



**THE  
SIXTH  
FORM  
COLLEGE  
FARNBOROUGH**

**PROSPECTUS**

**LEARN • ENJOY • ACHIEVE**

**2023**

# WELCOME

## TO THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE FARNBOROUGH

"Students quickly make new friends in their lessons, tutorials and in the wide programme of additional learning in which they take part. Students greatly enjoy their time at the College."

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**Ofsted, 2021**

**I am delighted that you are interested in finding out about the College and the many opportunities it offers.**

Farnborough is an exceptional place to study, offering you a trusted stepping stone from school into employment, training, an apprenticeship or Higher Education. Many students have taken the step to join us and 97% of them would recommend this college to potential future applicants.

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, some of which include 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 team. We also have an excellent careers programme which provides independent information, advice and guidance. We believe that these services will help you make the most of your time here.

Ofsted visited the College in September 2021 to undertake a full inspection and we were judged to be 'Outstanding' in all six review areas – this is particularly impressive for a college of this size! You can view the full report on our website, [www.farnborough.ac.uk](http://www.farnborough.ac.uk).

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.

Find out for yourself at one of our Open Days in October – we look forward to meeting you!

**Catherine Cole**  
*Principal*





**"I love Farnborough because it allows you to be yourself. Everyone here is so different and it creates an environment where you feel like you belong."**

**Adala Khalil**

**Former school:** Weydon School

**Studying:** graphics, politics and philosophy

# A DAY IN THE LIFE

## A TYPICAL FARNBOROUGH STUDENT WILL...

**7:00am**

### WAKE UP

Time to get ready for college! I normally grab breakfast at home and then head to the bus stop, which is a 10 minute walk from my house. The bus takes 20 minutes to get to college, so just enough time to put my headphones on and listen to music.

**8:45am**

### FRIENDS

My friends and I usually meet in the Quad for a catch up before heading to our lessons.

**9:00am**

### FIRST LESSON

My first lesson is A level English language. We're put into groups and asked to carry out some analysis of the words and phrases used in a magazine article.

**10:30am**

### STARBUCKS

After my lesson, I need to refuel so head to the Starbucks on campus (I always order a Caramel Frappuccino!).

**10:45am**

### STUDY PERIOD

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 to the Lower Bagnall Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and do about 45 minutes of work. My friend messages me and asks if I'm free... so we head outside and enjoy the sunshine!

**12:15pm**

### LUNCH TIME

My friends and I meet in Shades, and I order a freshly filled wrap. I then head over to the Creative Writing Society, which is run by one of my friends.

**1:00pm**

### TUTORIAL

It's time for a lesson with my Personal Tutor. This week we're doing a team building task - it's a great way to get to know my classmates and challenge myself with some problem solving. We then look at our digital footprint and how potential employers could perceive us based on our social media.

**2:30pm**

### TRIP

I hand in my permission slip for the upcoming Bar Mock Trial Competition - it will be amazing to apply what I've been learning in A level law and present my argument to real judges!

**2:40pm**

### FINAL LESSON

My last lesson of the day is vocational performing arts. We're rehearsing our latest piece in The Prospect Theatre in front of our teacher. After we've performed, our teacher lets us know what went well and what we need to improve.

**4:10pm**

### HOME TIME

I head for the bus stop outside of college and make my way home.

**4:45pm**

### COURSEWORK

It was too sunny to stay inside earlier so I need to finish off the work I started in my Study Period.

**6:00pm**

### DINNER TIME

**7:00pm**

### CONSOLIDATION

I write up the feedback that I got in my performing arts lesson and think about the ways to improve my performance.

**8:00pm**

### ENRICHMENT

I double check that I have everything ready for my enrichment group tomorrow, Flexi-Crew.

**8:30pm**

### CHILL OUT TIME

I spend my evening relaxing and unwinding, ready for a good night's sleep!

# 2023 COURSES

## A LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL 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**
- **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

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

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 can be withdrawn if recruitment numbers are not viable, although this is extremely rare.



**“The level of freedom to be able to choose the courses you want to study here is amazing!”**

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**Unesh Yonjan**

**Former School:** Court Moor School  
**Studying:** biology, chemistry and maths

# CHOOSING YOUR COURSES

Before choosing your courses, it is important to understand your options.

## WHAT WE OFFER

Here at the College, we offer both A level and vocational courses at level 3, which are equivalent to Key Stage 5.

