



THE
SIXTH
FORM
COLLEGE
FARNBOROUGH

PROSPECTUS
2019



A fundamental objective of the College is to provide an education which prepares students for life in a rapidly changing 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 about the many opportunities available to you here.

This College is an exceptional place to study, offering you a trusted stepping stone between the world of school into employment, training, an apprenticeship or Higher Education: an important stage in the development of all young people. Many students have taken the step to join us and 97% of them would recommend this College to a friend.

The College has a reputation for being lively, caring, scholarly and purposeful. Students lead full lives and become engaged in a wide range of enrichment activities outside the classroom such as volunteering, sport and performing. Activities such as these encourage the development of a wide range of skills which will certainly help with your progression through College and beyond. They also help you make new friends.

We offer outstanding support while you are here including a specialist Personal Tutor, nursing provision and a dedicated counselling service. We also have an excellent careers service providing independent information, advice and guidance. We believe that these services will help you make the most of your time here.

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 17 or Thursday 18 October 2018 – we look forward to meeting you!

Catherine Cole
Principal

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WHY CHOOSE FARNBOROUGH?

Specialist

Individuals

We count in 1s
because every
student matters

Success! ...

✓ **100%**
pass rate at LEVEL 3
VOCATIONAL in 2017

99.2% pass rate
at A level in 2017

Facilities

A brilliant and
inspiring campus
with superb
facilities

Future

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

Ofsted
Outstanding

The judgement of
Ofsted inspectors

Choice

Choose from an extraordinary range of subjects,
studied in any combination to suit you

Diversity

Opportunities

Participate in a wide range of
activities outside of the classroom

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

Care

Expert care, advice
and guidance for
all our students

Excellence

A local College with a national
reputation for excellence:

28% of Oxbridge applicants
succeeded in 2017

64% of our 2017 leavers
progressed to HE (Higher
Education), and of those, **20%** to
Russell Group universities

OUR COURSES



ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES (LEVEL 3)

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

- French
- Geography
- German
- Graphic Design
- 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 (Digital) - vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Media (Digital) - vocational option (equivalent to two A levels)
- Media Studies
- Medical Science - applied option (equivalent to one A level)

- Music
- Music (Performance) - vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Music Technology
- Performing Arts - vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sport - vocational option (equivalent to one A level)
- Sport - vocational option (equivalent to two A levels)

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY (LEVEL 2)

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

GCSE OR EQUIVALENTS

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Functional Skills (English)
- International English Language Test System (IELTS)

"The College offers a variety of subjects suitable for all different skill sets so everyone can find a course for them."

NERIECE BRIDGEMAN (formerly of Ash Manor School) studying fine art, graphic design and history (medieval).

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 choosing your courses, it is important to understand your options. GCSE grades will give 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.



Full details of all 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. Assessment varies per course and can be either all coursework or a combination of coursework and examination.

Applied (Level 3)

These are equivalent to A level but are more vocationally oriented. Assessment is through examination.

EPQ

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

Meaningful Employer Engagement

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

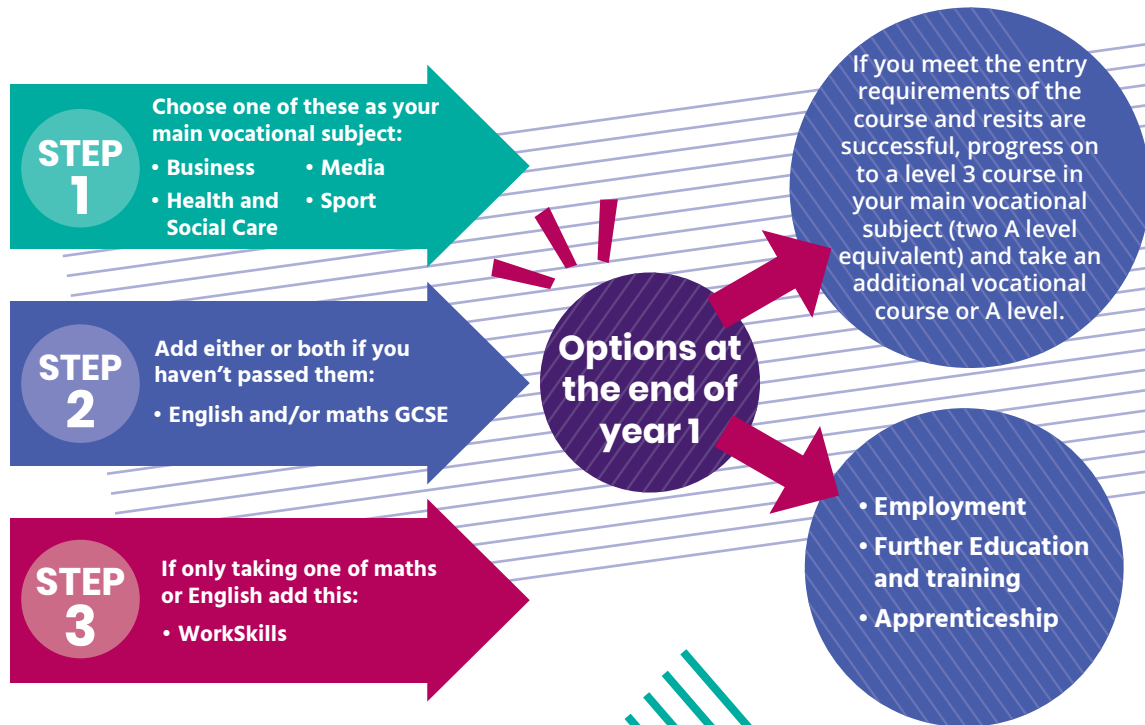
"The support at the College is phenomenal! All you need to do is contact your tutor and they will help you with all your queries."

