

# FARNBOROUGH HILL

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## NEWSLETTER



### The Caring Face of Academic Excellence

## A GREAT DAY OUT HAD BY ALL!

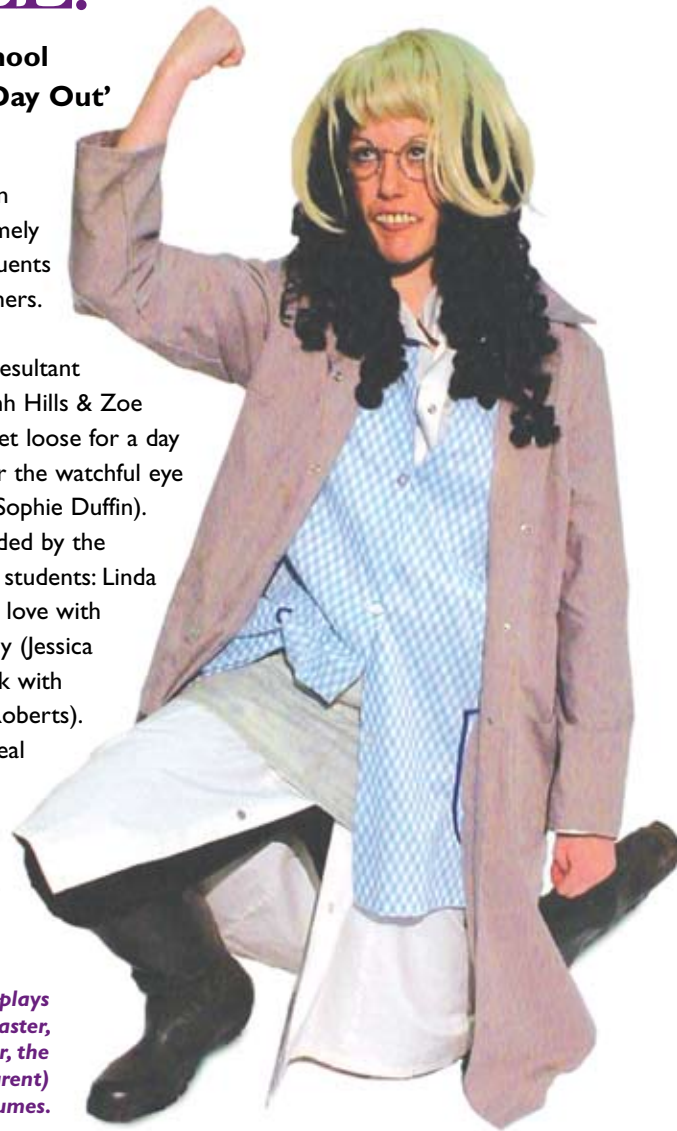
**This year's hilarious yet moving school production of Willy Russell's 'Our Day Out' was exciting and fast-paced.**

Having spent hours labouring over Liverpoolian accents, the cast were extremely convincing as teenage delinquents and their long-suffering teachers.

'Our Day Out' displays the resultant chaos when Mrs Kay's (Niamh Hills & Zoe Hawken) 'Progress Class' is let loose for a day trip to Conway Castle, under the watchful eye of the tyrannical Mr Briggs (Sophie Duffin). Huge entertainment is provided by the romantic fantasies of certain students: Linda (Yvette Yeghnazar), who is in love with Sir (Danielle Dove), and Reilly (Jessica McCarten), who tries his luck with beautiful young teacher Susan (Emily Malyon-Roberts). The roadside shop, beach, fair and zoo (with real animals!) visited by the children will never be the same again!

**Video and DVD recordings are available from the Drama department.**

*Pictured: Charlotte Bate (who plays Les the Lollipop man, the Headmaster, the shop keeper, the zoo keeper, the fairground attendant and a parent) wearing all her costumes.*



Farnborough Hill's promotional DVD, was produced at Pinewood Studios by mlsMEDIA, following three days of filming at school. We hope that students and parents will enjoy showing the DVD to their friends. Pictured are Miss Thomas, Mr Lloyd-Stern (mlsMEDIA) and Mrs Duffin at Pinewood Studios on the day that Johnny Depp was filming Sweeney Todd. We only managed to see the set though (sorry, Miss Thomas!).





## INTER-HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

Luminous leggings, swinging plaits, jiving, clever chair-work and high lifts! The Howard House dance competition in aid of HCPT had it all.

Mr Wellington compered and Miss Franzoni brought us the magic lights and sound.

