

New SA leaps into action!



Theo McCusker, formerly of Tomlinscote School, has been elected to the prestigious role of Student President. He will lead a 12-strong committee of students which plays a significant role in the development of this Beacon College, recognised as one of the country's leading sixth form colleges.

Theo said, "It's a great honour to be elected President of such an excellent student body as we have at Farnborough. I look forward to even more success for the College in the coming year." Theo is in his first year studying Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, German and Classical Civilisation at AS level.

Theo's Vice President is Stuart Rowland, 17, who is studying Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Italian. A former student of Kings International College in Camberley, Stuart sees his role as supporting the President and the rest of the committee. He said, "I am extremely proud to have been elected Vice President of the Student Association. I hope I can fulfil all my responsibilities supporting Theo and contributing to the further success of the College."

Both Theo and Stuart have been appointed to the College's Governing Body as full voting members from April 2008, giving them invaluable experience serving on a statutory corporation answerable directly to the government.

Each of the student committee members has a particular responsibility, none more important than that of Environmental Officer for the students. The post was won by Kerry McIntyre, 16, of Church Crookham, who is studying Philosophy, Economics, English and Photography. Kerry, formerly of Court Moor School in Fleet, said, "I am looking forward to working to develop more sustainable approaches to the running of the College and trying to reduce the carbon footprint."

Speaking after the election, College Principal, Dr John Guy, said, "Everybody took a lively interest in the elections and for the first time we used the single transferable vote system, following the advice of the College's politics students."

Emma Cottrell RIP

The College is saddened to report the death of Emma on 5 May 2008. May she rest in peace.

A Haiku to Emma...

Wore green and purple
Forever drinking diet coke
We will miss you Emz

The Ranson Crew x

Leavers - Clearance from College

Before leaving College, students must return their books and complete all clearance formalities. Students who are leaving must complete their clearance form which can be obtained from their Personal Tutor. To ensure that students can contact their subject tutors, we recommend that they clear on one of the following days:

Thursday 19 June am or **Tuesday 24 June pm** or **Wednesday 2 July**. All students should be fully cleared by 4pm on that Wednesday.

The College WILL NOT meet reference requests for students who do not clear; examination results will be withheld until the clearance procedure has been completed.

UCAS Applications 2009

In our experience, early applicants to university are more likely to get offers and we encourage our students to apply early so that they can concentrate on their academic work and prepare for the January modules. We allow Tutors 15 working days from receipt of the completed application to check it, add the reference and send it to UCAS. Hence, there is an early internal deadline for Oxbridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine – **Monday 22 September** – to meet the UCAS deadline of 15 October. However, all competitive courses at popular universities fill quickly and all students should endeavour to complete their UCAS application as soon as possible. To ensure despatch before Christmas, applications should be with Tutors by **Wednesday 26 November** and the final internal deadline is **Tuesday 9 December 2008** to guarantee reaching UCAS by 15 January 2009. Students will be starting their applications in Tutorial lessons in June.

Excellent Candidates do get rejections!

Our best candidates understandably choose to apply to the best universities but it is wise to include a less selective one too. Please be aware that students do not always receive five offers, especially for very popular courses such as Law and English.

Do not set your heart on one particular university - you may find yourself rejected inexplicably.

Open Day visits to Oxford and Cambridge

The College is organising visits to Oxford on Tuesday 17 June and Wednesday 25 June (please note that the trip on 17 June is full). There is a visit to Cambridge on Thursday 3 July. Students wishing to know more about these opportunities should speak with Helen Diffenthal, Lesley Maddox or Becky Sharp (offices in the Tutorial Corridor) or collect necessary paperwork from the Student Services Reception.

Friday 4 July - Moving On Day

Over 100 Higher Education Institutions, employers and gap year organisations will be present in College to enable students to participate in a wide range of lectures, seminars and workshops. This is a whole College event where students will have the opportunity to find out what it is really like to enter a particular career or study a subject at university and to find out what Admissions Tutors are really looking for. There will also be workshops on student life, budgeting and job search skills as well as a chance to visit the Exhibition which is being held in the Dame Kelly Holmes Sports Hall. All Lower Sixth students must be in College on this day. Tutors will be helping students make their choice of seminars in Tutorial lessons after Study Leave.

