



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

After a busy start to 2020, we are now full steam ahead into this term! We had a wonderful end to the year at the Awards Evening where we celebrated the Class of 2019's fantastic exam results and achievements. During the evening, we handed out exam certificates and other awards for outstanding personal achievement and contribution to College life. We also presented special awards such as Rising Stars Award and STEM Award and were pleased to welcome the award sponsors on the evening.



We were also delighted to welcome former student Grace Blakeley as our guest of honour for the evening. Grace is an economist at the Institute for Public Policy Research and is the New Statesman's economic commentator. She has recently released a book and features frequently in the UK media on both TV and radio. Grace spoke about her life experiences and how the College played a part in her career choices and ambitions. She talked passionately about her work as a political journalist and shared stories about when her plans had not worked out and she had to show great resilience. This is an important message for students to hear; sometimes life does not go according to plan, but it is how we deal with the disappointments that is crucial.



TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are planning to take part in a project overseas this summer which provides a personal challenge and/or service to others, you can apply for a Travel Scholarship. We recognise that you are likely to commit considerable time and effort into fundraising for your project and the College would like to support this by offering a monetary contribution.

The Travel Scholarship cannot be used towards trips organised by College or another organisation e.g. scouts (even if you are helping organise the trip).

All you need to do is fill out the application form telling us what your project is and why we should contribute to your fundraising. Pick up an application form from the Executive Office (in the Bagnall building) from Monday 24 February 2020.

Applications close on **Friday 27 March 2020.**

2019 trips included:

- conservation volunteer work in Costa Rica;
- caring in an orphanage in Nepal;
- volunteering in the community in Cape Town;
- working with children in Sri Lanka.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Creative Kickstart - students hear from specialist speakers

Marvellous Musical Performances - students perform in two concerts

Awards Evening - celebrating the successes of the class of 2019

Moulin Rouge - students perform in their first exam piece

Volunteering Week - a week of activities and community engagement

Puppetry Workshop - drama students learn about puppetry

Houses of Parliament - first year students explore progression pathways

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COMING UP...

Take a look at our **College calendar** for all upcoming events.

Progression Evenings: Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 March 2020 from 6.00pm to 9.00pm

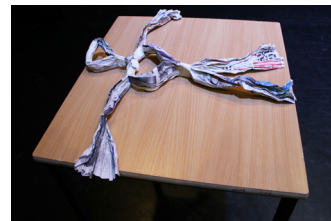
This event is an opportunity for parents/guardians of year 12 students to find out more about the second year of College life and how we support students in planning for their future. Talks from members of College staff will cover academic progress into the second year, progressing onto Higher Education and alternative pathways after finishing College. There will also be an exhibition hall where university representatives and apprenticeship providers will be happy to answer your questions. Information about how to book your place will be sent by email.

Training, Employment and Apprenticeship Fair: Thursday 19 March 2020

This event is the first of two progression fairs taking place at the College this academic year. The TEA Fair is a student recruitment event and focuses on opportunities for those leaving the College in July 2020. Our students will have direct access to employers and training providers who value training and development for their employees via recognised apprenticeships, formal additional qualifications and in-house training.

Information Evening: Wednesday 25 March 2020 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm

This event is for students who have been offered a place at the College for September 2020 entry, invitations will be sent by email. It would be helpful to attend this event if you wish to further discuss your subject choices, but if choices have been made there is no requirement to attend.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring half term - Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2020

End of Spring term - Friday 3 April 2020

Start of Summer term - Monday 20 April 2020

STUDENT STARS

Well done to UK Youth Parliament member, **Bethan Hoggan**, for speaking at the UK Youth Parliament's Annual Sitting about the urgent need to take steps to save our environment and why this topic should form their annual campaign.

Congratulations to golfer **Lily Walker** for qualifying for the Junior European Golf Open. She competed against opponents who were much more experienced than her but after four rounds she finished in tied 36th position and missed the cut for the final round by only one shot!

Thank you to **Tom Holden, Tom Berrisford and Charlotte Addy** for their courage and bravery in dealing with a distressing incident that they encountered on their way home from College. They were presented with a certificate by PC Batt who thanked them for their actions.

Well done to **Maggie Horos** for winning Rushmoor Borough Council's Mayoral Christmas Card competition.

Well done to the **women's basketball team, 3 cross country runners** and **5 badminton players** for qualifying for the National Finals at Nottingham University in April. Good luck to them all!



NOTICES

Photo Consent - We love to use pictures of our current students to show what life at Farnborough is like, including for website news stories, social media, advertising and the prospectus! The law requires written consent to use these photos. Please ensure students have set their preferences on CristalWeb. Students can update these preferences at any time by clicking their name in the top right hand corner of CristalWeb and selecting 'Consent Options'.

Lifts to and from College and Car Parking - Please ensure you drop off/pick up your child away from the College site, entrances and car parks. We also strongly encourage students not to park in any residential street around the College without a pass. We ask for your cooperation with this to help ease the congestion on the roads around the College.

Absences from College - If students are unable to attend College, we must be notified in one of the following ways:

- call Main Reception (ideally before 10:30am) on 01252 688200;
- send an email to studentabsence@farnborough.ac.uk ; or
- via the Parent Portal.

Second year students can record absences on CristalWeb as long as their attendance is above 90%. A reason must be given for their absence and contact is required for each day College is missed. Whilst it is polite for students to contact their teachers to let them know, this is not compulsory and will not authorise the absence. Absences that are not notified are monitored carefully and we will be in contact with parents/guardians if this occurs.