

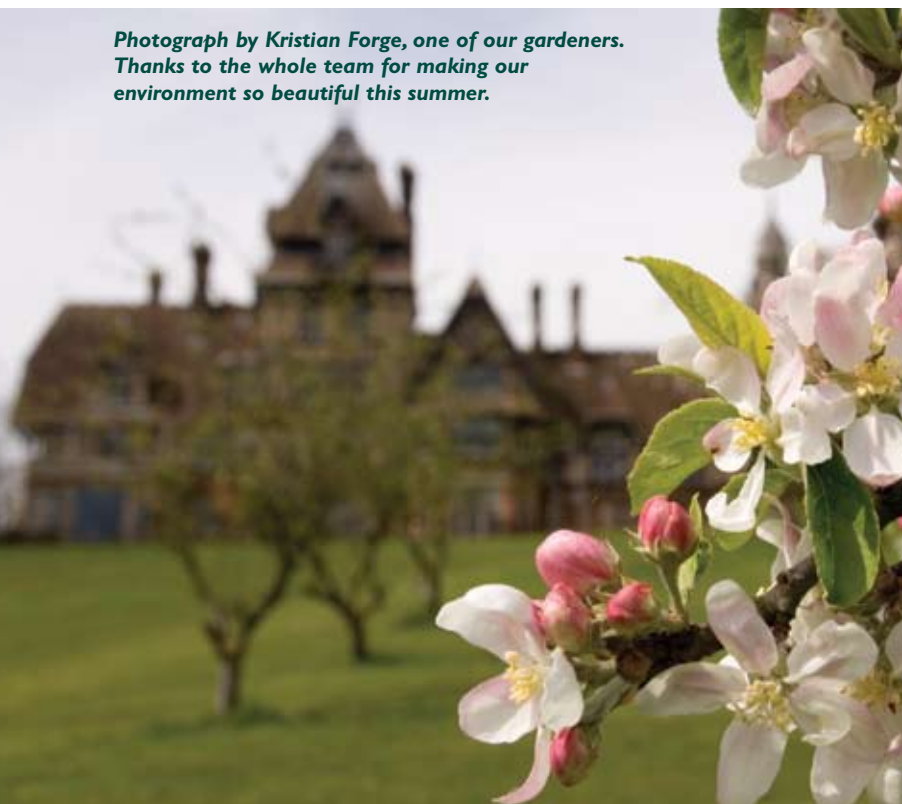
FARNBOROUGH HILL
 EDUCATING THE WHOLE PERSON
 NEWSLETTER



The Caring Face of Academic Excellence

AN INSPECTOR CALLS...

Photograph by Kristian Forge, one of our gardeners. Thanks to the whole team for making our environment so beautiful this summer.



The Diocesan and ISI Inspections were at the forefront of our minds for the first part of this term. In reality, they both proved to be enjoyable and positive experiences for staff and pupils alike with both teams of inspectors being hugely impressed by our school and its ethos. The ISI report will be completed during the summer holiday and we are looking forward to its publication. We have recently received the Diocesan Validation Report and are delighted that it is so fulsome in its praise: 'Farnborough Hill is an excellent Christian school, firmly grounded in the Catholic

tradition, where religious practice finds expression in the ordinary experience of community life.' 'A dedicated and talented staff combines with enthusiastic and well motivated students, to create a community that pulsates with activity and endeavour.' 'Behaviour is excellent and is built on relationships of mutual trust and respect.' 'Teaching and attainment in religious education are outstanding in all key stages.'

Both reports will be sent to all parents towards the end of the summer holiday.

BUSY BEES



Above: Year 5 girls on the Busy Bees taster day being encouraged by Head Girl, Niamh O'Connor, (complete with megaphone) to charge down the hill! The girls had a wonderful day, hosted by the Fourth and LVI Forms. Members of UVI returned to help, having completed their A levels. They obviously can't keep away!



Above: Old girl, Sarah Webb, handing out freshly made ice cream produced using liquid nitrogen in the Science Courtyard on Open Morning.

MAYOR'S CIVIC DAY. During the Easter holiday Farnborough Hill was delighted to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Rushmoor and their guests: the mayors from all of Hampshire and the neighbouring Surrey boroughs. This was part of the Mayor's Civic Day and our visitors were very impressed with everything that they saw.



