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Giving everyone the chance to **shine** brightly

January-April 2018



The spring term has been a great term for all our pupils. Above you can see images from the rewards trip to the Ice Arena, the East Midlands 10, the Leicester Tigers Rugby Session and pupils cooking fish!

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Statue for City Centre

Chloe Beet, a Year 10 pupil, used dialect and cityscape of Nottingham to create a design for a city-wide art trial. Pupils of the academy were asked to submit ideas to the Nottingham Post which could be used to decorate a statue.



An entry from Chloe Beet, which featured a view of Market Square decorated with phrases like “Ay-up” and “ta-rar”, really stood out. Chloe had told the Nottingham Post how she wanted to show how the city had changed over the years, with a black and white image on the back and coloured version on the front. Chloe said “I do art on a daily basis, I just like it. It is quite calming. I have never had something like this before.”



The Nottingham Post had been running a competition for amateur and professional artists to submit a design. The Nottingham Post has sponsored one of the Hoodwinked statues that will be out in the city centre during the summer, which will then be sold to raise money for Nottinghamshire Hospice in October.

Message From the Head

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank parents for your continued support of the school and its policies. We feel consistency is a critical thing to try and achieve for all of our pupils. Please ensure that your child follows the school uniform expectations which includes no false nails or nail varnish, no facial piercings, natural hair colouring and black leather look shoes. If you do decide to allow your child to have additional piercings please ensure that they are removed for school. These expectations will be enforced after half term and pupils not correctly attired for lessons will not be allowed to attend lessons until the issue has been fully resolved. Again, I should stress that this is absolutely the last thing we want as a school as we all place great emphasis on good attendance to school and to lessons.

We are very proud of our school and of our pupils and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of our pupils the very best chance of learning well and achieving their very best. Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding. I wish you an enjoyable Easter break. The academy reopens on Monday 16th April at the normal time.



Attendance Challenge

At The Farnborough Academy we are constantly working to improve our pupils' chances of greater achievement. One of the key attributes to this is good attendance. Pupils with good attendance often achieve higher GCSE grades when compared to pupils with poor attendance.

Pupils receive rewards for 100% attendance and go into weekly prize draws to win queue busters, and credit on their account. We have had two attendance weeks in the academy which involves lots of tutor vs tutor competitions, home visits to support attendance and even a pizza party! To ensure attendance remains high profile in the academy, we feel it is important to acknowledge the pupils who are here every day, on time.

In addition to weekly rewards for pupils with 100% attendance and improved attendance, lots of pupils were eligible for the Ice Skating trip reward in January and the cinema trip in March. This was for pupils with less than 5 behaviour points and over 95% attendance. A great time was had by all!



Arriving late to school on a consistent basis can have longer term academic effects. If showing up late to school becomes a habit, pupils may develop the notion that tardiness is acceptable behaviour. This belief can negatively impact their future work ethic and employment opportunities. Alternatively, showing up on time to school everyday can help pupils develop the habit of being punctual with important commitments. This habit can serve pupils well through college and into their future careers. To clarify, the main pupil gate will be closed at 8.35 and we expect all pupils to be on site at this time. The start of school bell will ring

at 8.40 and we expect pupils to be in their tutor room by this time. Pupils arriving into the academy after this bell has rung will be marked late.

From April 2018, we have introduced the following interventions for pupils who are repeatedly late to the academy.

5 Late Marks - Pupil meeting

10 Late Marks - Letter home

15 Late Marks - Parent/Pupil/Head of Year/Attendance Manager Meeting

20 Late Marks - Parent/Pupil/Head of Year/Senior Leadership Meeting – U Code Administered

5 U Codes in a 4 week period - Request to Local Authority for Legal Intervention.

Please continue to support your child's education and ensure you send your child to school every day unless genuinely ill.



Gary Brazil visits Farnborough

Nottingham Forest Academy manager Gary Brazil joined us in the academy yesterday to provide some inspirational words to Year 11 pupils. An amazing opportunity for our pupils and some real words of inspiration. Pupils had the opportunity to ask questions to the Nottingham Forest Academy Manager, with Gary Brazil offering an insight into managing expectations as manager of Nottingham Forest as well as offering pupils advice on the best way to keep motivated!



STEM After-School Club

STEM Club has begun after school on Thursdays for KS3's future scientists, engineers and mathematicians!

So far we have investigated the 'science of yummy' where we were investigating the ratio of sugar to fat and how it influences the texture and flavour of cakes (as well as finding out how to make cakes that look like they are producing delicious lava!).

