



**THE
SIXTH
FORM
COLLEGE**
FARNBOROUGH

PROSPECTUS **2018**





A fundamental objective of the College is to provide an education which prepares students for life in a multicultural world. We are committed to maintaining a community where the rights of individuals are respected.



Welcome to The Sixth Form College Farnborough.

I am delighted that you want to find out more about the many opportunities available to you here.

Choosing your next step after school can seem confusing and uncertain. This College is an exceptional place to study, offering you a trusted stepping stone between the world of school into employment, an apprenticeship or Higher Education: an important stage in the development of all young people.

The College has a reputation for being lively, caring, scholarly and purposeful. Students lead full lives and become engaged in a wide range of activities outside the classroom such as volunteering, sport and performing.

During your time here you will make new friends, growing together in a specialist 16-19 community, having the opportunity to benefit from what Ofsted has described as 'the best sixth form teaching in the country.'

I am proud to be the Principal of an ambitious college, with high aspirations for students and ourselves. Our aim is to provide a spacious environment in which students can grow tall; a place in which the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

Come and see for yourself at one of our Open Days on Wednesday 18 or Thursday 19 October 2017 – we look forward to meeting you!

Simon Jarvis
Principal

www.farnborough.ac.uk

“Children grow to fill the space we create for them... and if it’s big, they grow tall.”



WHY CHOOSE FARNBOROUGH?

At Farnborough
we count in 1s
because every
student matters

Ofsted judged
the College to be
'Outstanding'

Specialists
in successful
teaching of 16-19
education



High pass rate
sustained over
many years...

99.2% pass rate
at A level in 2016



Choose from an
extraordinary
range of subjects,
studied in any
combination to suit
your career path

 **100%**
pass rate at BTEC



Excellent care, advice
and guidance for
all our students



Students join
us from many
schools across
Berkshire,
Hampshire
and Surrey



A brilliant and inspiring
campus with superb facilities

Opportunities
to participate in
a wide range of
activities outside
of the classroom



A local College with a national
reputation for excellence:

25% of Oxbridge applicants
succeeded in 2016



A wonderful step
to employment,
university or an
apprenticeship:
all students are
developed to
take their
places in the world



76% of our 2016 leavers
progressed to HE (Higher
Education), **a third** to
Russell Group universities



OUR COURSES



ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES (LEVEL 3)

- Accounting
- Art - Fashion Textiles
- Art - Fine Art
- Art - Graphic Design
- Art - Photography
- Applied Science (Criminology) - vocational option
- Biology
- Business
- Business – vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Business – vocational option (equivalent to two A levels)
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- Performing Arts – vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Economics
- English Language
- English Language and Literature
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- Extended Project Qualification (for second year students)
- Film Studies

“The courses offer a wide range of opportunities that suit everyone’s needs!”

LUCY FISHER (formerly of Weydon School)
studying English literature, history (modern),
sociology and the EPQ

- Geography
- Health and Social Care – vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Health and Social Care – vocational option (equivalent to two A levels)
- History - Medieval and Early Modern
- History - Modern
- Information Technology – vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Law
- Law - vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Further Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Media (Digital) - vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Media (Digital) – vocational option (equivalent to two A levels)
- Medical Science - vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Modern Foreign Languages
 - French
 - German
 - Spanish

- Music
- Music (Performance) – vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Music Technology
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Politics
- Public Services - vocational option
- Sport – vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Sport – vocational option (equivalent to two A levels)
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY (LEVEL 2)

- Business - Diploma
- Health and Social Care - Diploma
- Media - Diploma
- Sport - Diploma

GCSE OR EQUIVALENTS

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Functional Skills (English)
- Certificate in Maths (FSMQ)
- International English Language Test System (IELTS)

We make every effort in this prospectus to present the most up to date course information at the time of printing. However, we reserve the right to keep the curriculum under continual review: additional courses not included here may be offered in the year. Courses may be withdrawn if recruitment numbers are not viable.



YOUR STUDIES

Everyone who studies at Farnborough has an individually tailored timetable. Before you choose your courses, it is important to understand your options. Your GCSE grades will give you a good indication of your likely future level of study. Your Personal Tutor will advise at interview and again at enrolment once you know your GCSE results.

Your predicted/achieved GCSE grades

Grades C, D and E (4 to 1) and less than a grade 4 in English language and maths



Your options

You will need to re-take both English language and/or maths GCSE if you have not achieved a grade 4 in either. We offer a level 2 Vocational Pathway if you don't meet the entry requirements for level 3 courses.

Vocational level 2

Your progression



Passed your re-sits in English language and maths and achieved a minimum of a Merit in the Diploma in the first year of the Vocational Pathway?

You can progress on to a level 3, two year programme including either or both A levels and vocational courses.

A level

A level

Vocational level 3

Grades B and C (6 to 4) with grade 4 or above in English language and maths



Study three A level subjects/vocational courses in any combination over two years.

A level

A level

A level

Successfully completed the first year?

Then continue with your three subjects in the second year.

You also have the option of taking the Extended Project Qualification.

