



**THE
SIXTH
FORM
COLLEGE**
FARNBOROUGH



PROSPECTUS 2021



A fundamental objective of the College is to provide an education which prepares students for life in a rapidly changing world.

We are committed to maintaining a community where democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual understanding and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs are respected.



WELCOME TO THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE FARNBOROUGH

I am delighted that you want to find out about the many opportunities available to you here.

This College is an exceptional place to study, offering you a trusted stepping stone from school into employment, training, an apprenticeship or Higher Education (HE): an important stage in the development of all young people. Many students have taken the step to join us and **95%** of them would recommend this College to a potential future applicant.

The College has a reputation for being lively, caring, scholarly and purposeful. Students lead full lives and become engaged in a wide range of enrichment activities outside the classroom, including volunteering, sport and performing. Activities such as these encourage the development of a wide range of skills which will certainly help with your progression through College and beyond. They also help you make new friends.

We offer outstanding support while you are here including a specialist Personal Tutor, nursing provision and a dedicated counselling team. We also have an excellent careers programme which provides independent information, advice and guidance. We believe that these services will help you make the most of your time here.

I am proud to be the Principal of an ambitious college with high aspirations for students and ourselves. Our aim is to provide a spacious environment in which students can grow and develop as individuals.

See for yourself at one of our Open Days in October - we look forward to meeting you!

Catherine Cole
Principal

A DAY IN THE LIFE

A TYPICAL FARNBOROUGH STUDENT WILL. . .

WAKE UP

7:00AM *BEEP-BEEP-BEEP* It's Monday - time to get ready for college! I normally grab breakfast at home and then head to the bus stop, which is just a 10 minute walk from my house. The bus takes 20 minutes from where I live in Camberley, so just enough time to put my headphones on and listen to some music.

FRIENDS

8:45AM My friends and I usually meet in the Quad for a catch up before heading to our lessons.

FIRST LESSON

9:00AM My first lesson is A level media studies. Today we're put into groups and asked to carry out some analysis of the type of language that is used in different forms of media.

STARBUCKS

10:30AM After my first lesson, I need to refuel so head to the Starbucks on campus (I always order a Caramel Macchiato!).

STUDY PERIOD

10:45AM I have a Study Period which means I don't have a timetabled lesson. This gives me a chance to get some coursework done. I go over to the Lower Bagnall Learning Resource Centre, log on to a computer and do about 45 minutes of work. My friend messages me and asks if I'm free...so we head outside, sit on the grass and enjoy the sunshine!

LUNCH TIME

12:15PM Yay, food! Me and my friends arranged to meet in Shades and I get myself a freshly filled wrap. We sit at our favourite table and catch up about our weekends. I then head over to my enrichment group, the Environmental Society, which is run by one of my friends.

PROSPECTS

1:00PM It's time for my Prospects Diploma session in The Simon Jarvis Lecture Theatre. This week we're focusing on our internet footprint and how potential employers could perceive us based on the content of our social media accounts.

TRIP

2:30PM I hand in my permission slip for the upcoming trip to Reading University to experience a day of financial trading. It will be amazing to see what I've been learning in A level business come to life!

FINAL LESSON

2:40PM My last lesson of the day is BTEC performing arts. We're rehearsing our latest piece in the Prospect Theatre today in front of our teacher, so we get into costume and practise our stage makeup. After we've performed, the teacher lets us know what went well and what we need to improve on.

HOME TIME

4:10PM I head for the bus stop just outside of the College and make my way home after a busy day.

COURSEWORK

4:45PM The sunshine was too nice earlier to stay inside so now I need to finish off the work I started earlier in the day.

DINNER TIME

CONSOLIDATION

7:00PM I write up the feedback that I got in my performing arts lesson today and think about the ways to improve on my performance.

CHILL OUT TIME

8:00PM After a busy day, I spend my evening relaxing and unwinding, ready for a good night's sleep!



"The College's facilities are brilliant! There are lots of places to study, eat your lunch and catch up with your friends. There is even a shop where you can get everything you need for college."

SUFIYA GURUNG
(formerly of Alderwood School)
studying business, English language,
maths and financial studies.

"The choice of courses at the College is amazing. Every course is taught by teachers who are incredibly passionate about the subject and encourage you to achieve your best."

BEN KOSH
(formerly of Woking High School)
studying maths, music technology
and physics.

