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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 school into employment, training, an apprenticeship or Higher Education (HE): an important stage in the development of all young people. Many students have taken the step to join us and **96%** of them would recommend this College to a potential future applicant.

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 and develop as individuals.

Come and see for yourself at one of our Open Days on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 October 2019 - we look forward to meeting you!

**Catherine Cole**  
Principal



# A DAY IN THE LIFE

## A TYPICAL FARNBOROUGH STUDENT WILL. . .



### WAKE UP

**7:00AM** \*BEEP-BEEP-BEEP\* It's Monday - time to get ready for college! I normally grab breakfast at home and then head to the bus stop, which is just a 10 minute walk from my house. The Number 1 bus takes 20 minutes from where I live in Camberley, so just enough time to put my headphones on and listen to some music.



### FRIENDS

**8:45AM** My friends and I usually meet in the Quad for a catch up before heading to our lessons.



### FIRST LESSON

**9:00AM** My first lesson is A level media studies. Today we're put into groups and asked to carry out some analysis of the type of language that is used in different forms of media.



### STARBUCKS

**10:30AM** After my first lesson, I need to refuel so head to the Starbucks on campus (I always order a Caramel Macchiato!).



### STUDY PERIOD

**10:45AM** I have a Study Period which means I don't have a timetabled lesson. This gives me a chance to get some coursework done. I go over to the Lower Bagnall Learning Resource Centre, log on to a computer and do about 45 minutes of work. My friend texts me and asks if I'm free... so we head outside, sit on the grass and enjoy the sunshine!



### LUNCH TIME

**12:15PM** Yay, food! Me and my friends arranged to meet in Shades and I get myself a freshly toasted sub roll. We sit at our favourite table and catch up about our weekends. I then head over to my enrichment group, the Equality and Diversity Society, which is run by one of my friends.



### PROSPECTS

**1:00PM** It's time for my Prospects session in the new Lecture Theatre. This week we're focusing on our internet footprint and how potential employers could perceive me based on the content of my social media accounts.



### TRIP

**2:30PM** I hand in my permission slip for the upcoming visit to BMW Group UK, where we will have an 'access all areas' tour of their headquarters in Farnborough. This trip is really going to help with my A level business coursework.



### FINAL LESSON

**2:40PM** My last lesson of the day is BTEC performing arts. We're rehearsing our latest piece in the Prospect Theatre today in front of our teacher, so we get into costume and practise our stage makeup. After we've performed, the teacher lets us know what went well and what we need to improve on.



### HOME TIME

**4:10PM** I head for the bus stop just outside of the College and make my way home after a busy day.



### HOMEWORK

**4:45PM** The sunshine was too nice earlier to stay inside so now I need to finish off the coursework I started earlier in the day.



### DINNER TIME



### CONSOLIDATION

**7:00PM** I write up the feedback that I got in my performing arts lesson today and think about the ways to improve on my performance.



### CHILL OUT TIME

**8:00PM** After a busy day, I spend my evening relaxing and unwinding, ready for a good night's sleep!



"The College has such a fantastic variety of subjects on offer. Whatever your strengths, there is a course to suit you."

ROBERT LEEMANS  
(formerly of Tomlinscote School)  
studying biology, business and geography.