OPTIONAL

A level

A level

A level

EPQ

Grades A* and A (9 to 7) including English language and maths



Study three or four A level subjects/vocational courses in any combination over two years.

OPTIONAL

A level

A level

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Successfully completed the first year?

Then continue with your three or four subjects in the second year.

You also have the option of taking the Extended Project Qualification.

OPTIONAL OPTIONAL

A level

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EPQ

Full details of all of these courses can be found under the 'Courses' tab on our website.

A levels

These are general academic courses mainly assessed through examination at the end of two years.

Vocational (Level 3)

These are equivalent to A level but are more vocationally oriented and predominantly assessed through coursework.

EPQ

Stand out from the crowd - the EPQ is an independent research qualification, valued by universities, equivalent to half an A level.

"There are lots of ways that the College can help you when it comes to education and there is so much support."

TYRESE QUOW (formerly of Alderwood School)
studying biology, chemistry and maths

How many subjects do you need to study?

Our standard expectation is that students will study the equivalent of **three** subjects, though **four** subjects is possible for some of the most able students.

Meaningful Employer Engagement

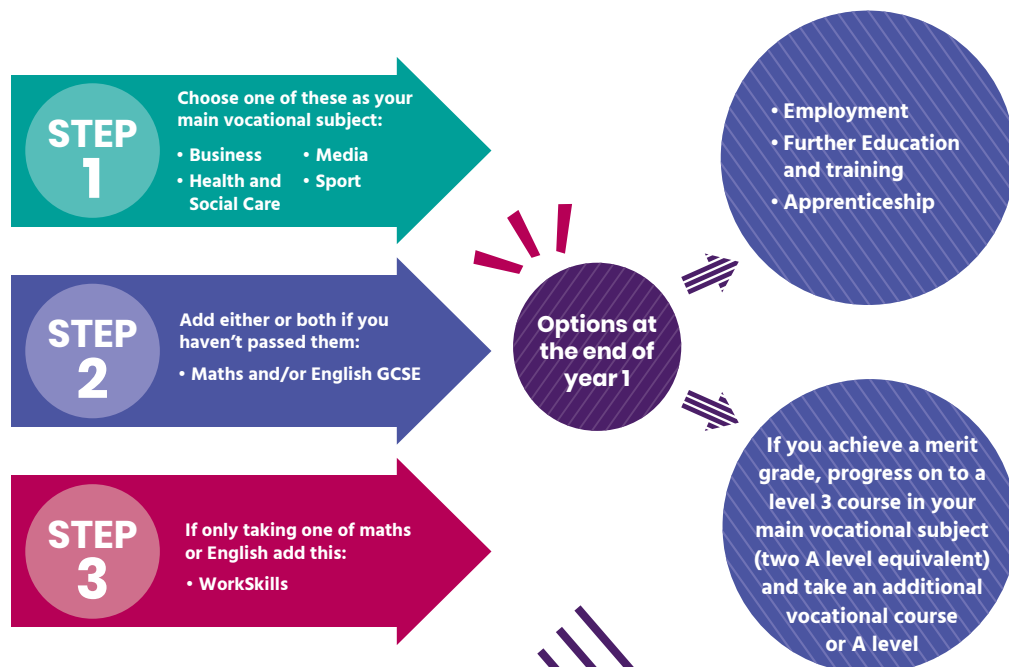
Everyone is expected to undertake meaningful employer engagement in addition to their chosen subjects. We have a specialist employability team who will support you - see our 'Be Work Ready' section.



THE VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

The College offers a vocational pathway for students who do not currently meet the entry requirements to study level 3 qualifications.

This provides a practical, real-world approach to learning which will include a meaningful and relevant work placement. You will review your own performance regularly and assessment is 100% through coursework, taking away the pressure of examinations. This pathway is valued for progression into further study, employment and apprenticeships.



BETHANY'S STORY

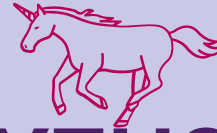
Bethany Dorey (formerly of All Hallows School) is studying the diploma in health and social care, IGCSE English and certificate in use of maths.

Bethany joined College in September 2016 with a study programme including the level 2 diploma in health and social care.

"I really enjoyed this course, we covered many interesting topics including how diet can impact on health, cultural diversity requirements in care and individual rights and needs. I want to continue with my studies in health and social care and am planning to start the level 3 course in September which includes understanding psychology and how this impacts on health. I hope to study this alongside GCSE maths and fine art. After College, I am interested in a career in art therapy or perhaps social work."



BUSTING COLLEGE MYTHS



THE MYTH: You have large class sizes.

THE TRUTH: Our class sizes are between 18 and 19, ideal for study at this level.

THE MYTH: The College is too big for me.

THE TRUTH: It's true that this is a big college HOWEVER you will be part of a smaller tutorial group and will quickly get to know other students studying the same subjects as you – remember all of you will be new to the College.

THE MYTH: I won't know anybody.

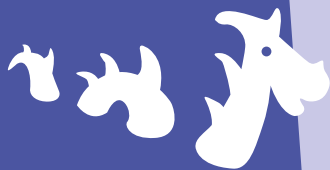
THE TRUTH: For those who join as the only student from your current school, we have special getting to know you events so you can meet people in the same situation.

