

FARNBOROUGH HILL
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 NEWSLETTER



The Caring Face of Academic Excellence

SUCCESS ALL ROUND!

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Following wins at local, district and regional level and having competed against many of the top schools in the country, Farnborough Hill became the South East of England winners of the English-Speaking Union (ESU) Public Speaking Competition and competed for the national title in the Final. The team comprised Caroline Haines (questioner), Joanna Belcher (chairman) and Natasha Adams (speaker), pictured left to right. Mrs Winch-Johnson reports that 'the Final was



At the World Cross Country Championships in Kenya, Charlotte Purdue led Great Britain and Ireland to fifth place in the Junior Women's 6km race.



tense and emotional and the standard extremely high. The girls possessed just the right combination of confidence, flair, wit and charm.' After a nail-biting five hours of competition, the judges announced that Joanna Belcher had been awarded the Best Chairman's Cup and that the winners overall were Cheltenham Ladies College.



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Our Young Enterprise companies, run jointly with Salesian College, enjoyed considerable success in the NE Hampshire competitions. Stick 'Em Up won the cup for the Best Business Plan post 16. Boutique achieved four awards: Most Innovative Product, Best Presentation, Best Company post 16 and Best Company Overall. Boutique then progressed to the County Final in Winchester where they were pipped at the post by the team from the Isle of Wight, but were judged to have produced the best final company report in Hampshire. What a shame that both Dragon's Den and The Apprentice have finished!



In June Christina Moore presented her Nuffield Bursary Project on SEA KING HELICOPTER COCKPIT CONTROLS at the Festival of Science and Engineering at Brooklands Museum, in the presence of the Duke of Kent. This follows her presentation at the national BA CREST AWARDS, held at the Royal Society earlier this year when Christina was one of 5 nominated for a prestigious prize for 'Innovation'.



Pictured is Second Former Georgia Peel, who won the 2007 Adidas® Mini London Marathon in her age category, a race run over the last 2.65 miles of the Marathon.



Collaboration between the Classics and Art departments has resulted in two students winning prizes in the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies artwork competition. Maria Price and Anna McManus, both in the First Form, received prizes for their clay work based on the Perseus story. Maria gained 'Highly Commended' and received a cheque for £15 and Anna received a cheque for £10 for her 'commended' piece.



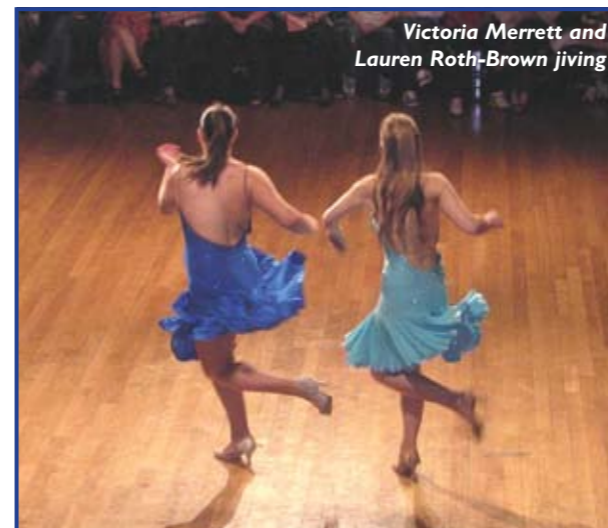
STAFF KARAOKE

The Third Form has very enthusiastically raised £1049 in aid of the 'Make a Wish Foundation'. In the staff karaoke initially reluctant members of staff came into their own once on stage: Miss Thomas and Dr Russell were fab as Abba, Dr Bright was a very convincing Diana Ross, our favourite chef, Mr Taylor surprised us all with a very tuneful 'Road to Amarillo'. Miss Price, Miss Clarke, Mrs Downer and Mrs Brophy, took first prize as the teachers from 'Fame'. One to remember!

CHORAL CONCERT

The chapel was full for the Senior Choir and Friends performance of John Rutter's 'Requiem' and 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace' by Karl Jenkins. We will never forget the thrilling and poignant singing of our soloists, Elizabeth Fulleylove, Niamh Hills, Katie Smith and Laura Tingle and the sound of the choir of over 100 combined with the orchestra.