### A level

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 combines coursework, supervised assessment and examination.

**The majority of our students study three level 3 courses in any combination over two years.** A level and vocational courses are not mutually exclusive - they can be studied together. For example, you may choose to study two A level courses and a vocational course, or two vocational courses and one A level.

## YOUR GCSE GRADES

Your GCSE grades will give a good indication of which courses are right for you.

**To access our courses, students would generally achieve grade 4s in their GCSEs – this includes a grade 4 (or higher) in GCSE English language. For the majority of A level courses, students will have mostly achieved grade 5s (or higher) across their GCSEs, though we can be flexible with this.**

You will see from the 'Courses' pages on the College website that some subjects have specific entry requirements - these are set to give you the best chance of success.

Your Personal Tutor will give you advice on your course choices at interview and again at enrolment once you know your GCSE results.

## STRETCH, CHALLENGE & BREAKING BARRIERS

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 the classroom, students are invited to attend talks and workshops, complete extension activities and conduct research to inspire their learning and challenge their thinking.

## ASPIRE PROGRAMME

All students with a strong GCSE profile will become a member of the 'Aspire' programme which will help you to prepare for competitive course applications including Oxbridge.

## FURTHER MATHS

If you are planning on studying A level maths as part of your programme of study and are on track to achieve a grade 8 or 9 in GCSE maths, you may choose to add A level further maths as a fourth subject.

## 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. You start your EPQ in the summer term of your first year. You will be given more information about the EPQ closer to the time.

# BUILDING YOUR PROGRAMME OF STUDY

## ALL ABOUT YOU

Remember, this is all about you! What are your ambitions? What are your strengths? What do you enjoy? What do you like learning about?

## DO YOUR RESEARCH

Fully explore all of the information on the 'Courses' pages on the College website - we have provided lots of information to help you make an informed choice!

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Have you done any volunteering or work experience which is related to your course choices?

## CONSIDER YOUR CAREER PATH

It may seem scary to think about, but it is important to consider your progression plans when deciding on your subject choices. There is detailed careers information on each of the 'Courses' pages on the College website.

**"There are a great range of courses available to students - I was able to find subjects to suit my chosen career path."**

**Matthew Mason**

**Former School:** Robert May's School

**Studying:** computer science, physics, maths and further maths



**"I love Farnborough because it offers amazing courses! The teachers are very supportive and dedicated to helping me get the grades that I need."**

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**Emmanuella Ezeihuaku**

**Former School:** Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College

**Studying:** philosophy, sociology and criminology

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

Over the last three years, our students have achieved an astonishing pass rate of 99.6% at A level. Over a third of these were awarded at either A\* or A and 87.8% of courses were graded A\* to C.

**The three year picture of success is similar for the vocational courses we offer, with an amazing pass rate of 99.7%. An extraordinary 82.8% of students achieved high grades!**

To view more examples of our amazing results, as well as a breakdown of results by subject, go to our website, [www.farnborough.ac.uk](http://www.farnborough.ac.uk).

### A STEPPING STONE

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

- 67.3% went on to Higher Education (HE)
- 20.3% attended Russell Group universities
- 10.8% entered paid employment (including full time, part time and self employed)
- 5.6% took a gap year before starting university
- 2.4% carried on with studies in Further Education (FE)
- 2.3% 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!

More of our students who attend Russell Group universities achieve first class or 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 attending Russell Group universities achieving a first class or upper second class degree by sector:**

- 94.3% The Sixth Form College Farnborough
- 93.8% Independent sector
- 91.7% Sixth Form College sector
- 91.1% State sector

Of all the Farnborough students who went on to university, a staggering 90.7% of them achieved a first class or upper second class degree!

## OUR RESULTS

### 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 30 universities based on the number of students in 2021:**

- Bournemouth
- Southampton
- Portsmouth
- Surrey
- Winchester
- Exeter
- Sussex
- Nottingham Trent
- Royal Holloway
- Loughborough
- Reading
- Swansea
- Nottingham
- Cardiff
- UCA, Farnham
- Bath
- Birmingham
- UWE, Bristol
- Warwick
- Bristol
- Brighton
- Kent
- Kingston
- Leeds
- Manchester
- Oxford Brookes
- Manchester Met
- Sheffield
- UCL, London
- Plymouth

# 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.

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 text 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. Our staff are reflective professionals, always striving to improve students' understanding in lessons through guided practice (such as scaffolding, modelling and effective questioning) whilst creating opportunities for elaboration and discussion.