2021 COURSES

ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES (LEVEL 3)

- **Accounting**
- **Biology**
- **Business**
- **Business**
- single vocational option
- **Business**
- double vocational option
- **Chemistry**
- **Computer Science**
- **Criminology**
- single vocational option
- **Drama and Theatre Studies**
- **Economics**
- **English Language**
- **English Language and Literature**
- **English Literature**
- **Extended Project Qualification**
(for second year students)
- **Fashion Textiles**
- **Film Studies**
- **Financial Studies**
- single vocational option
- **Fine Art**
- **French**
- **Geography**
- **German**
- **Graphic Design**
- **Health and Social Care**
- single vocational option
- **History**
- Modern
- **Information Technology**
- single vocational option
- **Law**
- **Law**
- single vocational option
- **Mathematics**
- **Mathematics and Further Mathematics**
- **Media (Digital)**
- single vocational option
- **Media (Digital)**
- double vocational option
- **Media Studies**
- **Medical Science**
- single vocational option
- **Music**
- **Music Performance**
- single vocational option
- **Music Technology**
- **Performing Arts**
- single vocational option
- **Philosophy**
- **Photography**
- **Physical Education**
- **Physics**
- **Politics**
- **Psychology**
- **Sociology**
- **Spanish**
- **Sport**
- single vocational option
- **Sport**
- double vocational option

GCSE OR EQUIVALENTS

- **English Language**
- **Mathematics**
- **IELTS**

We make every effort in this prospectus to present the most up-to-date course information at the time of printing. However, we reserve the right to keep the curriculum under continual review: additional courses not included here may be offered in the year. Courses can be withdrawn if recruitment numbers are not viable.

Single vocational option = equivalent to one A level Double vocational option = equivalent to two A levels

CHOOSING YOUR COURSES

Before choosing your courses, it is important to understand your options.

WHAT WE OFFER

Here at the College, we offer both A level and vocational courses at level 3, which are equivalent to Key Stage 5.

A levels

These are general academic courses mainly assessed through examination at the end of two years.

Vocational

These are qualifications that are equivalent to A levels but are more vocationally oriented. Assessment varies by course and combines coursework, supervised assessment and examination.

A level and vocational courses are not mutually exclusive - they can be studied together. For example, you may choose to study two A level courses and a vocational course, or two vocational courses and one A level.

YOUR GCSE GRADES

Your GCSE grades will give a good indication of which courses are right for you. You will see from the 'Courses' pages on the College website that each subject has different entry requirements which are set to give you the best chance of success. All students are required to have at least a grade 4 in GCSE English language and maths.

You should have a good overall GCSE profile. By this we mean that the grades you achieve are more or less consistent across all the subjects you have taken at GCSE. Your Personal Tutor will give you advice on your course choices at interview and again at enrolment once you know your GCSE results.

YOUR TIMETABLE

Every student at the College has an individually tailored timetable. In addition to your chosen courses, your timetable will also include Tutorial and Prospects Diploma sessions, as well as any enrichment groups you participate in.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

Stand out from the crowd - the EPQ is an independent research qualification, valued by universities and equivalent to half an A level. This is started in the summer term of your first year. You will be given more information about the EPQ closer to the time.

YOUR STUDIES

Have a look at the table below to work out your options:

YOUR PREDICTED / ACHIEVED GCSE GRADES

YOUR OPTIONS

Grades 4 to 6 with grade 4 or above in English language and maths



Study three level 3 courses in any combination over two years
In your second year, you also have the option of taking the EPQ

Grades 7 to 9 including English language and maths



Study three level 3 courses in any combination over two years
You may choose to add further maths as a fourth subject
In your second year, you also have the option of taking the EPQ
You will be eligible to participate in our Oxbridge programme

Full details of all courses can be found under the 'Courses' tab on our website, www.farnborough.ac.uk.

"I love the subjects that I chose to study at Farnborough. The teaching is really engaging and I am given the freedom to study in a way that works for me whilst also being fully supported."

ALEC TAYLOR
(formerly of Tomlinscote School)
studying English language and literature, politics and psychology.



“There are so many opportunities available to you at the College. I’ve learnt so much about myself and the careers team have helped me to decide my career path – they were so friendly and kind!”

SAMUN GURUNG
(formerly of Kings International College)
studying fine art, graphic design and IT.

FAQS

Q Do you have large class sizes?

A Our class sizes are on average between 18 and 19, ideal for study at this level.

Q Is the College too big for me?

A It’s true that this is a big college. HOWEVER you will be part of a small tutorial group and will quickly get to know other students studying the same subjects as you – remember all of you will be new to the College. With a big college, you benefit from a greater range of subjects and subject combinations, more facilities and teachers who specialise in 16-to-19 years education.

