

## WELCOME... to the October newsletter!



It has been so lovely to see the College full of happy and enthusiastic students. There has definitely been a buzz around the place and as I walk around the site, I see the Learning Resource Centres and the Library full of students working. I think that they really appreciate being back in College having spent so much time away from school during lockdown.

Thank you to the students for being so cooperative at the start of term during the lateral flow testing, which meant we were able to teach in person from day one. We are doing everything we can to maintain a 'business as usual' approach whilst following the remaining restrictions

that are still in place. The need for ventilation will mean that, as we approach winter, windows will need to be kept open, so it will be important that students dress appropriately for this.

We recently held our Open Days for 2022 applicants which this year took place over three days instead of two. The College looked lovely and we were very happy to welcome prospective students and their families to the site. We are actively looking at the other events we can host in person this term so please keep an eye on our website for more information.

I hope you have all seen my email which I sent last week about our fantastic Ofsted news – I am incredibly proud to announce that the College was awarded 'Outstanding' in all six areas that were inspected. You can view the full report on the Ofsted website [here](#).



Finally, I urge all parents and guardians to sign up to the [Parent Portal](#) if you haven't yet done so. The Parent Portal enables parents and guardians to view and edit important information and provides a two-way avenue of communication between parents and guardians and the College. This is particularly important at the moment as we will be using the Parent Portal to communicate with you about your child's progress.

I am sure that the next half of the term will go really quickly in the run up to the festive season. I hope that, when we get there, you're able to have a restful and relaxing break with your loved ones and come back in January feeling refreshed.

## TERM DATES

**End of Autumn term** - Friday 17 December 2021 with lessons finishing at 12:15pm

**Start of Spring term** - Tuesday 4 January 2022

**Spring term Reading Week** - Monday 21 to Friday 25 February 2022

# MENTAL FITNESS

The College has recently subscribed to a year's trial of the mental health and fitness app Fika. The Fika app provides tools and techniques for students and staff to build mental fitness in just five minutes per day by working to improve stress management, resilience focus, connection, confidence, positivity and motivation. The Fika app enables you to:

- Learn mental fitness techniques
- Set mental fitness goals
- Track your progress
- Work your way through bitesize five minute exercises
- Earn your mental fitness skills CPD certificates

Mental fitness is about building the skills needed to train and prepare for the mental challenges that come our way every day. The idea is that when it comes to mental health, prevention is better than cure and we know that exercising your mental muscles is as important as exercising your physical muscles.

All students and staff can access the app free of charge. To download the app, go to the App Store or Play Store and search for Fika. Students should then use their College Gmail address to register and create a password.

These activities are not a substitute for seeing a mental health professional when necessary. Sometimes we need outside help and support. If you are concerned about mental health during your time at College, you can find information and resources on the College website. The College's Counselling Service have also recently created a new website which you can view [here](#).

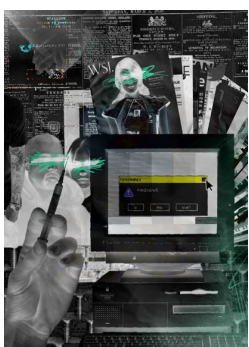
# AMAZING ARTWORK

**Young Artists' Summer Show** - Congratulations to Oona McLeary, whose artwork titled 'Glass with Ice' was selected to feature in The Royal Academy of Art's online exhibition and put on display at the Academy!

**SFCA Art Exhibition** - The following students had their work selected for the Sixth Form College Association national art exhibition - well done to Ty Hargrave, Emily Chawe, Angel Dismas, Lily Pitt and Aiden Baker-Stanley.

**Virtual Summer Art Exhibition** - Our talented fashion and textiles, fine art, graphic design and photography students put their wonderful work on display as part of the College's virtual summer art exhibition.

**Community Mural** - Well done to Alicia-Grace Osbourne, Ava Berriman, Larisa Helyar and Emily MacLennan who volunteered to help create a beautiful mural on a new community pantry in Yateley.





# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Click on the links below to view the news articles.

**LIBF Scholarships** - Students achieve outstanding results.

**Banned Books** - Author speaks about his banned book.

**Summer of Psychology** - Students take part in a range of activities.

**Chamber Choir Concert** - At The Wind Tunnel Project in Farnborough.

**Summer Book Festival** - Encouraging students and staff to read more.

**Results Day** - Students receive A level and vocational results.



## STUDENT STARS

**Our students regularly enter competitions and achieve great things! We've listed below just a couple of recent examples.**

Well done to second year student Hannah Richardson for achieving a 'highly commended' prize for her entry to the **University of Cambridge's Cottrell Essay Prize competition** for medicine or veterinary medicine. You can read more about her brilliant achievement [here](#).

Carys Hoggan, who left the College this summer, was recently recognised with the highest accolade a young person can achieve for social action or humanitarian efforts - **The Diana Award**. Well done Carys! You can read more about the award [here](#).

## WORKING AT FARNBOROUGH

**Behind the work of our brilliant students is the support of our most precious resource, our staff. We currently have a number of vacancies at the College, please see below:**

**Invigilators** - Closing date 1 November 2021. Please click [here](#) for the job advert, description and application forms.

**Registry Assistant** - Closing date 8 November 2021. Please click [here](#) for the job advert, description and application forms.

**Executive Office Assistant (Marketing)** - Closing date 1 November 2021. Please click [here](#) for the job advert, description and application forms.

**Learning Resource Centre Assistant** - Closing date 15 November 2021. Please click [here](#) for the job advert, description and application forms.

# COMING UP....

Take a look at our [College calendar](#) for all upcoming events. Please note that all events are subject to change.

## **Parents' Consultation Evenings: Wednesday 10 November and Thursday 18 November 2021**

On Wednesday 10 and Thursday 18 November, we will be holding a remote Parents' Consultation Evening, which will be targeted at students whose review data indicates 'areas for improvement' (Grade 3) or 'significant concern' (Grade 4). Although we will try to see as many students and their parents/guardians as possible, appointments are subject to availability. Details of the booking system will be emailed in the week commencing 1 November 2021.

## **Psychology Week: Monday 29 November to Friday 3 December 2021**

An annual celebration of the study of Psychology! There will be a range of opportunities for all students to take part in during the week to extend their experience of Psychology.

## **Chamber Orchestra and Big Band Concert: Thursday 25 November 2021 at 7:30pm**

Please keep an eye on our website for more details of this event, which will be taking place in our Prospect Theatre.

## **Christmas Carol Concert: Thursday 9 December 2021 at 7:30pm**

This year's Christmas Carol Concert will be at the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and St. George in Aldershot. Please keep an eye on our website for more details.

## NOTICES

**Lifts to and from College and car parking** - We ask that parents and guardians who are dropping or picking up their child to/from the College do so away from the 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 Student Services or Main Reception (ideally before 10:30am) on 01252 688201 or 01252 688200;
- send an email to [studentabsence@farnborough.ac.uk](mailto: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 and guardians if this occurs.

**Lanyards** - Students must wear their lanyard at all times whilst they are on the College site.

**Photo Consent** - We love to use pictures of our students to show what life at Farnborough is like, including for the website, news stories, social media, advertising and the prospectus! The law requires written consent to use these photos. We therefore 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'.