

Student Association Elections 2012-13

In the Spring Term each year, we hold elections for the Student Association Committee. The positions are open to any student (subject to the approval of their Personal Tutor) who is in the first year of a two year course. The term of office is one year, from Easter 2012 to Easter 2013. These are significant posts; universities and employers hold in high regard students who have held such offices.



Student President and Vice President

Whilst all the posts are important, the most significant positions are those of Student President and Vice President, so ably undertaken this year by Russ Kelaart and Josh McCusker. Both act as important ambassadors for the College and are involved in all its public functions - so public speaking is essential. Both the President and the Vice President are Governors of the College and are expected to attend Governors' meetings. Thus the roles of President and Vice President present an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills and to contribute to the corporate governance of a College with an annual income of several million pounds - neither post can be undertaken lightly. The time commitment is not excessive - but meetings need to take precedence over part-time jobs, and time-management skills need to be sufficiently well developed to manage A-level deadlines.

Other posts are:

Treasurer: monitors the SA funds and keeps up to date accounts.

Communications Officer: organises all meetings, including Student Council; records minutes.

Events Officer: organises and publicises a variety of social and other events.

Charities Officer: organises a variety of fund-raising events including the RAG week.

Publications Editor: leads the editorial team - College Magazine and Year Book.

Learning Experience Officer: represents the views of the student body on the development of teaching excellence.

Environment Officer: encourages us all to place environmental issues high on the agenda, individually and collectively.

Sports Officer: represents the activities of the many sports teams and organises an Inter-Tutor Group Sporting Event in 2012-13.

Performing Arts Officer: represents the activities of the many students engaged in performing arts.

Equality, Diversity and Community Links Officer: encourages and organises community activities by students, in liaison with Chris Eustace, Lead Tutor for Enrichment. Also sits on the Equality and Diversity Committee.



Student President Russ Kelaart says:

"Being an SA officer requires a lot of hard work throughout the year although, it is extremely rewarding; regardless of your individual role, as a team we achieve a great deal. If you are dedicated, enthusiastic, good at working closely in a team and are looking to get the most out of College, then a role on the SA could be for you.

Getting elected for the SA is no mean feat, and standing up in front of a rowdy crowd for 3 minutes is an interesting challenge to say the least! Hopefully, this has not put you off and if you have any questions concerning the SA or are thinking about applying, don't hesitate to contact any of us and we would be glad to offer our thoughts."

Thanks to the Student Association Committee 2011-2012



Parents...

It would be helpful if parents could discuss with students the opportunities and responsibilities that the roles of Student President, Vice President, or any member of the Committee, present. Please encourage those who would like to take on such a high profile role to stand in the elections.

Students...

Nomination Packs will be available from the Student Services office from Thursday 23 February. Nominations are accepted only if you have a good record of commitment and attendance and the approval of your Personal Tutor.

Student Association Election Timetable 2012

2012 Election launched	Thursday 23 February 12.15 pm - Café Direct
Closing Date for nominations	Wednesday 7 March
Hustings	Begin Monday 12 March
Election (e-voting on Intranet)	16 - 20 March
RESULTS	Wednesday 21 March 12.30 pm - Café Direct

AS and A2 Module Results

The AS and A2 module results will be available via CristalWeb on:

Thursday 8 March 2012



Parents' Evenings for 1st Year Students

Parents of students studying on the first year of a 2 year course, or on a 1 year course, are invited to the Spring Parents' Evenings which will be held on:

Wednesday 14 March 2012 5.30 - 8.30 pm
Thursday 22 March 2012 5.30 - 8.30 pm

As usual, we expect students to accompany parents in order to make the discussion as helpful and fruitful as possible. When you arrive, please go straight to your first appointment. Should you need a map showing where teachers are located, it can be collected from either the main entrance to the College or the rear entrance near to Time Out. Students will be able to make appointments nearer the time on your behalf.

