



The Caring Face of Academic Excellence

Farnborough Hill Challenge



Sixth Formers **Sophie Crisp** and **Anna Nicholas** (pictured 3rd and 4th from right) organised this sponsored event in aid of local charity, Disability Changers. The charity, which provides vital play and leisure opportunities for disabled children in Farnham and Guildford, is close to their hearts because they are volunteers there. The whole school, including staff, walked, jogged or ran a distance of 5km in our beautiful grounds. We were blessed with good weather and the atmosphere was tremendous. At the time of going to press the money is still rolling in but we hope to raise a substantial amount for this very worthwhile cause.



A Lifetime on the Hill...

It is always a privilege to celebrate landmarks with our Sisters. Having toasted Sr Hawkins on her 90th birthday before Christmas, we were even more privileged to attend the Mass in honour of her platinum jubilee: 70 years of dedicated religious life. Tributes were read from Sr Cara Nagle, the Superior General of the Religious of Christian Education and Sr Rosemary O'Looney, the Provincial. Sr Hawkins was moved to tears when the Rt Rev Dom Cuthbert Broghan OSB, Abbot of Farnborough Abbey, presented her with a Papal Blessing. The school was delighted to mark her special day by making cards for her and giving gifts of altar candles, flowers and gardening vouchers.



It is with mixed feelings that we say farewell to Mrs Rosemarie Thomson after 36 years on the staff at Farnborough Hill. Whilst we wish her a very relaxing and happy retirement we are very sorry to have to bid farewell... at least we have Mrs Emily Harrison, her daughter, to carry on the family tradition in the PE department.

Pictured are Assistant Head, Mr Alan Whelpdale, who is moving to become a Deputy Head and Mrs Lin Walker who is retiring; Dr Jo Russell is now leaving us having been teaching in a part time capacity since her 'retirement' last year; Mrs Liz Borwell is leaving to become a Head of Sixth Form and we are also bidding a farewell to Mrs Di Morris... but given her devotion to Farnborough Hill as a parent as well as a teacher we are sure she will not be going far! We will miss them and wish them well.



Pictured (l to r) are Maria O'Connor, co-President of the Farnborough Hill Old Girls' Association and Lucy Chisnall who was awarded the Old Girls' Sixth Form Scholarship. Congratulations Lucy!



Gym and Dance display

We were delighted to show-case the dance and gymnastic talents of our students in an evening display in March. With over 70 participants and 30 different routines, the event was larger than ever and featured girls from every year group in the school. Organised by the PE department in collaboration with Sixth Formers **Phoebe Young, Hannah Welby** and **Isabelle Edmondson**, this charity event in aid of Sports Relief raised over £400. Guest stars were GB gymnast, Rebecca Wing, performing an adapted version of her 2008 Beijing Olympic routine and pupils from St Bernadette's School who delighted the audience with their Irish and Nepalese dances. The show was watched by an audience of over 300 and featured a diverse programme of dance, gymnastics, vaulting and trampolining. The standard of performance was extremely high and some of the choreography, most notably the Ghostbusters dance, was highly innovative, original and entertaining.



UMI take their leave...



The dramatic talents of this year group were clearly in evidence when the school was invaded by cops and robbers, complete with Sherlock Holmes and Watson, during the UMI final assembly! The students then presented 'prizes' to the staff, wittily

parodying the school's own prize giving ceremony. On their last day before study leave, UVI students and their teachers joined together for a celebratory breakfast to commemorate their time at Farnborough Hill.

Sixth Form on the Hill

Young Enterprise Success

Farnborough Hill's Lower Sixth Enterprise students, in partnership with Salesian College, enjoyed a night of success in the North East Hampshire Area Finals, winning three of the four prizes on offer. Most Innovative Company was awarded to CO2 and Best Company Report and Best Overall Company was awarded to Mugnificent, who went on to the area finals.

Congratulations to Mugnificent (pictured l to r): Cheshna Doorga, Hannah Mahmood, Alena Malik, Rosie Duffin, Masooma Syed and Grace McDougall and CO2: Helen Foster, Sophie Fowler-Tutt, Ellie Myles-Hook, Francesca Oliver, Kelly O'Sullivan, Natasha Silcox, and Hannah Thomson.