JACKIE ISON (NÉE BEILL)

1957 – 2008 RIP

We were greatly saddened by the death of Mrs Jackie Ison after her courageous battle against cancer. She will be very much missed by her friends, colleagues and students at Farnborough Hill. Mrs Ison became a pupil at Farnborough Hill in 1968 and returned to join the PE Department in 1985. Her ex-pupils will remember her for her enthusiasm, her love of sport, her high standards, her coaching abilities and her care of them. Her colleagues will remember her for her integrity, her respect for others, her work ethic, her loyalty and her gentle nature. A Mass of thanksgiving was held in Chapel for Mrs Ison. This was a beautiful celebration and we were delighted to welcome her husband, Mr Andy Ison, her mother, Mrs Beill, and other members of her family.



Old Girl, **Katherine Anderegg**, who spent six months in Uganda as a missionary with the Baptist organisation, **bmsworldmission**, came in to talk to Years 9 and 10 about her experience. Her work ranged from helping with Sunday school, teaching and hospital visiting, to making 10,000 mud bricks to help build a classroom for a local school. Girls were able to try on the traditional costumes of Uganda and were given a taste, literally, of the maize porridge which is the staple food in that region. We gather it tasted 'amaizing!' We hope that other girls will consider joining one of these worthwhile expeditions if they decide to take a gap year before university.



CRUCIFIX

Lower Sixth Product Design student, Melanie Lovell, chose to focus her AS project on designing and making a crucifix for the newly renovated Resistant Materials workshop. Her final product features a vivid and uplifting cross design reflecting the bright industrial colour scheme of the new room. The 'starburst' pattern was selected as it reflects Jesus' resurrection from the cross. Around the outline of Jesus are etched the words Melanie chose as the title for her project which are *restyle, refresh, renew, restore, renovate, revamp* and *rejuvenate*. Father Tony blessed the crucifix during the Mass of the Feast of the Sacred Heart and it will now be displayed in the Resistant Materials workshop.



Certificate of Special Service



Pictured is Mrs Phillips, Director of Music, being awarded a 'Certificate of Special Service' by Dr David Jacques, regional representative of the **Royal School of Church Music**, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the promotion, performance and sheer enjoyment of high quality church choral music for over thirty years in the local area. Sister Josephine was quoted as saying "Karen is inspirational" and we all agree. Well done Mrs Phillips!

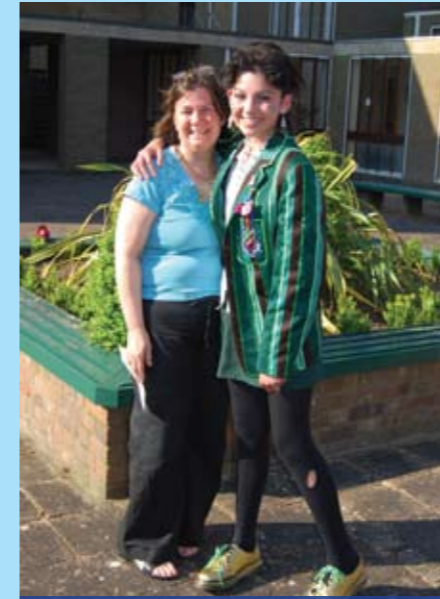
INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING

Pictured are girls in Year 9 who were off timetable for two days when fifteen engineers from local companies ran engineering projects again this year. 'Programming Robots' was added to other successful projects to design the longest range rockets, build the strongest bridge and develop an innovative transport system.



- We welcome Ms Thompson as a new member of the PE department.
- We congratulate Miss Weeks on her appointment as joint Head of Sixth Form.

FIFTH FORM



Hannah Patel customised her blazer, which will no doubt make an appearance on mufti days in the Sixth Form!



Customised school shoes during the final week in uniform! The theme was 'Rainbow' to celebrate the diversity and 'colourfulness' of the year group!

Year 11 said 'au revoir' in assembly before going on study leave. Mrs Buckle said that she felt the whole year group embodied the school's Mission Statement. Head of Year 11, Mrs Nelson, paid tribute to the girls' caring nature, e.g. organising the dance extravaganza themselves and making a quilt to support one of their year group who was ill last year. She also praised them for their enthusiastic involvement in school life.



Year 11 thanked their Heads of Year - Mrs Cooke (Years 7 - 9) and Mrs Nelson (Years 10 - 11) and presented flowers to all their teachers individually.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Pictured are our new Head Girl, Niamh O'Connor (right), and Deputy Head Girl, Sarah Wonham with Mrs Buckle.