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.



**“The immense support that the teachers and the College provide is excellent. You can always talk to teachers and your Personal Tutor if you are unsure or worried about anything.”**

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**Tanchhohangma Limbu**

**Former School:** The Wavell School

**Studying:** health and social care, sociology and psychology



**“There are so many opportunities for students to stretch and challenge themselves. Tutorials have given me a better idea of how to apply for university so I feel more prepared for my future.”**

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**Daniella Payne**

**Former School:** St Nicholas' School

**Studying:** media studies, psychology and law

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

# SUPPORT FOR YOU

## FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

The transition from school to college can be daunting, but don't worry! There are lots of opportunities for new students to familiarise themselves with life at Farnborough. This includes our Getting Ready and Induction events where you can meet other new students and take part in activities that will help you prepare for college. Even during your first term here, 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 our Transition to College event 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 and looking after your health and wellbeing. Simply put, your Tutor is your rock during your time at Farnborough, listening, challenging and supporting you.

Research shows that using professional Personal Tutors to provide support is the most effective model in terms of enabling students to achieve their best.

## 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 health issues, and our Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator can give advice and guidance on medical, emotional and welfare needs.

There are also a number of staff across the College who are specifically trained to support students with managing their mental health.

## CHARACTER VALUES

These are such important years in your development, often defining who you become as an adult. The College strives to support you to explore your identity, define your values, make sound moral decisions and act with integrity and kindness. Your overall programme of study includes Tutorial sessions and enrichment activities - these are the perfect opportunity to get involved and think critically, yet with compassion, and embrace a diverse, yet shared, experience of the ever-changing world.

**92% of students said that excellent support was available for health and welfare issues**

# SUPPORT FOR YOU

## STUDY SUPPORT

Our dedicated Study Support team is committed to responding flexibly and effectively to all students and those with special educational needs and EHCPs. We will work with you to identify individual learning needs and arrange appropriate support. We offer one to one support, small group support sessions and Learning Mentors, as well as specialist teacher and ELSA support. The department also has a sensory room, individual workstations and smaller classrooms where you can complete your work.

We understand that coming to college can be overwhelming for many students. The department hosts their own familiarisation sessions and arranges support meetings ahead of the main induction events.

Throughout your time here, we will work closely with you, your Personal Tutor and teachers to ensure that you have all the tools to achieve your very best.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The College always seeks to prioritise financial assistance for eligible students as soon as they enrol at Farnborough. You may be entitled to receive financial support for transport, meals and learning costs, and the College may be able to help with the purchase of textbooks, calculators and art resources. Detailed information about financial assistance can be found on our website, or you can contact our Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator via email on [bursary\\_and\\_free\\_meals@farnborough.ac.uk](mailto:bursary_and_free_meals@farnborough.ac.uk).

## THE INSPIRE PROGRAMME

Students who were eligible for additional financial support at school are invited to participate in our exciting new Inspire programme. This programme aims to enhance important skills across a range of areas, including leadership and cultural awareness, as well as preparing you for life after college. The first part of the programme is led by the National Citizenship Service, and culminates in a student-led social action project.

## COUNSELLING

During your time at college, you may find that you need some additional support. We provide a free and confidential counselling service which is open to all students. Students can visit our new bespoke counselling suite to get advice and support. You can find detailed information about these services, including mental health support, on the counselling website which is linked to from the College website.

The College has been accredited with the AcSEED Award which recognises those who adopt best practices to support the emotional wellbeing of students.



**“Farnborough has a great balance of allowing you to be independent and providing lots of support.”**

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**Emily Volkaerts**

**Former School:** The Holt School

**Studying:** English literature, EPQ, maths and psychology



96% of students said that the College facilities and environment are outstanding

**“The College facilities are great – there are loads of places to study and socialise! I spend lots of time in Shades as it is an amazing place to work, relax and make new friends.”**

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**Shaneil Condell**

**Former School:** Farnham Heath End

**Studying:** English language and literature, sociology and criminology

## OUR FACILITIES

The College campus has a wealth of outstanding facilities for you to use. Being able to study in such fantastic surroundings will really enhance your learning experience – don't worry, there are plenty of social spaces too!