# 2020 COURSES

## ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES (LEVEL 3)

- **Accounting**
- **Biology**
- **Business**
- **Business**  
- single vocational option
- **Business**  
- double vocational option
- **Chemistry**
- **Computer Science**
- **Criminology**  
- single vocational option
- **Drama and Theatre Studies**
- **Economics**
- **English Language**
- **English Language and Literature**
- **English Literature**
- **Extended Project Qualification**  
(for second year students)
- **Fashion Textiles**
- **Film Studies**
- **Financial Studies**  
- single vocational option
- **Fine Art**
- **French**
- **Geography**
- **German**
- **Graphic Design**
- **Health and Social Care**  
- single vocational option
- **History - Medieval and Early Modern**
- **History - Modern**
- **Information Technology**  
- single vocational option
- **Law**
- **Law**  
- single vocational option
- **Mathematics**
- **Mathematics and Further Mathematics**
- **Media (Digital)**  
- single vocational option
- **Media (Digital)**  
- double vocational option
- **Media Studies**
- **Medical Science**  
- single vocational option
- **Music**
- **Music (Performance)**  
- single vocational option
- **Music Technology**
- **Performing Arts**  
- single vocational option
- **Philosophy**
- **Photography**
- **Physical Education**
- **Physics**
- **Politics**
- **Psychology**
- **Sociology**
- **Spanish**
- **Sport**  
- single vocational option
- **Sport**  
- double vocational option

## VOCATIONAL PATHWAY (LEVEL 2)

- **Business and Finance**
- **Health and Social Care**
- **Media**

## GCSE OR EQUIVALENTS

- **English Language**
- **Functional Skills (English/mathematics)**
- **Mathematics**
- **International English Language Test System (IELTS)**
- **WorkSkills**

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.

Single vocational option = equivalent to one A level Double vocational option = equivalent to two A levels



# CHOOSING YOUR COURSES

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 level of future study. Your Personal Tutor will give advice at interview and again at enrolment once you know your GCSE results.

You will see from the 'Courses' pages on the College website that subjects have different entry requirements, which are set to give you the best chance of success.

All students are required to have GCSE English language and maths with at least a grade 4. If you do not achieve these grades, you can resit the exams at Farnborough.

Firstly, an explanation about what the options for study are:

### LEVEL 2 COURSES

These are courses for those students who need to resit GCSE English language and/or maths. See more information about the 'Vocational Pathway' which is equivalent to Key Stage 4.

### LEVEL 3 COURSES?

These are courses, both vocational and A level, which are equivalent to Key Stage 5. In order to access these courses, you must have at least a grade 4 in English language and maths as well as other required grades which are detailed on our website.

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

**Vocational** These are qualifications that are equivalent to A levels but are more vocationally oriented. Assessment varies by course and can either be all coursework or a combination of coursework and examination.

A levels and vocational courses are not mutually exclusive and can be studied together. For example, you may choose to study health and social care, medical science and psychology.

### EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

Stand out from the crowd - the EPQ is an independent research qualification, valued by universities and equivalent to half an A level. This is started in the summer term of your first year. You will be given more information about this closer to the time.

### YOUR PROGRAMME OF STUDY

In addition to your chosen courses, your timetable will also include Tutorial and Prospects Diploma sessions, as well as any enrichment groups you participate in.

# YOUR STUDIES

## YOUR PREDICTED / ACHIEVED GCSE GRADES

## YOUR OPTIONS

Grades 2 to 4, with a grade 2 or 3 in English language and maths



Study a level 2 course as part of the Vocational Pathway  
  
You will also need to retake both GCSE English language and/or maths

Grades 4 to 6 with grade 4 or above in English language and maths



Study three level 3 courses in any combination over two years  
  
In your second year, you also have the option of taking the EPQ

Grades 7 to 9 including English language and maths



Study three level 3 courses in any combination over two years  
  
You may choose to add A level further maths as a fourth subject  
  
In your second year, you also have the option of taking the EPQ  
  
You will be eligible to participate in our Oxbridge programme

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

"Farnborough has such a fantastic atmosphere! There are so many people from so many different backgrounds which makes for really interesting class discussions."

RENZO BONGANAY  
(formerly of All Hallows Catholic School)  
studying economics, law and politics.



# VOCATIONAL PATHWAY



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

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 exams. This pathway is valued for progression into further study, employment and apprenticeships.