Important Term Dates 2008-2009

1st year Study leave	Friday 16 May 2008, 4.15pm
2nd Year Study leave	Friday 23 May 2008, 4.15pm
Reading Week	Mon 26 May - Fri 30 May 2008
A2 courses begin	Thursday 12 June 2008
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 2 July 2008 5.30pm-7.30pm (A2 progression problems)
End of Summer Term	Thursday 10 July 2008 (4.15pm)
A and AS results	Thursday 14 August 2008
GCSE results	Thursday 21 August 2008
New Academic Year	Tuesday 2 September pm (enrolment begins)
Second Year return	Wednesday 10 September 2008
Full Term starts	Monday 15 September 2008
Reading Week	Mon 27 - Fri 31 October 2008
Open Days	Wed 12 & Thurs 13 November 2008
Christmas Vacation	Mon 22 Dec 2008 - Fri 2 Jan 2009
Study days	Mon 5 & Tues 6 January 2009
Reading Week	Mon 16 - Fri 20 February 2009
Easter Vacation	Mon 6 - Fri 17 April 2009
Reading Week	Mon 25 May - Fri 29 May 2009
End of Summer Term	Friday 10 July 2009

Extended Projects - new A2 students: opportunity for independent research

In 2006/7, the College pioneered work on the Extended Project which the government proposes to introduce in 2008, possibly for all students undertaking A level studies. There has been great national interest in this development and it has been featured several times in the national media (Independent, Guardian, Times Educational Supplement, BBC Radio 4 - see the College website *College Innovations* for links).

We will be developing our work further in 2008/9 for current first year students proceeding to their A2 courses. Briefly, they will be invited to think of a topic related to two of their A2 subjects, to undertake a piece of individual research over the summer holiday and to write a dissertation of 5000 words by the end of October. The dissertation will be bound as a university-style thesis and presented to the student at a ceremony in December. Each student will have a research supervisor from the teaching staff. The dissertation will be available to the selecting/interviewing universities prior to interviews in December.

Those students who participated in the Extended Project in 2006/7 and 2007/8 found it a very positive experience, preparing them well for higher education - listen to BBC Link on the website. Many Cambridge Colleges seemed to be particularly interested in last year's entrance interviews.

The Extended Project is not a replacement of an AS or A2 - rather it supports and extends the studies which students undertake in their second year to provide stretch and challenge. Students will be invited to think about participation after Reading Week.

Confirmation of Subject Choices

New A2 Courses - and Parents' Evening

First year students will be soon discussing their A2 and AS subjects for September with their Personal Tutors. We recommend that **all** students follow **all** their AS subjects for the A2 introductory courses which begin on Thursday 12 June. For many students, the choice of A2 will depend on their AS results in August - it is not possible to take up an A2 subject in September if you have not attended the summer course.

All students must choose at least four subjects for their second year studies. Many choose 3 A2 and 1 AS, although a number take 4 subjects through to A2.

This is a real opportunity for students to add breadth to their education which is valued by employers and universities. A timetable with only three subjects is insufficient and leaves a student with over half the week free. We do not permit timetables with such little commitment of time.

For students with difficulty over choice, there is a special parents' evening on Wednesday 2 July, 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

Learning Resource Centre

Reading Week Opening Times

The Learning Resource Centre will be open during Reading Week at the following times:

Wednesday 28 May	10am until 4pm
Thursday 29 May	10am until 4pm
Friday 30 May	10am until 4pm

Please note that some members of the IT Support Team will not be in College. This may affect our ability to provide a normal level of service. For further information or to check the status of the network please contact the Help Desk on 01252 688271, especially if you are travelling from a distance.



Hampshire College Quiz Champs

Tom Lewin, Matt Evans, Michael Brown, Edward Taylor and Caroline West - who won the Hampshire Inter-College Quiz Competition at South Downs College.

Examinations 2008

Although the examination season is now well under way, please recall the details given in the last newsletter. Continue to check with your son or daughter that they have correctly recorded the TIME, DAY and DATE of their examinations. It is a good idea to pin them up on the kitchen noticeboard so that no one is in any doubt. **TURNING UP IN THE AFTERNOON FOR A MORNING EXAMINATION WILL RESULT IN STUDENTS NOT BEING ABLE TO SIT THE EXAMINATION.**

Examination timetables are available on CristalWeb, showing the location and seat number; **students must know their seat number.** Please also pay particular attention to any supervision requirements.

If a student is **absent from a public examination**, we will attempt to telephone the student's home. Students are generally allowed into the examination room during the first 30 minutes of the exam but the Examination Board may penalise the student heavily. Sometimes we are unable to make contact because an old telephone number is on record and sometimes we only get the answerphone. If we contact you in error, we ask for your understanding. Our aim is to act quickly in order to get the student into the examination – detailed checking wastes valuable minutes.

If your son or daughter is ill on the day of the examination and is unable to attend, please telephone the College Registry well before 9am (01252 688216) - but a doctor's certificate is essential. In the case of illness, awarding bodies are unable to issue a grade unless the student has completed at least two-thirds of the examination papers for a subject.