Q Will I know anybody?

A For those who join as the only student from your current school, we have special ‘getting to know you’ events so you can meet people in the same situation. Taking part in enrichment or joining a club or society are also great ways of making new friends who have the same interests as you!

Q Is Farnborough only for ‘academic’ students?

A We offer a wide range of courses including vocational subjects. These are assessed through coursework, supervised assessment and exams and are valued for further study, HE, apprenticeships and employment!

Q Does Farnborough have high entry requirements?

A There is no overall points score required to come to Farnborough and we will work with you to agree the courses you study. Our courses do require you to have certain GCSE grades, and this is because we want to give you the best chance of success. More information regarding course requirements can be found on our website, www.farnborough.ac.uk.

Q How will I manage my workload?

A As part of your timetable, you will be assigned study periods which we encourage you to use to complete your work. Our Learning Resource Centre has four areas across the College site where students can study independently or as a group, and there are also a number of social spaces that students can use to work.

Q Can I get food at College?

A There are several catering outlets on site which are dedicated to providing a variety of delicious meals, snacks and drinks - Time Out, Café Direct, Shades and The Greenhouse. The College also has its very own Starbucks! We operate a cashless catering system at Farnborough using Upay.



OUR RESULTS

2019 - ANOTHER BRILLIANT YEAR

Our students achieved an astonishing pass rate of 99.2% at A level. Almost a third of these were awarded at either A* or A and 85% of courses were graded at A* to C.

Our A level maths students achieved incredible results, with 409 of the 491 achieving A* to C - this is particularly impressive as our maths cohort is one of the largest 16-18 cohorts in the country!

The picture of success is similar for the vocational courses we offer. In 2019, 91.6% of students achieved high grades, a 10% increase from last year - an amazing achievement.

For the students taking our vocational health and social care course, a staggering 86 out of 90 students achieved the highest grade of Distinction*. Our vocational business students also achieved fantastic results, with 57 out of 63 students gaining a double Distinction*.

Students who have to retake GCSE English language and maths also achieve exceptional results with us.

The progress score, which compares our students' results to the actual achievements of other students with similar prior results, shows that students achieve far better results at Farnborough than they would have done at an average institution.

Our scores of 0.85 in English and 0.76 in maths mean almost all of our GCSE English language students achieved one grade higher with us, and in GCSE maths just over three quarters of our students achieved one grade higher!

A STEPPING STONE

After College, our students move on to a variety of destinations and enjoy success in their careers.

58.8% Went on to HE with **28.1%** attending Russell Group universities

5.6% Entered paid employment

3% Carried on with studies in Further Education (FE)

2.7% Took a gap year before starting university

1.7% Took up an apprenticeship or traineeship

DEGREE CLASSIFICATION

The education landscape is changing and it is clear that HE is far from being the only option available to you. However, HE is still the most popular choice and more of our students achieve first/upper second class degrees than those students who attended all other types of schools (state or privately funded) and other sixth form colleges.

Percentage of students achieving a first/upper second class degree by sector

87.7% The Sixth Form College Farnborough

87.4% Independent sector

79.4% Sixth Form College sector

78.1% State sector

For those Farnborough students who went on to Russell Group universities, a staggering 92.9% of them achieved a first/upper second class degree!

A UK PERSPECTIVE

Our students go on to study at the most prestigious universities across the UK and increasingly beyond. Feedback from these students confirms that Farnborough provided them with the best possible grounding for university life including preparation for self-directed, independent learning.

Top universities based on the number of students in 2019.

Portsmouth	UWE, Bristol
Southampton	Leeds
Bournemouth	Warwick
Surrey	Swansea
Winchester	Nottingham Trent
Exeter	Brighton
Bath	Kent
Sussex	Oxford Brookes
Royal Holloway	AUB, Bournemouth
Loughborough	Oxford
Reading	Southampton Solent
Nottingham	Chichester
Cardiff	Plymouth
Birmingham	Manchester
UCA, Farnham	York
Bristol	

Farnborough is an outstanding choice for post-16 study; by any measure, our students flourish here and fulfil their potential, as they have done for many years.



WE ADD VALUE

Whilst our results are impressive, you need to take a deeper look to really understand how well all of the students who choose Farnborough do in their studies.

"The teachers are so helpful, enthusiastic and caring. They do everything they can to help you achieve your best!"