HELEN GHOSH

We were pleased and proud to hear that **Farnborough Hill Old Girl, Helen Ghosh, née Kirkby (who left the school in 1974)** has been made a **Dame Commander of the Order of the Bath in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year. She is currently Permanent Secretary at DEFRA and will be our Guest of Honour at Prize Giving in November.**

This year the Sixth Form ran two Young Enterprise companies jointly with Salesian College. They were **Affinity** (jewellery) and **Urban Wood Designs** (beaded jewellery and other wooden items). At the **North East Hampshire Area Finals**, Urban Wood Designs won cups in the following categories:

- Best Trade Stand
- Best Business Plan

- Best Company Report
- Best Presentation in the 16-19 age group
- Best Company

As best company, Urban Wood Designs attended the **County Final** in Winchester. Despite fierce competition, they succeeded in winning the trophy for the **Best Company Report**.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

In the Aldershot and District Junior Athletics Championships: our talented year 7 team won the team trophy...



...Kiyante Philip (left) won the U13 discus, Olivia Parrott (centre) won the U13 80m and Kloe Storrie (right) won U13 150m ... and Elise Peever (far right) won the U14 70m hurdles and The Boxer Trophy for the best track performance



Eight Year 7 and 8 pupils represented the Borough of Rushmoor in the hockey competition at the Hampshire Youth Games. Captain Alice Micklethwaite, our Year 8 Sports Scholar, scored an impressive 5 goals and was the leading scorer in the Rushmoor team, who emerged as silver medallists.



The Year 7 B Team followed the success of the Year 7 A Team in the Aldershot and District Netball Tournament, winning all of their matches. Head of PE, Miss Kelsey, said "It was an impressive and well deserved victory."



NETBALL AND HOCKEY TOUR TO BARBADOS

In March 2009, 21 students from Years 10 - 12 will be going on a Netball and Hockey Tour to Barbados. At present they are fund raising for this event and will be selling pens over the summer holidays to help purchase new items of kit.

RUNAWAY SUCCESSES

Laura Haines is another of our successful distance runners. Laura came first in the 1500m at the Hampshire District Championships and second in the subsequent Hampshire Schools Championships, which qualified her for the Inter Counties event where she came third, achieving a personal best of 5.02 minutes. Laura also came second in the Track Knockout. (It must be something to do with our 65 acres!) In the 800m Georgia Peel won Championship Best Performance at the Hampshire Schools event. Well done to them both!



Staff v. pupils basketball



The staff played in a basketball tournament against pupils in the VI Form and Year 11. The Year 11 and staff teams both won their opening games against the VI Form and needed victory in the final game to win the competition. Despite matching the pupils in enthusiasm, the staff team was unable to beat a skilful (and fitter!) Year 11 team who won with a final score of 4-2.

Pictured below are the U15 track knock-out athletics team who have made it to the Hampshire Finals in Southampton in July. Please see the web site for the results of this competition.



NETBALL NEWS

By Alice Micklethwaite

I recently went to trial for the U14 Berkshire netball squad. When my name was not read out I was disappointed and thought that I had not been selected. I was very surprised when the South of England selectors then asked me and two other girls to stand up in front of everyone! To my delight the selector announced that I had got into the U16 Berkshire team and that they wanted me to trial for the South of England squad later this year. I am very happy and looking forward to the trials.



GOLF

Congratulations to Farnborough Hill team member Rachel Davidson for collecting one of the handicap prizes in the Sunningdale Ladies golf competition.



Head Girl Niamh O'Conner on the 18th

DRAMA

THEATRE REVIEW OF 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

By Laura McLean

'Year 9 had such a fabulous time at 'Joseph'! The play starred the 2nd place winner of the TV show 'Any Dream Will Do', Craig Chalmers. The lights were fabulous and the set was exciting! The actors told the story with colour and energy. We especially loved singing along and waving our arms in the air! I thought the play was really well done and the singing was great. It was a fun day out for everyone!



A highly energetic performance of John Godber's 'Shakers' by A level students had the audience roaring with laughter one minute and on the edge of their seats the next.



A Woman's Lot



The Seven Deadly Sins

Year 10 performed their excellent themed plays in the Princess Studio: in the afternoon to their peers and in the evening to an invited audience of parents and staff. 'A Woman's Lot' and 'The Seven Deadly Sins' had an interesting mix of poignant and amusing scenes and the highlight of the plays were the energetic dances which entertained the audiences.

THE EVENING ON THE HILL

The Evening on the Hill organised by the Friends of Farnborough Hill was a great success. The Swing Band entertained a lovely crowd as they arrived with picnic baskets, rugs and umbrellas (doubling as sun-shades of course) and the evening got off to a swinging start. Picnics were set out and everyone relaxed to the sound of jazz by the Paul Smith Quartet in the beautiful grounds of the school. The evening ended with a spectacular firework display.



WHAT TALENT!