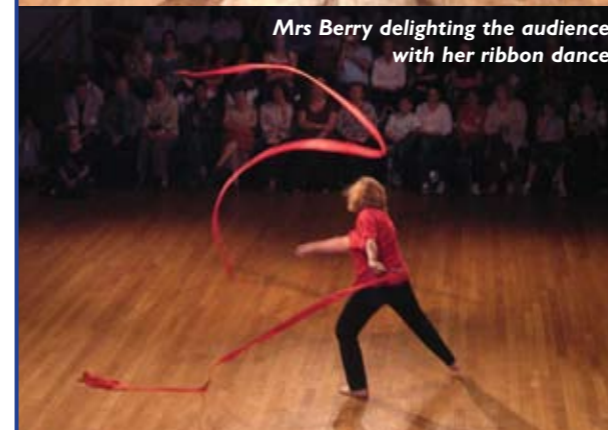
Katie Tyler was a member of the percussion section. She was the youngest and smallest, so she played the biggest drum! Members of the audience later commented that it was the most impressive Choral Concert to date. Even members of the choir were seen to shed a tear at the end of the very moving 'The Armed Man'.



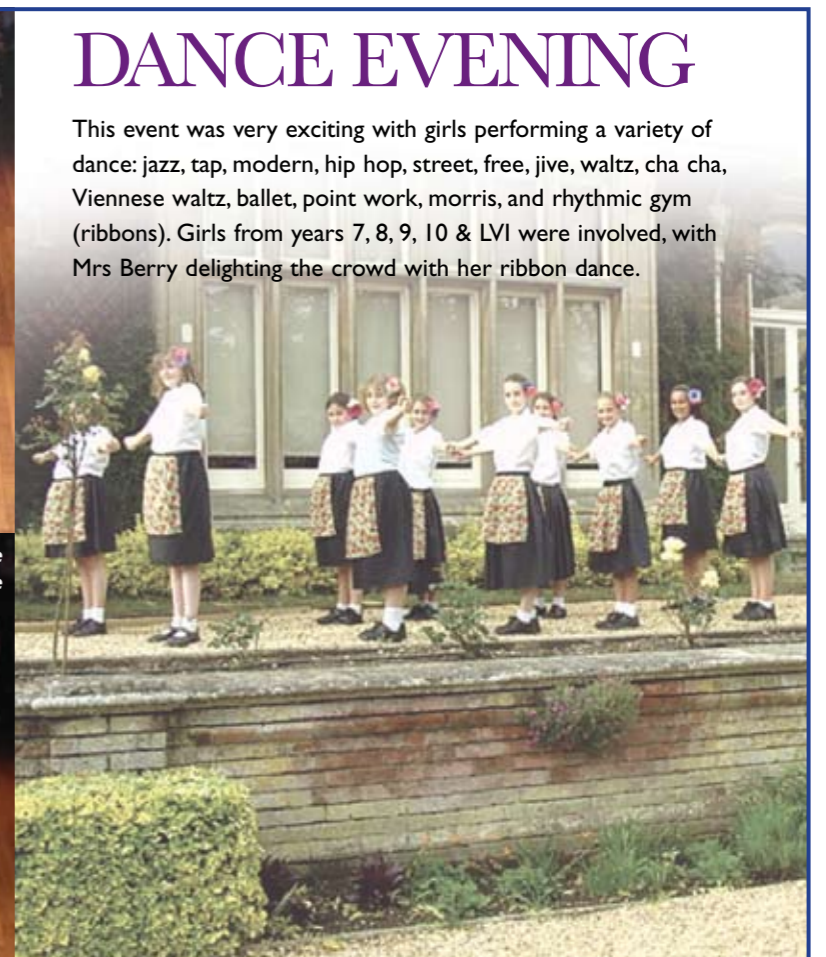
Victoria Merrett and Lauren Roth-Brown jiving

DANCE EVENING

This event was very exciting with girls performing a variety of dance: jazz, tap, modern, hip hop, street, free, jive, waltz, cha cha, Viennese waltz, ballet, point work, morris, and rhythmic gym (ribbons). Girls from years 7, 8, 9, 10 & LVI were involved, with Mrs Berry delighting the crowd with her ribbon dance.