ADWOA OWUSU-SARFO
(formerly of Garth Hill College)
studying health and social care, psychology and sociology.

VALUE ADDED

Value Added (VA) is a measurement used to analyse a student's progress from their achievement at GCSE to their final grades.

The VA figures show that 1,076 out of 4,830 A levels were graded one grade higher when taken at the College than if they had been taken at a college or school sixth form achieving the national average. For vocational qualifications, this figure is 123 out of 212.

Another way of looking at this is to say that students in average colleges who are working at the top of a grade would have achieved the next grade higher at Farnborough - for example, a student in another college working at a B+, would have achieved an A if they had come to us.

For vocational subjects, this would mean a student in another college working at a high Distinction* would have achieved a Distinction* if they had studied at Farnborough.

Simply put, students who choose Farnborough for their studies achieve better results than those who attend any other colleges in Hampshire, Berkshire or Surrey.

Compared with schools and colleges across the country, our A level and vocational students have achieved results over the past three years that put them in the top 10% - an outstanding achievement!



TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The mission of the College is to be a distinguished provider of the highest quality education and we commit to this by ensuring we employ the best teachers, whose passion is to improve students' achievements. Staff go above and beyond to support students throughout their time here and this is reflected in the results and positive feedback we receive in student surveys. A number of teachers have been nominated by former students for the University of Oxford's Inspirational Teachers Award.

Staff often contribute to academic journals and articles, and have published books relating to their fields of expertise. Many of our teaching staff are also examiners, meaning they are experts in exam technique. They also have a deeper understanding of the standards required for assessments,

with many contributing to and writing exam board books.

Teachers from across the College are asked to speak at prestigious local, national and international events about their subject specialism and the teaching methods they implement in their classroom.

Staff are dynamic in their approach to learning, keen to try new teaching methods and share good practice to find the best approach for their students. Teachers involve students in their learning so they leave here with the skills required to flourish in this ever-changing world. This goes beyond subject specific skills: we want our young people to be motivated, resilient, reflective, independent, and fully prepared for their next steps after college, whether it's higher or further education, training or employment.



"Students get so much support from the College. The Personal Tutors and teachers are very dedicated and if I ever have a problem or need advice, I know there is a lot of people I can get help from."

MAX MOORE

(formerly of Lord Wandsworth College)
studying drama and theatre studies,
English literature and sociology.

SUPPORT FOR YOU

At Farnborough, every student matters: both in and out of the classroom, we take supporting you very seriously.

FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

The transition from school to college can be daunting, but don't worry! There are several opportunities for new students to visit the College and familiarise themselves with life at Farnborough. These include our Getting Ready Days where you have the opportunity to take part in taster lessons of your chosen subjects. Even during your first term at College, there are lots of events and in-class activities to make the step from school to college as easy as possible.

Parents/guardians are also invited to Transition Evening where they can find out about all the support available to students.

PERSONAL TUTORS

Our team of Personal Tutors are carefully selected to ensure that they are the right people to guide and support you at every step of your journey through College. Weekly tutorials will cover everything from investigating your future career options, and HE applications, to developing vital life skills. Simply put, your Tutor is your rock during your time at Farnborough, listening, challenging and supporting you to achieve your very best.

Research shows that using professional Personal Tutors to provide support is the most effective model in terms of enabling students to achieve their best.

STUDY SUPPORT

We are committed to responding flexibly and effectively to students with special educational needs whenever practicable. Our team will work with you to identify and address individual learning needs, arranging appropriate support sessions or technical support.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

You may be entitled to receive financial support for transport, meals and learning costs.

Detailed information can be found on our website or you can contact our Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator on 01252 688351 or email studentservices@farnborough.ac.uk.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We understand how important it is that our students have access to support for their physical and mental health. The College has nurses who can help with any health issues, and our Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator can give advice and guidance on medical, emotional and welfare needs.

COUNSELLING

During your time at College, you may find that you need some additional help. We provide an on site, free and confidential counselling service which is open to all students. The College has been accredited with the AcSEED Award which recognises those who adopt best practices to support the emotional wellbeing of students. We are proud to be one of very few Sixth Form Colleges to have achieved this award.

STRETCH & CHALLENGE

Regardless of ability, all learners are actively encouraged to take advantage of opportunities which extend and deepen their subject expertise and, where appropriate, go beyond the limit of the subject specifications.

In lessons, teachers highlight which activities are designed to stretch and challenge students, so that those who feel able to can take on those tasks. Outside of the classroom, students are invited to attend talks and workshops, complete extension activities and conduct research to inspire their learning and challenge their thinking.

