

Issue 1

INSIDE:



Do
the
right
thing



The Farnborough Academy
Farnborough Road
Clifton
Nottingham
NG11 8JW

0115 974 4444

www.thefarnboroughacademy.co.uk

FARNBOROUGH FOCUS

Giving everyone the chance to shine brightly

September-October 2015 Half Term

WELCOME BACK



Everyone at The Farnborough Academy would like to wish all our pupils a very happy return. A very big welcome goes to our new starters, the Class of 2020.

ALSO INSIDE:
FARNBOROUGH
SPORT

Life at Farnborough Academy

A word from the Head

I always read the newsletter with a smile because I am amazed at the amount of exciting events that happen in the academy every day. Teachers and pupils work really hard to ensure that they shine brightly and create fantastic memories. This term has been no different. Pupils have been to careers fairs, represented the academy in sporting fixtures, trained as Anti-bullying Ambassadors, been on visits and worked really hard in the classroom. I am so proud to be linked with the pupils of Farnborough.

Mr Crompton and I have been meeting groups of pupils discussing academy life with them. They tell interesting stories of the changes over the last year or so. Every one of them has said that the academy is a better place to be. They believe that behaviour and lessons have improved, that bullying has reduced and that they feel happy to come to school. They have also highlighted things that they would like us to improve. These have included better rewards, including more rewards for the pupils that do well in every lesson and who continue to raise the standards of behaviour and to help them to believe that they can do well in their exams. We will listen to them and continue to improve.

Enjoy reading the newsletter. I hope it makes you feel as happy to be part of the Farnborough community as it does me.

A warm welcome to The Farnborough Academy, the class of 2020 pupils, family and friends. The class of 2020 pupils first visited the academy for some taster Maths and Science lessons to give them an idea of what to expect. We also held an open night at the academy where parents were invited, with the pupils, to meet the Tutors and have a tour of the academy. We also held 5 days of Summer School at the academy. Finally we held two full transition days for the pupils, one of which was held at Nottingham Trent University and hosted by staff and students at the University. This was a fantastic opportunity and allowed the pupils to experience a day at a higher education establishment and to raise their aspirations for the future. The second day was spent at the academy where pupils spent some time with their tutors, took part in some taster lessons and familiarised themselves with layout of the Academy. (See photographs of some of these activities)

Following all these successful events, the class of 2020 have now started and are adapting to life at the academy. On the whole they have made a great start.



The Class of 2020 currently have the best attendance figure of all five years and we are very keen to maintain this and we thank the parents/carers for their continued support with this. The Class of 2020 also have the most achievement points which is fantastic, a number of pupils have already achieved their bronze certificate (100 achievement points) and we expect a high number of pupils to have also achieved this by half term. We are also very pleased with the number of pupils who have involved themselves in extra curricular activities such as sport and music. Miss Rivers and Mrs Watson are particularly thrilled with the number of class of 2020 boys who have joined the junior choir. Congratulations also goes to the pupils who were nominated as their tutor representative and also the 'Anti-bullying Ambassadors' positions of great responsibility. We would also like to congratulate the pupils who picked up awards at Mr Chaloner's recent whole school assembly where the main focus was 'effort'. A number of class of 2020 pupils are also assisting at our local primary school parents' evenings and we would like to thank them for doing this, in their own time and we are very proud of the commitment they have shown. I am sure you will agree that there are exciting times ahead for The Class of 2020.

The Farnborough Academy



From "The Leap of Faith" to prancing around with penguins, the Summer School was an exhibition of what pupils can expect, here, at The Farnborough Academy.

Over the 5 days, during the heat of summer, over 30 year 6 pupils took part in an array of activities. Monday was spent within the academy campus and in the morning, the attendees undertook the task of making parachutes with the afternoon consisting of decorating cakes kindly prepared by our very own, Mrs Ebsworth.



On Tuesday, the pupils had their endurance and determination tested at Colwick Adventure Park where they scaled, rowed and orienteered. Some of the pupils managed to successfully complete the Leap of Faith, a 42ft solo climb up onto a tiny wooden platform with the bravest of pupils leaping from the platform onto a trapeze bar.

It was fantastic to see the pupils giving it their all and taking part

in all the activities. The week was rounded off with a presentation given by Miss Heathcote. Pupils reflected on the week and parents were given a behind the scenes look at what their children got up to whilst at The Farnborough Academy. It was a great experience for all, with the pupils claiming that "it should have gone on for longer."

Until next year..



Farnborough Pupils Awarded in Regional Competition

This time last year, The Farnborough Academy had won an award at the Nottingham in Bloom competition and also, went on to win the East Midlands in Bloom competition. This year, nothing has changed!