Farnborough Hill students are extremely pro-active when it comes to charity initiatives and the recent Year 10 Talent Show was no exception. A group of students led by Michaela Corper devised and produced an evening talent show which was hugely entertaining and successful. Fourteen acts, from Years 7-10 (and members of staff), danced, sang, performed comedy routines and even created a human pyramid! The atmosphere on the evening was electric and both the participants and the audience had great fun! An amazing £1339 was raised for The Royal Marsden Children's Hospital, a charity close to Michaela's heart.



HISTORY DEPARTMENT YEAR 7 VISIT TO PORTCHESTER CASTLE

Report by Sophie Webb, Laura King, Priyangka Pun IB

We had a fantastic time at Portchester Castle. It was a sunny day, we had lots of fun and learned loads! We got to climb to the top of the keep where there were great views and you could see the whole of the castle. We learned how the castle changed over time, about the church and the grounds. We found out that the castle was used as a prisoner of war camp and saw where the prisoners carved their names on the walls. We had a fantastic day!



THINK TANK



Above: The MP for NE Hampshire, Mr James Arbuthnot, spoke to students about the British Political System: the differences between the first-past-the-post and proportional representation systems, the history of women gaining the vote, and why it is so important to vote. Students made excellent use of the chance to ask Mr Arbuthnot a wide range of questions.

Below: Mr Graham Chisnall talked about the aeronautical engineering industry. Pupils saw in action the wing of a plane designed by him in just two hours using only a piece of graph paper and a pencil! They also learnt about his vintage biplane and the fun, and dangers, of owning and flying it.



Pictured are members of Year 8 during their Mathematical Challenge. The winning team were FACT: Fiona Myles-Hook, Anna Jones, Christine Cook and Tabitha Frew.

ARE WE "VERT" YET?

Pupils in Years 7 - 9 were recently asked this question by the actors of the European Theatre Company who visited Farnborough Hill, bringing their show "Cendrine Bio", by Jill Aisher. The performance brought to life the story of Cendrine and her environmentally unfriendly sisters. With singing, dancing and plenty of opportunities to take part, pupils and staff made recycling decisions, recycled music and even recycled their French! Bravo les filles!



ECOWEEK REPORT

Ecoweek raised awareness of a wide range of sustainability issues and made tangible differences to both local and global communities. Launching the initiative, girls in the Eco-schools club explained the importance of: reducing plastic and energy consumption, recycling and buying Fair Trade products. They gave practical tips for simple changes which could be made to our lifestyles. A 7.5% reduction in energy consumption was achieved in one day by us through switching off unnecessary lights and eating a cold lunch!



Mrs Buckle buying one of the beautiful shopping bags made from left-over fabrics, the sale of which contributed to raising £161.90 towards sustainability projects.



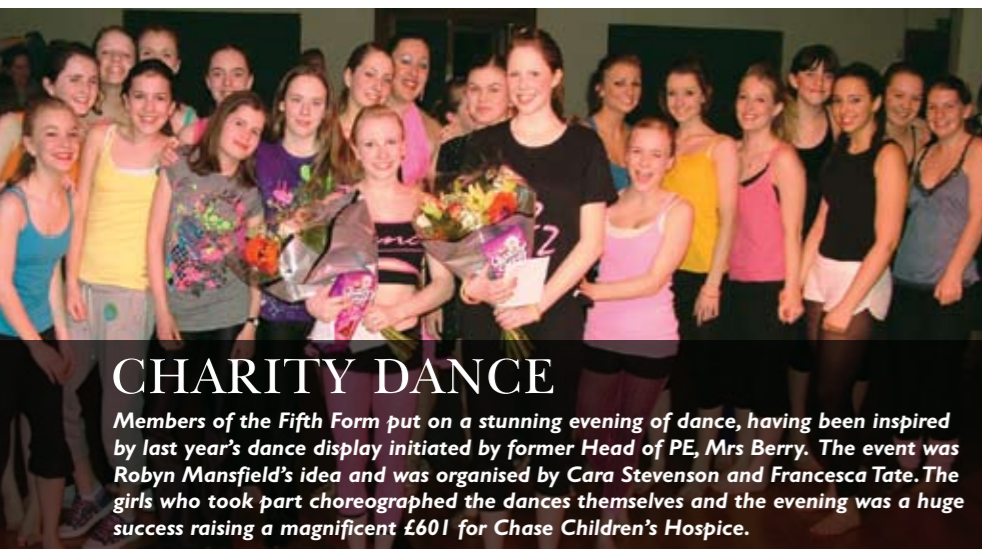
Miss Goddard (right) with members of the Eco-schools club



As part of their Geography course, Year 8 pupils visited Alice Holt Woodland. They learnt about the conflicts between different groups of people using the forest, and discussed possible solutions and then went orienteering, working in small groups to navigate their way around the forest, finding as many checkpoints as they could. An enjoyable and educational day!