Please note that:

- teachers will be in their normal teaching locations;
- careers advice will be available each evening;
- when making appointments, students should build in plenty of walking time between locations;
- if you wish to see the student's Personal Tutor, it is best to see him or her last;
- teachers do try to keep to time - please do not assume that the interview is endless! If you wish to have an extended meeting, this should be arranged separately;
- please note that some part-time teaching staff are unable to be present at both evenings. Students should speak with their Subject Tutor to check whether this is the case. In the event that they are not in on the evening most convenient for you, other arrangements such as an alternative meeting with the teacher or a telephone consultation can be made.

Second Year Students in need of help

The above Parents' Evenings will also be available to parents of second year students who are experiencing difficulty. If you have concerns, please ask your son or daughter to make appointments with his or her teachers.

Review Data

AS students and students on one year courses have just completed a January Subject Review, involving discussions on progress with each of their teachers. Current data concerning students' progress can be viewed on CristalWeb at any time. A "snap-shot" of this data will be sent to parents on 22 February and this, alongside the results from the January modules (available electronically on 8 March), will form the basis for discussions at the Parents' Evenings (predominantly organised for parents of AS students) on 14 or 22 March.

College Attendance and Illness

The vast majority of students attend regularly and on time - that is the College requirement. It is timely to point out that all references refer to attendance records and, given the demand for places at the College, those with a poor attendance will not necessarily be retained in College for a second year. Where attendance falls below 90%, the College Charter makes it clear that the student's place at the College will be put in jeopardy.

Summer Examinations 2012

Coursework Deadlines - all courses

Every year, some students find that they miss deadlines because they manage their time poorly. Please check with your son or daughter if deadlines are approaching - planning ahead is very important!

Plagiarism - don't lend work; don't get disqualified

A reminder to all students that coursework must be the work of the student alone. In the past, on occasions and often in panic, work has been copied from other candidates. **This will always lead to disqualification from the examination.** If a student lends work to another student "to help him out" or "because she is a good friend and she said she wouldn't copy it directly", it is likely that his or her entry will also be disqualified.

Never lend coursework or research notes to another student - and if there is a real difficulty, always consult your Subject Tutor over sharing of work.

When writing an extended essay, all references must be fully acknowledged. If students find helpful paragraphs in a book or on the Internet, they must not copy and paste it into their own essays in the pretence that they have written these passages. It is likely that the examiner will recognise it - and the work will then be disqualified.

Important Term Dates 2012-2013

Parents' Evenings	Wed 14 & Thurs 22 March 2012
Easter Vacation	Mon 2 April - Fri 13 April 2012
Information Evening	Wednesday 25 April 2012
May Day Holiday	Monday 7 May 2012
Study Leave L6 only	Monday 14 May 2012
Reading Week	Mon 4 June - Fri 8 June 2012
A2 courses begin	Tuesday 12 June 2012
End of Summer Term	Tuesday 10 July 2012 (4.15 pm)
A and AS results	Thursday 16 August 2012
GCSE results	Thursday 23 August 2012
New Academic Year	Wed 29 August (enrolment)
Second Year return	Tues 4 & Wed 5 September 2012
Full Term starts	Monday 10 September 2012
Reading Week	Mon 29 Oct - Fri 2 Nov 2012
Open Days	Wed 7 & Thurs 8 Nov 2012
Christmas Vacation	Mon 24 Dec 2012 - Fri 4 Jan 2013
Study days	Mon 7 & Tues 8 January 2013
Reading Week	Mon 18 - Fri 22 February 2013
Easter Vacation	Fri 29 March - Fri 12 April 2013
May Day Holiday	Monday 6 May 2013
Reading Week	Mon 27 May - Fri 31 May 2013
End of Summer Term	Tuesday 9 July 2013 (4.15 pm)

Misuse of the College Network

The College Network is principally for study-related activity and the storing or transmitting of inappropriate or offensive messages and images is a disciplinary matter, as it is in the workplace; trading from College e-mail addresses is similarly forbidden. Any students who **receive** offensive messages or images by e-mail should notify the Help Desk immediately. Similarly any students using any form of electronic messaging to send offensive messages/images either inside or outside College may face disciplinary action, as stated in the Anti Bullying Policy and Code of Conduct.

Sharing Passwords

On no account should students share their passwords into the College systems with a friend, even their best friend. The College will always treat the sharing of passwords as a disciplinary offence; students' accounts are always suspended pending an investigation.

