



Welcome

The start of the academic year is always a busy time, and this year has been no different. It has however been a new experience for me as it is my first start of year as the Principal of the College; I have found it both invigorating and rewarding to see so many enthusiastic new students settling into College life. Freshers' Week, which is organised by the Student Association, was a brilliant event with lots of activities to enjoy including live music, a sports tournament and even snail racing! The week also included an Enrichment Fair where we showcased the vast number of clubs, societies and volunteering opportunities available for students to take part in, develop skills and make new friends.



We have also recently had our Open Days and I would like to say a personal THANK YOU to all of the Student Ambassadors who volunteered to help welcome visitors to our wonderful College. The enthusiasm for their subjects was obvious and so many parents commented how proud students are to be studying at The Sixth Form College Farnborough. There will be lots of exciting events taking place in the run up to Christmas, so look out for more information on our website and social media.

Coming up...

Take a look at our [College calendar](#) for all upcoming events.

Higher Education Finance Talk: *Tuesday 6 November 6pm and 7.45pm* An evening for parents/guardians of second year students to find out details about student loans, maintenance grants and bursaries, presented by a speaker from the University of Portsmouth. Information on how to book has been emailed out to parents/guardians.

'Later with Jools' Evening: *Thursday 8 November from 7.30pm* A light, eclectic evening of informal music-making with performances across jazz, pop, classical, folk and rock. An evening not to be missed! Click [here](#) for tickets.

Consultation Evening: *Wednesday 14 November 5.30pm to 8.30pm* For parents/guardians of all first and second year students. Click [here](#) for more information.

Chamber Orchestra and Big Band Evening: *Wednesday 21 November from 7.30pm* This entertaining evening features two of College's largest instrumental ensembles, Chamber Orchestra and Big Band. The Chamber Orchestra will perform a varied repertoire, from classical to 20th Century, and the Big Band will play an exciting range of jazz standards. Click [here](#) for tickets.

Awards Evening: *Monday 17 December from 7pm* This evening celebrates the success of students who completed their studies at the College in the summer of 2018. As well as awarding level 3 and other certificates, there will be special awards for those students who have excelled in various categories. Admission to this event is by ticket only and parents/guardians will be contacted by email to confirm their attendance nearer the time.

What's been happening?

Freshers' Week saw students throw themselves into College life with a range of activities including the annual Freshers' Fair.

The brand new, state of the art lecture theatre was officially opened by the MP for Surrey Heath Michael Gove at the beginning of the academic year.

Business students were treated to presentations from industry professionals in a series of lunchtime talks.

Students explored Costa Rica in a four week expedition travelling around the country.

The 'Secret Aldershot' Exhibition displays student's photography work at Aldershot Enterprise Centre.

Student supports Young Minds charity with the creation of #HelloYellow wristbands to raise funds for their work with young people.

Students take a once in a lifetime trip to magical Morocco with Outlook Expeditions.

Music scholars perform in their first concert of the year at St Peter's Church, Farnborough.

Fine art students create a mural for the Organ Transplant wing at Frimley Park Hospital.



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! Recent changes in the law mean we now require 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 College from parents/guardians - If you bring your child to College, please ensure you drop them off away from the College site and entrances. In particular, do not drop off students in the Staff and Visitor Car Parks on Prospect Avenue or in the Bus Stops on Sand Hill. Traffic wardens patrol these areas. We ask for your cooperation with this to help ease the congestion in the roads around the College.

Car Parking for Second Years - Please advise students not to park in any residential street around the College without a pass. There have been a number of incidents of damage to cars since the start of term.

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

- phone Main Reception (ideally before 10.30am) on 01252 688200;
- send an email to admin@farnborough.ac.uk; or
- via the Parent Portal

Second year students can record absences on CristalWeb so 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.