### OUR RANGE OF FACILITIES INCLUDES:

- An outstanding theatre called, 'The Prospect Theatre' and rehearsal spaces
- All weather floodlit hockey pitch, and football, cricket and rugby pitches
- Two large sports halls
- A modern gym with the latest equipment
- An industry-standard recording studio
- A state of the art lecture theatre
- A well stocked library and two large computer suites
- Three cafeterias offering a huge range of food options – these also include a Starbucks and Costa Coffee
- Several areas across the site for socialising, group and individual study, including 'The Greenhouse' and 'The Courtyard'
- A student car park

**There are also fantastic subject specific facilities which use the very latest technology and software, and offer an array of equipment and resources to students including:**

- Music suites offering the latest technology including; iMac computers, MacBook Pro laptops, mixing suites, performance and rehearsal spaces and four grand pianos, including a Bösendorfer
- A media IT and edit suite with industry standard software, as well as radio, film and TV studios
- Science labs that offer a split space between learning and carrying out practical tasks
- Graphic design studios offering the latest iMac technology
- Fine art, fashion and textiles studios
- Photography darkroom

We continually invest in our facilities to ensure they meet the current needs of our students – for example, this year we have provided more space for those students who require additional support with their studies.

# LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

**Technology is central to every student's learning journey at the College.**

Our goal is to equip learners with the skills they need for a successful future in a digital and connected world. We focus on ensuring that our students understand online safety, cloud based working and digital creativity.

All students are provided with Google Workspace and Microsoft 365 accounts. The starting point is our Study Directory, powered by Google Sites, where resources are collated for all courses as well as extra curricular and support needs. Assignments are set via Google Classroom, and we make extensive use of Gmail and Google Chat for communication between students and staff. All students have unlimited cloud based storage at their disposal, as well as access to Adobe Creative Cloud and other specialist software as required. Where students are asked to access specialist tools, for example in graphic design, media studies and music technology, workstations are installed in the classrooms for you to use.

Students make extensive use of our bespoke information system, CristalWeb, allowing them to view their timetable, review their progress and attendance, see their exam results and look at the details we hold on record for them.

All of the core tools we use work on Chromebooks, Apple Macs, iPads and Windows computers. This includes CristalWeb as well as our Learning Resource Centre's (LRC) catalogue of resources.

From September 2022, students are invited to use their own tablet or laptop as part of their studies at College if they wish to do so. You can find more information about this on our website.

96% of students said that ICT was used effectively to support their progress

94% of students said that access to information on CristalWeb has enabled them to manage their time effectively

**"Lessons at the College are so interactive and the facilities are amazing – they are always available for students to use."**

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**Nic Galvez**

**Former School:** Tomlinscote School

**Studying:** graphic design, computer science, maths and further maths



**"I love the support and guidance provided by the College. The teachers are so helpful and there are so many opportunities available to everyone."**

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**Olivia Tsang**

**Former School:** Calthorpe Park School

**Studying:** biology, geography and psychology

## ASPIRE PROGRAMME

For those students with ambitions to study at the most competitive universities, we offer many opportunities to help you reach your full potential. We provide dedicated information and resources which encourage you to take action, break barriers and achieve your goals!

All students with a strong GCSE profile will become a member of the 'Aspire' programme when they enrol at the College. Students will be contacted on a regular basis with information about opportunities they can take part in to extend and deepen their subject expertise and, where appropriate, go beyond the limit of the subject specifications. These range from webinars and wider reading to practical tasks. Students will be encouraged to embrace these activities in order to develop their wider skills and mental agility.

### **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 support, workshops and feedback
- 'Introduction to Oxbridge' talk for Year 12 students
- Interview guidance sessions and mock interviews
- Open days, Oxbridge Conference, online activities and HE exhibition visits

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.

# CAREERS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

The landscape of training, employment, apprenticeships and Higher Education has never been more exciting, with a wealth of opportunities to explore.

The College is committed to ensuring that every student is aware of their options regardless of any preconceptions. Our students leave Farnborough fully equipped to make competitive applications that reflect their hard work and effort. We want you to be ambitious and progress from the College confident that you will achieve brilliant things!

## OUTSTANDING ADVICE

The Prospect Trust Careers Services team are here to help you make informed choices about your future. They have been awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard, recognising their commitment to provide impartial, independent careers, education, information, advice and guidance. The College fulfils all the Gatsby Benchmarks, a framework that defines what makes the best careers provision in schools and colleges.

## INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

All students are encouraged to book a 1 to 1 appointment with one of our professional careers advisors to explore the opportunities available to them.

We also hold two major careers events at the College each year: the Training, Employment and Apprenticeship Fair and Moving On Day. These offer opportunities for students to speak directly to hundreds of universities, employers, training providers and global businesses.

Throughout the year, expert speakers from academia and industry are also invited into college to share information about the different progression pathways in their field.

## 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 over two years which helps them to collate and evidence their own workplace experience and skills. 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.

## WORK EXPERIENCE AND 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 Prospect Trust Careers Services work experience team has links to local, national and international employers across a range of sectors, and can help you identify relevant placement and volunteering possibilities using the Grofar platform. All students are required to participate in a week's work experience placement whilst at the College – having this experience really will give you the edge, and is a key component of The Prospects Diploma.

91% of recent leavers felt in a good position to take the next step after college

"The careers team have really helped me to understand what steps I need to take when thinking about university and employment."

Isobel Wells

Former School: Bohunt School

Studying: biology, chemistry and maths



# ENRICHMENT

You will be able to select which enrichment opportunities you would like to do during enrolment

**“The College has lots of resources and opportunities for volunteering in order to gain experience. I am also part of one of the societies, which I find really fun!”**

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**Elsa Chan**

**Former School:** Easthampstead Park School

**Studying:** English literature, economics and history

**It is important that you maximise your potential inside and outside of the classroom. We therefore offer an extensive and vibrant enrichment programme for all students.**

By enrichment, we mean taking time to explore those interests that go beyond the subjects you are studying. Developing your existing passions or discovering new ones is an important part of your overall programme of study.

Whether your passion is performing, the outdoors, volunteering for a charity or film making, there is something for everyone here at the College. By taking part in enrichment, you will enhance your learning, add a unique dimension to your CV, make new friends and immerse yourself in College life.

Experience tells us that taking up an enrichment will really help you to stand out from the crowd – it's not just about what subjects you study!

**You'll find information about the enrichment we offer over the next five pages, as well as on our website.**

# VOLUNTEERING

**All students are actively encouraged to get involved in volunteering. We have a dedicated Volunteering Coordinator who can advise you on all of the opportunities available.**

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, dentistry and veterinary medicine or those who want to make applications to Oxbridge.

**Opportunities are vast and vary from:**

- Local schools and colleges
- Health centres, hospitals and nursing homes
- Charities
- Town and borough councils
- Community groups
- Gardens, parks and nature reserves
- ...and many more!

# STUDENT UNION

The College strongly values the views of all its students and it is important for them to have an active role in developing how the College is run.

Each year, a Student Union is chosen to represent the views of our 4,000 strong student body. This way of engaging with the students to make Farnborough 'student-led' has a long and successful history.

As well as organising events, such as Freshers' Week and RAG Week, the Student Union ensures that feedback is collated from across the cohort to help facilitate real change for students. The Union's President and Vice President sit on the College's Academy Quality Council which works closely with the Senior Leadership Team to shape the future of the College.

Details about applying for the Student Union are shared with students during their first year.

# SPORT

Here at the College, we pride ourselves in providing high quality sports enrichment. The programme we offer gives students the opportunity to take part in both competitive and recreational sports. The College competes in a wide range of sports within a number of regional and national cup competitions including football, rugby, badminton and netball.

Training is added to a student's timetable and teams are coached by experts to ensure everyone 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 be part of the Olympic team!

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.

# THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a varied programme of exciting activities that can be taken by anyone aged 14 to 24 regardless of ability. Students can participate in the Silver and Gold Awards during their time at college.

You will be supported to achieve the Awards in timetabled sessions, which give opportunities for sharing ideas, as well as forming teams and preparing for the expeditions. The Award is held in high esteem by universities and employers.

Between 2021 and 2022, our DofE students did a total of 1,742 hours of volunteering as part of their Awards.



# PERFORMING ARTS AND DRAMA

Our performing arts and drama enrichment offers a fantastic opportunity for those that do not study a performance subject to get involved, and for those that do, to deepen and extend their skills and experiences. We offer a number of exciting opportunities which are open to all students:

## DANCE COMPANY

This is for anyone who is passionate about dance and choreography and focuses on all styles of dance including jazz, commercial, tap, ballet and contemporary.