## STEP 1

Choose one of these as your main vocational subject:

- Business and Finance
- Media
- Health & Social Care

## STEP 2

Add either or both if you haven't passed them:

- GCSE English language
- GCSE maths

## STEP 3

If only taking either maths or English language, add this:

- WorkSkills

## PROGRESSION AT THE END OF YEAR 1

In order to progress onto level 3 courses at Farnborough, you will need to achieve the following:

- Grade 4 in English language and/or maths
- Distinction\* in your main vocational subject
- Meet the entry requirements of your chosen courses
- Excellent attendance, a positive attitude to learning and have completed all required work

Other options for progression include:

- Employment
- Further Education
- Training
- Apprenticeship

**Agneta Bawa (formerly of Notre Dame Girls Senior High School) joined the College in September 2018, having only recently moved to the UK. Agneta had not previously studied GCSEs so was enrolled on the vocational pathway programme. During her first year, Agneta studied GCSE English, GCSE maths and health and social care, and plans to take her A levels at Farnborough over the next two years.**

"Being on the vocational pathway has been a great experience! My tutors have been so helpful and supportive throughout this year and have encouraged me to keep going. Once I've completed this year, I would like to go on to study A level chemistry, biology and maths, with plans to go on to university to pursue medicine. I am on the right track to achieve my goals in life thanks to the vocational pathway!"

# FAQS

**QUESTION:** Do you have large class sizes?

**ANSWER:** Our class sizes are on average between 18 and 19, ideal for study at this level.

**QUESTION:** Is the College too big for me?

**ANSWER:** It's true that this is a big college. HOWEVER you will be part of a small 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. With a big college, you benefit from a greater range of subjects and subject combinations, more facilities and teachers who specialise in 16-to-19 years education.

**QUESTION:** Will I know anybody?

**ANSWER:** 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.

**QUESTION:** Is Farnborough only for 'academic' students?

**ANSWER:** 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!

**QUESTION:** Does Farnborough have high entry requirements?

**ANSWER:** 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: [www.farnborough.ac.uk](http://www.farnborough.ac.uk)

"There is such a wide variety of courses here at Farnborough, each one taught by staff who are engaging and supportive!"

**MAX THOMAS**  
(formerly of Fernhill School) studying drama and theatre, performing arts and music (performance).





# OUR RESULTS

## 2018 - ANOTHER BRILLIANT YEAR

Our students achieved an astonishing pass rate of 99.1% at A level. Almost a third of these were awarded at either A\* or A and 82.3% of courses were graded at A\* to C.

The picture of success is similar for the vocational courses we offer. In 2018, 96.6% of students on vocational courses were awarded the top grades of Distinction/Distinction\* - an amazing achievement.

For the students taking our Introductory Diploma in health and social care, a staggering 67 out of 70 students achieved the highest grade of Distinction\*. Our Certificate in music (performance) students also achieved fantastic results, with 19 out of 22 gaining a Distinction\*.

Students who have to retake GCSE English language and maths also achieve exceptional results with us. The progress score, which compares our students' results to the actual achievements of other students with similar prior results, shows that students achieve far better results at Farnborough than they would have done at an average institution.

Our scores of 0.60 in English and 0.84 in maths mean nearly half of our GCSE English students achieve a grade higher with us, and in GCSE maths almost all of our students gain a full grade higher!

### A STEPPING STONE

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

- 68.3%** Went on to HE with **33.7%** attending Russell Group universities
- 3.2%** Carried on with studies in Further Education (FE)
- 13.7%** Entered paid employment
- 1.9%** Took up an apprenticeship or traineeship

### DEGREE CLASSIFICATION

The education landscape is changing and it is clear that HE is far from being the only option available to you. However, HE is still the most popular choice and more of our students achieve first/upper second class degrees than those students who attended all other types of schools (state or privately funded) and other sixth form colleges.

#### Percentage of students achieving a first/upper second class degree by sector

- 88.7%** The Sixth Form College Farnborough
- 87.2%** Independent sector
- 79.9%** Sixth Form College sector
- 78.2%** State sector

For those Farnborough students who went on to Russell Group universities, a staggering 93.6% of them achieved a first/upper second class degree!

