

New SA Ready for Action!



17 year-old Richard Acton has been elected Student President of Farnborough Sixth Form College. Wearing his trademark waistcoat, complete with silver-chained watch, and trilby, he thanked the student body which elected him by a significant majority to this prestigious role. Richard will now lead the 12-strong committee of students which contributes to the development of one of the country's leading sixth form colleges.

Richard said, "It's a great honour and a privilege to be elected President of such an outstanding student body as we have at Farnborough Sixth Form College. I look forward to even more success for the College in the coming year and to delivering on my promises for the further improvements to the student environment." Richard is in his first year studying Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Economics.

Richard's Vice President is Josie Copeland (17), a former student of Leighton Park School, who is studying, French, Spanish, Italian and English Literature. Josie sees her role as supporting the President and the rest of the Student Association. She said, "I welcome the challenge to serve as Vice President for the coming year and look forward to supporting Richard and the committee in contributing to the success of this exceptional college."

Both Richard and Josie have been appointed to the College's Governing Body as full voting members from April 2010, giving them invaluable experience serving on a statutory corporation answerable directly to the government.

Thousands set to miss out on university places

There has been a lot of publicity in recent weeks about the increased number of applicants to university for September 2010 and the capping of university places by the government; nearly 800,000 students will compete for fewer than 500,000 places as demand for university soars to its highest ever level. The impact is that there are unlikely to be many places available in Clearing which opens in August when examination results are published. It also means that universities are less likely to be generous when interpreting results this summer.

In previous years, missing the offer by a grade in a couple of

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subjects has often resulted in the place still being confirmed by a university - the so-called *wriggle room* which admissions tutors have used to ensure their places are full. This year the grade and points requirements will be adhered to more strictly.

The message for all A2 students is clear - please make the best use of the remaining weeks before your A2 modules. Make sure that you do as well as you can to ensure you get the grades which the universities have asked for ... and that means study, don't party, for the next few weeks.

Everyone knows the parts of a course they feel uncertain about - those are the ones which need particular attention!



Farewell from the Principal!

Although it still seems months away, I will be leaving the post of Principal at the end of August to find a new path in retirement. Many students and parents have wished me well for the future and I thank you for the many comments (mostly positive!) which you have made. The College has been a wonderful place to work and I know that under Simon Jarvis's leadership, it will continue to challenge and encourage young people to achieve great success. I hope to be able to say goodbye to leavers over strawberries and champagne at 12 noon on Thursday 19 August when they come in to collect A level results slips - and to first year students during the run-up to the end of term. Thank you to you all - and good luck with the rest of your lives!

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 17 June am or Tuesday 22 June pm or Wednesday 30 June. All students should be fully cleared by 4pm on Wednesday 30 June.

If books and other College property have been lost, the College will expect reimbursement for the cost of replacing the items. The College will withhold results and any references until the clearance procedure has been completed.

Important information for all Year 1 A level students and parents

Applying to university 2011

Although universities state that all applications received by the closing date receive equal consideration, our experience is that popular courses fill up fast; students who apply later put themselves at a disadvantage.

In our experience early applicants are more likely to get offers and we encourage our students to apply early in the Autumn Term so they can then concentrate on their academic work and preparation for the January modules.

Advice and guidance on the UCAS process is given during the Tutorial lessons in June/July when students will start their applications which they will be able to continue at home during the summer holiday. The PowerPoint presentation used at the recent Higher Education Evening for parents is available at www.farnborough.ac.uk/HE-Talk.

Personal Statement

The personal statement is the opportunity for students to 'sell' themselves with evidence of academic interest in the subject and broader interests. Students will receive help with this in Tutorial classes but no one should underestimate the time it takes to get it right.

Deadlines - every Wednesday, 12.15pm

Applications for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry must reach UCAS by **15 October**. To meet this deadline they must be submitted to Personal Tutors by **12.15pm on Wednesday 22 September**.

We allow **15 COLLEGE WORKING DAYS** for processing the application, writing and checking the reference. Hence applications will be processed as follows:

Date application signed in with Tutor (all Wednesdays):	Date guaranteed to be sent to UCAS by (all Wednesdays):
22 September	13 October
29 September	20 October
6 October	3 November
13 October	10 November
20 October	17 November
3 November	24 November
10 November	1 December
17 November	8 December
24 November	15 December
1 December	12 January

Applications signed in with Tutors after 12.15pm on any Wednesday will move into the next time period.