## FLEXI-CREW

Our dedicated technicians work on a host of backstage roles in support of the many performances that take place within the department and beyond.

## MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP

Intended for all those who love musical theatre or want to be involved in a full-scale production.

## PROSPECT THEATRE COMPANY

Our very own theatre company who prepare theatre skills workshops and performances.

## LAMDA AWARDS

Second year students have the opportunity to undertake short qualifications in acting and musical theatre provided by The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

# MUSIC

The College's music department is one of the most renowned and versatile in the country, providing outstanding musical tuition and enrichment opportunities for students.

The department, comprising A level music, A level music technology and vocational music performance, offers extensive opportunities to all musicians, covering a wide range of musical styles. From grand choral projects, pop, rock, electronic and jazz concerts to intimate recitals and tours, students are able to fully develop their passion for music.

The College also recognises the huge benefit that music has within the community. Students perform in local venues such as schools, hospitals and hospices and lead masterclasses, inspiring the next generation of musicians.

Farnborough students also have the opportunity to work with experienced peripatetic teachers who offer exceptional music tuition.



# CREATIVE ARTS

For those who have a passion for the creative arts, there are numerous opportunities to enhance your skills, be inspired and prepare for a successful career in this industry. Across the creative disciplines, students are given project briefs by real clients, helping to prepare them for life in this incredibly competitive sector. The corridors at the College are full of these students' work.

We have an in-house production team, 'F6 Productions', who create professional media products for local clients, an invaluable experience! Our photography students often provide photography for local charity and community events, enabling them to build up a portfolio of work to present to universities and employers.

Graphic design students create bespoke pieces for local organisations, as well as regularly attending workshops and talks from designers. Fine art students have the opportunity to enter various national competitions including the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show.

The College's annual 'Creative Kickstart' event gives students a unique insight into the range of job roles and progression routes within the creative sector.



"Farnborough is such a diverse place filled with friendly students and excellent staff who provide support throughout your time here!"

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**Poppy Tristram**

**Former School:** Robert May's School

**Studying:** biology, psychology and maths

# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Why not join a new club or society during your time here? It is a great way to meet people with similar interests to you and try something new.

The majority of clubs and societies are run by students and take place during lunchtime. Here are just some of the clubs and societies that are on offer:

- Gender & Sexuality Alliance
- Play Writing & Acting Club
- Amnesty International
- Feminist Society
- Debating Society
- Japanese Society
- Pagan Society
- Christian Union

...and if we don't offer a particular club or society, you can start your own!

You can discover and sign up for these activities at the Getting Ready Days in June and at the Freshers' Fair in September.

# YOUR JOURNEY

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. If you're getting the train to college, it only takes 15 minutes to walk from Farnborough Main and Farnborough North train stations, and it's just a 20 minute walk from Frimley train station.

## BY FOOT

Many of our students live locally and therefore find it more convenient to walk to college - it's only a 25 minute walk from Farnborough Town Centre to the College!

## BY BICYCLE

The College has secure cycle racks where you can store your bike. We ask students to research in advance the safest cycle route to college.



## BY BUS

We work closely with Stagecoach and Thames Valley to provide safe and reliable bus services across the local area. For more detailed route information and prices, please visit their websites. There is also up-to-date information on the College website.

## BY CAR

There is limited reserved parking on and around the college site - students will receive information about this during their first year. We encourage all students to walk, cycle or use public transport in order to reduce congestion around the college site and the impact on local residents.

"I usually either walk or cycle to college - it really is very easy to get here!"

**Ben Ellerington**

Former School: Salesian College

Studying: accounting, maths and sport

This information is subject to change but is correct at time of publishing.



# YOUR STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO JOINING US

## 1 OPEN DAYS

Attend our Open Days to discover more about The Sixth Form College Farnborough.

**October 2022**

## 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 ARRANGING 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 YOUR INTERVIEW

**Don't worry!** This is an opportunity for us 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 APPLICANT EVENING

**Need more advice?** It's okay because our Applicant Evening is another chance for you to discuss your options.

**April/May 2023**

## 8 GETTING READY DAY

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

**June 2023**

## 9 TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

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

**July 2023**

## 10 GOOD LUCK!

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

## 11 GCSE RESULTS DAY

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

**August 2023**

## 12 WELCOME

It's Enrolment time. Welcome to The Sixth Form College Farnborough!