EXAMPLES:

Want to stretch and challenge yourself in computer science?
Attend one of the many programming clubs.

Want to stretch and challenge yourself in psychology?
Take part in the College's annual Psychology Week.

Want to stretch and challenge yourself in modern history?
Get involved in the Italian Studies Extension Project.

Visit our website, www.farnborough.ac.uk, to find out more about the numerous opportunities subject areas offer to stretch and challenge students.



"There are so many opportunities for students to stretch and challenge themselves. As well as lots of resources and information, the support from teachers and Personal Tutors is fantastic!"

EMIL KAUTOVAARA
(formerly of Woking High School)
studying economics, maths and physics.

'ASPIRE' PROGRAMME

Preparing for Oxbridge and competitive course applications

For those students with ambitions to study at the most competitive universities, we offer many opportunities to help you reach your full potential. We provide dedicated information and resources which encourage you to take action, break barriers and achieve your goals!

All students with a strong GCSE profile will become a member of the 'Aspire' programme when they enrol at the College. Students will be contacted on a regular basis with information about opportunities they can take part in - these range from practical interview tasks to webinars. These activities will cover the entire academic spectrum and students will be encouraged to embrace them in order to develop their wider skills and mental agility.

The range of activities and support available to you include:

- **Expert Tutor support throughout the UCAS process**
- **Preparation for applications and admissions tests**
- **Staff who specialise in specific subject applications**
- **Personal statement workshops and feedback**
- **'Introduction to Oxbridge' talk from Admissions Tutors**
- **Interview guidance sessions and mock interviews**
- **Open Days, Oxbridge Conference and HE Exhibition visits**

Our success speaks for itself: over a quarter of our students who applied to Oxford or Cambridge universities in 2019 were made offers. If you aspire to attend the world's very best universities, you can do no better than to study at The Sixth Form College Farnborough.

91% of recent leavers

...felt in a good position to take the next step after college.

"It is so important to be prepared for whatever comes next and the College really understands this."

KAITLIN WELLS
(formerly of St Nicholas' School)
studying computer science, photography
and music technology.

YOUR PROSPECTS

Knowing and understanding all of the options for your next steps after college is immensely important. Whilst the vast majority of our students go on to HE, increasing numbers choose an apprenticeship or employment-based training following their studies – there are lots of options.

OUTSTANDING ADVICE

The 'Prospects' team are here to help you make informed choices about your future. They have been awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard, recognising their commitment to provide impartial, independent careers education, information, advice and guidance. The College fulfils all the Gatsby Benchmarks, a framework that defines what makes the best careers provision in schools and colleges.

CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

All students are encouraged to book a 1-to-1 appointment with one of our professional careers advisors to explore the opportunities available to them.

We also hold two major careers events at the College each year: the Training, Employment and Apprenticeship Fair and Moving On Day. These offer opportunities for students to speak directly to hundreds of universities, employers, training providers and global corporate businesses.

Throughout the year, expert speakers from academia and industry are also invited into College to share information about the different progression pathways in their field.

THE PROSPECTS DIPLOMA

It is clear that employability skills are an essential part of the toolkit you will need whatever you choose to do in the future. At Farnborough, all students complete the Prospects Diploma over two years which helps them to collate and evidence their own workplace experience and skills. Students build a 'professional profile' which they can use to put together a CV and take with them when they leave College.

The Diploma, which is compulsory, forms an essential part of the Tutorial programme and was designed in collaboration with employers, training providers and HE institutions to ensure that it meets the needs of future employers and education establishments.

ESSENTIAL WORKPLACE SKILLS

Whether you carry on in education or enter the world of work, it is highly likely that you will be asked about your essential workplace skills – skills such as resilience, effective communication and problem solving. The College has links to local, national and international employers across a range of sectors and can help you identify relevant placement and volunteering possibilities. Having this experience really will give you the edge, and is a key component of The Prospects Diploma.



ENRICHMENT

Enrichment is for everyone - you do not need to be studying the subject to join in!

It is important that all students maximise their potential inside and outside of the classroom. Our diverse enrichment programme will help you to gain numerous life skills, develop your interests and try out new things!

Whether your passion is performing, the DofE Award, volunteering for a charity or film making, there is something for everyone here at the College. By taking part in enrichment, you will enhance your learning, add a dimension to your CV, make new friends and immerse yourself in College life.

