

April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an incredibly busy Spring term, as always, here at Fareham Academy. As we approach the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff and trustees for their unwavering commitment to supporting our students.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our supportive parents. We have seen a continued increase in attendance at parents' evenings, face-to-face sessions, and our evening events. Your continued involvement and encouragement have made a tremendous difference, and we truly appreciate your support.

Extracurricular provision

This term has seen many fantastic opportunities for our students to enrich their school experience by participating in extracurricular activities. These include an increase in students attending after school clubs such as Chess & Board Games club, Coding club, Eco group, Pride group and the Services group. In addition to this many of our clubs have led to trips and visits, including Chess Matches and regional finals for the Lego League Challenge in which our students won the Robot Design Award Trophy.

Students have also had incredible opportunities to enrich their school experience with trips and visits including the Year 8 & 9 trip to Paris, Year 11 intervention Go-Karting, trips to Local Universities and Theatres and our School Ski trip which departs on Friday.

Uniform update

Following the feedback at last year's uniform consultation, we agreed to introduce an optional Summer Polo Shirt to wear in the summer term only. These Polo Shirts if worn will replace the shirt, tie and blazer. If students are not wearing the Polo Shirt, they are required to be in full school uniform as normal. We will still continue to make whole school uniform allowances in extreme heat as always.

With this new introduction we are also going to make our expectation and rules around uniform simpler. If a student is attending school without the correct uniform they **must** have a note from a parent/carer explaining the timeline for resolution. The tutor will record this on Talaxy for the agreed time period so that class teachers do not challenge it.

Students who are unable to provide a note will be placed into Independent Study until the issue can be rectified.

Staffing update

We are excited to announce the appointment of Mr Needham-Beck as our new Assistant Headteacher, and we are pleased to congratulate Mr Whiting on his well-deserved promotion to Head of Year. We look forward to the valuable contributions they will both bring to the school.

Unfortunately, we also have to say goodbye to two much-loved members of staff. Mr Collins will be moving on to a Secondary School in Southampton after over 15 years of dedicated service to Fareham Academy. Throughout his time with us, Mr Collins has supported numerous students and families, and we are sure you will join me in wishing him all the very best in the future.

We also bid farewell to Mr Day, our Head of Year 9, who will be relocating to a school closer to home. Mr Day has been an invaluable member of the Academy for the past eight years, and we deeply appreciate the support he has provided to both the Academy and our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful break. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025.

Yours faithfully,



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