INTERNET RESULTS - AS and A2 Level Examinations - Thursday 14 August

The results will be available to students from 8am on CristalWeb, accessible over the internet, **at home.** The Dell will be open from 9am for those who do not have access to the internet at home. All students should know how to access CristalWeb and need to remember their password. If a password is forgotten, telephone the HelpDesk on 01252 688271. Although the results from CristalWeb will be correct, and can be printed off, they will not be accepted by universities or employers as evidence of achievement. The Examination Board Statements of Results will, therefore, be required.

Statements of Results with Strawberries and Champagne - 12 noon - 14 August

Exam board Statements of Results will be available for SECOND year students from midday in the Beacon Building, followed by a champagne and strawberry celebration. Parents accompanying their sons and daughters will be welcome to attend. Senior members of staff, Personal Tutors and Careers Advisers will be available after results to give support and advice. UCAS advises that students should be at home for results so that HE applications can be finalised.

First year students - Results from 2pm

Statements of Results are important also for AS students and they will be available from 2pm. First year students should not arrive early. They will get champagne next year if they work hard - but not this year!

Sports Department achievements

The men's football team 2007/08 season has been the most successful year of College Football in living memory. The three sides have dominated the Hampshire Colleges' League taking three of the five trophies available: Winners of the Hampshire Colleges' 1st XI Team League; Hampshire Colleges' 2nd XI Team League and Hampshire Colleges' 2nd XI Cup Winners. The women's football team reached the fourth round of the National Cup.

The Badminton squad defended its doubles champions titles winning once again the men's, women's and mixed doubles championships.

The Hockey Team were runners-up in the Hampshire Colleges' Mixed 7s competition.

Congratulations and thanks to all students who have participated in competitive sport this season.

Dinner Discussion on Employability Skills

On Thursday 1 May, the College hosted a Dinner Discussion sponsored by CSC, TAG Farnborough Airport and Destination Innovation on the theme Employability Skills. The meeting was addressed by Sir Alan Jones, Chairman Emeritus of Toyota, and Government Champion of the new Diploma. Other speakers were Paul Sloane of Destination Innovation, Brian McBride of Amazon.co.uk and Vince Scannella of the College (see www.farnboroughsfc.ac.uk).



Congratulations!

Craig King on representing England in the Tae Kwon Do Championships in Poland.

Emily Hazelton on being awarded joint second place in the Film Education's Be @creative: Protect Creativity Competition.

Shane Webber on winning a Jessops Photography Competition and having his pictures printed in the EOS Magazine.

Simon Wood on winning a gold medal award in the College's first entry to the International Chemistry Olympiad competition.

Hannah Field on representing England in the women's U18 Rugby match against Canada. England 15 Canada 19

British Schools Individual Judo Championships:

Alexander Jones won gold in the 55kgs and under 60kgs categories;

Samuel Wyke won silver and **Anthony Jones** won bronze in the under 66kgs category.

Starpack Awards 2008, Institute of Packaging (IOP)

The following students not only won individual Starpack awards but also the Pro Carton Award for the best overall group of entries.

Gold Starpack winners: Anneka Purrier, Philippa Grayson and Manmeet Auluck (who also won the IOP award for best supporting portfolio).

Silver Starpack winners: Sophie Dawber, Sam Dodsworth and Jourdain Coleman.

Bronze awards: Philippa Grayson and Michael Lush.

Commended: James Etherington.

Student to attend Future World Leaders Conference in Washington DC

Michael Heseltine, currently studying AS levels in Economics, Philosophy, Government & Politics, Maths and Further Maths will be representing the UK at this prestigious conference to be held in early July. The Delegates will meet high ranking government officials from the United States and representatives from the British Embassy who will brief them on major world issues such as human rights, environmental protection and arms control. Michael will work with other student delegates to draw up communiqués on topical issues for discussion with over 400 representatives from all corners of the world in a mini United Nations conference.

Emily Murrell wins International Prize

Second year student Emily Murrell was presented with the Zonta Young Woman in Public Affairs Award at a ceremony in College on 19 May. Zonta, an organisation which promotes the role of women in the world,

selected Emily for her outstanding work in the College, the community and in wider public affairs. Emily is now the Northern Europe nominee for the World Award which will be selected in the autumn.



College Sportsnight Celebrations in the Prospect Theatre



Daniel Read and Rebecca Smillie, College Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year, 2008

Dan is an outstanding footballer, golfer and PE student. He is a leading goal scorer for the football team over the last two years culminating in the football team winning the Hampshire Colleges' League 2007/08. Dan has represented both the Hampshire Colleges throughout the last two seasons and also the South of England. He plays golf to a very high standard and has represented the College side.