Sixth Former **Becky Nightingale** competed in the Cicero competition – an innovative competition organised by teachers of Classics in several different countries for their Sixth Form students. The Cultural test which Becky sat was a one hour paper on 'Carthage: from Dido to Hannibal'. Candidates were required to research Classical and later versions of this historical and mythological material, including depictions in art, music and theatre through the ages and the archaeological background. Becky won a commendation and was presented with a Latin Diary. She has an offer from Exeter University to read Ancient History and Archaeology.

AS and A2 Drama and Theatre Studies

Our Lower Sixth AS candidates performed the opening extract of Caryl Churchill's 'Fen'. D1 was transformed to represent the Fenlands of England, adopting a field in a room concept.



The Upper Sixth A2 candidates created a devised piece 'Cirque Du Surreal' using Antonin Artaud's 'Theatre of Cruelty' style. It was original, slightly disturbing, extremely inventive and exciting enough to keep veteran theatre goers on the edge of their seats.



Farnborough Hill has just come first in a national drama competition, winning £1,000 of books for the school library and a visit by writer Theresa Breslin. The National Drama 'Page to Stage' competition challenged school drama groups to adapt and dramatise selected opening scenes from Theresa Breslin's new novel, *Prisoner of the Inquisition*. The screen play for our entry was written by Sixth Former **Tegwen Gabb** and the video was filmed with both Sixth Form and Year 10 actors. Director of Drama Mrs Robinson is over the moon that we have won.



(l to r) Head Girl Chloe Micklethwaite and Deputy Head Girl Hannah Thrower with Mrs Buckle.

Choral Evensong at Salisbury Cathedral

The Senior Choir and friends had the privilege of singing Choral Evensong in awe-inspiring Salisbury Cathedral. The anthem, *Beati Quorum Via* by Stanford, was preceded by Responses set to music by the Tudor composer Aylward, the Magnificat and *Nunc Dimittis* in B minor by Noble and Psalms 6 and 7 were set for the day. Choral Evensong was a wonderful experience for us all: our psychology teacher Dr Baker, who lives in Salisbury, was in the congregation and said that we sounded amazing!



Musicians Out and About

On a visit to St Sebastian's School in Wokingham the Swing Band played music from their huge repertoire, involving the audience in numbers like 'YMCA' and 'Twist and Shout'. The teachers seemed to have as good a time as the pupils and they were all up on their feet dancing. What a great time!



A group of musicians from Years 7, 8 and 9 presented a music workshop to children at Parsonage Farm Infant School. There was singing and playing from members of the Swing Band and the Junior Chamber Choir and the delight on the faces of the little ones when they were allowed to join Mrs Cartledge's renowned Stomp Group was a joy to behold!

Senior Choir and Friends

The School Chapel was the venue for a concert of choral music by the Senior Choir and friends, accompanied by organists and the wonderful Chameleon Arts Orchestra. The concert began in contemplative mood with their Fauré's Requiem. The challenging and sometimes outrageous *Messe Solennelle* by Langlais is rarely performed by amateur choirs and was chosen so that **Alice Salmon**, our talented Sixth Form Music Scholar, could have an opportunity to play this brilliant work. The evening finished with Vivaldi's joyous 'Gloria' followed by an encore... Dr Milly Bright and the girls singing 'Hail Holy Queen' from 'Sister Act'. We are blessed with wonderful solo singers here at Farnborough Hill – **Anna-Louise Vincent, Isabelle Edmondson, Elizabeth Nash and Bethan Tyler** sang with sensitivity and style. Thank you to the fantastic audience who donated £966 which has helped to cover the expenses.



St Patrick's Primary school invited us to create some sculptures for a prayer garden. In response we devised a Year 9 project and the students' designs were presented for submission to the working party. All concerned were amazed at the thought and creativity involved in producing the work.

Cross and book by Georgia Wenlock



Dove by Maddie Parker

Cross by Kloe Storrie



Half Energy Day

The National Half Energy Day last term was extremely successful. Our Sixth Form Ambassadors visited 14 local junior schools (3,400 pupils) and gave superb presentations. The energy reduction in school was very impressive: we nearly halved electricity usage from the previous day. A Half Energy Day tree, a flowering cherry, was planted near the Geography Room with a plaque stating how much Carbon Dioxide it will use as it grows. Individually, our biggest energy saver was **Sydney Johnson** who used 52% less electric and gas than the previous day and walked to the station instead of getting a lift.



News of Old Girls...