THE MYTH: Farnborough is A level focused.

THE TRUTH: We offer a range of vocational courses which are predominantly assessed through coursework and valued both for HE and employment. You can study these as a way of accessing A levels in the future too!

THE MYTH: Farnborough has high entry requirements.

THE TRUTH: There is no overall points score required to come to Farnborough and we will work with you to agree the courses you study. Some courses do require you to have certain GCSE grades, and this is because we want to give you the best chance of success. More information regarding course requirements can be found on our website.



CREATING FUTURES

After College, our students move on to a variety of destinations and enjoy success in their careers.



76%

went on to Higher Education (HE) - with 28% of these attending Russell Group universities



7%

carried on with studies in Further Education



11%

entered paid employment



2%

took up Apprenticeships

The education landscape is changing and it is clear that HE is far from being the only option open to you.

However, HE is still the most popular choice and more of our students achieve first/upper class degrees than those students who attended all other types of schools (state or privately funded) and other sixth form colleges.



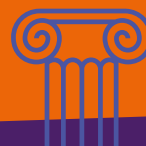
84%

The Sixth Form College
Farnborough



83%

Privately funded
schools



75.9%
Sixth form
colleges



72.9%
State funded
schools



A UK perspective

Our students go on to study at the most prestigious universities across the UK and increasingly beyond. Feedback from these students confirms that Farnborough provided them with the best possible grounding for university life including preparation for self-directed, independent learning.

How are we adding value at Farnborough?

Value Added is a measurement used by the Department for Education to analyse a student's progress from their achievements at GCSE to their final A level grades.



In 2016/17 the DfE published national tables which showed that A level students at the College, sitting exams in the summer of 2016, made the most progress from their GCSE starting points than students in any other college in Hampshire or neighbouring Berkshire and Surrey.

In 2016 our students achieved an amazing

**99.2%
PASS
RATE at
A level**



Farnborough is an outstanding choice for post-16 study; by any measure, our students flourish here and fulfil their potential - as they have done for many years.



SUPPORT FOR YOU



At Farnborough, every student matters: both in and out of the classroom, we take supporting you very seriously.

Personal Tutors

Our team of Personal Tutors are chosen through a careful selection process to ensure they are the right people to guide and support you at every step of your journey through College. Weekly tutorials will cover everything from investigating your future career options and HE applications, to developing vital life skills. Simply put, your Tutor will be your rock during your time at Farnborough, listening, challenging and supporting you to achieve your very best.

Study Support

We are committed to responding flexibly and effectively to students with special educational needs whenever practicable. Our team will work with you to identify and address individual learning needs, arranging appropriate support sessions or technical support.

Counselling

During your time at College, you may find that you need some additional help. We provide a free and confidential counselling service which is open to all students. Last year the College was awarded the AcSEED Award which recognises those who adopt best practices to support the emotional wellbeing of students. We are the only Sixth Form College Farnborough to have achieved this award.

Financial Assistance

The Bursary Scheme and FE Free Meals provide financial support to young people. This can include transport, meals and learning costs. Detailed information can be found on our website or by calling the Student Services team on 01252 688317.





Aiming High

For those students with future ambitions to study at the most competitive universities, we offer many opportunities to help you achieve your goal. Our success speaks for itself: typically, around a third of our students who apply to Oxbridge receive an offer – significantly above the national average (20%).

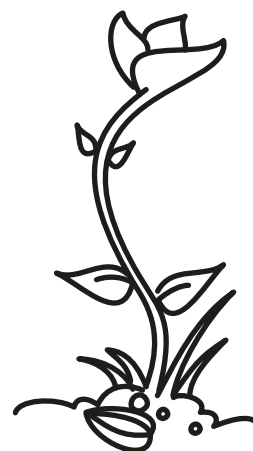
In 2016, the 'top performing' A level institution in the country (according to The Sunday Times, 19 August 2016) had a total A level cohort of 133 students who achieved 99% A*-B grades in 3 or more A levels. By comparison, in the same year, 100% of our top 540 students achieved A*-B grades. Nor is this unusual for Farnborough; a similar pattern of success can be seen since the last century!

If you aspire to attend the world's very best universities you can do no better than to study at The Sixth Form College, Farnborough.

The range of activities and support available to you include:

- A bespoke series of specialist subject masterclasses
- Expert Tutor support throughout the UCAS process
- Preparation for applications and admissions tests
- Personal statement workshops and feedback
- 'Introduction to Oxbridge' talk from Admissions Tutors
- Interview guidance sessions and mock interviews
- Open Days, Oxbridge Conference and HE Convention visits

AcSEED™
Emotional Wellbeing in Schools and Colleges



BE WORK READY

Knowing and understanding all your options for next steps after College is immensely important. Whilst many students go on to Higher Education, increasing numbers choose an apprenticeship or employment following their studies – there are lots of options.

Our Prospects team will support you throughout, providing information and guidance to help you identify what is needed to achieve your goals.