From volcanic cakes to volcanic eruptions, students moved on to investigating different reactions to see what makes the best volcanic eruption as well as some more explosive reactions that they observed. Pupils are now building their own volcanoes from cardboard and newspaper ready to paint them and set them off with whichever reaction they preferred!



SEND Parents Evenings

The SEND department have held three meetings for parents to discuss their son/daughters progress with the SENCo and Learning Support Assistants. The last two meetings were held in Hope church. Parents who attend these meetings have found the regular contact useful. Please check the website for the dates of meetings. You may also receive a letter as the department likes to target certain year groups. However, all parents with children who have learning differences can attend. The Learning Support Assistants who work with pupils in the lessons are available until 4.15. The SENCo and Assistant SENCo will be present until 5.30. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on Monday 14th May.



Learning Support Department

The learning support department is open to pupils during break and lunchtime and before and after school. The facilities at break are prioritised for Year 7 students. The students who use our facilities enjoy the social context of talking to others and playing old fashioned board games. Lunchtime clubs include meditation with Mrs King, calm colour with Mrs Goddard, crafts with Mr Bochenski, lego with Mrs Ingle and dot to dot with Mr Smith.



Gardening in the Community

Wednesday afternoon enrichment sessions have commenced again. A group of year 7 and 8 pupils are enjoying the experience of working at The Summerwood Lane Community garden. Pupils work with Emma Jordan from the project and Ms Ingle, a Learning Support Assistant at The Farnborough Academy. These enrichment sessions are an opportunity for pupils to learn new skills and as well acquiring new knowledge about how food is grown. The products grown with the help of Farnborough students are cooked and eaten during the session.



Autism Awareness Week

The week beginning Monday the 19th March saw the start of autism awareness week. The Farnborough Academy organised parents workshop, staff training and shared success stories of young people, celebrities, scientists, inventors, actors and more who have not allowed their autism to be a barrier to success.





Farnborough Careers



It has been a very busy and exciting term which has included a number of opportunities for many pupils at the Academy.

Accelerating Confidence East Midlands Airport

This term we saw the completion of our hugely successful 'Accelerating Confidence' project with East Midlands Airport. You may recall from the previous newsletter that ten pupils from year 10 took part in six visits to the airport in order to inspire them and raise their aspirations. Along the way they have learned about the wide range of job opportunities at the airport, developed key employability skills and significantly improved their confidence. The project gained media interest and the pupils were featured on both radio Nottingham and Central news. The result of the success of this project has meant that other businesses have signed up and are offering a similar opportunity with their company for our pupils.

We have now launched the 'Nottingham Trent University '10 – the pupils on this project have been selected, following an application process and the first visit to the University is taking place after Easter. We are also in the process of selecting 10 pupils for the 'British Gypsum' 10 and after Easter, Crowne Plaza Hotel will be coming in to launch their project to year 10. I am sure you will agree that this is a fantastic and unique opportunity for pupils and something we are looking to expand on going forward.



Ambition Project with Nottingham University

In January, representatives from the university came into the Academy to work with an identified group of year 7's in preparation for a campus visit later the same month. The pupils learnt about various aspects of University life including; the types of subjects you can study, accommodation, finance and the number of 'Societies' you are able to join whilst at University. During the campus visit they had the opportunity to have a full tour of the campus and have a look inside the halls of residence. They also visited the extensive library, students union, one of the many catering facilities on site and completed activities in the very spectacular 'Great Hall' at the University. The pupils will remain on this project until year 11 and have a different experience every year relating to university life.

Our year 8 pupils who are also on the same project had their campus visit to the university's site at Sutton Bonington. This is a much smaller campus and the main focus of study there is linked with veterinary medicine and science. The pupils were given an extensive tour of the campus where they were able to see animal skeletons and attempt to identify them. Student ambassadors spoke to the pupils about their experiences of being a student and answered any questions the pupils had.



Nottingham Trent University

In March representatives from NTU came in to work with all of our Year 8. They delivered five sessions throughout the day with



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the aim to inspire the pupils into thinking about going to University and raising their aspirations. The pupils were also able to develop some key employability skills such as; team work, leadership, listening to others and presentation skills. The day was a great success and the feedback from the staff at NTU was very positive.