Mrs Berry delighting the audience with her ribbon dance





A MUSICAL SOIRÉE

The Junior Choir wanted to sing some special songs for Miss Thomas' last school concert and there were guest appearances from many of our musical groups, the loudest being the Stomp Group's offering of 'Hiawatha's Jig!' The Swing Band sent Miss Thomas off with 'The Great Escape', but then she was intercepted by Mark Fensome, chairman of the Friends of Farnborough Hill who presented her with a bouquet and Thomas Cook travel vouchers as a mark of the Friends' appreciation of her love and support of the school.



TWELFTH NIGHT

Members of the popular Year 8 Drama Club performed the abridged version of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' in May. With music specially written by the students and the fabulous Elizabethan style costumes this was a very entertaining evening.



Pictured is Miss Davis (now Mrs Davis) who was married at half term. Miss Donnelly (Mrs Rix) and Miss Franzoni (Mrs Robinson) are getting married during the summer holiday. We send our congratulations to all three couples.

SCHOOL FEAST DAY



Right: New Headmistress, Mrs Buckle with the new Chaplain, Miss Farmer, on School Feast Day



The Feast of the Sacred Heart is the school feast day and we celebrated with Mass in the chapel followed by lollies on the lawn, as is the tradition. There was a surprise at the end of Mass when the Chairman of Governors, Mr Michael Maher, announced that the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Right Rev Bishop Crispian Hollis, had awarded Miss Thomas a diocesan medal for services to the Church. Understandably she was delighted as the picture shows (left).



Becket House captains Felicity Bramald and Mary Edwards presenting Dr Bright with a cheque for £500 for her charity in Sierra Leone which supports war orphans. The House has also sent £800 to the Kaloko Trust to help fund a school in Zambia.



Dr David Whitehouse, BBC science correspondent and a Farnborough Hill parent, pictured with (l to r) Victoria Beynon and Elizabeth Nash after his fascinating Space Talk to the Fourth Form.



ADIEU

This term sees the end of an era with the retirement of several long-serving members of staff. We wish them well and hope that they keep in touch. Mr Seys also bids us farewell to take up a Head of Department post. We will miss him.



Mrs Barr – 7 years

Mrs Cooke – 33 years



Mrs Berry – 39 years



Mrs Downes – 17 years

Miss Thomas – 18 years

Mrs Hall – 18 years



CARMINA BURANA IN WOLVERHAMPTON

Elizabeth Fulleylove sang the solos in a performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana with the City of Wolverhampton Chorus in the church of St John's-in-the-Square.



Our fantastic team of gardeners who make Farnborough Hill's grounds even more beautiful.

Our annual taster day, Busy Bees, enabled 120 Year 5 girls from various feeder schools to see what being a pupil at Farnborough Hill would be like. Students from the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth spent the day with them and had just as much fun as the little bees.



SPANISH TRIP TO SALAMANCA

by Emily Malyon-Roberts & Zoe Hawken

In March, 38 students and five teachers visited Salamanca. This was a home stay visit, but we were in pairs which made meeting the host families more relaxed and gave us an opportunity to practise our Spanish! We visited many places including Segovia, El Escorial, Avila and made a quick shopping trip to Madrid, a popular choice for the students. We had a chance to spend Palm Sunday with the host families and many of the students got to witness the famed processions. The six days went by very quickly and it was certainly an experience well worth having.



WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

The Third Form were off timetable for two days when 16 Science and Engineering Ambassadors gave their time again to run four challenging projects: designing a bridge to carry the biggest load, building and catapulting an aeroplane to travel the greatest distance, developing a method to transport jewels and designing water powered rockets. The girls worked in House teams and the projects were run as competitions. The presentation of all this hard work to parents included a finale of rockets down the Hill.

Rocket launching ably assisted by parents Catherine Crawford and Mark Mabin.



MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGES

INTERMEDIATE

Our Intermediate Challengers gained 3 Gold, 8 Silver and 18 Bronze Certificates. Three girls qualified for entry into higher rounds of the competition, Isabelle Edmondson for the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad and Charley Connor and Rachel Cauldwell for the European Kangaroo. Rachel gained a Merit placing her in the top 25% in the Kangaroo.

JUNIOR

Our younger mathematicians excelled in the UK Junior Mathematical Challenge. They achieved 5 Gold, 18 Silver and 35 Bronze certificates.