Careers advice

We have a dedicated team of professional careers advisers who are here to help you make informed choices about your future. This team has been awarded the **Investors in Careers Award** which recognises our commitment to provide impartial, independent careers education, information, advice and guidance to all our young people.

There are two major careers exhibitions held at College each year: the **Training, Employment and Apprenticeship Fair** and **Moving On Day**. Both provide extraordinary opportunities to speak directly to employers, universities, training providers and global corporate businesses to help you better understand your options.

Meaningful Engagement with Employers

The knowledge and understanding you will develop through undertaking relevant work experience is a vital part of your education. Whether you carry on in education or enter the world of work it is highly likely that you will be asked about your essential workplace skills – skills such as effective communication and problem solving.

The Prospects team, which has links to both local and global employers across a range of employment sectors, will help you identify suitable work placement possibilities. Having experience of working really will give you the edge and for some of our courses it is compulsory.

Kloodle

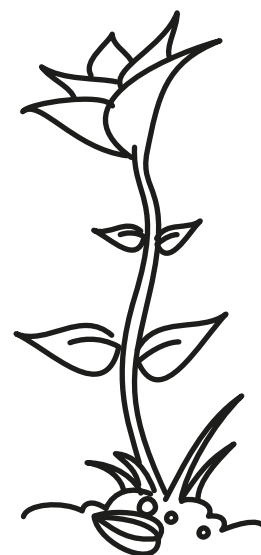
At Farnborough we are pioneers in the use of **Kloodle**: an online platform where you can build your CV, recording every aspect of your learning and experience. This might include work experience, employability skills, volunteering, enrichment activities and academic achievement. The great thing about your Kloodle profile is that it's portable and you can add to it throughout your career.





“There is a massive support network here at the College to help you plan your future. I have been given lots of helpful advice by my tutor and teachers!”

KIERAN BLACK (formerly of Frogmore Community College) studying film studies, media studies and diploma in performing arts



VOLUNTEERING

All students at Farnborough are encouraged to get involved in local volunteering projects – these could be at a school, hospital or charity.

Volunteering helps to develop vital work skills such as confidence, problem-solving and communication. It can be particularly beneficial for those wanting to study competitive subjects such as medicine, teaching, dentistry and veterinary medicine.

We have a dedicated volunteer coordinator who can advise you on all of the options available.

“I volunteer at Frimley hospital, which was initiated through college. It is a really great, unique experience, developing my skills and applications for future endeavours.”

ATIFAH ABDULLAHI (formerly of Woking High School) studying biology, chemistry, maths and physics

Students volunteered at...

- Schools
- Health charities
- Animal trusts
- Hospitals
- College, as ambassadors
- Scouts/Guides/Beavers
- Nursing homes
- Homeless shelters



Number of hours our students volunteered in 2016/2017:

24,226



Number of amazing student volunteers

1,047

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Whether your passion is music, the DofE Award, creative writing or debating, at the College you can develop your interests and try out new things. Whichever you choose, you will be enhancing your learning, developing new skills, adding a dimension to your CV, making new friends and immersing yourself in College life.

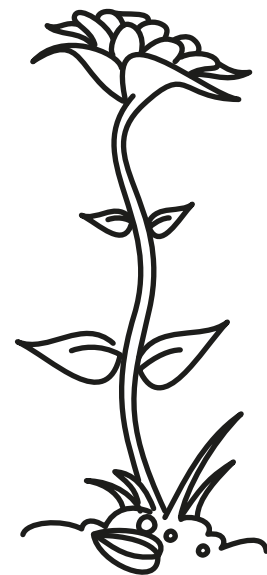
You can discover and sign up for activities at our Getting Ready event in June and at the Freshers' Fair in September. Both are brilliant opportunities for you to speak to students and staff about all the activities on offer.

A diverse range of clubs and societies are run by students for students including Vet Society, the Student Watch Team, Creative Writing Society and the Environmental and Fairtrade Society. If we don't offer a particular club or society, why not start your own!



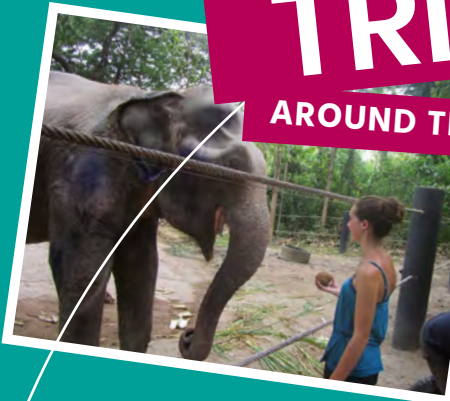
"The societies are a fantastic way to make new friends and broaden your horizons within your subjects. We've had fun in Engineering Society making balloon powered cars!"

REBECCA BROOKS (formerly of Farnham Heath End School) studying chemistry, further maths, maths and physics



TRIPS

AROUND THE WORLD



Trips to support the curriculum this year have seen students travelling to a variety of destinations, including Oberursel, Valencia, Hyères, Los Angeles, New York, Strasbourg and Sicily.