Many of the clubs and societies are run by students for students including the eSports Society, Medical Society, Gender Sexuality Association and the Debating Society. If we don't offer a particular club or society, why not start your own?

You can discover and sign up for all these activities at the Getting Ready Days in June and at the Freshers' Fair in September. Both are brilliant opportunities for you to speak to students and staff about what is on offer.



VOLUNTEERING

All students at Farnborough are encouraged to get actively involved in volunteering.

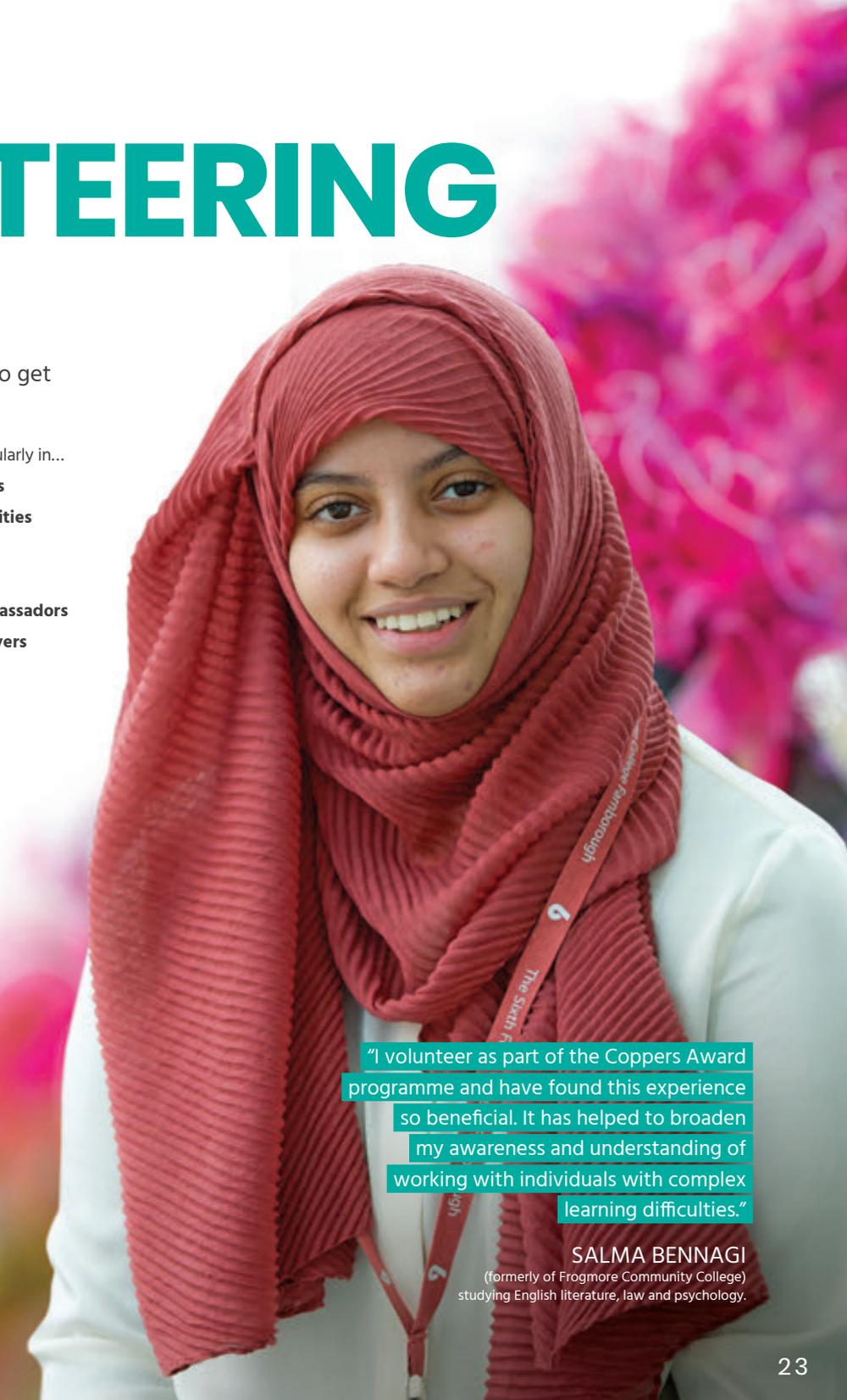
Volunteering helps to develop vital work skills such as confidence, problem-solving and communication. It can be particularly beneficial for those wanting to study competitive subjects such as medicine, teaching, dentistry and veterinary medicine or those who have made applications to Oxbridge. We have a dedicated Volunteering Co-ordinator who can advise you on all of the opportunities available.