Gold Certificate winners: Natalie Sears, Sophie Astles, Fiona Myles-Hook, Bethan Tyler and Lauren Enwright.

Pictured with Mrs Nelson are some of the girls who entered the Junior Maths Challenge.



EVENING ON THE HILL

The Swing Band always liven up the start of our 'Evening on the Hill' and this year was no exception. Playing for an hour is nothing compared to doing a whole evening's entertainment at the jazz club in Ascot, which was their final gig of the term! Despite the weather being colder than usual the evening was another huge hit and the fireworks were judged to be the best ever.

ENIGMA DAY

Thursday 17 May became Enigma Day when Nadia Baker of the Millenium Mathematics Project visited the school to talk to Year 9. She gave an interesting talk on coding and encryption and also demonstrated an original World War II Enigma machine. Pupils were fascinated to discover how mathematicians helped to win World War II. Later in the day, the pupils were involved in code breaking work and discovered the name of the "Enigmatic Character". However, we cannot reveal the identity as we are sworn to secrecy.



First Communion children pictured at Farnborough Hill with Father Tony



PARENTS' DIARY 2007/08

CHRISTMASTERM

4 Sept	Induction for new pupils and LVI – 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
5 Sept	School re-opens for all – 8.50 am
9 Sept	Old Girls' AGM, Reunion and Mass from 10.00 am
14 Sept	Friends of Farnborough Hill AGM – 8.00 pm Evening for New Parents – 8.30 pm
1 Oct	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents – 2.00 - 4.00 pm
2 Oct	Sixth Form Information Evening for V Form and parents – 7.30 pm
6 Oct	Friends of Farnborough Hill Quiz Night – 7.30 pm
10 Oct	Musical Soirée in the Grand Salon – 7.00 pm
13 Oct	Senior Choir singing Mass at Westminster Cathedral – 6.00 pm
16 Oct	Interview Technique Evening for UVI students – 7.00 pm
17 Oct	First Form Parents' Evening – IA & IB – 6.00 - 8.30 pm
19 Oct	Attainment & Effort Assessments: Forms II-V Half Term begins – 4.00 pm
29 Oct	Half Term ends – 8.50 am
30 Oct	First Form Parents' Evening – Iα & Iω – 6.00 - 8.30 pm
31 Oct	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents – 2.00 - 4.00 pm
1-13 Nov	Term Tests
9 Nov	School ends – 12.50 pm Prize Giving – 7.30 pm
17 Nov	Friends of Farnborough Hill 'Food & Wine with a Wow Factor!' – 7.30 pm
23 Nov	Records of Achievement – LVI & UVI John Lewis in school for uniform – 12.00 noon - 2.00 pm
27 Nov	V Form Drama Performance – 7.00 pm
28 Nov	V Form Drama Performance – 7.00 pm
30 Nov	Years 7 & 8 Disco at Salesian College – 7.00 - 9.15 pm
2 Dec	School Christmas Bazaar – 2.30 pm Advent Carol Service – 4.30 pm
4 Dec	LVI Students' and Parents' Evening – 6.00 - 7.30 pm
7 Dec	Christmas Celebration – 7.30 pm
10 Dec	UVI Students' and Parents' Evening – 6.00 - 7.30 pm
14 Dec	Attainment & Effort Assessments: Forms I-V Interim Records of Achievement: Forms I-IV Term Ends – 12.50 pm

JUNIOR DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

District Champions (pictured 1 to r) are: Elise Peever (U13 Hurdles), Alice Micklethwaite (U13 Javelin), Georgia Peel (U14 1500m) and Laura Haines (U14 800m). Also District Champions are the U13 Sprint Relay team: Katie Hotchkiss, Elise Peever, Michele Parkinson and Alice Micklethwaite. Individual trophies for outstanding achievement went to Elise Peever (best U13 girls track performance) and Georgia Peel (championship record performance in 1500m).



In the Easter holiday 20 year 7s attended a 2 day tennis and rounders course. The PE staff was helped in the task of entertaining and coaching the girls by Chloe Micklethwaite and Charlotte Cox (Year 9). Everybody agreed that it was a fun and worthwhile event.

LVI Farnborough Hill and Salesian sport leaders



The Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth competed for the Ison Cup. Having played one event each term (netball, badminton and rounders) the final winners were the Upper Sixth.