We enjoy a special relationship with our partner school, The Presbyterian Secondary Technical School in Auburi, Ghana. The College also supports independent travel abroad and offers students the opportunity to apply for a Travel Scholarship.

Past scholarships have supported an exciting and varied range of projects including:

- Volunteering at an elephant sanctuary in **Sri Lanka**
- Helping with conservation efforts in **Ecuador**
- Teaching English to children in **Nepal**
- Assisting disabled children in **India**



SPORT

If you enjoy sport (whether you are studying it or not), there is definitely something for you at Farnborough!



We have excellent facilities:

- Two large sports halls
- All weather floodlit hockey pitch
- Football, cricket and rugby pitches
- A well-equipped fitness suite

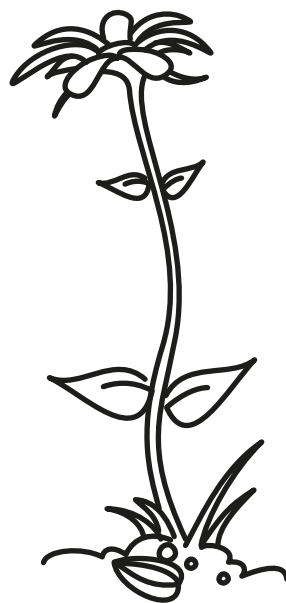
The College competes in football, rugby, netball, hockey, badminton and basketball at county, regional and national levels.

There are also opportunities to represent the College in swimming and cross country.

Highlights from the last year include:

- Women's football team winning the Hampshire Football Association Super 7's competition
- 22 of our students won overall at the Association of Colleges' national sports finals as part of the South East team
- College men's football team won their first ever English Schools' Football Association U18 cup final

We also support the many students who have competed at international level in a multitude of sports and help them to juggle demanding training schedules with their studies.



PERFORMING ARTS

Our performing arts centre incorporates the Prospect Theatre and teaching suites for music, music technology, dance and drama enabling you to study and perform in superb and inspiring surroundings.

You can also take part in the following enrichment activities additional to the courses you study:

Prospect Theatre Company

Our second year dedicated theatre company. Successful auditionees will tour local schools, take part in workshops with prestigious theatre companies, see shows and perform in our Prospect Theatre.

LAMDA short courses

Undertake nationally recognised LAMDA qualifications in acting - students prepare audition type speeches for a visiting examiner.

Production Drama/Musical Theatre Company/Dance Company

These three unique groups come together for an annual Christmas production and carry on through the year with smaller performances.

Flexi-Crew

Become one of our magnificent technical team; if lighting, sound, stage management, set or costume design are your thing then this is the place to be!



MUSIC

Described as **‘a story of astonishing achievement’** by BBC Radio 3, our music department is one of the largest and highest-profile in the country, providing outstanding musical tuition for hundreds of students.

Over 30 concerts are organised each year, from grand choral projects to intimate recitals. Students have performed in some of Europe’s foremost venues, including St Paul’s Cathedral, Winchester Cathedral, St Mark’s Basilica, Venice and the Nikolaikirche, Leipzig and enjoy unparalleled industry experience, such as performing, recording and editing at the famous Abbey Road Studios.

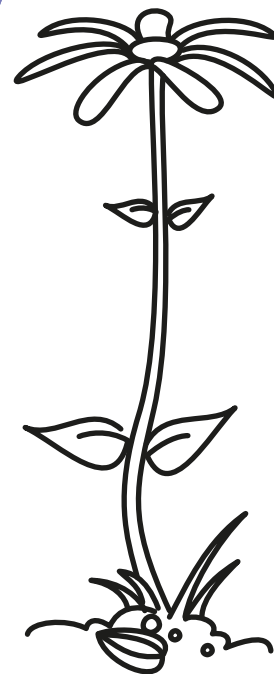
We have collaborated with world renowned artists such as Julian Lloyd Webber, Joanna MacGregor, Angela Hewitt and Alina Ibragimova who have led inspirational masterclasses and recitals for our students.

Students have access to world-class facilities, including a purpose-built recording studio, 300 seat Theatre, recital room, 3 grand pianos (including a Bösendorfer), 12 fully-equipped practice rooms and 20 MacBook Pro computers.

Future plans include tours to North America, Poland and France, a fully-staged operatic production and a concerto competition at the Royal Academy of Music.

We are also delighted to be able to offer music scholarships, which provide sponsorship for advanced musical training and extraordinary performance opportunities. Awarded in partnership with the Royal Academy of Music, our music scholarships are highly competitive and coveted awards.

Scholars are chosen for their especially outstanding musicianship and performance skills and they occupy a unique position within a vibrant department full of talented students. If you would like to apply for a scholarship please fill in the additional online form when you complete your College application.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS



★ Travel Scholars

I ❤️ Farnborough



THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE FARNBOROUGH

THE LEAVERS
JUNE 2017



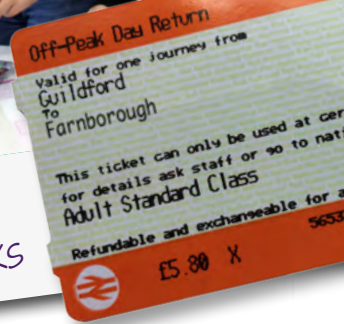
Music Scholars



Pink Day



Medical Mavericks



Fashion Show



The Bradley Hooper Challenge



Hollywood Director Amma Asante with media students.