SHIVANSH SHARMA (formerly of Collingwood College) studying economics, further maths, maths for further maths and physics.

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 relevant work placement. You will review your own performance regularly and the majority of assessment is through coursework, taking away the pressure of examinations. This pathway is valued for progression into further study, employment and apprenticeships.



CHLOÉ'S STORY

Chloé Streak (formerly of Ranelagh School) joined us in September 2017 on the vocational pathway programme and is studying the diploma in media, WorkSkills and the certificate in use of maths.

"I've really enjoyed this programme over the last year - I've learnt a whole range of different skills and abilities I never knew I was capable of! Media has helped me gain an insight into the world of production and how the media industry really works. After studying this course, it's made me want to continue on to the level 3 media course that the College offers, alongside A level sociology. After College, I am really passionate about going to university to study media - I really want to be a part of this industry!"



BUSTING COLLEGE MYTHS

THE MYTH: You have large class sizes.

THE TRUTH: Our class sizes are on average 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 only for 'academic' students.

THE TRUTH: We offer a wide range of courses including vocational subjects which are predominantly assessed through coursework and valued for further study, HE, apprenticeships and employment!

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.

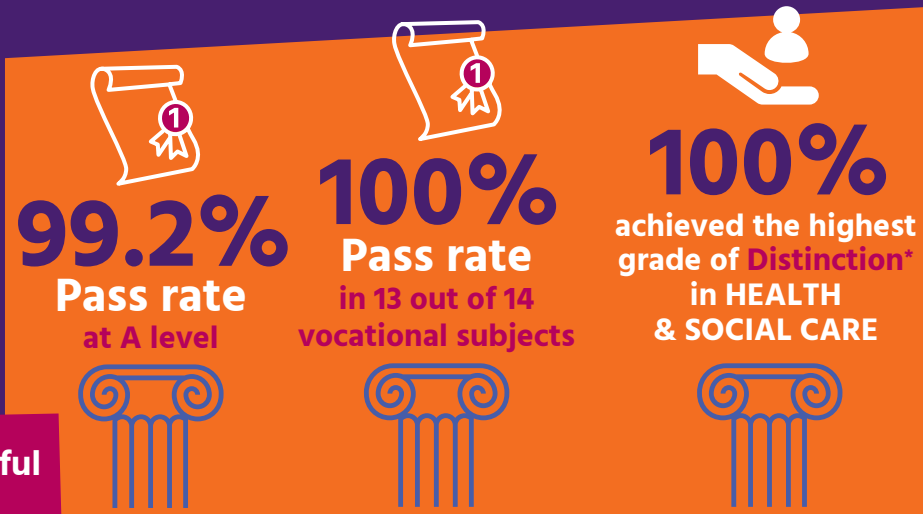
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OUR RESULTS

In 2017, our students achieved an astonishing pass rate of 99.2% at A level. Almost a third of these were awarded at either A* or A and nearly 85% of courses were graded at A* - C.

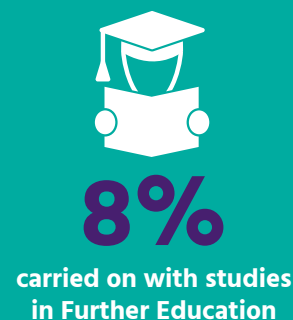
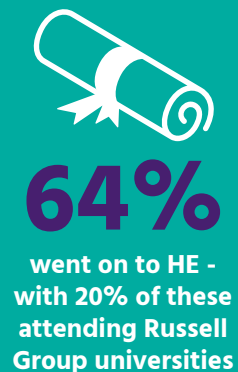
The picture of success is similar for the vocational courses we offer, with a pass rate of 100% in 13 out of 14 subjects. For the students taking our Introductory Diploma in Health and Social Care, a staggering 100% achieved the highest grade of Distinction*. At Level 2, students who resat GCSE maths with us made greater improvement on their grades than at any other college in Hampshire (with over 100 students) and this progress was the 5th highest nationally!