Student Finance

Information about Student Finance for entry in 2011 will be available at a meeting for parents in the Autumn Term 2010. The PowerPoint presentation used for 2010 entry is available at www.farnborough.ac.uk/HE_Finance.

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

There is limited space still available on the Open Day visits to Oxford on Wednesday 30 June and Cambridge 1 July (please note the trip on 22 June is now full). Students wishing to know more about these opportunities should see Helen Diffenthal (office in the Tutorial corridor) and collect the necessary paperwork from Student Services Reception.

Friday 2 July - Moving On Day

Over 100 Higher Education Institutions, employers and gap year organisations will be visiting the 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 the reality of entering a particular career or studying a subject at university. There will also be workshops on admissions tests, student life, student finance 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 first year students must be in College on this day. Students will make their choice of seminars in Tutorial lessons after Study Leave.

Extended Projects - new A2 students: opportunity for independent research

This College pioneered work on the Extended Project which the government has now introduced as a new qualification. There was great national interest in the development at the College 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 making the Farnborough Extended Project available to current first year students proceeding to their A2 courses in the summer. 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 November. 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 the previous four years found it a very positive experience, preparing them well for higher education - listen to the BBC Link on the website. Many Oxbridge Colleges have been particularly interested in Extended Projects during 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.

Progression

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 Monday 14 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, and some even 5, 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 to study.

The parents of students who need advice are invited to attend the Parents' Consultation Evening (Progression), with their sons/daughters, on Tuesday 22 June, 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

Information from UCAS on A* Grades

Some universities have stated the A* will not be used in entry requirements until 2011 or 2012 at the earliest, including:

Oxford	Durham	Newcastle
Edinburgh	Cardiff	York
Nottingham	Leeds	

Others have used the A* within entry requirements for certain selective courses, including:

Bristol	Imperial College	UCL London
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Cambridge has confirmed that most students would need at least one A* grade to secure a place on undergraduate degree courses.

Additional information to date

LSE has written to say that one A* will be part of the standard offer for a number of courses including Law & Economics.

Some universities are including the statements - 'A2 resits only considered with mitigating circumstances/one sitting preferred.' This refers to the year in which the whole qualification is taken rather than to resitting an individual module which is quite acceptable. A major cause of rejection by a university is that students do not have the required subjects for the course.

Examinations 2010

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.

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INTERNET RESULTS - AS and A2 Level Examinations - Thursday 19 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 Help Desk 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 - 19 August

Exam board Statements of Results will be available for SECOND year students from midday in College, 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.

We have been advised by UCAS that, due to the sheer number of applicants and the government's limited funding for places in Higher Education, there will be fewer late places available in Clearing (see page 1). Nobody should be considering clearing as an option!

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!

Learning Resource Centre Reading Week Opening Times

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

Wednesday 2 June	10am until 4pm
Thursday 3 June	10am until 4pm
Friday 4 June	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.

Congratulations!

Lauren Spiceley on winning first prize in the Music Essay Competition held by Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

David Gregory and Ashley Lewis on achieving scholarships at Bangor University.

Tom Syckle Moore on winning the 400m at the Hampshire Athletic Championships.

Soofiya Chaudry on designing the College's Cultural Society logo.

Kyle Absolom on signing a record deal with his band Inju5tice.

Isobel Priest, Natasha Newman, Will Tolfree and David Montgomery who won the Runners Up trophy in the BOC Inspiring Gases Challenge 2010.

They produced a very strong entry that investigated improvements to BOC's 'Direct Cooler' which cools air from 700C prior to separation into individual gases. They extended the brief by proposing a system that would enable recovery of the heat and water currently lost to the environment as a result of the use of cooling towers. This would also result in considerable cost savings for BOC.



SPORTS ROUND-UP

It has been a successful end to the sports season with many tournaments, league standings and medals being won.

The women's Football team made it to the final of the British Colleges South East Cup and lost on penalties to Chichester, won the Surrey Colleges 5 aside tournament and remain undefeated in the Hampshire League.

The netball team were runners up in the Versatility tournament and also put in an excellent performance at the end of season Fast Net tournament making it into the last 4.