Also, in March, representatives from NTU came in to work with 2 groups of identified year 9 pupils. The focus of these sessions was for the pupils to find out as much information as they could about the student ambassadors including, their qualifications, what they were studying, their interests and their career aspirations. The pupils then presented their findings to the rest of the group. This also helped the pupils develop key employability skills whilst also finding out about different pathways to university. Again, the feedback from staff was very positive.

they had to work hard at school and make sure they chose the right subjects for the right reasons. Pupils were also able to develop key skills such as; budgeting, team work, using initiative and independence. Other workshops delivered throughout the day were; Unifrog, Nottingham University and a session on 'making good decisions'. The feedback and evaluation from the pupils stated that they now felt more equipped and prepared for choosing their options.



Event Spark - Blue Monday

A group of pupils, in year 10, have been working alongside a company called 'Blue Monday' arranging an event for the local community. I am pleased to inform you that the date for the event has been set and a copy of the invite below. We have a limited number of tickets, therefore anyone interested in attending the event please contact Miss Boseley at the Academy. The cost of the event is £6.00 which includes food and entertainment. The pupils have worked tirelessly, in their own time, to arrange this and your support would be much appreciated.



Bright Day - Bright Futures

In January the 'Bright Futures' team worked with the whole of year 9 and the aim of the day was to help them prepare for their option choices. The pupils took part in a number of workshops including a session delivered by a company called 'Young Enterprise' Their session was called 'Learn to Earn' and helped the pupils understand that, in order to achieve their desired career and lifestyle,



Year 10 Interview Skills Day

We recently hosted our interview skills day for all year 10 pupils. We had a number of



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volunteers from a wide range of businesses come in to the Academy and conduct mock interviews with all pupils. In preparation for the day the pupils were required to submit their CV. The pupils then took this into the interview with them for the volunteers to look at and offer advice about. The business volunteers also fed back to the pupils on areas such as; eye contact, body language and communication skills. The pupils feedback was that they found the experience very beneficial and makes them feel more confident about forthcoming interviews as they were able to put into practice, the advice they were given. The business volunteers were very impressed with all of our pupils and are very keen to come back next year!

Careers Web

You may have seen, via our social media sites and website, that we have launched a new facility, on our website called 'careers web.' For information on how to register, as a parent, please access the 'News' page of our website for a step by step guide. When you have registered you will have access to a vast range of careers information, advice and resources in order to support your child. Pupils are also in the process of registering in their tutor groups and they too, will have access to a vast amount of careers resources. This is a great new facility which we look forward to exploring further.



Futures

Our careers advisors from 'Futures' have

now interviewed all our year 11 pupils, at least once, about their next steps and choices for when they leave Farnborough. This includes advice about colleges/apprenticeships and support with applications. They have now also started interviewing our year 10 pupils to ensure that they are also prepared and aware of their career pathways. Every pupil will be given an appointment and can also request an additional appointment if they need one.



Work Experience - Year 10

A reminder to pupils and parents that the dates for work experience, this year, are week commencing Monday 10th September to Friday 14th September 2018 for one week only. Please support your child in finding a placement. The deadline for getting placement information to Miss Boseley is Friday 25th May 2018.

A selection of photos of some recent activities can be seen below.



East Midlands Airport Visit



Ambitious project in school

TAG Maths Fest

Teams of the best Year 10 Maths students from across the Trent Academies Group competed today for the title of "TAG Maths Feast Champions". This involves students testing their maths skills in a variety of challenging problem solving situations. Two teams from The Farnborough Academy were amongst the eight competing and, after an up and down contest, the team consisting of Sydney Markham, Sophie Webster, Lewis Shenton and Jamie Lawson emerged victorious, beating the team from Rushcliffe School by two points, after getting a massive score in the final round. Great perseverance from them, as they got stronger throughout the competition and made it to the top of the leader board when it counted. Congratulations!"



Visit to Tate Modern and Tate Britain

A fantastic, busy day in London last Friday with Year 11 Art & Design Students seeing priceless, world famous artwork; the sights of London by road and boat as well as interacting with art installations e.g team swings. Students were outstanding and adventurous in taking part. Well done!



Year 11 Celebration Evening

Wes Morgan, Captain of Leicester City FC, joined us on the 14th of February at the Year 11 Celebration Evening. The aim of the event was to celebrate mock exam success and to stress the importance of hard work and revision on the run up to the summer exams. He presented awards to Y11 students who had performed well in the December mocks and talked about the high and low points in his career so far. His message to Year 11 was to work hard and to have no regrets on the results day in August. He stressed that there are no short cuts and hard work, commitment and focus are the key attributes for success.