From 160 entries, four of our pupils' photographs were shortlisted for the final stage



of the Nottingham in Bloom Photography 2015 competition.

Two of these won 1st and 3rd Prize in Nottingham in Bloom, while Hannah Colton won the East Midlands in Bloom Children's Digital Photography Competition! Hannah should be congratulated on her 'Daffodils' photograph that captured the judges eye from approximately 1000 entries across the East Midlands and won first prize for the Year 7 and above age group.

On 16th September, Hannah was awarded her prize during an awards

ceremony at the Rutland Water Club, near Oakham.

She was joined by other winners from many schools across the country as well as adult winners. Hannah's photograph was chosen for its strong composition of 2 daffodils, in sharp focus with a blurred background that showed a strong understanding of the depth of field and use of the macro lens.



WHAT'S ON WEDNESDAY

During this academic year, The Farnborough Academy are continuing to run with the What's On Wednesday programme. For those who don't know what this is, What's on Wednesday is known as WOW. It takes place every Wednesday during period five. All pupils are given the opportunity to choose from a range of extra curricular activities including football and craft club. During these sessions, the pupils are mixed with other year groups which gives the pupils chance to create new friends as well as learn new skills.



PE CLUBS TIMETABLE Autumn 2015



	LUNCHTIME			AFTER SCHOOL				
	SPORTS HALL	ASTRO / COURTS	FITNESS SUITE	SPORTS HALL	ASTRO / COURTS	FITNESS SUITE	FIELD/OUTDOOR	CLASSROOM
MONDAY	TABLE TENNIS (All Years) HSR		FITNESS CLUB (All Years) NHF	GIRLS FOOTBALL (All Years) MRY / NHF	BOYS FOOTBALL (Year 7, 8) IPR / SAR		RUGBY (Years 9,10,11) FIN	
TUESDAY							RUGBY (Years 9,10,11) EJN / PSH	
WEDNESDAY	INDOOR CRICKET (Years 9,10,11) IPR / EJN			SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS (All Years) HSR		FITNESS (All Years) MHS		GCSE Revision (Years 10, 11)
THURSDAY	NETBALL (All Years) AWN		FITNESS (All Years) MDY	CLIFTON TABLE TENNIS *5pm-7pm HSR	BOYS FOOTBALL (Years 9,10) USU / APY			
FRIDAY			FITNESS (Girls) MHS	BASKETBALL (All Years) (FIN)				

Primary Pupils get a taste of Secondary School

Year 6 Science and Art Transition Workshops. It has been brilliant to work with the Year 6 pupils from the local primary schools this half term.

Each feeder primary has visited Farnborough this half term to take part in some early transition workshops.

Pupils have been able to get a taste of life at The Farnborough Academy and have participated in Art and Science workshops.



Mrs McGillan has helped the pupils to produce their own 'pop art' door plaques using some printing techniques, whilst Mrs Ebsworth has encouraged them to discover why fireworks are different colours using flame tests and the bunsen burner.

All of the pupils have had an exciting time at the academy and we hope that their experience is the first of several as they continue through Year 6 and into the academy.



Year 10 and 11 Careers Fair

The Farnborough Academy hosted a careers evening for the Year 10 and 11 pupils on Wednesday 30th September. Amongst the invited, was Rushcliffe Sixth Form, who discussed with many pupils about what sixth form is and what Rushcliffe has to offer.

Confetti, New College Nottingham, Central College, Bilborough College and Stephenson College offered an insight into life at college and what they have to offer whilst the Nottingham Trent University and University of Nottingham enticed pupils into looking at life as a university student.

With over 17 colleges and businesses attending the careers evening, it was a great opportunity for pupils in Year 10 and 11 to talk and get advice from them and guide them down the path they want too. It was a real eye-opener for these pupils who, after the event, were really excited to be going to be moving on from school and really working hard to achieve what they want to achieve.

Tyler Cooke, a Year 10 pupil, was really engaged in the whole evening and even arrived half an hour early before it was due to start!

"I'm looking for an apprenticeship; I want to work in some sort of practical job such as mechanical engineering. A lot of the colleges looked very interesting especially Tevenson College on Lenton Lane, they have a HGV Maintenance place. Central College also looks interesting but I may look for a college course as well. The people I spoke to at the careers evening were very helpful. They showed me how to apply for college courses and apprenticeships. Before the careers evening, I had no idea how to apply for these courses."