Important Meeting for First Year Parents

**Higher Education Information Evening
Presented by the University of Southampton
Thursday 26 April
6 pm and 7.30 pm**

**What can you study? Where? How do you apply?
Admission by ticket only.**

This will be held in the Prospect Theatre. Free tickets available for either session from Student Services.

HE Finance for students starting university in 2012

Applications to Student Finance England for new full-time students entering university in 2012 are now open. The deadline for submitting applications is 31 May 2012. There will be a tutorial lesson on student finance for Second Year students in March or for more information now visit the student finance website at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance.

Careers Events for students

Tuesday 21 February

So you want to be a Lawyer? - Kaplan Business School

Thursday 23 February

'Stay local and get a degree with less debt'
Farnborough College

Tuesday 28 February

A2S Scheme - University of Southampton

Thursday 1 March

So you want to be an Engineer? - Fluor

Tuesday 6 March

Retail Development Programme - Barclays Bank

Thursday 8 March

So you want to be a Pilot? - TAG Aviation

Tuesday 13 March

The benefits of a gap year - World Challenge

Tuesday 20 March

So you want to be a Doctor? - University of Nottingham

Thursday 22 March

So you want to work in TV? - Peter Eyre, Freelance TV producer

So you want to be a Teacher? - University of Brighton

Special events:

Thursday 15 March

UCAS HE Convention - University of Portsmouth

A must for all first year students thinking of university. Full details will be circulated to students in Tutorial lessons.

Thursday 5 July

Moving On Day - Careers seminars, talks and exhibition for all first year students.

Wednesday 19 September

College deadline for medicine, veterinary science and Oxford and Cambridge UCAS forms. Students applying to popular courses at oversubscribed universities should consider meeting this deadline as well.

University Admissions 2012

Amongst the many successful applicants to top universities are the following 31 students who have won Oxbridge places:

Cambridge 20

Rebecca Angwin	Newnham	Mathematics
Matthew Ashford	Sidney Sussex	Veterinary Medicine
Stephanie Bale	Selwyn	Veterinary Medicine
Charlotte Buzzard	Homerton	English
Holly Clothier	Pembroke	Natural Sciences
Ryan Collingham	Fitzwilliam	Natural Sciences
Philip Durkin	Christ's	Natural Sciences
Eloise Gordon	Homerton	French and Spanish
Leyla Hamid	Gonville & Caius	English
Christopher Hampson	Robinson	Mathematics
Jonah Harris	Emmanuel	Engineering
Tian Huang	Fitzwilliam	Medicine
Ben Low	Clare	Medicine
Emma Riggs	Homerton	Education with English & Drama
Kat Saunders	Newnham	History
Emma Silvester	Clare	Natural Sciences
Alex Tay	King's	Music
Charlotte Waldron	Homerton	Theology & Religious Studies
Francesca Ward	Murray Edwards	Law
Michael Westmuckett-Martin	Gonville & Caius	Philosophy

Oxford 11

Joseph Barker	Lady Margaret Hall	Chemistry
Antony Beere	Christ Church	Music
Charlie Bishop	Open	Law
Sam Brook	Herford	English
Claire Capp	Wadham	Philosophy, Politics & Economics
Ben Crompton	Trinity	Law
Robin Geddes	St John's	Classics
Laura Marsden Payne	St John's	French and Spanish
Katherine Nicholls	New	Maths and Philosophy
Emma Parkin	New	Biological Sciences
Katharine Robinson	Somerville	Biochemistry

Introduction to Oxbridge 2012

**Thursday 29 March 2012, 1 pm
Prospect Theatre**

**Carolin Crawford
Emmanuel College, Cambridge
Lizzy Emerson
St Hugh's College, Oxford**

This is an annual event to which parents and students are welcome. There will be an opportunity to talk to the Oxbridge representatives and ask questions.

Visits to Colleges and Open Days

A series of visits will be organised to enable students to see some Oxbridge Colleges in the summer. Further details will be available after Easter.