### 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.

#### Top Universities based on the number of students in 2018.

Portsmouth	Swansea	Coventry
Bournemouth	Bristol	Manchester
Southampton	Leeds	Hertfordshire
Winchester	Birmingham	Loughborough
Surrey	Reading	Brighton
Exeter	Warwick	Oxford
Nottingham	Royal Holloway	Cambridge
Cardiff	Bath	Nottingham Trent
Sussex	Oxford Brookes	Kingston
Solent (Southampton)	Kent	Plymouth

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.







"One thing that has stood out to me about Farnborough is that the teachers are so willing to show me how to improve my work. They are very supportive and have been a tremendous help to me."

**SOPHIA OPAEYE**  
(formerly of Kings International College)  
studying health and social care,  
medical science and psychology.

# WE ADD VALUE

Whilst our results 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

Value Added (VA) is a measurement used to analyse a student's progress from their achievement at GCSE to their final grades.

The VA figures show that 1017 out of 4421 A levels were graded one grade higher when taken at the College than if they had been taken at a college or school sixth form achieving the national average. For vocational qualifications, this figure is 91 out of 378.

Another way of looking at this is to say that students in average colleges who are working at the top of a grade would have achieved the next grade higher at Farnborough - for example, a student in another college working at a B+, would have achieved an A if they had come to us.



For vocational subjects, this would mean a student in another college working at a high Distinction\* would have achieved a Distinction\* if they had studied at Farnborough.

Simply put, students who choose Farnborough for their studies achieve better results than those who attend any other colleges in Hampshire, Berkshire or Surrey.

Compared with schools and colleges across the country, our A level students achieved results that put them in the top 10% and our vocational students achieved results that put them in the top 1% - an outstanding achievement!

## TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The mission of the College is to be a distinguished provider of the highest quality education and we commit to this by ensuring we employ the best teachers, whose passion is to improve students' achievements. Staff go above and beyond to support students throughout their time here and this is reflected in the results and positive feedback we receive in student surveys. A number of teachers have been nominated by former students for the University of Oxford's Inspirational Teachers Award.

Staff often contribute to academic journals and articles, and have published books relating to their fields of expertise. Many of our teaching staff are also examiners, meaning they are experts in exam technique. They also have a deeper understanding of the standards required for assessments, with many contributing to and writing exam board books.

Teachers from across the College are asked to speak at prestigious local, national and international events about their subject specialism and the teaching methods they implement in their classroom.

Staff are dynamic in their approach to learning, keen to try new teaching methods and share good practice to find the best approach for their students. Teachers involve students in their learning so they leave here with the skills required to flourish in this ever-changing world. This goes beyond subject specific skills: we want our young people to be motivated, resilient, reflective, independent, and fully prepared for their next steps after college, whether it's higher or further education, training or employment.





# SUPPORT FOR YOU

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

## FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

The transition from school to college can be daunting, but don't worry! There are several opportunities for prospective students to visit the College and familiarise themselves with life at Farnborough. Even during your first term at College, there are lots of events and in-class activities to make the step from school to college as easy as possible. Parents/guardians are also invited to Transition Evening where they can find out about all the support available to students.

## 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.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

You may be entitled to receive financial support for transport, meals and learning costs. Detailed information can be found on our website or by calling the Student Services team on 01252 688317.

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We understand how important it is that our students have access to support for their physical and mental health. The College has nurses who can help with any health issues, and our Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator can give advice and guidance on medical, emotional and welfare needs.



"The support available at the College is outstanding! From teachers to Personal Tutors, if you are struggling or worried, there is always someone who can help you."

**RUPESH TIWARI**  
(formerly of Ash Manor School)  
studying accounting, economics,  
further maths and maths.

## 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 has 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.

**AcSEED™**  
Emotional Wellbeing in Schools and Colleges



# STRETCH & CHALLENGE

Regardless of ability, all learners are actively encouraged to take advantage of opportunities which extend and deepen their subject expertise and, where appropriate, go beyond the limit of the subject specifications.