This made 2017 another successful year at the College!



After College ...

Our students move on to a variety of destinations and enjoy success in their careers.



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?

Whilst these figures are impressive, you need to take a deeper look to really understand how well all of the students who choose Farnborough do in their studies. Value Added (VA) is a measurement used to analyse a student's progress from their achievement at GCSE to their final grades. **Simply put, students who choose Farnborough for their A level studies achieve better results than those who attend any other colleges in Hampshire, Berkshire or Surrey.**



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 carefully selected to ensure that 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 is your rock during your time at Farnborough, listening, challenging and supporting you to achieve your very best.

Study Support

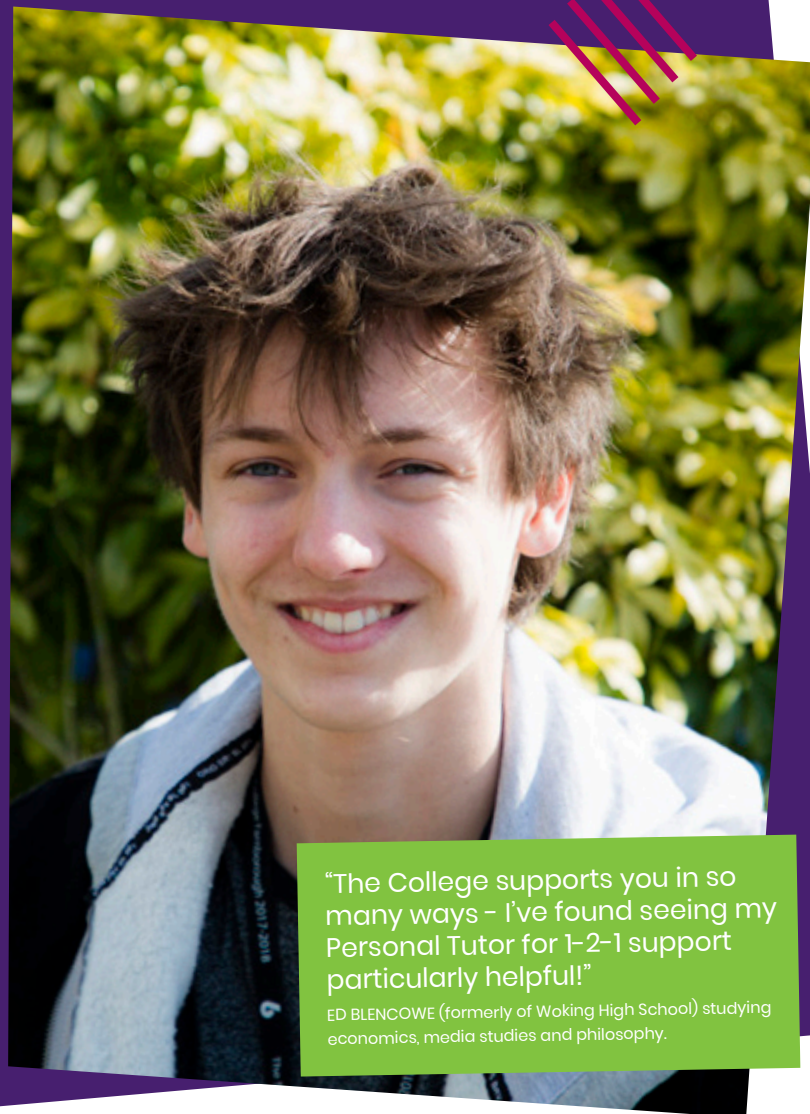
We are committed to responding flexibly and effectively to students with special educational needs whenever practicable. Our team will work with you to identify and address individual learning needs, arranging appropriate support sessions or technical support.

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. The College have been accredited with the AcSEED Award which recognises those who adopt best practices to support the emotional wellbeing of students. We are proud to be one of very few Sixth Form Colleges to have achieved this award.