FARNBOROUGH SPORT

Do the right thing



Year 7 draw in first football match

On 8th October, the Year 7's took part in their first ever football match at Farnborough. Nottingham Academy arrived having already had a few games under their belts, but Farnborough was as buoyant and confident as them. 19 Farnborough pupils turned up full of excitement and enthusiasm. The game was a cracker with both teams having plenty of opportunities to score. It could have been a cricket score by half-time, but instead, Nottingham Academy went into the break with a slender 1-0 lead. Farnborough didn't keep their heads down for long and equalised soon after the break with a nice free-kick from Khalid Manful. The game ended 1-1 in an end-to-end match. Klaudio Marqeshi got the man-of-the-match award for his hard work rate and his leadership but any of the Farnborough players could have been given the award. The Farnborough players are now looking forward to training after-school on Monday and are looking forward to an eagerly anticipated game against Fernwood in the coming weeks.

Table-Tennis Success

On the 24th September The Farnborough Academy/Clifton Table Tennis Players welcomed forty children from our primary schools and delivered a Table Tennis Festival. The event was also supported by our Clifton Table Tennis volunteers Tony Kerry, Trevor Kerry and Steve Heyliger. We all had a great afternoon. A huge 'thank you' to Jessica Widdowson, Beth Bush, Dominic Lambert, Liam Bramley, Jamie Lawson, Corey Morris and James Francis for creating such enjoyable activities. Remember we have our own community table tennis club, Clifton Table Tennis, based at The Farnborough Academy on a Thursday (Term-Time only) 5-6pm Junior Coaching (£2) and 6-7pm Junior/Adult Pay and Play (£1 Junior / £1.50 Adult) - first session is free so come and have a go!



City School Sports Awards

On Wednesday 23rd September nineteen students and parents went to Ellis Guilford School for the City Schools Sports Awards Evening. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the achievements across the city for 2014-2015. The Farnborough Academy collected awards for Year 9 Cricket Development League Winners, Year 7 & 8 and Year 9-11 Boys Table Tennis Winners, Year 9-11 Girls Table Tennis Winners as well as Year 7-8 Team Table Tennis Winners. We nominated some students for additional awards and were delighted when five of our students were selected by the panel of judges. Congratulations to Jamie Lawson who gained an additional award for Effort and Excellence, Daniel Fletcher for Effort and Participation, Keelan Camaile, Jessica Widdowson and Georgia Ogelsby for outstanding Sports Leadership. Thank you to our parents for supporting the event and for being such good company and thank you to our pupils for making us so proud!



A CRACKING READ

Creative writing hits Farnborough

The Farnborough Academy has this term started to take part in the First Story National Writing Workshop. First Story arranges for acclaimed writers to run creative-writing workshops for pupils. Over the course of the academic year, each writer leads a weekly after-school session.

Anthony Cropper, who is renowned for his novels Jack and Sal, and the Weatherman, come into the Academy every Tuesday after school and are joined by Librarian Ms Slee and a number of excited pupils wanting to learn more about creative writing. These sessions have also attracted members of staff to take part and learn more.

During these sessions, the pupils looked at ways to create pieces of work which can be submitted for entry to be published

by Oxford University Press at the end of the school year, and also be entered into national competitions.



Sara Ali, a Year 8 pupil likes creative writing workshop because “everyone joins in and we all use our imagination to make our own poems. We use different poets work for our inspiration and a helping template too. It is strange that we are in the

company of a famous author but it is good because he is helping us be more creative.” Felicity Odiogor, another Year 8 pupil, has found more “compassion and imagination” for writing. “It’s really cool having a famous person with us and teaching us. It’s great how you can make your own ideas and how poems can be fun and sad at the same time”

Mr Smith, a Pupil Mentor at Farnborough, believes that the creative writing workshop brings out an inner confidence that otherwise may go unnoticed. The workshop allows our pupils to express their creativity in a structured and supportive environment with the guidance of a published author; hearing our pupils recite their own poems brings to light a talent that needs to be, not only nurtured, but recognised.

DIARY DATES

2nd November

Back to School

12th November

Year 8/9 German Trip

7th December

Start of Year 11 Mock Exams

16th December

Christmas Concert

18th December

Last Day of Term!

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.

Offering a helping hand

The library supported a funding bid to the Foyle Foundation earlier in the year and successful won £8500 to invest in Whitegate Primary's new library. We've placed a bid on behalf on Milford Academy and have secured £5000 for them to invest in their school library. This is great news for these schools and for the pupils at their school. We are always driving to help primary school's within our vicinity and this is one way we can!

Did you know you can top-up your child's lunchtime account online with sQuid?

Simply visit www.squidcard.com and create an account using the button in the upper-right corner. Enter in the number assigned to your child (available from the Academy) and you're ready!



Scan this QR code with your smartphone to go directly to the site!

sQuid