In lessons, teachers highlight which activities are designed to stretch and challenge students, so that those who feel able to can take on those tasks. Outside of the classroom, students are invited to attend talks and workshops, complete extension activities and conduct research to inspire their learning and challenge their thinking.

## EXAMPLES:

**Want to stretch and challenge yourself in psychology?**  
Take part in the College's annual Psychology Week.

**Want to stretch and challenge yourself in fine art?**  
Get involved in one of the many art competitions.

**Want to stretch and challenge yourself in maths?**  
Attend a talk from an external speaker about maths beyond A level.

Visit our website, [www.farnborough.ac.uk](http://www.farnborough.ac.uk), to find out more about the numerous opportunities subject areas offer to stretch and challenge students.



"As someone who wants to go to university, I know that I will be supported every step of the way by the College."

**RUTH LUCAS**  
(formerly of St Crispin's School) studying  
English literature, French and politics.

## AIMING HIGH

For those students with 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 quarter of our students who apply to Oxbridge receive an offer – significantly above the national average (20%).

The range of activities and support available to you include:

- **Expert Tutor support throughout the UCAS process**
- **Preparation for applications and admissions tests**
- **Staff who specialise in specific subject applications**
- **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**

In 2018, the 'top-performing' A level institution in the country (according to The Telegraph, 15 April 2019) had a total A level cohort of 142 students who achieved 88.5% A\* to A grades in their A levels. By comparison, in the same year, our top 195 A level students achieved all A\* to A 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.



# NEXT STEPS

## ADVICE, CAREERS AND WORK SKILLS

Knowing and understanding all of the options for your next steps after College is immensely important. Whilst the vast 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.

We have a professional, award-winning team, **'Prospects'**, who are here to help you make informed choices about your future. This team has been awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard, which recognises our commitment to provide impartial, independent careers education, information, advice and guidance.

### CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

The first step to making decisions about what you will do after College is to gain a better understanding of the options available to you. Whilst the Tutorial and Prospects Diploma programmes address all of the options, students are encouraged to book a 1-to-1 appointment with one of our professional careers advisors.

We hold two major careers events at the 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.

In order to broaden our students' knowledge base, whilst giving them a taste of university lectures, we have developed the **Farnborough Ideas Expo**; a series of masterclasses

delivered by university academics who are leading researchers in their fields.

Throughout the year, expert speakers from a wide variety of subject areas and industries are also invited into College to share information about the different progression pathways in their field.

### ESSENTIAL WORKPLACE SKILLS

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 has links to both local, national and international employers across a range of sectors and can help you identify relevant placement or volunteering possibilities. Having this experience really will give you the edge, and for some of our courses, work experience is a requirement.

### THE PROSPECTS DIPLOMA

It is clear that employability skills are an essential part of the toolkit you will need whatever you choose to do in the future. At Farnborough, all students complete the **Prospects Diploma** which helps them to collate and evidence their own workplace experience and skills. In completing the Diploma, students build a 'professional profile' which they can use to put together a CV and take with them when they leave College.

The Diploma, which is compulsory, forms an essential part of the Tutorial programme and was designed in collaboration with employers, training providers and HE institutions to ensure that it meets the needs of future employers and education establishments. We have received positive feedback from our leavers, who felt they had made significant progress with their employability skills.



"The Prospects Team help students to explore their career options and ensure that we are doing the things we need to do to stand out from the crowd. I recently attended a talk that focused on the possible routes to a career in medicine – it was very informative and interactive!"

Adam Azib  
(formerly of Garth Hill College)  
studying biology, chemistry and maths.

## 92% of recent leavers

... felt in a good position to take the next step in their career



# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Whether your passion is performing, the DofE Award, creative writing or film making, 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 these 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 what is on offer.

A diverse range of clubs and societies are run by students for students including the eSports Society, Medical Society, Gender Sexuality Association and the Environmental and Fairtrade Society.

If we don't offer a particular club or society, why not start your own!



