

March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an incredibly busy Spring term as always at Fareham Academy. As we approach the Easter break, I would like to thank the staff and trustees for their unrelenting hard work to support our students. I would also like to say a big thank you to our supportive parents. We have seen an increase in numbers attending parents' evenings, Face to Face sessions and supporting our evening events. This support has been massively appreciated.

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 Dungeons and Dragons, Coding club and the Services group. In addition to this our Pride club have seen the reward for their hard work by being recognised by achieving the Pastoral Support section of the Rainbow Flag Award.

Further examples of our inclusive approach were seen in the spectacular BSL Factor – The Finale. Our students again dazzled a packed-out hall with their British Sign Language skills, performing to popular music in an evening that support of local deaf community. The evening was a moving tribute to the work our students do to include all and challenge prejudice in all forms.

Students have also had incredible opportunities to enrich their school experience with trips and visits including the Year 8 & 9 trip to Barcelona, the Year 11 intervention residential at Fairthorne Manor as well as day trips to Beaulieu, Local Universities and the Theatre.

Working with parents

I continue to be impressed by the strength of the relationships between staff of the Academy and our parents. I want to thank parents for their support in ensuring homework completion and uniform which as a school we take very seriously. Our most recent Face to Face session on the 6th March engaged parents in consultation on potential future uniform changes. I would like to thank the many parents who supported with the conclusion of the student consultation this week, I will be writing to you with any changes that have been endorsed by the trustees in the summer term.

I would also like to remind you of the new functionality to our website to make it more accessible to parents. Under the *Contact us* section of our website there is now an easy to use section for communicating *Comments, Compliments and Complaints*. It is important to us that we continue to understand where we can develop as a school and share with staff where they have received parental praise.

Site development

We continue to work hard to develop our school site with the limited funding we are afforded. We would like to thank The Prices Trust for a donation towards the new B Block canopy we have installed for more usable outdoor space for students in all weathers.

We have also managed to afford a much-needed refurbishment to our C Block toilets. This will be a completed refurbishment bringing them in line with new guidelines. In response to student and parent concerns about the safety of students in unmonitored areas of the school such as toilets we have redesigned facilities for the refurbishment. The new toilet areas will include 10 floor to ceiling individual toilets. There will then be a completely open plan communal hand washing area that will be monitored by CCTV and staff. All other toilet facilities will remain in use as they are currently.

Staffing update

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Second in Mathematics – Mrs Tucker, Head of Performing Arts - Mrs Cuthbert and Mrs Winter - SEND Administrator after the Easter break to continue to add capacity.

Sadly, we say our goodbyes to Mr Butterworth who we also congratulate as he has been successful in progressing to his own Headship in the Southampton area. Mr Butterworth has served the school for over 12 years and supported many students and families during his time at Fareham Academy. Although he will be much missed we are sure he will go on to make a real difference to students of his school.

I wish you and your family have a very happy and peaceful break. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Monday 15th April 2024.

Yours faithfully,



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