University Admissions - Make sensible choices

A record number of students have completed UCAS applications and are now receiving offers. Between May and June students will be required to accept firmly their first choice university, subject to their achieving the grades required; they can also hold an insurance offer. Each student is given an individual deadline date by UCAS. As a university education is now very expensive, it is even more important that students think carefully about their offers before they accept places. Students are advised to be realistic and only to accept a place for which they will be able to meet the requirements. We strongly recommend waiting for the results of the January modules before making final decisions. Once all decisions have been received via UCAS, students with more than one offer have to firmly accept one (known as **Conditional Firm - CF**) and identify another as their **Insurance offer (CI)**. If the student does not meet the CF offer but meets the CI offer, s/he will go to the **Insurance** place. **Students should choose their CI offer wisely - it should be lower than the CF choice.** Personal Tutors will be happy to discuss these matters with their tutees.

College Spring Concerts

The Rhythm of Life

An evening with 'Cutting Edge' barbershop and Friends
Saturday 10 March 2012, 7.30pm

Music at the Prospect

"Happy Birthday Bach" Organ Recital
Friday 23 March 2012, 7.30pm

Chamber Orchestra & Big Band Concert

Wednesday 28 March 2012, 7.30pm

La Passione - an Opera Gala

Wednesday 2 May 2012, 7.30pm
Camberley Theatre (Box Office 01276 707600)

Music at the Prospect

Harry White and Paul Bambrough in Concert
Programme of works by Schubert, Paganini and Britten
Friday 25 May 2012, 7.30pm

We'll meet again...

Annual Leavers' Concert
Friday 1 June 2012, 7.30pm

Brigadoon

Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 June 2012, 7.30pm

All Concerts held in the Prospect Theatre unless specified.
Tickets are available from College Services on 01252 688219

Summer Dance Show

Featuring A Level Dance Exam work
and Dance Company performances



Thursday 24 May 2012, 7.30pm
Tickets from College Services 01252 688219

Congratulations to...

Ben Green on becoming Surrey's under 18 Indoor Bowling Champion.

Louisa Barnard achieving 9th place at the World Tap Dancing Championships held recently in Germany.

Ben Bywater, Phillip Munn and Sally Wood who have won the first round of the Youth Speaks public speaking competition.

Victoria Williams achieving 2nd place at the European Badminton Championships in Portugal, in both the individual and team events.

Pippa Pennycook whose logo design has been chosen by The Sophie Hayes Foundation. The Charity approached the College wanting help to create a new logo and brand identity. The Foundation is newly established and aims to end human trafficking and modern day slavery; Sophie Hayes has recently written a book, 'Trafficked'; it is a harrowing account based on her own devastating personal experience. Pippa's logo was chosen as it cleverly highlighted the word 'Hope' in the design.



Sports Roundup

College sports teams continue to go from strength to strength. The College has eleven students who will be competing at the British Colleges' National Finals over the weekend of Saturday 31 March.

All competitors came through very tough regional competition to achieve their places on the coach to Bath University for what is always a magnificent sporting weekend.

Andrew Provost

Emma Hooper

Katy Hall

Andy Dusek

Sophie Lewis

Nadia Hansell

Gilly Thomas

Hayley Duckett

Gavin Suen

Faline Chapman

Michael Harris

Cross Country

Cross country

Golf

Golf

Trampolining

Trampolining

Badminton

Badminton

Swimming

Swimming

Swimming

The Badminton team, who recently beat Barton Peveril College in the Regional Finals, have once again reached the National Finals of the British Colleges' Cup which will be held at Loughborough University in March. The College team is ranked number 1 in the country and are favourites to win this tournament. We wish good luck to the team:

Vicki Williams, Hayley Duckett, Gilly Thomas, Hannah Upfield, Robert Adams, Jack Wills, Mike Bratt and Will Spreadbury.

The College has a long heritage of outstanding Cross Country runners. Current students Toby Smith and Andy Provost are continuing that trait finishing in second and third place respectively, in the Regional finals with Andy going on to finish in 4th position at the recent Inter-counties' event. Andy has therefore qualified for the English Schools' Finals which will be held on 17 March in Taunton.

The Sport and PE department would like to encourage all students to participate. We try very hard to provide a broad range of activities; suggestions for new activities are always welcome.