Voting was as controversial as Eurovision with audience votes winning the day.

Pictured are Sixth Form members of Howard House with Mr Wellington



Neville, Campion's new blue dragon mascot, brought along by Kelly Watts, was there to encourage the girls.

Campion House's Lucy Sorrell and Lydia Graham were the winners with a Bugsy-Malone style number, wearing very fluorescent leggings!

Well done also to the fantastically energetic Christina Williams who came second for Becket House.

Miss Clarke regrets not having time to practise her Britney number again!

## JUGGLING MATHEMATICS

Year 10 boys from Salesian College were invited to join our Year 10 girls to hear Dr Colin Wright talk about the 'Mathematics of Juggling'. Dr Wright learned the art of juggling when researching his PhD in Mathematics at Cambridge University.

He explained the patterns behind juggling tricks and how these patterns could be used to forecast new tricks. It was a fascinating talk resulting in a standing ovation for Dr Wright.



## The Italian Job

The Senior Choir are preparing for their summer visit to Italy where they will take part in concerts around Lake Garda as well as singing Mass in the Cathedral of St Mark in Venice and the Cathedral of St Anthony in Padua. But there will also be shopping, swimming and ice-cream testing! The choir put on a concert in our chapel in February to raise funds for gondola trips. Thanks to the generosity of parents and the selling techniques of the raffle ticket girls, we raised £545.



# NEWS

We will be sorry to say goodbye to Mr McSteen at the end of this term. Pictured are girls from the Third Form relieving him of his money (selling raffle tickets!).



Following a challenging examination, Sixth Form scholarships have been awarded to: Hannah Dennis, Sarah Wonham and Jenny Orchard (pictured (L to R) with Miss Thomas)



**Mrs Sarah Buckle**  
who will become our new  
headmistress when Miss  
Thomas retires this summer.



## LOOK AT LIFE COURSE

By Laura Tingle

I attended a week long course with the band of the Royal Logistics Corps at Pirbright Camp just before half term. I had a fantastic week despite having to get up at 5.45 am every day for a room inspection before breakfast at 6.30 am! We were taught how to march, throw a grenade and how to spy on the enemy. We rehearsed every day with the band and also visited Kneller Hall, the school of army music. We finished the week with 'the final exercise' which was conducted on the ranges at night and was quite scary when a flare landed at my feet! I won't be enlisting too soon though, as my time for the fitness trial was 2 minutes too slow!



## CHORAL CONCERT 2007 Senior Choir & Friends with the Chameleon Arts Orchestra

Rehearsals for this year's Choral Concert have already started: an exciting programme is planned with the meditative Requiem by John Rutter balanced by the furious energy of 'The Armed Man' Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins. It's not too late to join in – rehearsals take place in the School Hall. We'll teach you the notes; just bring your voice (especially if you're a tenor or bass!)



*We marked the CAFOD family fast day with a mufti day on the theme of mismatched fashion. Everyone really entered into the spirit and we were able to send £941.60 to CAFOD.*





**Copper Carpet**

A shining carpet for Becket's charity 'Kaloko Trust' provided an amazing £350 for children in Zambia.

**LOKI CONCERT**

Becket House organised a rock concert, featuring hugely popular band Loki, which marked the beginning of half term and raised £230 for the Civil War orphans in Sierra Leone (home country of Dr Bright).



Farnborough Hill has again had great success in public speaking competitions, with one team heading towards national level.

The Rotary District Public Speaking Competition for South of England Schools was held in March. Nine schools competed at Charterhouse and it was keenly fought, as each team was already a winner of local heats in their region. The Farnborough Hill team - (pictured l to r) Lucy Sparks, Victoria Beynon and Tegwen Gabb - competed brilliantly, with great skill and panache, achieving a well-deserved first place.

Our other team, comprising Natasha Adams, Joanna Belcher and Caroline Haines have gone through to the national final of the English Speaking Union, which will be held on 12 May at St Paul's Girls School.



**THE INFORMAL MUSIC EVENING**

This was a fun-packed night featuring the orchestra playing their very favourite music from 'Pirates of the Caribbean'. We all dressed up but unfortunately we couldn't entice Johnny Depp to join us (sorry, Miss Thomas). Soloists shone, the Swing Band swung and it was a great party night. Thank you to parents for their generosity once again!



**STOMP GROUP AND SWING BAND AT GREENFIELD SCHOOL**

On 2 February, two minibuses full of players, instruments and assorted hardware went to entertain the pupils of Greenfield School in Woking. We think they all enjoyed it, although one small person fell asleep during the Stomp Group's performance. A return match is being planned, when their school choir will join us for a concert in our wonderful chapel next year.