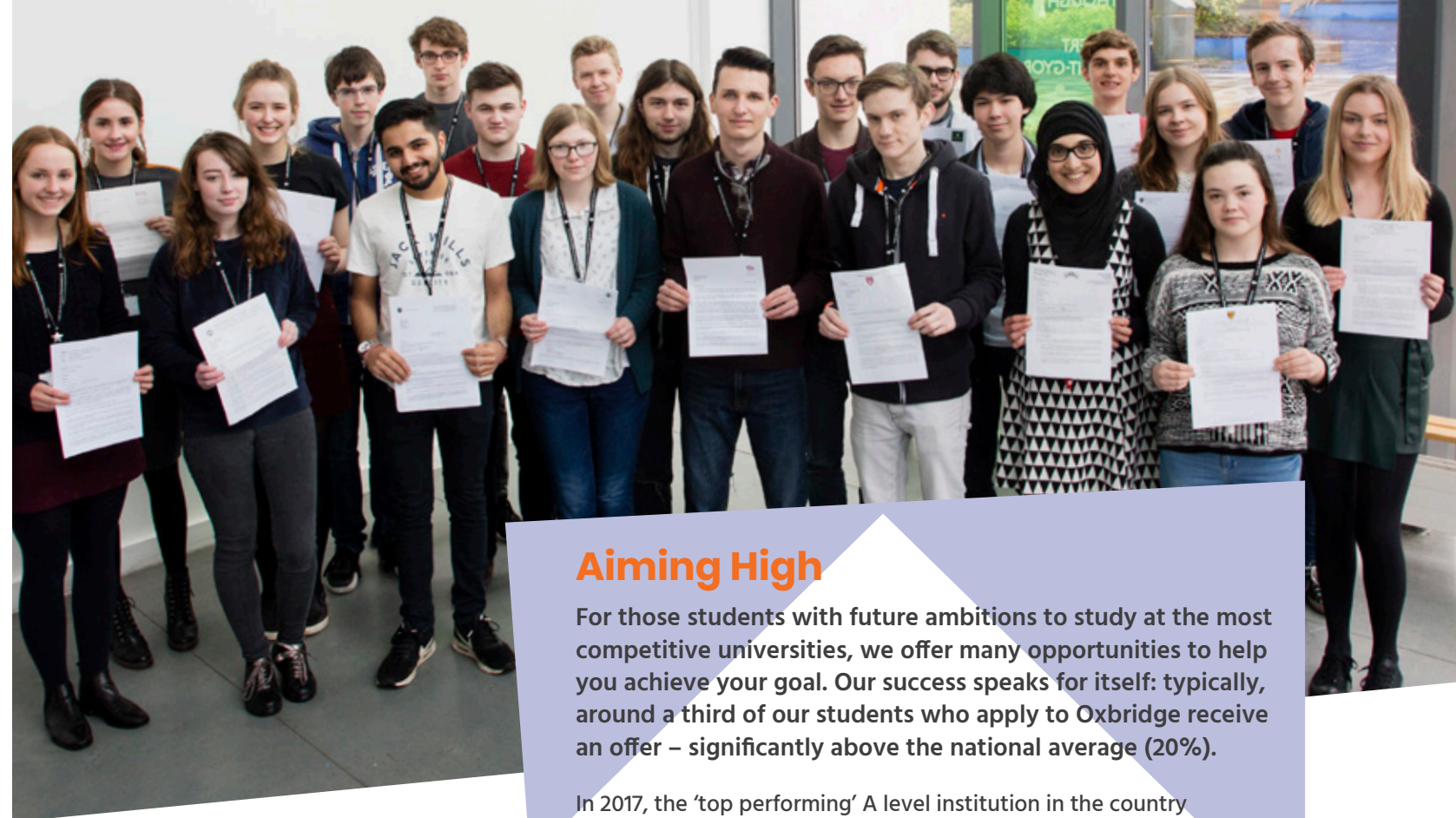
Financial Assistance

The Bursary Scheme and 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.



"The College supports you in so many ways - I've found seeing my Personal Tutor for 1-2-1 support particularly helpful!"

ED BLENCOWE (formerly of Woking High School) studying economics, media studies and philosophy.



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 2017, the 'top performing' A level institution in the country (according to The Times, 26 August 2017) had a total A level cohort of 157 students who achieved 98.6% A*-B grades in 3 or more A levels. By comparison, in the same year, our top 582 students all achieved A*-B grades. This is not 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

AcSEEDTM
Emotional Wellbeing in Schools and Colleges

BE WORK READY

Knowing and understanding all of the options for your next steps after College is immensely important. Whilst the majority of our students go on to HE, increasing numbers choose an apprenticeship or employment-based training following their studies – there are lots of options.

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 **Quality in Careers Standard**, a national award which recognises our commitment to provide impartial, independent careers education, information, advice and guidance.

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 hundreds of universities, employers, 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 resilience, 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 a requirement.