"Chemistry Society has really sparked my interest in the subject and I love the experiments we get to do. I am also part of Engineering Society where I have made new friends and learnt lots of skills including problem solving and teamwork."

**AISHWARYA ANAND**  
(formerly of St Nicholas' School)  
studying chemistry, maths and physics.

# 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 or those who have made applications to Oxbridge. We have a dedicated volunteer coordinator who can advise you on all of the options available.

Proudly supporting  
youth social action



A fantastic source of volunteering opportunities.

Students volunteer regularly in...

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

...and many more!

## 30,475

The number of  
hours our students  
volunteered in  
2018/2019.

"I volunteer at Frimley Park Hospital where I assist with hydrotherapy sessions. This role has allowed me to have an insight into the role of a physiotherapist, which is what I aspire to be in the future."

**ABBIE MARSH**  
(formerly of Alderwood School) studying biology,  
geography and physical education.





# TRIPS

This year, trips to support the curriculum have seen students travelling to a variety of destinations, including Iceland, New York, Oberursel, Paris, Poland, Sicily and Valencia.

We work closely with Outlook Expeditions to offer exciting overseas trips to students: these have included Costa Rica, Mongolia and Morocco. There is also a chance for students to visit our partner school, The Presbyterian Secondary Technical School, in Aburi, Ghana.

The College 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:

- **Volunteering with an elephant conservation project in Sri Lanka**
- **Teaching English to children in India**
- **Volunteering in an orphanage in Peru**
- **Building a bio garden in the Amazon rainforest**



# SPORT

**There are 15 sports teams that play weekly in the winter terms**

**Over 300 students represent the College on a weekly basis in the Hampshire leagues**

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**
- **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.

Training is added to a student's timetable and teams are coached by experts to ensure each player has the opportunity to reach their full sporting potential. Students compete against top teams from across the country and achieve much success. We've even had former students who have gone on to compete at the Olympics!

**Highlights from the last year include:**

- **Men's hockey team** reaching the finals of the Association of Colleges' National Cup and the **mixed hockey team** made it to the semi-finals.
- **20 of our students representing** in golf, badminton, cross country, tennis and basketball at the Association of Colleges' National Sports finals as part of the **South East team**. Every student medalled in their sport, with our **women's basketball team** winning overall!
- **Men's football team** getting to the semi-finals of the English Schools' Football Association U18 National Cup.
- **Men's swimming team** made it to the Relay National Finals in both freestyle and medley.

We also support the many students who compete 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 the second year dedicated theatre company. The company visit local schools, take part in workshops, see shows and perform in the Prospect Theatre.

## LAMDA SHORT COURSES

Undertake nationally recognised LAMDA qualifications in acting and musical theatre - students prepare audition speeches/songs for a visiting examiner.

## PRODUCTION DRAMA/ MUSICAL THEATRE ENRICHMENT

These two unique groups come together for an annual Christmas production and continue 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

Our music department is one of the most renowned and versatile in the country, providing outstanding musical tuition.

Many concerts are organised each year, from grand choral projects to intimate recitals. Students have performed in some of Europe's foremost venues, including Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's 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, we offer opportunities to collaborate with world renowned artists, with past masterclasses and recitals being delivered by musicians such as Jess Gillam and Julian Lloyd Webber.

The department boasts world-class facilities including a purpose-built recording studio, 60 new iMac computers running Logic Pro X and NI Komplete 11, 2 mixing suites, a band performance room, a 300 seat theatre, a recital room, 4 grand pianos (including a Bösendorfer), 12 fully-equipped practice rooms, 3 bespoke contemporary music rehearsal spaces and 20 MacBook Pro computers.





# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



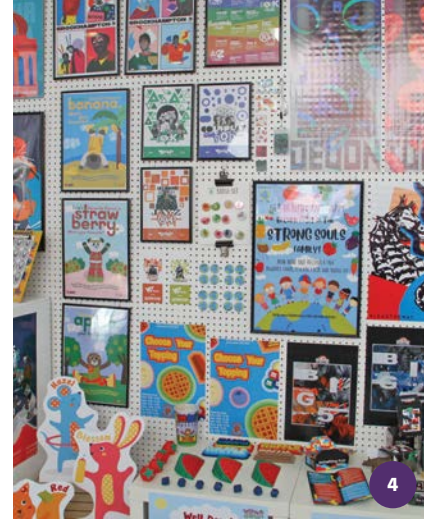
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- 1 Chamber Choir at Westminster Abbey
- 2 Our annual music festival, 'SixFest'
- 3 The Student Association 2019/20
- 4 Summer Art Exhibition
- 5 The Rising Star Awards
- 6 Freshers' Week
- 7 Pink Day
- 8 F6 Productions at work
- 9 Donut Day
- 10 The new Simon Jarvis Lecture Theatre
- 11 Zonta Awards
- 12 EPQ project work
- 13 RAG Week



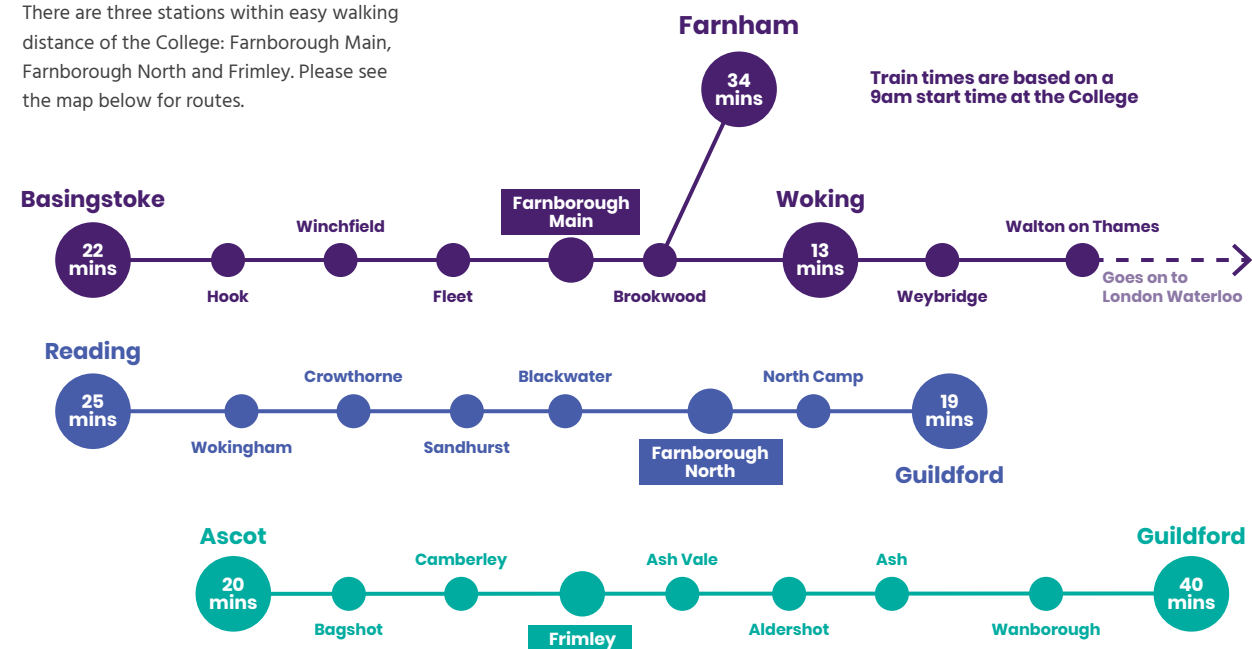


# YOUR JOURNEY

You will see from the maps on these pages that there are lots of ways to travel to the College from wherever you live. Many students 'think green' and walk, cycle or use public transport to get here. For the most up to date transport information, please visit our website, [www.farnborough.ac.uk](http://www.farnborough.ac.uk)