BRITISH PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Vinaya Srirangam Nadhamuni was presented with a Silver Medal Award from the British Physics Olympiad for the recent AS competition. Approximately 100 Silver and 30 Gold medals are awarded nationally. Vinaya has also been awarded a prestigious Nuffield Bursary. She will be working under Dr Salim Ghoussayni in the Faculty of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Surrey.



CHARITY DANCE

Members of the Fifth Form put on a stunning evening of dance, having been inspired by last year's dance display initiated by former Head of PE, Mrs Berry. The event was Robyn Mansfield's idea and was organised by Cara Stevenson and Francesca Tate. The girls who took part choreographed the dances themselves and the evening was a huge success raising a magnificent £601 for Chase Children's Hospice.

PARENTS' DIARY 2008/9

CHRISTMAS TERM

2 Sept	Induction for new pupils and LVI: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
3 Sept	School re-opens for all: 8.50 am
6-7 Sept	Sixth Form Team Building Weekend
11 Sept	Friends of Farnborough Hill AGM: 8.00 pm
	Evening for New Parents: 8.30 pm
14 Sept	Old Girls' AGM, Reunion and Mass from 10.00 am
30 Sept	Sixth Form Information Evening for Year 11 students and parents: 7.00 pm
2 Oct	Year 10 GCSE Studies Evening for Students and Parents: 7.00 pm
4 Oct	Friends of Farnborough Hill Quiz Night: 7.00 pm
6 Oct	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents: 2.00 – 4.00 pm
8 Oct	Musical Soirée in the Grand Salon: 7.00 pm
11 Oct	Senior Choir singing Mass at Westminster Cathedral: 6.00 pm
14 Oct	Interview Technique Evening for UVI students: 7.00 pm
15 Oct	Year 7 Parents' Evening 7A & 7B: 6.00 – 8.30 pm
17 Oct	John Lewis in school: 12.00 – 2.00 pm
21 Oct	Year 7 Parents' Evening 7α & 7ω: 6.00 – 8.30 pm
22 Oct	A level Studies Evening for LVI students and parents: 7.00 pm
23 Oct	Attainment & Effort Assessments: Years 8 - 11
	Fisher House Inter-House Quiz Years 7 - 10: 3.00 – 4.00 pm
	Half Term begins: 4.00 pm
24 Oct	Staff Seminar Day – no pupils in school
3 Nov	Half term ends: 8.50 am
3-14 Nov	Mid-Term Tests
4 Nov	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents: 2.00 – 4.00 pm
14 Nov	School Ends: 12.50 pm Prize Giving: 7.30 pm
22 Nov	Friends of Farnborough Hill Event
25 Nov	Year 11 Drama Performance: 6.30 pm
28 Nov	Record of Achievement: LVI & UVI
30 Nov	School Christmas Bazaar: 2.30 pm Advent Carol Service: 4.30 pm
3 Dec	LVI Parents' Evening: 6.00 – 7.30 pm
5 Dec	Christmas Celebration: 7.00 pm
9 Dec	UVI Parents' Evening: 6.00 – 7.30 pm
12 Dec	Attainment & Effort Assessments Years 7 - 11
	Interim Records of Achievement Years 7 - 10
	Term ends: 12.50 pm

Pictured on Induction Day are Year 7 girls with some of the new pupils who will be joining us in September. We look forward to welcoming them to the Farnborough Hill community.



The Feast of the Sacred Heart is our School Feast Day. Mass was celebrated in Chapel and all the students enjoyed ice lollies on the lawn.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

In May, 26 Year 10 and 11 students set off with backpacks, tents and food for a weekend hiking and sleeping under canvas. They set out from Farnborough Hill walking to different locations and returned to camp overnight in the school grounds. This was a practice weekend for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award in preparation for their assessment weekend which took place in June in Tilford, Surrey. More detail can be found on our web site: www.farnborough-hill.org.uk.

Duke of Edinburgh assessment weekend in Tilford



SENIOR CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The Senior Choir and Friends, accompanied by the Chameleon Arts Orchestra, sang Mozart's Requiem with students taking the female solo parts. Music scholar, Katie

Smith then performed the 2nd and 3rd movements of Mozart's Horn Concerto. In the second half, a rock band and the choir performed excerpts from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar. What a fabulous performance!