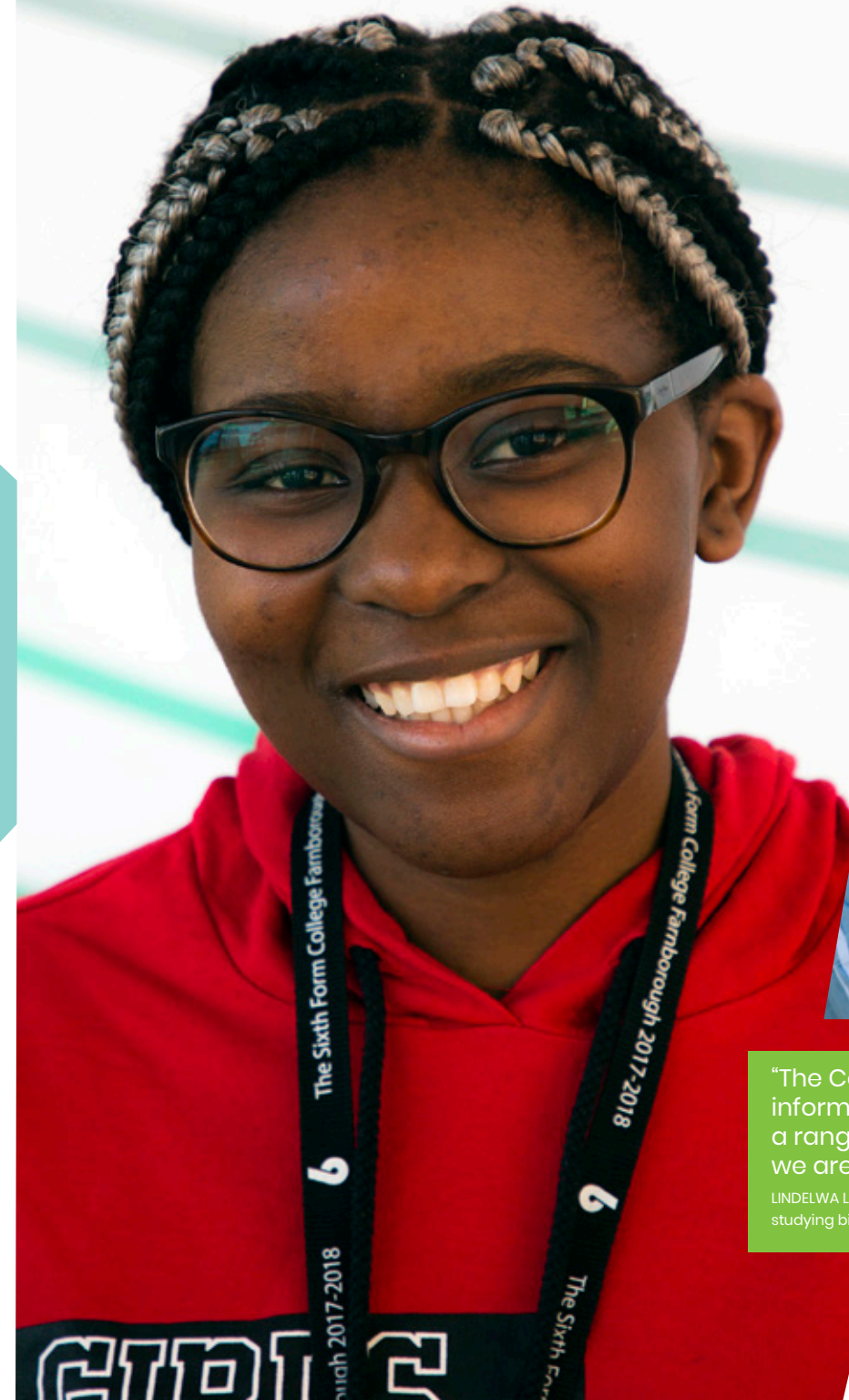


The Prospects Diploma

The Prospects Diploma is a compulsory, evidence-based programme, designed in collaboration with several employers, training providers and HE institutions. The programme raises awareness of employability and enables students to accurately evidence their personal skills and achievement profile ready for progression into the workplace, either directly or via university/further training.

Created in line with many of the compulsory elements of our Tutorial and Employability Programmes, the Award has received positive feedback from 95% of leavers, who felt that the College “had significantly contributed to their employability”.

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“The College offers careers information, 1-2-1’s, exhibitions and a range of activities to make sure we are clear about our future!”

LINDELWA LUKHELE (formerly of Farnham Heath End School) studying biology, geography and maths.