Students volunteer regularly in...

- Schools and colleges
- Health centres/charities
- Animal trusts
- Hospitals
- The College, as ambassadors
- Scouts/Guides/Beavers
- Nursing homes
- Homeless shelters
- Local councils
- Community groups

...and many more!

Our students engage in more than 30,000 hours of volunteering each year!



"I volunteer as part of the Coppers Award programme and have found this experience so beneficial. It has helped to broaden my awareness and understanding of working with individuals with complex learning difficulties."

SALMA BENNAGI
(formerly of Frogmore Community College)
studying English literature, law and psychology.

TRIPS

Recent trips to support the curriculum have seen students travelling to a variety of destinations, including Berlin, New York, Paris and Valencia. Students also go to see West End shows, visit world-famous museums and attend conferences with renowned speakers.

We work closely with Outlook Expeditions to offer exciting overseas trips to students: these have included Costa Rica, Mongolia, Morocco and Vietnam. There is also a chance for students to visit our partner school, The Presbyterian Secondary Technical School, in Aburi, Ghana.

The College supports independent travel abroad and gives students the opportunity to apply for a Travel Scholarship. Past scholarships have supported a fantastic and varied range of projects including:

- Volunteering with an education charity in Sri Lanka
- Teaching in schools in South Africa
- Taking part in community projects in Costa Rica
- Volunteering at a children's home in Nepal



SPORT

We have excellent facilities:

- Two large sports halls
- All weather floodlit hockey pitch
- Football, cricket and rugby pitches
- State-of-the-art fitness suite



If you enjoy sport (whether you are studying it or not), there is definitely something for you at Farnborough!

The College competes in football, rugby, netball, hockey, badminton, basketball and cricket at county, regional and national levels. There are also opportunities to represent the College in swimming, tennis and cross country.

There are 15 sports teams that play weekly in the winter terms and we have over 300 students who represent the College on a weekly basis in the Hampshire leagues.

Training is added to a student's timetable and teams are coached by experts to ensure each player has the opportunity to reach their full sporting potential. Students compete against top teams from across the country and achieve much success. We've even had former students who have gone on to compete at the Olympics!

We also support the many students who compete at international level in a multitude of sports and help them to juggle demanding training schedules with their studies.

Recent highlights include:

- the **badminton team** qualifying for the finals of the Association of Colleges' (AoC) National Cup.
- the **men's hockey team** reaching the finals of the AoC National Cup and the **mixed hockey team** getting to the semi-finals.
- **20 of our students** representing in golf, badminton, cross country, tennis and basketball at the AoC National Sports Finals as part of the South East team. Every student medalled in their sport, with our **women's basketball team** winning overall!
- the **women's basketball team** qualifying to represent the South East at the AoC National Finals to defend their national title.
- the **men's football team** getting to the semi-finals of the English Schools' Football Association U18 National Cup.
- the **swimming team** reaching the Relay National Finals representing in both freestyle and medley.

PERFORMING ARTS

Our performing arts facilities incorporate the modern, purpose-built Prospect Theatre and teaching suites for dance and drama which will enable you to study and perform in superb and inspiring surroundings.

The following enrichment activities are open to all students who have an interest in performing arts:

PROSPECT THEATRE COMPANY

This is the College's dedicated theatre company that all students are eligible to audition for. The company visit local schools to deliver masterclasses, take part in workshops, see shows and perform in the Prospect Theatre.

LAMDA SHORT COURSES

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art is a world leading conservatoire and awarding organisation. Students can undertake LAMDA's nationally recognised qualifications in acting and musical theatre at the College. They are asked to prepare audition speeches and songs for a visiting examiner.

MUSICAL THEATRE ENRICHMENT

This group works towards an annual Christmas production and continues through the year with smaller performances. All shows encompass the disciplines of acting, singing and dancing, catering to everyone from first time performers to those who are already experienced on the stage.

FLEXI-CREW

The flexi-crew create and operate the various technical aspects of performances. Without their help, productions would not be able to take place. If lighting, sound, stage management, set or costume design are your thing then this is the place to be!

Recent performances from all these groups have included Bye Bye Birdie, Mary Poppins, The House of Bernada Alba, Around the World in 80 Days, Scuttlers and The Wolves of Willoughby Chase.



MUSIC

Our music and music technology departments are some of the most renowned and versatile in the country, providing outstanding musical tuition and enrichment to students.