In May a group of Classics students and teachers visited Oxford University to see a theatrical adaptation of 'Homer's Odyssey', directed by Raffaella Marcus (Mrs. Gosney's niece) and Charlotte Beynon (Farnborough Hill old girl, pictured with Mrs. Winch-Johnson and Dr. Russell). Sixth Former Jess Lane described the production as 'mature and confident, keeping the audience intrigued as to what would happen next'.

We were very proud to hear that old girl Dame Helen Ghosh, Permanent Secretary at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, is chairing the Papal Visit steering group. The group is effectively a coalition between Church and State officials who are working closely on the first Papal Visit since 1982. Issue 3 of Faith Today features an interview with Dame Helen.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Over the weekend of the Open Morning, 59 girls took part in a practice expedition in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh assessment weekend. The girls set off in groups of 6 or 7 and walked 15 to 20 kms each day. They camped, cooked and went orienteering under the guidance of their instructors. Miss Gibson said 'they were a fantastic, cohesive group and the instructors loved working with them. There were lots of high spirits and banter, as well as blisters, all in lovely warm weather'. Sounds like the perfect weekend!

Thirteen Year 8 girls have taken part in this year's Hampshire Book Award. Along with 63 other schools in Hampshire, they have been reading, evaluating and voting on the six short-listed books. The books have been challenging and interesting and have sparked some fascinating discussions at our weekly meetings. **Rosie Barker** and **Hannah Martin** represented the school at the voting morning in Winchester when the winning book was announced.



Pictured is the front page of our new website which is about to be launched. Please visit the site at www.farnborough-hill.org.uk. Parents will need to re-register for access to the Parents' Area but the password system is just one of the many improvements made to the site. Mrs Duffin is very happy to have your feedback from the 'Contact Us' section of the site.

Year 10 Drama

Abigail's Party: Memory of Lizzie



Shakers: Can we serve you?

Year 9 took part in an Infinity Debate with their teacher Mrs Williams. **Paloma Vince** and **Erica Thake** said "we explored the fascinating concept of an infinite universe as well as the problems and puzzles that would coincide within. We gave all of our class the chance to debate and discuss the proposed question of infinity".



- **Tabitha Frew** (Year 10) and **Rose Grieve** (Year 9) achieved such high scores in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge that they were invited to participate in the follow-on round, the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad and Kangaroo. Well done girls!



ClarionCall

REMINDER: have we got your correct email and mobile phone details?

Please phone the school office to update them with any changes.

Becket House Magic Carpet

- Becket House created a 'magic carpet' of coins for the Kaloko Trust which helps children in Zambia. **Lucy Porter** contributed £180 in coins and carried it to school in a suitcase. Rumour has it that Mr Whelpdale thought it was a suspicious package when he came across it in the Ref! The carpet held £484.95 so we will be able to provide some magic for these African children.





Shakespeare Day

The English Department decided to celebrate the Bard's 446th birthday in style. In true 'Twelfth Night' fashion, roles were inverted and so it was a chance for the staff to disguise themselves. During lunchtime, groups of girls performed extracts from some of Shakespeare's well known plays and sonnets, including a very convincing transportation to the heath where the witches met with Macbeth and Banquo complete with very realistic sound effects!

Sponsored swim for Mencap

During the Easter holidays three girls in Year 11 – **Maria Rhodes, Claire Gujer and Sophie Welch** – joined other swimmers from Parkside, Aldershot, in a sponsored swim held in our school pool. The girls raised £200 by swimming 460 lengths between them, contributing to the total of £1000 which was raised to boost much needed funds for the After School Club provided by Parkside for young people with learning disabilities. Well done girls!



NB: Pupils might like to know that we now have a new green and lilac school swimming costume which can be purchased from Len Smiths.

Howard House Dance Competition

Fisher and Champion were joint winners of the Howard House Annual Dance Competition. In a tough competition, ably compered by **Kat Burnett**, each dance was judged for choreography, style and entertainment by Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Cullen.



Above: *Campion House – Anais Dibben*
Left: *Fisher House – the Young sisters: Phoebe, Cecily and Darcy.*

CLASSICS TRIP

We were very relieved to welcome the 44 students and 6 staff back to school after their extended trip to Greece. Victims of the disruption to flights caused by the Icelandic volcano, their return journey lasted nearly 48 hours. We hope that the students will look back on their adventure in Europe with nostalgia, as well as increased geographical understanding! The students' behaviour and cheerfulness remained exemplary throughout. Well done girls!