James Simms, Senior Curriculum Manager, Sport & PE

Car parking around the College

Second year students driving to College have three possible parking places - The Brian Smith Car Park on site, the new on-road Student Bays, and Farnborough Football Club, each with different permits.

College policy states that parking is only available to first year students later in the year - we have just reached the point where they may apply for a temporary permit to use the Football Club. These students will be given first choice of permits in the second year, either on-road or on-site.

Students should not park their cars in any other places, particularly outside residential homes in more distant roads.

We are working with the local police to make sure that residents are not inconvenienced by students parking within the exclusion zone. This zone is on page 6 in the student diary.

Dropping off students

Please do not use the College Car Parks to drop off or pick up students. An increase in car movements inevitably creates greater risks when pedestrian activity is at its height - it would be helpful to arrange a safe meeting place a little distance from the College.

Feedback

If you have any comments about the quality of education which you feel your son or daughter is experiencing at the College, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Simon Jarvis, Principal
February 2012*



Request from the Principal - Host Families

I would like to offer two students from our partner school in Poland the opportunity to visit and take part in lessons at the College. However, in order for this to happen I need to appeal to parents requesting the possibility of having a Polish student to stay for a week in June, dates to be decided. If you are able to host a Polish student, please contact me via my PA, Jan Moore, on 01252 688208 or email jmoore@farnborough.ac.uk.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - can you help?



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is regarded by universities and employers as one of the most valuable awards a young person can achieve. The demand from our students for this programme greatly exceeds our voluntary capacity to support them. There are several ways you could help, ranging from time supporting groups through to sponsoring expeditions or equipment. If you as an individual, or a business would consider making a contribution, please contact Paul Fortescue either via email pfortescue@farnborough.ac.uk or telephone 01252 688310.

A College Reflection at Guildford Cathedral

Standing imposing and floodlit on top of the hill, Guildford Cathedral welcomed the audience and set the scene for A Christmas Reflection, performed by the College Choral Society and Chamber Choir.



This year's audience-packed concert set out to express the festive season in a thoughtful way. As Director of Music, Paul Bambrough, explained, "Last year's concert was the more traditional service of nine Lessons and Carols. We wanted to do something different this year that also conveyed the full meaning of Christmas which is so often missed during this holiday season."

The concert was mesmerising and left the audience feeling uplifted and reflective at the same time; the perfect end to the autumn term and start to the Christmas festivities!



Extended Project presentation - Chief Executive of UCAS impressed by essays

Mary Curnock Cook OBE (Chief Executive of UCAS) recently presented students at the College, with copies of their professionally bound Extended Projects. The 5000 word essays are the culmination of five months of independent research carried out by students who volunteered to take on this work in addition to their A level studies.

This was Mrs Curnock Cook's second visit to the College and she told the audience of over 300 students and parents how delighted she was to return to such an impressive institution. She was astonished at the remarkable range of questions students had chosen to research ('If it looks right will it always fly right?', 'How effective would a fat tax be at reducing obesity?', 'Is laser fusion a viable energy source for the future?', 'Can money buy you happiness?'), and was so inspired that she wanted to take copies



away with her to read!

Mrs Curnock Cook said that universities highly value the Extended Project as it demonstrates the ability of students to go beyond the confines of the A level syllabus and make connections between the subjects they are studying.

Simon Jarvis (Principal) congratulated the students on their achievement and commitment, remarking "You should be proud of your achievements, as I am."



Mary Curnock Cook OBE

College celebrates success at Certificate Evening

The College Certificate Evening was held on Thursday 5 January: well over a thousand people were present in the Dame Kelly Holmes Centre to celebrate the success of 'the class of 2011' who left the College last summer.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements of a multi-talented cohort. Joining former students and the Principal, Simon Jarvis, were parents, Personal Tutors who have overseen the journey from enrolment to 'graduation', teachers, Chair of Governors William Bagnall, and an array of special guests including the Chief Executive of OCR, Mark Dawe, who kindly presented the certificates.

Speaking to the largest gathering of its kind in the history of this event, Mark Dawe spoke of the significance of the students' achievements: 'Your successes stand comparison with those of any generation: let no one try to underestimate the scale and brilliance of your achievements.'