VOLUNTEERING



All students at Farnborough are encouraged to get actively involved in volunteering.

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.

“Making a difference in the world and contributing talents”



Number of hours our students volunteered in 2017/2018:

21,600

Proudly supporting youth social action

#iwill

Students volunteer regularly in...

- Schools & Colleges
- Health centres/charities
- Animal Trusts
- Hospitals
- College, as ambassadors
- Scouts/Guides/Beavers
- Nursing homes
- Homeless shelters
- Local Councils
- Community groups

and many more!

“I currently volunteer at the Ridgeway School in Farnham - it is such an enriching and invaluable experience working alongside teachers and supporting children with learning difficulties.”

ISOBEL TEAGUE (formerly of Weydon School) studying biology, further maths, geography and maths for further maths.

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 enhance your learning, gain new skills, add a dimension to your CV, make new friends and immerse yourself in College life.



You can discover and sign up for some of our activities at the 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 Societies. If we don't offer a particular club or society, why not start your own!

“In Chemistry Society, you get to do amazing experiments and learn exciting content! I'm also part of the Debating Society which has improved my verbal communication and critical thinking skills!”

ISKA CHONGBANG LIMBU (formerly of Fernhill School) studying biology, chemistry and maths.



TRIPS

AROUND THE WORLD

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

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 gives students the opportunity to apply for a Travel Scholarship.

Past scholarships have supported a fantastic and varied range of projects including:

- Building a **bio garden** in the **Peruvian Amazon**
- Teaching children in **Cambodia**
- Volunteering in hospitals in the **Dominican Republic**
- Teaching English to children in **Peru**

We work closely with Outlook Expeditions to offer exciting overseas trips to our students which have included Mongolia, Morocco and Romania.

Lion's Rock, Sigiriya - Central Sri Lanka

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
- New state-of-the-art fitness suite

The College competes in football, rugby, netball, hockey, badminton, basketball and cricket 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:

- Mixed Hockey Team winning the Association of Colleges' National Cup
- 17 of our students were victorious at the Association of Colleges' national sports finals as part of the South East team
- College men's football team reached the semi-finals of the English Schools' Football Association U18 National Cup

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

This is our second year dedicated theatre company. The company 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 speeches for a visiting examiner.

Production Drama/Musical Theatre Enrichment

These two 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 most renowned and versatile 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 mixing at the world-famous **Abbey Road Studios**.



In addition, students have opportunities to collaborate with world renowned artists, with past masterclasses and recitals being delivered by musicians such as Julian Lloyd Webber, Joanna MacGregor, Angela Hewitt and Alina Ibragimova. Future plans include tours to North America, Poland and France, a concerto competition at the Royal Academy of Music and Choral Evensong at Westminster Abbey.

The department boasts world-class facilities, including a purpose-built recording studio, **60 brand new iMac computers running Logic Pro X and NI Komplete 11**, **300 seat Theatre**, **recital room**, **4 grand pianos** (including a Bösendorfer), **12 fully-equipped practice rooms**, **3 bespoke contemporary music rehearsal spaces** and **20 MacBook Pro computers**.

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 unique within the sector.

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 indicate this when you complete your online College application form.