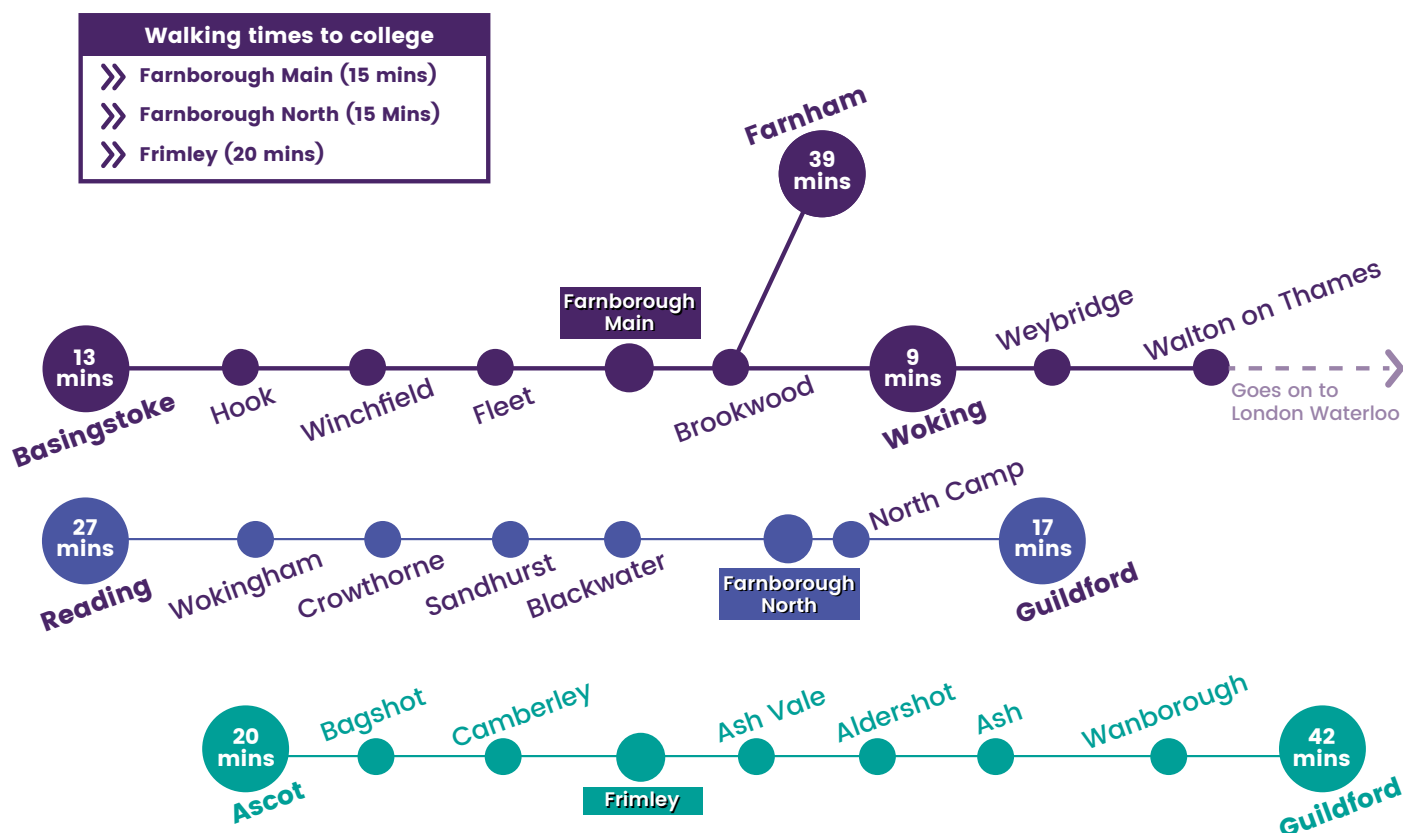
YOUR JOURNEY TO FARNBOROUGH

You will see from the maps on these pages that there are lots of easy ways to travel to College from wherever you live. Many students 'think green' and walk, cycle or use public transport to get here.

Travelling by bus or train? You can take advantage of the favourable rates agreed for all our students and flexible payment options are available. If you start/finish your journey in Surrey, you can apply for a Student Bus or Train Fare Card, giving you a third off the adult fare for rail and child fare prices on the buses.

