



WELCOME

The start of the academic year is always a busy time, and this year has been no different. 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 complete success with lots of activities to enjoy including live music, retro games and a petting zoo! The week also included Freshers' Fair, which showcased the vast array of clubs, societies and volunteering opportunities available for students to take part in, develop skills and make new friends.



We have 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 here.

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. Could I urge you to sign up to the [Parent Portal](#) if you haven't yet done so; this is a way of keeping communication channels open and supports the College's efforts to use less paper. We have also introduced a number of recycling schemes at the College, continuing our efforts to help safeguard the environment.

WHAT IS THE PROSPECTS DIPLOMA?

The Prospects Diploma is an integral element of every students programme of study here at the College and is validated by global, national and regional organisation. Its aim is to ensure that, by its completion, each of our students will be in a position to discuss and, most importantly, evidence their strengths and employability skills, therefore empowering them to take the next steps in their career progression confidently. For more information, please click [here](#).



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

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

Music Scholars' Concert - Talented students perform.

Results Day - Students celebrate another outstanding year of results.

Mongolia - Students travel to Mongolia with Outlook Expeditions.

Moving On Day - First year students explore progression pathways.



Murder Mystery Day - Pupils from our Partner Schools investigate a 'murder'.

Duke of Edinburgh - DofE students complete silver and gold awards.

Paris - Maths students visit Paris, written by student Aishwarya Anand.

Valencia - A level Spanish students take part in annual residential trip.

Behind Bars - Students attend annual event.

Poems of the Decade - English literature students attend conference.



COMING UP....

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

Higher Education Finance Talk: Wednesday 6 November 2019

Information for parents of Year 13 students about finance at Higher Education level. Tickets can be booked via Eventbrite. The link for this will be emailed to parents/guardians.

Parents' Consultation Evening: Wednesday 13 November 2019, 5:30pm to 8:30pm

This evening is intended for second year students and their parents/guardians only. We advise students to come with their parents/guardians to these evenings so that, together, strategies for dealing with any issues can be discussed.

Volunteering Week: Monday 11 to Friday 15 November 2019

Our amazing student volunteers make a huge contribution to the local community, particularly through the skills and enthusiasm that they bring. Last year more than 34,000 hours were donated.

The College will be hosting its annual Volunteering Week from *11 to 15 November 2019*. Volunteering Week gives students the opportunity to try out volunteering at events that are taking place in the College and the local community. As part of the week, we will be collecting any good quality clothing, nearly new toys/games, unwanted or unused gifts and toiletries for families in need in our local community. If you would like to donate, please send your items to the College with your child from Monday 11 November.

More volunteering opportunities will be advertised around the College, in tutorials and newsletters. Get up and give!

Psychology Week: Monday 25 to Friday 29 November 2019

A week celebrating the study of Psychology at Farnborough.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Evening: Wednesday 4 December 2019, 5pm to 7:30pm

This evening showcases the results of six months of research and preparation by our EPQ students. Some students will deliver lectures and others will present their work in an exhibition. Their projects cover a wide range of topics including history, law, architecture and music.

Awards Evening: Monday 16 December 2019 from 7pm

This evening celebrates the success of students who completed their studies at the College in the summer of 2019. As well as awarding exam certificates, there will be special awards for those students who have truly excelled.

TERM DATES

Staff Development Day (No timetabled lessons) - Monday 18 November 2019

End of Autumn term - Wednesday 18 December 2019 at 12:15pm

Start of Spring term - Monday 6 January 2020

Spring term Reading Week - Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2020

WORKING@FARNBOROUGH

Behind the work undertaken by our brilliant students is the support of our most precious resource, our staff. All current vacancies are advertised on our website. From sport coaches and teachers to support staff and exam invigilators, see the latest roles available [here](#).

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 and entrances. 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.