

NEWSLETTER June 2021



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TIMETABLE ANNOUNCEMENT

As you know, we have been using an alternative timetable this year due to the restrictions as a result of the pandemic. It has now been agreed that, from September 2021 for the next academic year, we will be reverting back to the usual timetable.

This means that lessons will be 90 minutes in length with 4 lesson periods in a day - you can see an example timetable <u>here</u>.

Students' new timetables will be available to view the weekend before the start of term (11/12 September 2021).

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Click <u>here</u> to read all of our recent news stories.

Award winning author - Runs virtual workshop for students.

Water Street Fund - Helping students progress.

<u>Visit from Lucie Jones</u> - West End star runs virtual workshop.

<u>Cambridge Chemistry Race</u> - Five students take part in competition.

<u>German Debating Competition</u> - Farnborough team competes for the title.

<u>Class of 2020 Celebration</u> - Recognising the achievements of our students.

<u>ARTiculation</u> - History student represents the College.

James Schofield visit - Students attend acting workshop.

Mythmaking - Farnborough film students assist on university film.

BBC radio playwright works with students - As part of enrichment programme.



OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

Each year, we report on the number of students from the College who have been offered places at Oxbridge. This year, 22 students have been celebrating receiving an offer of a place at either the University of Oxford or Cambridge; the two most prestigious, highest ranking and oldest universities in England.

We are hugely proud of our students, 11 of whom will be enrolling at Cambridge and 11 at Oxford in September 2021. They will be going on to study a variety of degrees, from Law to Engineering, Music and Architecture.

The College has an enviable track record of student progression into prestigious universities. In September 2020, 69% of our second year students went onto Higher Education, with 24.2% attending a Russell Group University, a group of 24 leading UK universities dedicated to outstanding teaching, learning and research.

To read more please click here.

COMPETITION WINNERS

Well done to all of our students who have taken part in national and international competitions this year. You can find out about their winning entries below.

<u>'I see the difference' Competition</u> - graphic design students were asked to design a poster that encourages the public to consider a career as an allied health professional. **Winner - first year student, Ronis Rai.**

Rotary Young Artist Competition 2021- a national competition organised by Rotary International, GB and Ireland. Entrants were tasked with producing a two-dimensional piece of artwork on the theme of 'Wild Nature'. **Winner - first year student, Lily Moore.**

XVIII Spanish Literary Contest - a competition run by the Spanish Insitute Vicente Canada Blanch. Entrants were asked to write a short story, in Spanish, about any subject of their choice. **Winner - first year student, Jasmine King.**

<u>Your People, Your Places, Your Things</u> - a photography competition launched by London Metropolitan University's School of Art, Architecture and Design. Students were asked to submit their favourite portrait, landscape or still life photo. **Winner of the 'Your People' category - first year student, Courteney Blackman.**

Zonta's Young Women in Public Affairs Award - open to all women aged 16-19 who can show leadership potential, a commitment to their community and awareness of women's human rights and equality. **Winner - second year student, Bethan Hoggan.**









AN UPDATE FROM THE PROSPECT TRUST CAREERS SERVICES TEAM

The primary focus for the Prospect Trust Careers Services Team is to support and develop our students so they are ready to progress armed with the skills and knowledge that allow them to be successful. All of our students are entitled to an in depth 1:1 careers guidance interview with one of our team of qualified advisers. We also work with students via the Prospects Diploma and Tutorial programmes, both of which are core to every programme of study. Students develop and evidence vital employability skills, understand the myriad of options available to them and appreciate that choices made now will have far-reaching impact. You can read our Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Policy here and our Provider Access Statement here.

Careers Advice and Guidance

Despite lockdown, we have still continued to offer 1:1 careers guidance interviews to 456 Farnborough students virtually via Google Meet. We have missed meeting the students in person and since the middle of May we have been able to offer the students a choice between meeting us virtually or face to face. We have been really pleased to see some of them taking up the option of meeting us in person and it has been nice to have a buzz around the place again.

Enrichment

This year all enrichment clubs and societies had to take place virtually. This took a bit of organising, planning and arranging in order to get them up and running but we are delighted with the outcome. There have been 24 student led enrichment clubs and societies with 482 participants and Esports had a total of nine teams with up to six members in each team!