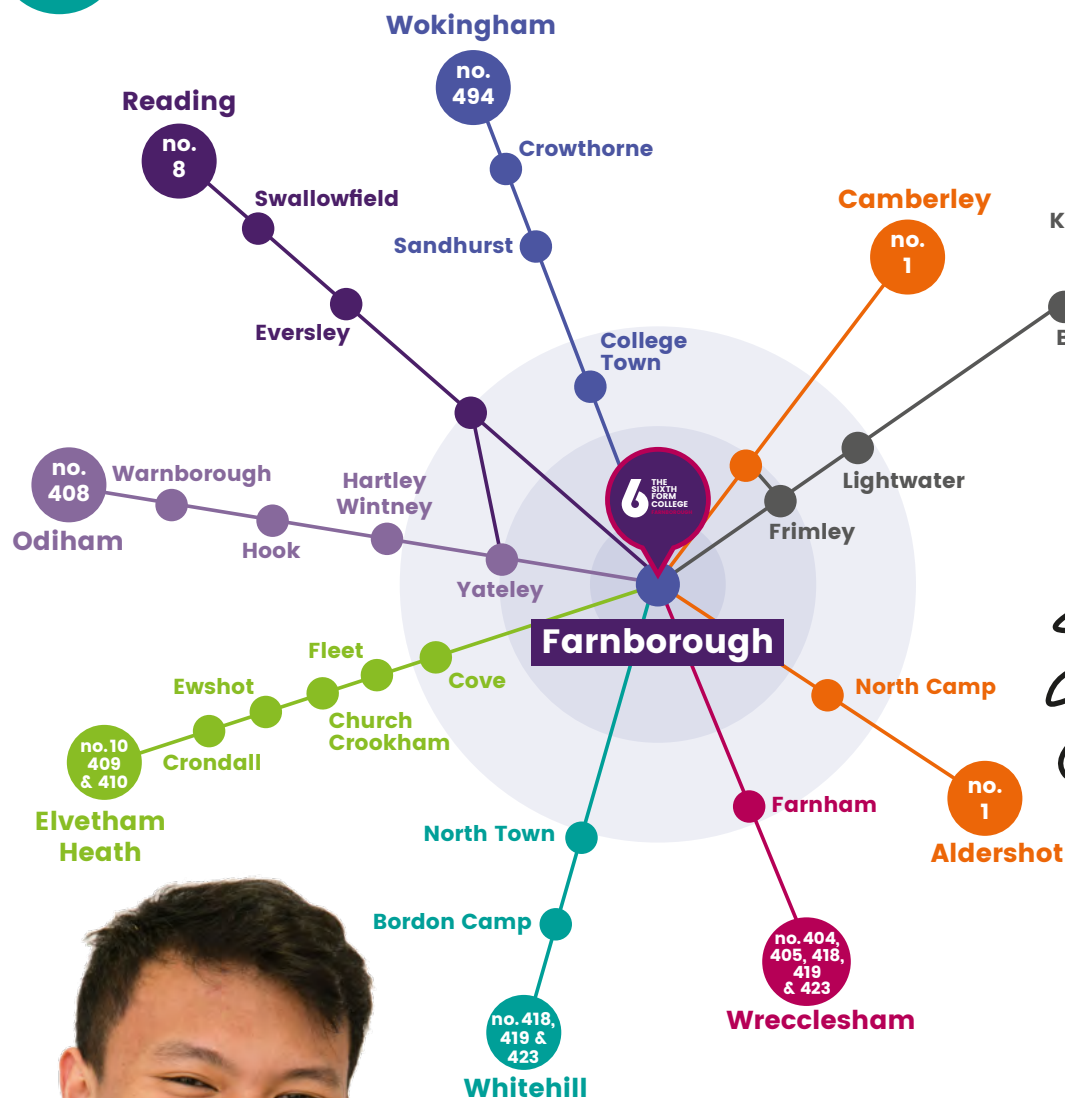


Getting here by train - There are three stations within easy walking distance of the College: Farnborough Main, Farnborough North and Frimley. Please see the map below for routes.

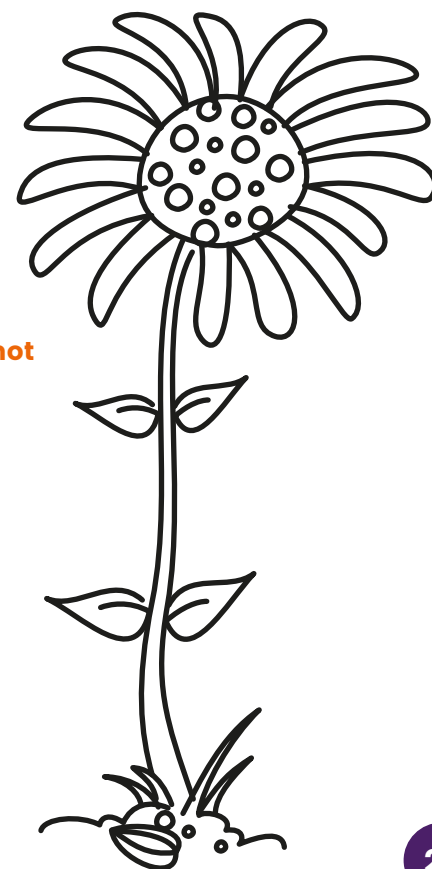




Getting here by bus – Stagecoach buses offer additional value as their tickets can be used outside College hours, including in the holidays. Please see the map below for all routes.



These routes are subject to change but are correct at time of printing.
For more detailed route information, please visit the Stagecoach website.