The women's basketball team made it through to the final of the under 17 Hampshire cup competition, but unfortunately lost to Taunton's College in the last quarter, 44-36.



19 students spent the last weekend of the Easter Holidays at Loughborough University representing the South East at National Finals. Jade Lucas brought home a silver medal as part of the ladies Golf

Team. Kathryn Willis, Felicity Mattos and Rachel Mills won bronze medals as part of the women's Swimming Team. Charlotte Harris and Lydia Osborn took Gold as part of the Elite Regional Trampolining Team. Phil Birkett, Joe Norris, Matt Juden and Alistair Rice defended their title from last year and once again were National Champions for the Elite College Men's Trampolining Team. Catherine Taylor, Rachel McClay, Claire Arnold, Sophie Smith, Jemma Neate and Katie Smith won the Women's Team Cross Country bringing the medal tally to 16.

The Sports Award Ceremony

The season culminated in the annual Sports Awards Ceremony, held this year at Farnborough Football Club. Over 35 awards were presented to mark the achievements of the teams and individual players within College. The Mike Ritchie Memorial Award went to the College Olympian Rebecca Wing for her outstanding contribution to sport. Team of the year was scooped by the Women's Football team, seeing off competition from the Swimming team and Women's Basketball Team. Sportsman of the year went to the Rugby Captain Matt Bullock and Sportswoman of the year went to Catherine Taylor who is the World Schools Biathlon Champion, Hampshire Cross Country Champion and a Swimming National Finalist.



Matt Bullock
Sportsman of the Year



Catherine Taylor
Sportswoman of the Year

ART EXHIBITION 2010

LOCATION: THE DAME KELLY HOLMES SPORTS CENTRE

PRIVATE VIEW: FRIDAY 25th JUNE 7PM - 9PM

PUBLIC VIEW: SATURDAY 26th JUNE 10AM - 3PM

MONDAY 28th JUNE TIL TUESDAY 29th JUNE 9AM - 4PM

Leavers' Concert 2010

Friday 28 May - 7.30 pm

Prospect Theatre
Tickets are free from College Services

Contemporary dance delivers pulsating evening



Dancers at the College provided a spectacular show in the Prospect Theatre last week to mark the end of their dance courses. Over fifty students - A level Dancers, Dance Leaders and members of the College Dance Company - participated in a celebration of this lyrical and absorbing art form.

The show celebrated a wide variety of contemporary dance styles, mostly choreographed by the students themselves inspired by a staggering range of rich source material - from the poetry of Tennyson, the stories of Oscar Wilde to the sculptural work of Anthony Gormley and the impact of the women's suffrage movement!

To the backbeat of colour and a stunning aural soundtrack (including a musical piece created and performed for the evening by one of the performers - take a bow Joel Stevens!) the evening was a breathtaking showcase of the vibrant talent studying at the College. 'Pulse' encapsulated all that is best in College life.

Leavers' Photo 2010 Order via CristalWeb Now



The Leavers' Photograph was taken on Friday 7 May and can be ordered on CristalWeb by 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 are displayed outside the Finance Office.

Orders must be received by Friday 9 July 2010.

We recommend you order now lest you forget!

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

Important Term Dates 2010-2011

1st year Study leave	Friday 21 May 2010, 4.15pm
2nd year Study leave	Friday 28 May 2010, 4.15pm
Reading Week	Mon 31 May - Fri 4 June 2010
A2 courses begin	Monday 14 June 2010
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 22 June 2010 5.30pm - 7.30pm (Lower Sixth Progression advice)
End of Summer Term	Thursday 8 July 2010 (4.15pm)
A and AS results	Thursday 19 August 2010
GCSE results	Tuesday 24 August 2010
New Academic Year	Wednesday 1 September pm (Enrolment begins)
Second Year return	Wednesday 8 September 2010
Full Term starts	Monday 13 September 2010
Reading Week	Mon 25 - Fri 29 October 2010
Open Days	Wed 10 & Thurs 11 November 2010
Christmas Vacation	Mon 20 Dec 2010 - Mon 3 Jan 2011
Study days	Tues 4 & Wed 5 January 2011
Reading Week	Mon 21 - Fri 25 February 2011
Easter Vacation	Mon 11 - Mon 25 April 2011
May Day Bank Holiday	Mon 2 May 2011
Reading Week	Mon 30 May - Fri 3 June 2011
End of Summer Term	Tuesday 12 July 2011 (4.15pm)