Last year, students recorded an A level pass rate of 97%; 25% passed at grades A* or A and an impressive 51% achieved a grade B or above. 'You have been fortunate to have been able to study in a truly exceptional college. Farnborough has, justifiably, an outstanding reputation nationally', Mark told the former students.



Mark Dawe CEO, OCR and Madeleine Sakakini: Student of the Year

Students raise record amount for charity - A festive occasion as cheques presented



On the lunchtime of 15 December the Prospect Theatre was packed out for the annual Christmas Singalong with College students, pupils from St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, and representatives from the Royal British Legion, Step By Step, the Army and the Police. They came to get in the festive spirit by singing carols and Christmas songs and to see the presentation of money raised by the students this year to various charities.

The student body led by the Student Association raised an incredible £13,980 in just one term during Autumn 2011, more than they raised in the whole of the last academic year. The highlight of the Singalong event was the presentation

of a cheque for £8000 to Step by Step to support their work with homeless young people in the area. Each tutor group in College sponsored one of their tutor reps to sleep out for a night in November on the College site and collected as much as possible for Step by Step in an inter-tutor group competition to raise the most money. The £8000 raised is a really remarkable achievement and will make a real impact on the valuable work of Step by Step.

The Royal British Legion were also there to accept a cheque for £1000 which was raised by selling poppies at the world record attempt largest human poppy in November. The other money raised during the Autumn Term was in aid of Jeans for Genes, the Breast Cancer Campaign, Children In Need and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Beanie Watson, the SA Charities Officer, gave her reaction to the term's fundraising, 'It is amazing to have raised so much and I really want to thank all those students who have done so much to make it happen. The Singalong was a wonderful end to an amazing term and the Student Association have now set their sights on raising much more for good causes in 2012'.



Oh what a week! Performing Arts students raise £2000 for various charities



WOW what a week. As part of the Performing Arts course, AS students transformed themselves into industry professionals for one night only, taking on roles as Artistic Directors, Sound and Set Designers, and Front of House Managers with confidence and commitment to produce highly polished events for their enthusiastic audiences.

Monday saw the Prospect Theatre transformed into the set of 90s classic soundalike competition Stars in their Eyes with students metamorphosed into their favourite musical icons. Featured during the evening were uncanny performances from the Spice Girls and Lady GaGa! However, it was the stunning performance from Billy Joel (or should that be Danny Gortler) who won the hearts of the voting audience and saw him crowned the winner.

On Tuesday Let's Dance cavorted into the Prospect Theatre with high energy dance acts from hip hop to contemporary performances. The mesmerising performance from Jack Dunbar and Charlotte King, with their highly emotive piece unfolding a narrative of two lovers with seamless lifts, floor work and fluidity, won the day and they were donned Let's Dance champions 2012. Farnborough's Got Talent fever swept the Prospect Theatre on Wednesday, providing a night's entertainment all for an excellent cause. Weird and wonderful acts from singer songwriters to a snorter of classical tunes graced the stage and faced the ruthless judges who were not afraid to use those infamous red buzzers. The well deserved title of Farnborough's Got Talent champion went to Ben Everett Riley for his impressive arrangement of Adele classics performed on the marimba.

What a fantastic end to what was a truly memorable week of events. The Sixth Factor, with Principal Simon Jarvis (AKA Simon Cowell) heading up the dynamic arrangement of judges, was set up to be a cracker. Judges Jenii Hicks (Tulisa), SA President Russell Kelaart (Louis) and Kahli Hayes (Cheryl), musical theatre performer and choreographer, all battled it out in their quest to find The Sixth Factor winner 2012. In the end it was Indeera Shankla singing 'Pack Up' by Eliza Doolittle that won the hearts of the audience and the judges with her mature but playful performance.

Overall this brilliant week of performing arts raised almost £2000 for a number of good causes: Help for Heroes, Shooting Stars CHASE and local charity, Starburst. Emily Burke, Subject Leader for Performing Arts said, 'I was flabbergasted at the hidden talent found within the College and the high standard of performances on display. I was really moved by the professionalism, dedication and determination shown by the students in planning, researching and running such enjoyable events. The students, both on and off stage, should be very proud of their achievements and lifelong skills they have gained in the process.'