Rebecca is an outstanding netballer and natural leader. She has impressed every member of the PE department over the past two years with her level of skill as a player, captain and sports enthusiast; she literally never stops smiling on court! Rebecca has led the netball teams to impressive performances throughout the year but the most notable was the team's introduction to the sport of Korfball. During the recent tour of Italy, the team played against a European Korfball representative side which, under Rebecca's leadership, they almost won! Rebecca has recently become a member of the College Basketball squad and her natural sporting ability has quickly made her a key player in the team.



Travel Scholarship Winners 2008

Congratulations to the following travel scholars who have recently received their awards, and particularly to Louise MacDonald, Elizabeth and Ellen Rawlinson who each won a Jacqueline Findlay Travel Scholarship sponsored by the Blackwater Valley Rotary Club. The awards were presented by Michael Gove MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, when he visited the College recently.

ANDREW BAILEY, SHAUNA PARTRIDGE & DANIELLE TAYLOR - teach English at a children's activity holiday in Austria with Croydon Crusaders.

MARK BOND & DAVID GOODING - assist with Hands on Disaster Response (HODR) on the Cyclone Relief Project in Bangladesh.

KIRSTIE BREWER - undertake a World Expeditions charity trek to Mount Kilimanjaro in association with St Lukes' Cancer Centre.

AMALI BUNTER - assist underprivileged children in Sri Lanka affected by the 2004 tsunami disaster.

RACHEL DAY - participate in community projects in Thailand with Girl Guiding UK.

SAM HASELDINE - travel during gap year to India and Australia undertaking volunteer work.

CRAIG KING - compete for England in the Tae Kwon Do Championships in Poland.

WILLIAM LEWIS - assist with a community project and complete Duke of Edinburgh gold award in Canada with Explorer Scouts.

LOUISE MACDONALD - participate in community projects in Africa supported by church-led organisation EPIC.

KALINA NOWAK - assist with marine animal conservation with the ORCA Marine Foundation in South Africa.

ELIZABETH RAWLINSON - teach in a primary school with GAP Activity Projects in Fiji.

ELLEN RAWLINSON - teach in a primary school with GAP Activity projects in Malaysia.

JODIE SCALLAN - attend an ice hockey summer camp and view Edmonton University, in Canada.

LAURA SHERGOLD - assist at a girl scout camp with Camp America as a Camp Counsellor.

SHIVALI SITTERS - travel across Europe learning about the economic and financial diversity of the different countries.

KIRSTY SMITH - participate in a service project at an orphanage in Thailand on behalf of Girl Guiding UK.

CHARLOTTE WEAGER - assist with medical projects in local schools with GAP Year South Africa.

HOLLY WILSON - assist as a voluntary veterinary student in a wildlife park with GAP Year South Africa.

ELSBETH WRIGHT - attend an intensive French language course, staying with a host family in France.

Calling all leavers! **JK and Joel**
Casino Vice Squad
 Fireworks Circus acts
 2 course meal College X Factor
 Rhapsody Winners

Leavers' Ball

20th June
 lakeside country club

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The Sixth Form College
 Farnborough Dance Department
Re-Action

Featuring a collection of examination
 work from AS and A2 dance students and
 students from Dance Leader Award.

Prospect Theatre
 22nd May
 at
 7.30pm

Tickets on sale at college services £4/£2

College Youth Opera Project with
 the College Orchestra

present

Hansel and Gretel


on

Tuesday 8 July 2008 at 7.30pm

The Prospect Theatre

Tickets on sale at College Services
 Adults £8
 Students and concessions £6

Leavers' Photo 2008
Order via CristalWeb Now




The Leavers' Photograph was taken on Friday 2 May and can be ordered on CristalWeb clicking 'online payments' and then 'course payments'. There will be two pictures, the formal one and the more informal one, where students are more relaxed! They represent a significant memento of the time spent at College (and would make an ideal present from parents to mark the end of students' hard studies). The proofs will be displayed outside the Finance Office when they arrive.

Orders must be received by Friday 20 June 2008.
We recommend you order now lest you forget!

Mounted, Titled & Framed	@ £54
Mounted & Titled	@ £28
Presentation Box	@ £22.50
Photograph only	@ £18.50

A celebration of achievement in:

- Fine Art
- Sculpture Ceramics
- Textiles
- Photography
- Graphic Art
- Applied Art



The Sixth Form College Farnborough
 Location: Dawes Kelly Holmes Sports Centre
 Private View: Friday 27th June 7pm-9pm
 Open 9am - 4pm on
 Saturday 28th June
 Monday 30th June
 Tuesday 1st July

Feedback

It is always very helpful to receive feedback on your perception of the College. If you have any comments concerning the first weeks of the new term or on the quality of education which we offer, we would be very pleased to hear them. In particular, please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any concerns.

John Guy, May 2008