Bright Day

On four days each year The Farnborough Academy collapses the usual timetable in favour of Bright Days. These days help us ensure that all our pupils experience a full range of enriching and live-affirming opportunities, and get the chance to develop into rounded, responsible, empathetic learners and citizens. They really do give everyone the chance to shine brightly.

On each Bright Day, each year group work with one of the Bright Day teams, a cross-curricular team of teachers. The Bright Day Teams are:

Bright Lights days give all pupils the chance to shine brightly in the arts, bringing together all forms of expressive arts in a celebration of culture. These days build confidence, self-esteem and appreciation of the arts.

Bright Sparks days gives extensive full-day opportunities to see science in action, with big experiments and visits to amazing exhibitions.

Bright Lives days develop the pupils' Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural edu-

cation, incorporating global citizenship, world cultures, faith and world faiths, friendships and the impact of bullying. Bright Futures days prepare all pupils for the world ahead of them, incorporating enterprise days, options and career advice and developing skills for work and study.'

Bright Bodies days develop all pupils' health and well-being, incorporating physical, emotional and mental well-being, sexual health, the importance of exercise and diet, relaxation strategies and coping with stress.



Parent Forum

We would like to thank parents for supporting our termly parent forum. The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

The aims of the Parent Forum are to:

- work together to improve the education provided for our children
- share information, knowledge and skills
- further improve communications between parent/carers and staff/governors

Please feel free to come along to our next meeting. Refreshments are available.

Headteacher's Breakfast

At The Farnborough Academy we want everyone to achieve their full potential. To help to ensure this, and to ensure that students are demonstrating the right commitment to their studies, we have a process to reward good behaviour and positive learning attitudes during lessons. The numbers of rewards collected by pupils are recorded centrally and pupils are rewarded for their hard work, effort and attitudes.

This term we have seen the first set of pupils who have achieved over 600 positive points, and therefore have received breakfast with the headteacher! What a wonderful experience for all involved, including Mr Chaloner!

Dance4 comes to Farnborough

In January, the Dance club experienced a contemporary dance technique workshop led by a professional artist from Dance4. Students spent an hour learning contemporary techniques before going on to create their own dance performances in groups. Dance4 were really impressed, and expressed an interest in the girls auditioning for the national programme. Well done girls.



Farnborough's Got Talent

In February, The Farnborough Academy hosted 'Farnborough's Got Talent.' The academy welcomed guest judges from Next Door Dance and Nottingham new college who put through four acts to represent our academy in a summer performance across the trust. The winner of Farnborough's Got Talent were Bella and Jane Nwaneto, who stunned the judges with their impressive dance performance.

The three other acts to represent the academy at the summer performance across the trust are; Niamh Morley-Bland, Jessica Brookes, Ellie-Louise Turner, Siobhan Horey and Payton Coles who will be performing their halo dance performance, McKenzie Watson and Ellis Kennedy who will be performing their drama performance and Lowri Davies with her singing performance. Payton Coles was the winner of the half a term of free dance technique classes, pro-

vided by Next Door Dance. She has recently attended and Next Door Dance are thrilled to have her.

Lowri Davies was offered a recording studio session at Clarendon and will record nine songs on 27th March. Kian Brewin will also record 2 songs at the studio and is very excited.



Book Launch

Our creative writing sessions with our writer-in-residence Paula Rawsthorne are coming to an end, with our anthology currently being edited and published in the coming weeks. In January, her third novel, *Shell*, was released by Scholastic. Some of our writers attended the book launch at Waterstones in Nottingham, with the opportunity to get their own copies signed.



Peer Reading Scheme

Many of our Year 11 students also volunteer to read with younger students through our peer reading scheme. The Year 11 students benefit with developing work related skills and the Year 7 and 8 pupils receive one to one help.



Form Time Reading

The Farnborough Academy has always sought ways to encourage young people to read. This term we have had a big push with 'form time reading' as evidence shows that even 25 mins reading a week can have a huge impact on pupil's academic levels. Once a book has been read, students are encouraged to write a review. We would like to congratulate the following students for the amazing reviews – Annie Singh, Jody Small and Bethany Clarke.

Students who are struggling to find books to read can visit the library, where staff will match them up to the right book. As well as being able to ask staff, we offer a 'Book Doctor' prescription service, where students can fill in a short form about themselves. The next day, they will receive a list of three books, specifically prescribed to them. Forms are available from the library.