**August/September 2023**

Applicants and parents/guardians will be given more specific information about all of these events nearer the time

"Farnborough is a great college filled with so many amazing opportunities!"

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**Amisha Alwis**

**Former School:** Sandhurst School

**Studying:** biology, chemistry and geography



# FAQS

## Q DO YOU HAVE LARGE CLASS SIZES?

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

## Q IS THE COLLEGE TOO BIG FOR ME?

A 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 education.

## Q WILL I KNOW ANYBODY?

A One of the many advantages of joining a large college is that there are numerous opportunities to make new friends. Enrichment activities, clubs and societies are also a great place to meet people with the same interests as you!

## Q IS FARNBOROUGH ONLY FOR 'ACADEMIC' STUDENTS?

A We offer a wide range of courses including vocational subjects. These are assessed through coursework, supervised assessment and exams and are valued for further study, HE, apprenticeships and employment!

## Q DOES FARNBOROUGH HAVE HIGH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

A There is no overall points score required to come to Farnborough and we will work with you to agree the courses you study. Our 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).

## Q HOW WILL I MANAGE MY WORKLOAD?

A As part of your timetable, you will be assigned Study Periods which we encourage you to use to complete your work. Our Learning Resource Centre has areas across the College site where students can study independently or as a group, and there are also a number of social spaces that students can use to work.

## Q CAN I GET FOOD AT COLLEGE?

A There are several catering outlets on site which are dedicated to providing a variety of delicious meals, snacks and drinks – Time Out, Café Direct, Shades and The Greenhouse. The College also has its very own Starbucks and Costa Coffee! We operate a cashless catering system at Farnborough using Upay.

## Q HOW DOES THE COLLEGE COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS?

A We predominantly communicate with parents/guardians via email. We also use an online system called the 'Parent Portal' which provides access to important information, including a student's timetable, exam information and academic reviews.

## Q DO YOU INTERVIEW APPLICANTS?

A Yes – our Personal Tutor team interviews all applicants to ensure that the College is the right fit for them! The interview is an opportunity for us to get to know you and for you to decide if Farnborough is the right next step for you.

"I found the transition to College really easy as it's a very diverse and accepting environment. I was able to make lots of friends!"

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**Asjal Imran**

**Former School:** Tomlinscote School

**Studying:** business and applied law

## Q WHERE CAN I BUY SUPPLIES FOR COLLEGE?

A The College has its own shop which provides stationery, art supplies and more, all at very competitive prices. They also sell official College hoodies.

## Q HOW DO I APPLY?

A You can apply online – the online applications process opens after our October Open Days.

## Q WHAT DO I DO IF I DON'T ACHIEVE THE GCSE RESULTS I WANTED?

A Please don't worry – our Personal Tutors, Careers and Admissions Team will be able to give you advice and guidance on what to do if you do not achieve the required GCSE results.

## Q HOW MANY SUBJECTS CAN I STUDY AT THE COLLEGE?

A The majority of our students study three level 3 courses in any combination over two years. You can choose to add A level further maths as a fourth subject if you have also chosen to study A level maths. You can find more information about this on our 'Choosing Your Courses' pages.



# FIND US ONLINE

Visit our website for more information about the College, [www.farnborough.ac.uk](http://www.farnborough.ac.uk).

We use social media to share important messages with our students and celebrate their fantastic achievements, so make sure that you follow us!

 **@Farnborough6th**

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And remember to

# #joinf6th2023



**William Palmer** (Formerly of Frogmore Community College)

I found the transition to the College so much easier than I thought it would be! #ILoveFarnborough



**Harriet Quarmby** (Formerly of Robert May's School)

#ILoveFarnborough for the independence 😎



**George Hardey** (Formerly of Kings International College)

It's such a nice and welcoming place to learn and I feel safe here 😊 #ILoveFarnborough



**Farnborough 6th**  
@Farnborough6th



What do you love about the College?  
#ILoveFarnborough

10:45 AM - 22 July 17:01

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**Alex Harris** (Formerly of Ash Manor School)

I love how everyone is so passionate about their subjects! 🥰 #ILoveFarnborough



**Josh Carreon** (Formerly of Tomlinscote School)

#ILoveFarnborough because you can express yourself freely! 😊



**George Moss** (Formerly of The Wavell School)

I love the friendly atmosphere and the variety of courses on offer! #ILoveFarnborough



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