"The bus and trains are really flexible to make it easy for students to get to classes and social meet ups in good time."

GIL EMMANUEL LAMBINO (formerly of Collingwood College) studying physics, English literature and certificate in sport

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Attend our
Open Days
to discover
Farnborough...

18 and 19 October 2017

2

Submit your online
application.

Need help?
Email registry@farnborough.ac.uk
or call us on
01252 688200...



3

Great –
you're in the
system! Now
we request a
reference from
your school...

YOUR STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO JOINING THE COLLEGE

7

Need more advice?
It's okay because our
Information Evening
is another chance for you
to speak to teachers...

28 March 2018

8

Accepted your place?
Come along to your
Getting Ready Day
to experience what
it's like to be a student
at Farnborough...

28 and 29 June 2018

9

Your parent/guardian
will receive an invitation
to attend **Transition
Evening** to find out
about the support
we provide whilst
you're a student
with us...

2 to 5 July 2018

4

Once received, we'll arrange **your interview** and email you the date and time.

We look forward to meeting you...!

5 Interview day

Don't worry! It's a time to get to know you and talk about **future options**. If you need more advice, we might invite you for a second interview...

6



If we can **offer you** a place, we will send you and your parent/guardian a **confirmation email**. You have **14 days** to **accept or decline your place**...

10

Good luck with your exams! We'll send you an email in the summer holidays about how to **enrol** at College...

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Remember to **tell us your GCSE results online** once you have them...

GCSE Results
23 August 2018

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It's **Enrolment time**
Welcome!

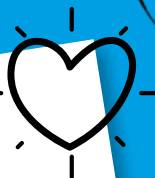
Enrolment
29, 30 and
31 August 2018



We use Twitter to share important messages with our students as well as celebrating their fantastic achievements.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

@Farnborough6th

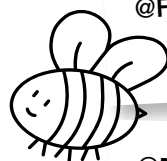


@Farnborough6th it's a place you can be yourself!!!! #IloveFarnborough ❤️❤️❤️

@Farnborough6th I ❤️ the freedom I get with my subjects 😊😊💖



@Farnborough6th #IloveFarnborough because I love the #buzz around campus 🐝🍯🌟



@Farnborough6th it has its very own Starbucks!!! #IloveFarnborough #coffee 😊😊😊☕

@Farnborough6th #ILOVEFARNBOROUGH the food is AMAZING 🍏🍰👨🍳🍔

@Farnborough6th #IloveFarnborough because it's #vibrant #varied #engaging #organised

Farnborough 6th
@Farnborough6th

Follow

Today is the first of our two #joinf6th2017 Getting Ready Days!! Great to see so many prospective students arriving this morning 😊 #welcome

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Students who have just taken their final exams with us - check your emails for your invitation to Results Day 2017! 😊 #results #resultsday



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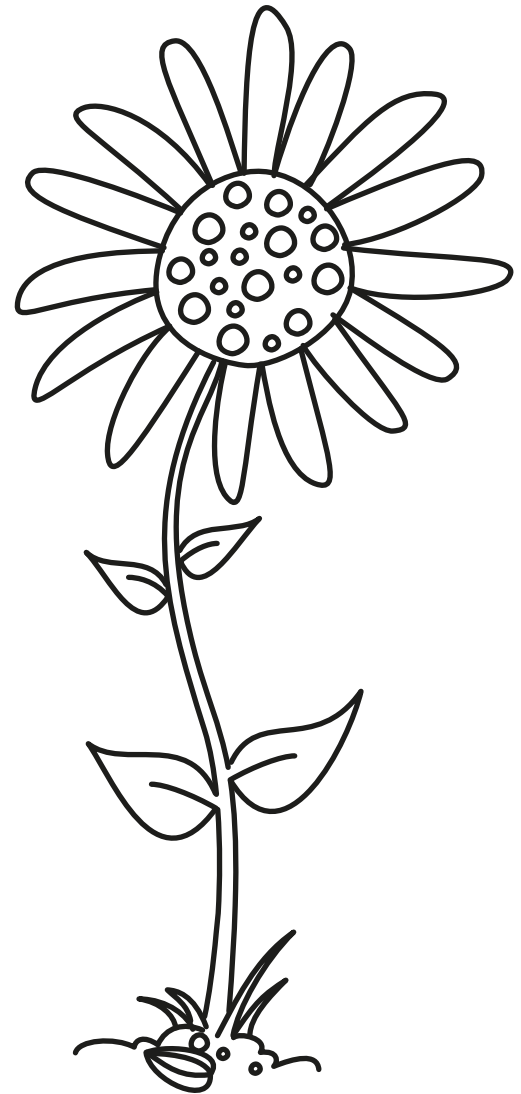
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ABDUL SAMAD WAHID (formerly of Kings International College)
studying computer science, maths and physics



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Open Days	18 and 19 October 2017
Applications open	20 October 2017
Information Evening	28 March 2018
Getting Ready Days	28 and 29 June 2018
Transition Evenings	2 to 5 July 2018
GCSE Results	23 August 2018
Enrolment	29, 30 and 31 August 2018



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JONATHAN SACKS