Feedback

It is always very helpful to receive feedback on your perception of the College - if you have any comments concerning 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 2010

Students share their IT skills with Ghanaian Partner School

Five students from Farnborough Sixth Form College, who are among the first in the country to complete the new Advanced Diploma in Information Technology, have been putting their skills into practice in Ghana. They have just returned from a visit to the College's partner school, the Presbyterian Secondary Technical School in the mountain village of Aburi, where they have been servicing computers and teaching IT to the pupils. Last year, the College donated 50 of its retired computers to the school.

Matt Thorne, Curriculum Manager for the Diploma, said, "The Ghana trip was the culmination of two years intensive study of advanced level IT, involving a combination of practical and theoretical study with the emphasis upon problem-solving and project management skills."

IT student Rebecca McCallan said, "We were saddened to find that only four of the fifty computers we had donated were working when we arrived and we had to undertake extensive tests to discover the problems. We found that many of the power units had blown because of the unstable electricity supply but we were able to rebuild twelve machines into a working state at the end of the day – it was a really useful way to gain some valuable skills while experiencing life in Ghana."

The trip was funded by grants from the Department for Education in London and e-skills UK, the Employers' Sector Skills Council for information technology. It was also supported by British Airways who gave the students first class complimentary tickets and contributed to the costs of the staff who travelled in economy.

Harry Scott said, "The Ghana trip enabled us to put all that we have learnt over the last two years into a real life situation in a country with a totally different culture and way of life. There's no way that we could have learnt everything we have seen and done by being taught it in the normal classroom."

Terri-Lee Palmer said, "It was a life changing and unforgettable experience for the IT Diploma students to have the opportunity to work on a real life project; the impact of the trip to Ghana was a combination of education, culture and emotion."

Travel Scholarships announced

Congratulations to the following travel scholars who have recently received their awards, and particularly to Hannah Hitchin who also won a Jacqueline Findlay Travel Scholarship sponsored by the Blackwater Valley Rotary Club. The awards were presented by Councillor Roger Kimber, Mayor of Rushmoor.

SARAH BOULDING, CRISTAL COLE, FARNAZ LADANI, HESTER MULHALL, CHRISTOPHER PEGG - travelling to Tenerife to undertake research and conservation projects with the Atlantic Whale Foundation.

AARON CAMERON - travelling to Israel with the Netzer organisation, participating on a programme called Shnat Netzer.

JADE CHILDS - volunteering with Camps International Ltd, staying at an elephant sanctuary in Kenya, undertaking conservation work.

JEMIMA CULL - travelling to India with Projects Abroad, volunteering at a local hospital.

CLARE DOOLEY, ALEXANDER PROSSER - undertaking a 10 day mission trip to the Ukraine supporting the Out Reach programme.

GABY HARRIS - undertaking a gap year travelling to Ghana and Kenya as a volunteer working with local communities and backpacking through Asia.

AMY HENDERSON - backpacking through Asia learning new skills and languages through interaction with the people and cultures of the various countries.

HANNAH HITCHIN - travelling to Thailand with the Baptist Mission Society working as a volunteer with a local community and teaching English.

REBECCA JAY - undertaking an InterRail trip across Europe to support degree studies in Spanish and French.

BECCI JONES - travelling to China, working as a volunteer with Project Trust, teaching conversational English to school children.

MEGGIE KENAGHAN - travelling to South Africa as a volunteer at the Tambotie Wildlife Care Centre, undertaking animal conservation projects.

REBECCA KUKLA - travelling to South Africa with the WAVA organisation working as a volunteer with lion cubs and backpacking in Australia and New Zealand.

FIONA MACDONALD, BECKY MCKNIGHT - undertaking a gap year involving travelling to India and volunteering with the 'Hope for Children' charity and backpacking in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.



Matthew Baldwin (right) and Jonathan Moon (centre, back) introduce Ghanaian students to their software learning packages in Aburi.



Harry Scott speaks at the leaving ceremony



Harry Scott, Ross Brett-Holt, Rebecca McCallan, Jonathan Moon, Matthew Baldwin



SIDDHARTH MANIKONDA - travelling to India to undertake a work experience placement at a local hospital.