A Fishy Tale

Year 10 Food and Cookery students will never forget the day Dan, the Head Chef from The Lobster Pot, came to Farnborough. He did a master class in fish! Activities included; scaling, gutting and filleting. This was followed by Academy students cooking, plating and tasting dishes from the restaurant's menu! We are really looking forward to Dan returning to the Academy where he will work 1:1 with some of our aspiring chefs!



Leicester Tigers TAG Rugby

Boys and girls from Farnborough Academy, Arnold Hill Academy and Rushcliffe School, spent a day engaging with the coaches finding out more about techniques, fitness, diet and even sleeping patterns.

CEO of the Trent Academies Group Phil Crompton said “It’s the second year we’ve done this and it brings an important extra dimension to school life. Some of the pupils are already playing club rugby, others are beginners. The more experience of different sports a young person can have the better.”

Mr P Smith of the Farnborough Academy who initiated the connection said “When I found out the Tigers were willing to help I snatched their hand off. Offers like that don’t come up too often. I saw young people finding skills they didn’t know they had. I hope rugby can bring them as much pleasure as it’s brought me.”

Mahmood Alhadad from Farnborough said “The Leicester Tigers coaches were really helpful helping me with the laws of the game and how to respect the people in charge.”

Lexie Freason from Farnborough Academy said “This is Great I have learnt so much about what I can do playing Rugby.”



Battlefields Trip 2018

From the 9th-12th March, two students, Salina Rai and Cleo Davies, attended a trip provided free of charge by the First World War National Centenary Education Programme. The girls were selected from a group of applicants to benefit from this amazing opportunity. The trip saw two students and one teacher from a variety of schools around the country firstly attend some team building and hands on learning activities at the Kingswood centre in Ashford, before travelling by ferry over to Belgium and France to visit a wealth of different historical sites. The programme requests that each participating school shares their experiences with at least 110 people, called the Legacy 110 project, and so Salina and Cleo will be putting together a project shortly. The group took part in the Menin Gate ceremony, where two members of the coach laid a wreath on behalf of the group, and also a workshop in Ypres where the students each made a clay figure which would represent one of the 600,000 casualties that fell on Belgian soil.



Success for Year 10 in Football and Rugby

During March, the Year 10 and Year 11 football teams both played their City Cup Finals at The University of Nottingham. This would be the last time the year 11s play together as a team and the encounter with Bluecoat Aspley will leave lasting memories for all the right reasons. Two goals from Brodi Stokes saw Farnborough take the game by the scruff of the neck but a lapse in concentration brought Bluecoat back in at 2-1. We applied more pressure and were awarded a well deserved penalty which was converted by Keelan Jacobs to make the score 3-1 at half time. A tightly fought second half saw the score line remain this way and the Year 11's clinch the Cup! Well done boys!



The Year 10 game was full of talented individual players as both teams offered up those attached to professional academies. We found ourselves 1-0 down early on but a spirited response was found by the boys and an equaliser from Thai Duggan saw the first half end at 1-1. A renewed energy saw the boys attack the second half taking the upper hand through Kaiden Copse and the breathing space provided through a second for Thai Duggan and the teams third to make it 3-1. A thoroughly deserved victory for the year 10 boys to top off a great season.



U16 County Table Tennis Competition

The Farnborough Academy hosted another table-tennis competition. This time, it was the NESTTA Under 16's County Table-Tennis Competition. Jamie Lawson, Lewis Shenton and John Kidger all competed and umpired at this very high level competition which included two Top 10 England players. Well done and thank you!



Table-Tennis practice is every Thursday lunchtime.
Clifton Table-Tennis Club every Thursday 5-7pm

Year 7/8 City Table Tennis Competition

The Farnborough Academy hosted the Year 7 and 8 City Individual Table-Tennis Competition. Congratulations and thank you to all our players; Kaylum Ghanie, Zak Kidger, Reagan Lane, Oliver Jarvis, Jamie-Leigh Canning, Billie Turner, Sophie Leigh Smithhurst and Libby Sweet. Closely fought group stage matches lead to the top two players from each group going through to the knockout stage. Congratulations to Reagan and Libby who both qualified.

There were a record number of entries

in the girls draw and we were very impressed with Libby who despite having only recently taken up the sport of table tennis gained a Silver medal.