PARENTS' DIARY 2010

CHRISTMAS TERM

7 Sept	Year 7 and LVI Induction 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
8 Sept	School re-opens for all: 8.45 am
10 Sept	Sixth Form Team Building Day
12 Sept	Farnborough Hill Old Girls' AGM, reunion and Mass
16 Sept	Friends of Farnborough Hill AGM: 7.30 pm Evening for new parents: 8.00 pm
23 Sept	Mass of the Holy Spirit: 11.45 am
28 Sept	Sixth Form Information Evening for Year 11 students and parents: 7.00 pm
30 Sept	Len Smiths uniform suppliers in school: 12.00 – 2.00 pm Year 10 GCSE Studies Evening for students and parents: 7.00 pm
1 Oct	CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day
2 Oct	Friends of Farnborough Hill Quiz Night: 7.00 pm
7 Oct	Musical Soirée in Grand Salon: 7.00 pm National Poetry Day
8 Oct	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents: 2.00 – 4.00 pm Harvest Festival
12 Oct	Howard House Dance Competition: 1.15 pm
13 Oct	Interview Technique Evening for UVI students: 7.00 pm
14 Oct	Year 7 Parents' Evening – 7A & 7B: 6.00 – 8.30 pm
19 Oct	Year 7 Parents' Evening – 7α & 7ω: 6.00 – 8.30 pm
20 Oct	A level Studies Evening for LVI students and parents: 7.00 pm
21 Oct	Attainment & Effort Assessments: Years 8-11 Half Term begins: 4.00 pm
22 Oct	Staff Seminar Day – no students in school
1 Nov	Half term ends: 8.45 am
1 - 11	Term Tests for Years 7-10
12 Nov	School Ends: 12.50 pm Prize Giving: 7.30 pm
17 Nov	Year 8 Parents' Evening – 8A & 8B: 6.00 – 8.30 pm
18 Nov	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents: 2.00 – 4.00 pm
19 Nov	Community Feast Day Mass: 11.45 am
25 Nov	Year 8 Parents' Evening – 8α & 8ω: 6.00 – 8.30 pm
26 Nov	Records of Achievement – LVI & UVI
28 Nov	School Christmas Bazaar: 2.30 pm Advent Carol Service: 4.30 pm
8 Dec	UVI Students' and Parents' Evening: 6.00 – 8.00 pm
10 Dec	Christmas Celebration: 7.00 pm
13 Dec	LVI Students' and Parents' Evening: 6.00 – 8.00 pm
15 Dec	Attainment & Effort Assessments – Years 7-11 Interim Records of Achievement – Years 9-10 Record of Achievement – Year 11 Term ends: 12.50 pm

SPORTS ROUNDUP

athletics

In the **Senior District Athletics Championships** Farnborough Hill were winners of the Aggregate Trophy with the highest combined U15 and U17 total score.

District Champions U15: **Olivia Parrott** (100m), **Kloe Storrie** (200m), **Madeline Parker** (High Jump) and the relay team consisting of **Olivia Parrott, Kloe Storrie, Claudia Leney** and **Melissa Hopkins**.

District Champions U17: **Hannah Williams** (100m), **Alice Micklethwaite** (Javelin).

The Under 15s finished 3rd overall, missing 2nd place by only 1 point! The Under 17s finished 4th overall.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, especially those who qualified for their finals and scored points for the school team.



Kloe won the 200m at the Senior District Championships



Georgia Peel flew to Moscow in the midst of all her GCSE examinations to run at the European Youth Olympic Trials. Running in the U18 age group a year young, she won the bronze medal in the 1000m final in a time of 2m 42s – a new personal best. She has now qualified for the first ever Youth Olympic Games to be held in Singapore in August. We wish her the best of luck.



rounders

Year 9 and 10 players combined to play in the U15 Rounders District Tournament with A and B teams. The A team won all of their games and scored maximum points, thereby winning the tournament: a convincing and well-deserved victory. The B Team finished 3rd overall, winning all but two of their games. Well done to all girls who played and participated to such a high standard.



netball

District League

Year 10	3rd
Year 9	1st 
Year 8	1st 
Year 7	2nd

These results are a tremendous achievement – congratulations!