The departments offer extensive performance opportunities to all musicians covering a wide range of musical styles. From grand choral projects, pop, rock and jazz concerts to intimate recitals and small ensemble performances, students are able to fully develop their passion for music.

Our students have performed in some of Europe's foremost venues, including Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and Nikolaikirche, Leipzig. Students also enjoy unparalleled industry experience, such as performing, recording and mixing at the world-famous Abbey Road Studios in London.

The College recognises the huge benefit that music has within the community. Students perform in local venues such as schools, hospitals and hospices and lead masterclasses to inspire the next generation of musicians.

The department boasts world-class facilities including a fully equipped purpose-built recording studio, 60 iMac computers running Logic Pro X and NI Komplete Ultimate, 2 mixing suites, a band performance room, a 300 seat theatre, a recital room, 4 grand pianos (including a Bösendorfer), 12 fully-equipped practice rooms, 3 bespoke contemporary music rehearsal spaces and 20 MacBook Pro computers.



CREATIVE ARTS

For those who have a passion for the creative arts, there are numerous opportunities to enhance your skills, be inspired and prepare for a successful career in the industry. We offer students the unique opportunity to work on project briefs given by real clients across the creative disciplines.

We have an in-house production team, 'F6 Productions', who create media products for local clients, an invaluable experience which helps to prepare students for life after college in this incredibly competitive sector. 'F6 Productions' have made promotional videos for local companies and organisations, including Hydrolife, Makaton and Happiful Magazine.

Photography students often provide the photography for local charity and community events, enabling them to build up a portfolio of work to present to universities and employers. Their work is also displayed in venues across the local area.

Our graphic design students regularly attend workshops and talks from well-known illustrators and designers, as well as former College students who have progressed into a graphic design career or a creative course at university.

In 2019, the College held its inaugural 'Creative Kickstart' event, three weeks of talks and presentations delivered by specialist speakers, giving students a direct insight into the range of job roles and progression routes within the areas of graphic design, film, media, architecture, journalism and photography. In the summer, the creative arts departments come together for the annual Art Exhibition and Fashion Show which showcases and celebrates the amazing work that students have produced.



STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The College strongly values the views of all its students and it is important for them to have an active role in developing how the College is run. Every student is part of the Student Association (SA).

Each year, an SA Committee is elected to represent the views of our 3,900 strong student body. This way of engaging with the students to make Farnborough 'student-led' has a long and successful history.

As well as organising events, such as Freshers' Week, RAG Week and the Leavers' Ball, the SA Committee ensures that feedback is collated from across the cohort to help facilitate real change for students. The Committee's President and Vice President sit on the College's Academy Quality Council which works closely with the Senior Leadership Team to shape the future of the College.

Details about applying for the SA Committee are shared with students during their first year.



"The SA create a really warm and friendly welcome for new students and organise lots of fantastic events to ease you into College life. I can't imagine my life without the College!"

BETHAN HOGGAN
(formerly of The Wavell School)
studying German, history and politics.

YOUR STEP BY STEP GUIDE

...to joining the College!



1 Open Days

Attend our Open Days to discover Farnborough.

October 2020



2 Submit Application

Submit your online application. Need help? Email admissions@farnborough.ac.uk or call us on 01252 688200.



3 In the system

Great now you're in the system! We then request a reference from your school.



4 Your Interview

Once we've received your reference, we'll arrange your interview and email you the date and time. We look forward to meeting you!



5 Interview Day

Don't worry! This is an opportunity for us to get to know you and talk about future options. If you need more advice, we might invite you for a second interview.



6 Confirmation

If we can offer you a place, we will send you and your parent/guardian a confirmation email. You have 14 days to accept or decline your place.



7 Information Evening

Need more advice? It's okay because our Information Evening is another chance for you to discuss your options.

March 2021



8 Getting Ready Day

Accepted your place? You'll be invited to Getting Ready Day to experience what it's like to be a student at Farnborough.

June 2021



9 Transition Evening

Your parent/guardian will receive an invitation to attend Transition Evening to find out about the support we provide whilst you're a student here.

June/July 2021



10 Good Luck!

Good luck with your exams! We'll send you an email in the summer holidays about how to enrol at College.



11 GCSE Results

Remember to tell us your GCSE results online once you have them.

GCSE Results: August 2021



12 Welcome

It's Enrolment time. Welcome to The Sixth Form College Farnborough!

Enrolment: August/September 2021



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We use social media to share important messages with our students and celebrate their fantastic achievements, so make sure that you follow us!

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