Work Experience

We have offered the students a range of virtual work experience opportunities through organisations such as 'Speakers for Schools', 'Springpod', 'Medical Mavericks' and 'InvestIN'. All opportunities are advertised to the students via our weekly careers newsletter. We have purchased an online work experience platform called 'GROFAR' which our students will be able to access via their computers, tablets or via an app on their phones, enabling them to search and request placements easily. We will be rolling this out to the students in September.

Volunteering

We are delighted to let you know that volunteering is back up and running. We have a dedicated coordinator who has been busy making new and nurturing old contacts during lockdown. We are starting off with opportunities at Frimley Park Hospital and RHS Wisley.

Moving On Day

This year instead of a live event on site, Moving On Day became a virtual event which was delivered to all Year 12 students as an in person tutorial session with their Personal Tutors. The Prospect Trust Careers Services Team compiled all of the resources intended to inform and inspire students by engaging them all with a wide range of possible future employment, training and study options. The virtual event encompassed material about all progression routes i.e. apprenticeships; employment and university plus additional information on gap years with students being able to access the information most relevant to them. The intention for this virtual resource was to be a launchpad for students to start their careers research, so they can do more in-depth research over the coming months before deciding on their future pathway.

For Parents/Guardians: Can you offer work experience placements?

As Government restrictions hopefully continue to ease, we are looking to increase our work experience placements offerings for the next academic year (2021/2022). We would therefore be very interested in hearing from you if you, your employer or that of a friend or family member might be able to offer one or more of our students a work experience placement.

Work experience is a key component of study programmes for students aged 16 to 19. The term 'work experience' refers to all forms of work-related activity with an external employer. Work experience gives young people the opportunity to research their career options, gain an understanding of the world of work and develop those critical employability skills, including communication, organisation and team working. If you, or someone you know, might be able to offer some work experience, please complete this <u>Google Form</u> by the end of July.

Email: careers@prospecttrust.org.uk

@prospecttrustcareers



If you were living in the UK before 1 January 2021, and you are from one of the European countries listed below (or in the leaflet linked below), you must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by Wednesday 30 June 2021.

Now that the UK has left the European Union, children and adults from other European countries who live in the UK may need to apply for permission to stay. This is called 'pre-settled' or 'settled status' depending on how long you or your parents have lived in the UK. Once you have received permission, you can carry on living in the UK as you do now. Existing close family members (who are EU or non-EU citizens) will also be allowed to come and live with you in the UK.

It is crucial that eligible parents apply to the scheme themselves and check whether they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children are required to have an application in their own right and no child is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. You can find more information about this <u>here</u>.

How do I apply to the EU Settlement Scheme?

You need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme online <u>here</u>.

You do not have to pay anything.

Is there a deadline? You must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by **30 June 2021**.

For more information please click the following links:

- EUSS Leaflet
- <u>EU Settlement Scheme:</u> <u>Information for EU/EEA citizen</u> <u>children</u>
- Organisations providing additional EUSS guidance and information
- Gov.uk resources and leaflet



COMING UP....



Take a look at our <u>College calendar</u> for all upcoming events.

Getting Ready Days: *Bespoke site launching on Monday 28 June 2021* For students joining us in September 2021. Applicants have been sent an email with more information.

A level and Vocational Results Day: Tuesday 10 August 2021

Detailed information will be shared with students in due course about the arrangements for this day.

GCSE Results Day: *Thursday 12 August 2021*

Detailed information will be shared with students in due course about the arrangements for this day.

Enrolment for new students: Tuesday 31 August to Thursday 2 September 2021

Enrolment for new students who are joining the College. This will take place online this year and new students will be emailed nearer the time with more information.

Induction (for new and current students): Monday 6 to Friday 10 September 2021

Detailed information will be shared with students nearer the time.

TERM DATES

End of Summer term - Thursday 8 July 2021 with lessons finishing at 12:15pm Start of Autumn term - Monday 13 September 2021 Autumn term Reading Week - Monday 25 to Friday 29 October 2021

NOTICES

Lifts to/from College and car parking - We ask that parents/guardians who are dropping or picking up their child to/from the College do so away from the College site and car parks. Please do not block any resident driveways or entrances. We also strongly encourage students not to park in any residential streets 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 that 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 contact parents/guardians if this occurs.

Lanyards and ID cards - Students must wear their lanyards and ID cards at all times whilst they are on the College site. Please can parents/guardians remind students of this.

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. We ask that students 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'. Please can parents/guardians remind students of this.