Sports Leaders

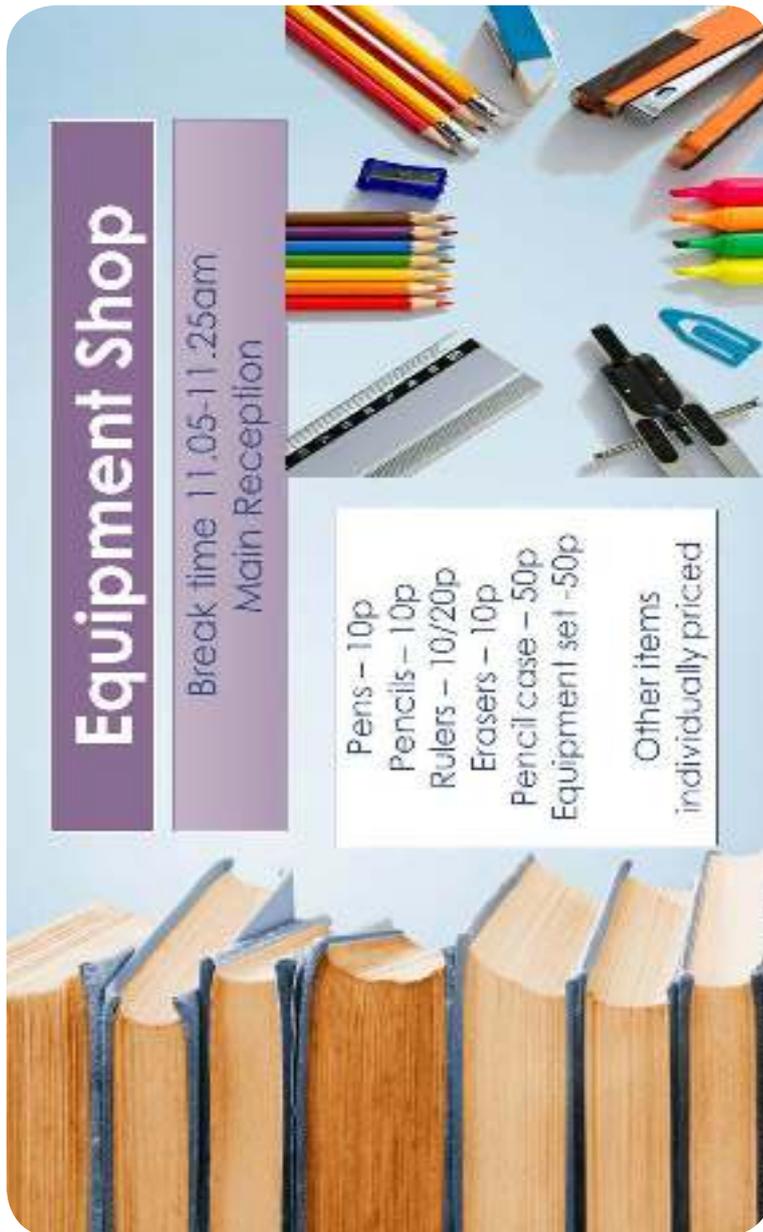
The Farnborough Academy Sports Leaders have been hosting a range of sporting events this term.

Olivia Morgan, Ellie Wealthall, Ashleigh Stewart, Ini Shanu, Ewan Scarlett, Millie Fothergill, Callum Smith and Shania Brown, Connor Scutt and Leighton Chamberlain, Annie Singh and Abbie Whitehead have all worked together to host the City Sports Hall Athletics Competition.

Maddy Cheetham, Caseylee Bingham, Autumn Wilson, Hollie Tooby, Talulla Panayi, Leah Green, Jane Nwaneto, Onyx Millns, Caitlyn Kearley, Mackenzie Stevenson, Siobhan Horrey, Chloe Johnson, Georgia Reynolds, Molly Finch, Imagen Mather and Isabel Harrison all helped to organise and lead the Years 3 and 4 Multi-Skills Festivals. See below for a wide range of photos of the Sports Leaders.



DIARY DATES



17th April 2018

Yr 7&8 Holes Theatre Trip

5th May 2018

Bronze Practice Expedition D of E

17th May 2018

Year 7 Harry Potter Trip

18th May 2018

Year 10 Employability Workshop

25th May 2018

Break up for half-term

4th June 2018

Return back to the Academy after half-term

12th June 2018

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29th June 2018

D of E Qualifying Expedition

4th July 2018

Year 6 Transition Day

9th July 2018

Literacy Festival

25th July 2018

Break up for Summer

DON'T FORGET

It is important to us that the contact information we have for your child is always correct and up to date. Should details change please let us know as soon as you can.

For more diary dates, please look on the Farnborough Academy website

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