Music Scholarship



I  Farnborough



2018 HIGHLIGHTS



☆ Our fantastic Music Scholars



Student Association



Farnborough's Got Talent



Doughnut Day



Awards Evening



SixFest



Travel Scholars



Medical Mavericks



YOUR JOURNEY TO FARNBOROUGH

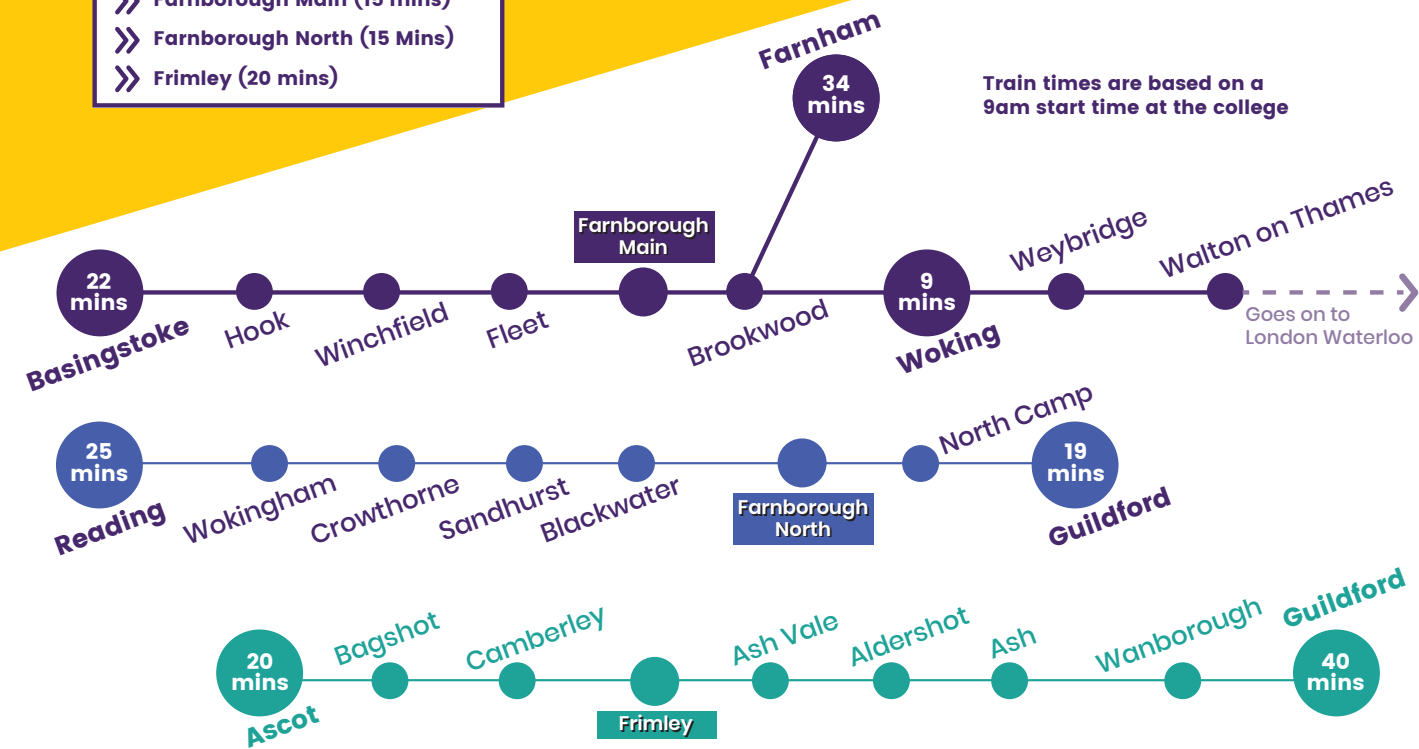
You will see from the maps on these pages that there are lots of easy ways to travel to College from wherever you live. Many students 'think green' and walk, cycle or use public transport to get here.

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.

