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End of year thoughts from the Principal...

It's a busy end of term with students finishing assignments whilst beginning to think about the challenge of the mock exams early in January. It's healthy for all to enjoy the break, taking time out with friends and family after the demanding pace of College life - but once that's done, it's important to allow sufficient time to revise for the mocks which are a serious test of progress under exam conditions.

The majority of UCAS applications have now been completed and 2nd years are anxiously waiting responses from their HE choices. During this time - especially once invitations to interview arrive - Personal Tutors provide excellent support to guide youngsters through what can be a confusing process. Do contact your son/daughter's Tutor should you have any uncertainties.

May I take this opportunity to offer my best wishes for the winter break to all our students and their parents/guardians. If you intend to come to one of the end of term events, I look forward to meeting you at the Christmas show (It's a Wonderful Life staged in the Prospect Theatre) or to the Carol Service taking place at Sandhurst Military Chapel. If not, seasons' greetings and very best wishes for what is certain to be a hectic new year with major exams only five months away!

What's been happening?

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Our New Website

The College has recently launched a new website. We hope you find it easy to navigate and find all the information you need. Explore our new website [here](#).



Coming up.... See our [College Calendar](#) for all upcoming events.



Bygone - *Wednesday 2 December at 7:00pm*. Dance Company presents a show featuring a collection of dances inspired by music and songs from the 1920's to the 1950's. Tickets are available [here](#).



EPQ Evening - *Thursday 3 December from 5:00pm to 7:30pm*. The College will be hosting the second annual Extended Project Qualification Presentation Evening in the Greenhouse and Whitehouse buildings. Lectures will be presented and displays of student work will showcase the results of months of research into a variety of topics. Find out more [here](#).



Open Afternoon - *15 December 2015 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm*. We have an additional Open Afternoon for those who were unable to attend the main Open Days. This will be on a much smaller scale but give a flavour of what students can expect at Farnborough. Click [here](#) for more information.



Certificate Evening - *Thursday 17 December 2015 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm*. Celebrating the success of students who completed their studies at the College in the summer of 2015. Admission to this event is by ticket only, parents will be contacted by email and asked to confirm their attendance. Find out more [here](#).



End of Autumn term - *Friday 18 December 2015*. Teaching for the autumn term finishes at 12:15pm.

Start of Spring term - *Monday 4 January 2016*. Teaching for the Spring term begins.

Supporting Your College - Gift Aid

Whilst the spending review has some good points for colleges, it does still show reducing funding which colleges need to address.

With this in mind, we issue another 'plea' to the many parents who have not registered for Gift Aid to consider a donation. This helps towards covering the cost of enrichment activities for which we are not fully funded and is a considerable cost to the College. Most contributors prefer monthly direct debits which are easy to set up online through the Parent Portal and we can assure you that any amount is welcomed - no matter how big or how small!



Seasonal Festivities

Christmas Community Sing-a-Long - On Wednesday 16 December from 12:15 during lunch in the Prospect Theatre, the Student Association are hosting a festive Community Sing-a-long. Find out more [here](#). The College will also be running a Twitter **Christmas Jumper competition** on this day which is open to all current students and staff. Follow us on Twitter [here](#) to find out more.

It's A Wonderful Life - 9 to 11 December 2015 from 7:30pm. Production Enrichment presents a dazzling and exciting stage version of the Frank Capra Christmas Classic suitable for all ages and runs at approximately 90 minutes with an interval. Tickets are priced at £7 standard ticket and £6 concession. Find out more [here](#).

College Carol Concert - This is an invitation only event. Details of how to apply for tickets has been sent to parents.

Our Student Stars ...

Click [here](#) to read about more stars on our website.

Jack Tyler, Thomas Edwards, Nathan Day and Michael Daborn for achieving third place in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge.

Read more [here](#).



Barnabas Balint, Charlie Crumpton, Jamie Wilson and Alexandra Thorne who represented our History Department in Auschwitz as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust lessons.

Read more [here](#).

Our **sports students** who have had a fantastic first term!

Read more in our [Sports Round Up](#).



Max Armstrong and Arfan Chaudhry who took part in the McKinsey Leadership Programme where they participated in workshops, presentations, challenges and one-to-one mentoring.

Find out more about the programme [here](#).

Our **law students** who won the Regional round of the National Bar Mock Trials.

Read more [here](#).



Nista Bhattarai, Suruchi Gurung and Maia Gordon, who were invited to the UCAS Headquarters to contribute to a film.

Read more [here](#).



Our **art and design students** who put their artwork up for sale to the public at the Village Hotel in Farnborough.

Read more [here](#).



Sian Elson who has become the female National Champion Under 18 (cadet) for Ku Mite in the recent International Okinawan Goju-Rye Karate-do Federation Championship. Sian also came third in the Individual Under 18 (cadet) Kata and second with her team in the group Kata.

Andrew Ingle who has received a Young Persons Coaching Scholarship with Hart Hurricanes FC.

The **students and staff** who took part in our annual Sleep Out to raise money for Step by Step.

Read more [here](#).