**Energy Awareness Week**

Monday assembly in Science Week saw the Year 10 Separate Science group presenting 'News from 2037'. Headlines included 'Fossil fuels running out', 'A hurricane in Farnborough' and 'Animals becoming extinct daily'. This initiative is part of a campaign to raise awareness of current energy problems and what we as individuals can do to help.

**IBM**

This year the school has established links with IBM in Farnborough. Three visits in November and January enabled all of Year 8 to have the opportunity to see, first hand, the kinds of jobs people can do in the technology industry. Some competitive Virtual Robot Building was combined with hands-on experience of new technology and left a lasting impression on everyone in Year 8. In the future, we hope to take sixth formers to IBM's Centre for development in Hursley near Winchester.



This year two Young Enterprise companies have run as part of the enrichment programme with Salesian College. Both 'Stick Em Up' and 'Boutique' have concentrated on the production of seasonal goods for Christmas and Valentine's Day. The Achievers will soon be producing their final reports and presentations before liquidating the companies in June.



**3rd Form Lunchtime Concert**

In January, members of the 3rd form gave a lunchtime concert in the Grand Salon. Music included the beautiful cello solo 'Après un Rêve' played by music scholar Katy Nagle and a trombone solo by Ruth Simmons as well as a cracking performance by the Stomp Group.



# PARENTS' DIARY 2007

## SUMMER TERM

24 April	School re-opens for pupils – 8.50 am
27 April	Take Our Daughters to Work Day - Second Form
7 May	May Day Holiday
10 May	Fifth Form Drama Performance – 7.00 pm
12 May	Choral Concert – 7.30 pm
19 May	Open Morning <b>Compulsory for all students in Forms I-III</b> – 9.30 - 12 noon Closing Service for students and parents – 12 noon
21 May	Trinity Drama Examinations
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23 May	Second Form Drama Performance – 7.00 pm
24 May	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents – 2.00 - 4.00 pm
25 May	Attainment & Effort Assessments – Forms I-IV Half Term begins – 4.00 pm
4 June	Half Term ends – 8.50 am School Examinations begin
14 June	Musical Soirée – 7.00 pm
16 June	Friends of Farnborough Hill Evening on the Hill – 6.30 pm
19 June	'Busy Bees' Taster Day for Prospective Pupils
21 June	Induction Afternoon for New First Form – 2.30 pm
25 – 28 June	LVI Biology Field trip for Farnborough Hill and Salesian College students
25 – 29 June	Work Experience Week – Fifth Form
26 June	Fourth Form Drama Performance – 6.30 pm
27 June	Science and Engineering Ambassadors' Presentation – Third Form – 7.30 pm
28 June	Sixth Form Taster Day for Fourth Form students
30 June	Leavers' Ball
2 July	Inter-House Sports
6 July	Attainment & Effort Assessments – Forms I-IV Records of Achievement – Forms I-IV Term Ends – 11.00 am Leavers' Mass – 11.30 am
9 July	John Lewis in school for uniform 12 noon - 6.00 pm

## CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country champion, Charlotte Purdue, won the Under 20 Junior Cross Country Trials at Nottingham and will now represent Great Britain at the Junior World Championships in Kenya on 24 March.

Here's what the UK Athletics web site had to say about her performance:

*Fearless 15-year-old Charlotte Purdue (Aldershot, Farnham and District AC) burst away through the heaviest of the mud at halfway and went on to seal her place in the Worlds with considerable style.*



U14 Cross Country

*In the Junior District Cross Country Championships Georgia Peel (4th from left – pictured above) came 1st in the U14 section.*



U12 Netball

## NETBALL

*Our Under 12 netball team are now District Champions*



Rebecca Fisher represented Farnborough Hill at the National Schools Biathlon Championships and gained the 'Top Swim' in her age group. She has also qualified to swim at the British Championships, which is much harder to qualify for than the National Championships and is the main event for the selection of the British swimming team.

## MATHS GYMNASTICS

On Monday 12 March, all Year 11 students taking Higher Tier GCSE Mathematics travelled to the Emmanuel Centre in London to attend a conference entitled "Getting that A/A\* Grade". They heard lots of useful advice on topics to revise and how exams are marked, as well as some interesting methods on numbering graphical transformations. A reflection in the 'x' axis will be forever known as a 'Victoria' as Victoria Stone bravely demonstrated an inverted graph by doing a handstand on stage in front of 1200 students!