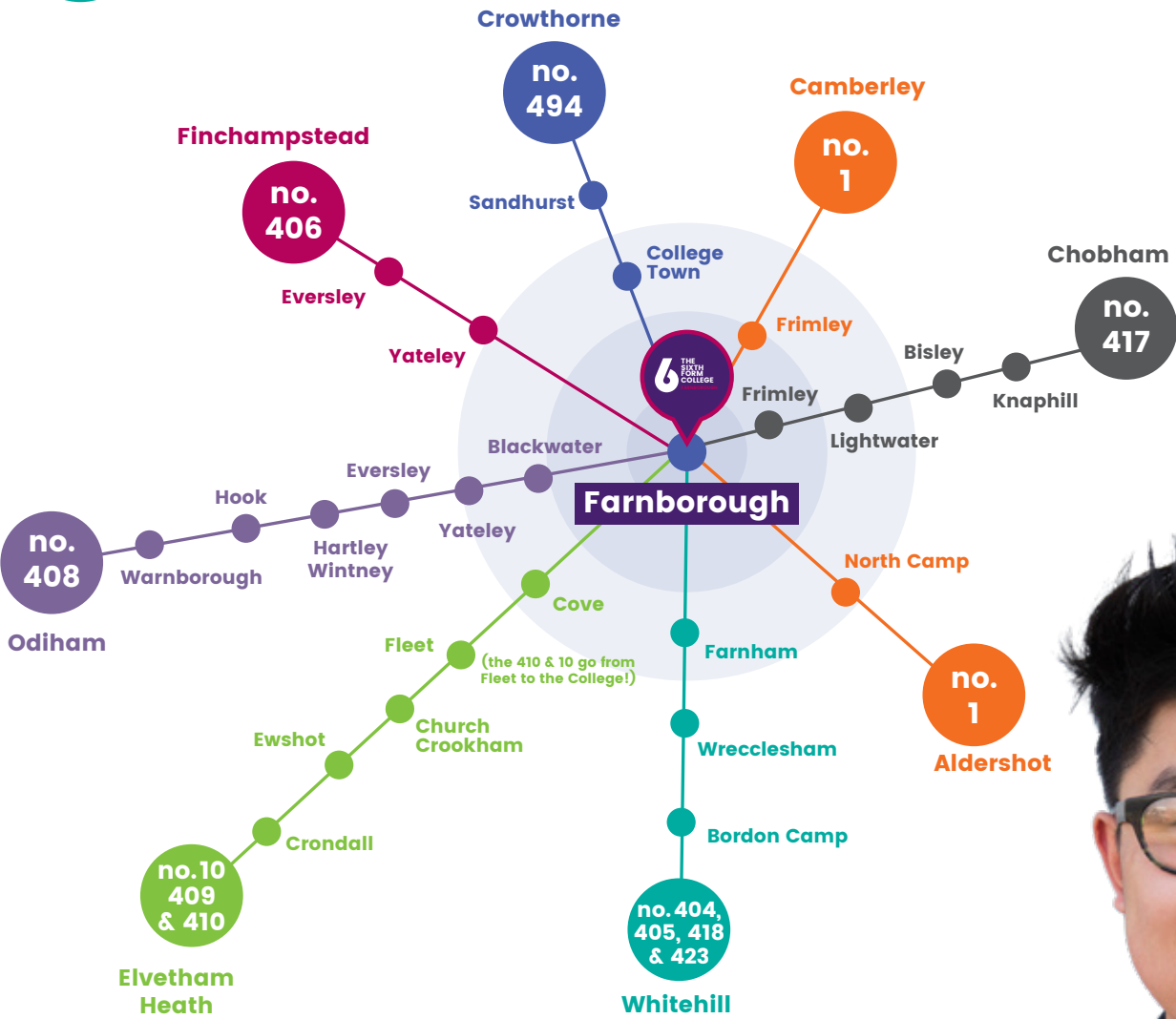


Getting here by train - There are three stations within easy walking distance of the College: Farnborough Main, Farnborough North and Frimley. Please see the map below for routes.

Walking times to College	
>>	Farnborough Main (15 mins)
>>	Farnborough North (15 Mins)
>>	Frimley (20 mins)



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.



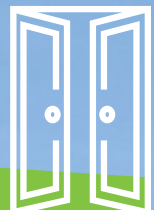
These routes are subject to change but are correct at time of printing.
For more detailed route information, please visit the Stagecoach website.

“Travelling to and from the College is so simple and there are a variety of ways to do so! I personally use the bus - many other students take the train or walk to College!”

PRASHANT GURUNG (formerly of All Hallows School)
studying graphic design, further maths, maths for further maths and physics.



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Attend our
Open Days
to discover
Farnborough...

17 and 18 October 2018

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Submit your online
application.

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



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

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...**

YOUR STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO JOINING THE COLLEGE

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

27 March 2019

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

27 and 28 June 2019

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...

1 to 4 July 2019

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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
22 August 2019

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**It's
Enrolment
time
Welcome!**

Enrolment
27 - 30 August
2019

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

FOLLOW US ON
TWITTER

@Farnborough6th



@Farnborough6th #IloveFarnborough because it's so diverse!!!! ❤️❤️❤️❤️

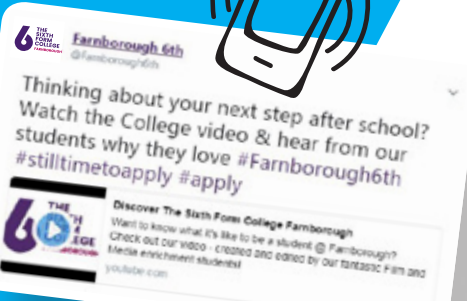
@Farnborough6th Everyone is SO friendly #IloveFarnborough 😊😊😊😊

@Farnborough6th #IloveFarnborough there are so many #opportunities and I ❤️ the #independence

@Farnborough6th THE FACILITIES ARE AMAZING #IloveFarnborough #BLOWN AWAY

@Farnborough6th #ILOVEFARNBOROUGH passionate teachers, great support and everyone cares about YOU! #countinginones

@Farnborough6th #IloveFarnborough because it's #happy #supportive #fun #friendly



You can also follow us on Instagram and check out our YouTube channel.



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FarnboroughSixth

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"The teaching at Farnborough is better than any I have ever experienced before. My teachers couldn't do more to help me achieve my goals. I've met so many new people and have made friendships that will last a lifetime!"
SAM STEELE (formerly of Bradfield College) studying business, law and politics.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Open Days	17 and 18 October 2018
Applications Open	19 October 2018
Information Evening	27 March 2019
Getting Ready Days	27 and 28 June 2019
Transitions Evenings	1 to 4 July 2019
GCSE Results	22 August 2019
Enrolment	27 to 30 August 2019



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