GEORGIA PEARSON - travelling to Sri Lanka as a volunteer with the Ocean Stars charity which supports local communities and orphaned children after the 2004 Tsunami.

CHARLOTTE RUSSELL - undertaking a volunteering project at the Bethany Christian Centre Orphanage in Uganda.

NICK SAYCE - travelling from John O'Groats to Cape Town, South Africa, inspired by the programme 'The long way down'.

KATHERINE SHILL - undertaking an InterRail trip across Europe to improve language skills, learn more about Europe and gain self-reliance.

LAURA TOMLINSON - travelling to Cape Town as a volunteer with 'Aviva-South Africa' supporting a penguin conservation sanctuary.

Coppers escape the Wicked Witch!

Not a seat spare in the Prospect Theatre on a magical Friday night as the packed house was treated to a joyous celebration of wizardry conjured up by the students from Henry Tyndale School. Supported by College students who have been working in partnership with the Coppers sixth form unit at Henry Tyndale this year, the youngsters - linked arm in arm - danced and sang their way down the famous yellow brick road to the Emerald City. This was an entrancing show, holding the delighted audience spellbound as Dorothy and her three companions led us bravely through the terrors of Oz.

This was an evening of wonderful determination and courage, celebrating the talent of an energetic and big hearted cast. The colourful production of *The Wizard of Oz*, marking the seventh year of close cooperation between the College and the School, was by far the most ambitious to date. Afterwards, Simon Jarvis, Principal Designate, and Rob Thompson, Head Teacher at Henry Tyndale School, thanked the many students and staff who had worked so hard on putting the show together.



Scene from the *Wizard of Oz* performed by Henry Tyndale students and produced by College students.

Students win national recognition for their designs

Six students from the College have won recognition in a national design competition run by 'The Institute of Packaging'. The 'Starpack' competition had a brief that required students to design a 'Themed chocolate gift pack'. The students won the Benson Group Award for the best overall entries in the Themed Chocolate Gift Packaging brief winning £500 for the College. To celebrate their work the students have had their designs published in a booklet and their designs can also be seen on the 'Institute of Packaging' website. The awards ceremony was held at the Institute's headquarters in Grantham.

Jake Bullock, Aimy Dodge, Robert Joyce, Sarah Pearson, Matthew Colson and Ross Othen won one gold, two silver and three bronze awards respectively.



L to R: Simon Jarvis, Principal Designate, Jake Bullock, Aimy Dodge, Ross Othen, Sarah Pearson, Matthew Colson, Robert Joyce and Bob Dunn, Senior Curriculum Manager.

Ruddigore captivates spellbound audiences



Rarely in the 11 year history of the Prospect Theatre has a performance captivated the audience as this wonderfully compelling production of the classic Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, *Ruddigore*. It was the latest in the series of inspired Farnborough Youth Opera Projects created by the College Director of Music, Paul Bambrough, to enable College students to take on challenging operatic productions to a professional standard. In spite of the College's enviable reputation for musical excellence, however, few could have expected the heights to which this production soared.

Ruddigore was a triumph for this young, accomplished and courageous cast and the standing ovation on the final night was a fitting tribute from the sell-out audiences.

Congratulating the cast after the production, College Principal, Dr John Guy, said, "The D'Oyly Carte company themselves would have been delighted to mount a production of *Ruddigore* to this standard - it is one of my proudest moments in the achievements of this College".

RAG Week raises over £3000



Students from Farnborough Sixth Form College raised over £3300 in the 2010 Rag Week held last week. Student Charities Officer Matt Davenport said, "We had five days full of crazy costumes, excitable students and wacky events to raise money for our chosen charities Daisy's Dream, Help for Heroes, Phyllis Tuckwell, Parity and Diabetes UK, and it was a huge success."

Musical Theatre Group

Musical Theatre Enrichment Group bowed out this year with a suitably uplifting and entertaining performance at the Prospect Theatre. This small group of very talented musical theatre performers coped admirably with the unique challenges that this type of performance presents with sumptuous sounding harmonies, tricky duets, intricate musical counterpoints and pathos and comedy through song. Stephen Dutton, Musical Director, was the inspiration behind the show and Jack Salzman's evocative lighting design added feeling and intimacy to this great College show.

