found on the school website and we will be making sure that students are dressed in line with expectations when we return after Easter.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school. I hope you and your families have a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 13th April.

With best wishes,

Mr P Smith  
Headteacher