

17th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another fantastic year for Fareham Academy, with students and staff achieving so much. The school has represented the area at national events, students have won national prizes and we have developed new areas of the curriculum.

School events

This year we have been pleased to add in even more cultural enrichment through trips and afterschool activities. Students have had the opportunity to attend trips ranging from photography trips to Brighton, to Centre Court at Wimbledon and as far afield as the Spanish trip to Barcelona. In addition, groups have participated in numerous trips to the theatres, local colleges, universities, museums and activity centres to name just a few.

In addition to trips, we have been proud that so many of our students have involved themselves in extracurricular clubs and activities. This year more students have completed the Bronze award in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme than ever before including some students completing it in curriculum time. The Academy led 8 days of expeditions this year with over 30 staff giving up their time to support, it has been a massive team effort.

This year saw our last BSL Factor, a concert performed fully in British Sign Language. The concert was in celebration of Deaf Awareness Week and included incredible performances performed in BSL with members of the Deaf community joining us. The BSL team are now looking for a new challenge to continue to promote awareness of Deaf culture.

With the departure of one Year group comes the excitement of welcoming the next. This month we invited our new Year 6 students to the Academy for their transition week. The students experienced a full timetable including exciting enrichment activities and left feeling far more prepared for their start in September.

Even in our last weeks we have managed to maximise the time we have left with students participating in Sports day with all students representing their Houses, cheering on their given house and celebrating their successes.

Personal Development

This year our Personal Development learning offer has continued to go from strength to strength with our RAK days focused around our three core values "Resilience, Aspiration and Kindness". This year we have seen outside speakers work with the students on areas as diverse as careers, personal care and safety, relationship education, mental health and entrepreneurial skills.

In November the Academy showcased this unique curriculum to all local schools, as we led the first of Hampshire's Personal Development Conferences for Schools Leaders. This was a hugely successful event with school attending from across the entire county.

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The school also ran its first Pride day in June celebrating diversity in all its aspects. This included activities ran by our pride club and has also supported our efforts to achieve the Rainbow Flag award that recognises a whole organisation approach to LGBT+ inclusion, as well as effectively challenging and combating bullying.

Staffing update

Sadly, this year it is my duty to report to you that our colleague and friend Mrs Dawkins lost her battle with cancer and passed away last month. Staff and students affected by her loss have been supported and we have created a tribute area to her in our eco-garden. In addition, the staff of the Academy took part in a charity walk raising over £850 for Cancer Research UK.

At this time of year staffing changes are always inevitable and especially due to our commitment to staff development and providing opportunities to progress their career. At the end of this year we say goodbye to Miss Griffin who is taking up a position in another school, Mr Davidson and Miss Child who are relocating. We also say congratulations and a sad goodbye to Mrs Kaye and Mrs Bungay who have both been successful in securing promoted leadership positions in another school. We wish all leavers the very best on the next step of their journey and thank them for all they have done to support the students of Fareham Academy during their time with us.

We will also be welcoming some new staff to the Academy next year. Notably, Mrs Roberts who will be our new Deputy Headteacher and Mr Lock who joins us as Senior Assistant Headteacher.

I would like to finish by thanking everyone, staff, students, trustees, parents and the wider community for the support and goodwill that has be given over the year. I hope that you and your family have a very restful Summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

Yours faithfully

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