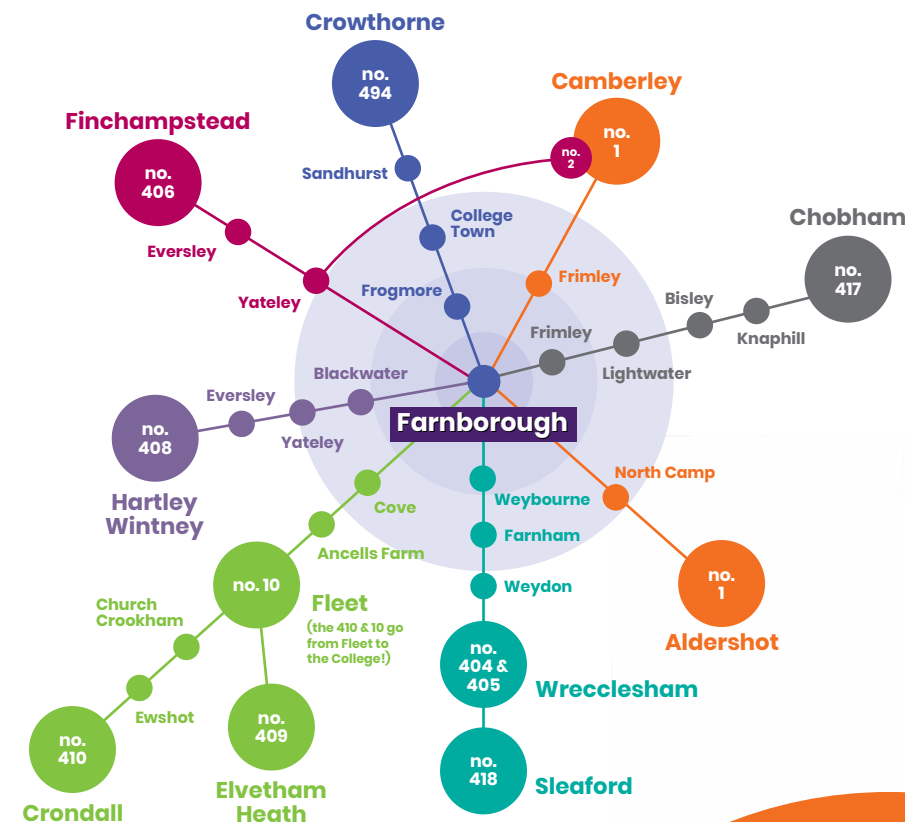
## BY TRAIN

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 Main 20 mins



## BY BUS

Stagecoach buses offer additional value as their tickets can be used outside College hours, including in the holidays. Please see the map above 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 service is fantastic and allows me and other students to get to and from the College with ease! With regular buses all day long, and detailed timetables, planning journeys couldn't be simpler."

LOUISA YAPP  
(formerly of Weydon School)  
studying biology,  
chemistry and maths.





# YOUR STEP BY STEP GUIDE

...to joining the College!



## 1 Open Days

Attend our Open Days to discover Farnborough.

**23 and 24 October 2019**

## 2 Submit Application

Submit your online application.

Need help? Email [admissions@farnborough.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@farnborough.ac.uk) or call us on 01252 688200.

## 3 In the system

Great now you're in the system!

We then request a reference from your school.

## 4 Your Interview

Once we've received your reference, 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 Confirmation

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.

## 7 Information Evening

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

**25 March 2020**

## 8 Getting Ready Day

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

**25 and 26 June 2020**

## 9 Transition Evening

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

**29 June to 2 July 2020**

## 10 Good Luck!

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

## 11 GCSE Results

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

**GCSE Results: 20 August 2020**

## 12 Welcome

**It's Enrolment time. Welcome!**

**Enrolment: 1 to 4 September 2020**





# FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

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

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#IloveFarnborough  
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#Farnboroughisawesome  
Beaming smiles and positive vibes  
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#IloveFarnborough  
I've never felt more supported  
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everyone means something here  
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