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## Major changes ahead!



It's been a very busy start to the new year. Thankfully, the adverse weather is behind us for now and, whilst it caused some minor inconvenience, I am pleased to say that only a very few lessons were lost and all public examinations went ahead as per schedule thanks to the magnificent efforts of premises staff, the Registry team and, of course, the determination of students!

The January examinations are now a thing of the past following changes introduced by the Government and Ofqual. As part of the reforms to A level currently under way, there will no longer be an opportunity to take module examinations mid-way through an AS or A2 course. This has no impact on current A2 students but it does mean that those progressing from AS on to A2 will not be examined in January 2014. For those starting in September, it means that all examinations will take place each summer with only one further chance to retake modules. We are currently planning how the College might reintroduce a period of mock exams to prepare students for the experience of terminal examinations.

The reforms to A level are far-reaching; changes include the decoupling of the AS from the full A level qualification. Whilst the evidence amassed during the consultation period was strongly in favour of retaining the AS as a stepping stone towards the full A level, the announcement means that for A level courses starting in September 2015, this will no longer be possible.

Details are still emerging but I am wholly confident that at this College we will be in an excellent position to respond positively to the changes. We will embrace the new demands, continuing to prepare our students to fulfil their academic potential and achieve the highest levels of success - as has always been the case at Farnborough following major curriculum reforms in the past.

In January, I was absolutely delighted by the College's showing in the annual examination performance tables, published nationally.

**The results gained by our students in the 2012 examinations meant that Farnborough was by some distance the best placed college in the region.** On the measure of average A/AS points score gained per student, only four sixth form colleges nationally were able to improve on the College score.

The performance is made more impressive, I believe, because of the sheer scale of the College exam entry and the range of courses undertaken so successfully by our students. This, together with the fact that in comparison with so many highly selective schools and colleges, entry requirements and access to A levels are amongst the lowest in the country, makes these achievements all the more remarkable.

Of course, league tables represent only one measure of success; nevertheless, results are a significant indicator of the good health of this College. I am extremely proud of the commitment shown by College teachers and support staff in helping students respond so magnificently to the challenge of A levels. In consequence, students from Farnborough have been able to make significant steps forward in their lives – into higher education or employment.



Award winners with Guest of Honour, Sir Gerald Howarth MP, at the Certificate Presentation Evening 2012



Principal, Simon Jarvis, congratulates Alex Tay and Eberechi Anucha on Results Day Aug 2012

I sincerely hope that this brilliant level of success can be equalled or, better still, improved upon by your son or daughter in this year's exams!

*Simon Jarvis, Principal*

## Important Term Dates 2013-2014

Reading Week	Monday 18 - Friday 22 February 2013
<b>GCE/GCSE Results</b>	<b>Thursday 7 March 2013 (via CristalWeb)</b>
Easter Vacation	Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April 2013
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2013
Study Leave Year 12 only	Friday 10 May 2013
Study Leave Year 13	Friday 24 May 2013
Reading Week	Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May 2013
A2 courses begin	Monday 10 June 2013
End of Summer Term	Tuesday 9 July 2013 (4.15pm)
<b>AS and A2 Results</b>	<b>Thursday 15 August 2013</b>
<b>GCSE Results</b>	<b>Thursday 22 August 2013</b>
<b>New Academic Year</b>	<b>Wednesday 28 August (enrolment)</b>
Year 13 teaching	Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 September 2013
Year 12 Induction	Thursday 5 and Friday 6 September 2013
Full Term starts	Monday 9 September 2013
Catching-up day	Friday 4 October 2013
Reading week	Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November 2013
Open Days	Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 November 2013
Christmas Vacation	Mon 23 December 2013 - Fri 3 January 2014
Study Days	Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 January 2014
Reading Week	Monday 17 - Friday 21 February 2014
Easter Vacation	Monday 7 - Monday 21 April 2014
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May 2014
Reading Week	Monday 26 - Friday 30 May 2014
End of Summer Term	Tuesday 8 July 2014

## Review Data

AS students and students on one year courses have just completed a January Subject Review, involving discussions on progress with each of their teachers. Current data concerning students' progress can be viewed on CristalWeb at any time. A "snap-shot" of this data will be available to view on the Parent Portal from 15 February and this, alongside the results from the January modules (available electronically on 7 March), will form the basis for discussions at the Parents' Evenings (predominantly organised for parents of AS students) on 7 or 13 March.

## Parents' Evenings for 1st Year students

Parents of students studying on the first year of a 2 year course, or on a 1 year course, are invited to the Spring Parents' Evenings which will be held on:

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7 March 2013</b>	<b>5.30 - 8.30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13 March 2013</b>	<b>5.30 - 8.30 pm</b>

As usual, we expect students to accompany parents in order to make the discussion as helpful and fruitful as possible.

When you arrive, please go straight to your first appointment. Should you need a map showing where teachers are located, it can be collected from either the main entrance to the College or the rear entrance near to Time Out.

Students will be able to make appointments nearer the time on your behalf.

Please note that:

- teachers will be in their normal teaching locations;
- careers advice will be available each evening;
- when making appointments, students should build in plenty of walking time between locations;
- if you wish to see the student's Personal Tutor, it is best to see him or her last;
- teachers do try to keep to time - please do not assume that the interview is endless! If you wish to have an extended meeting, this should be arranged separately;
- please note that some part-time teaching staff are unable to be present at both evenings. Students should speak with their Subject Tutor to check whether this is the case. In the event that they are not in on the evening most convenient for you, other arrangements such as an alternative meeting with the teacher or a telephone consultation can be made.

## Second Year Students in need of help

The above Parents' Evenings will also be available to parents of second year students who are experiencing difficulty. If you have concerns, please ask your son or daughter to make appointments with his or her teachers.

## Summer Examinations 2013

### Coursework Deadlines - all courses

Every year, some students find that they miss deadlines because they manage their time poorly. Please check with your son or daughter if deadlines are approaching - planning ahead is very important!

### Plagiarism - don't lend work; don't get disqualified

A reminder to all students that coursework must be the work of the student alone. In the past, on occasions and often in panic, work has been copied from other candidates. **This will always lead to disqualification from the examination.** If a student lends work to another student "to help him out" or "because she is a good friend and she said she wouldn't copy it directly", it is likely that his or her entry will also be disqualified.

Never lend coursework or research notes to another student - and if there is a real difficulty, always consult your Subject Tutor over sharing of work.

When writing an extended essay, all references must be fully acknowledged. If students find helpful paragraphs in a book or on the Internet, they must not copy and paste it into their own essays in the pretence that they have written these passages. It is likely that the examiner will recognise it - and the work will then be disqualified.

## College Attendance and Illness

The vast majority of students attend regularly and on time - that is the College requirement. It is timely to point out that all references refer to attendance records and, given the demand for places at the College, those with a poor attendance will not necessarily be retained in College for a second year. Where attendance falls below 90%, the College Charter makes it clear that the student's place at the College may be put in jeopardy.

## Misuse of the College Network

The College Network is principally for study-related activity and the storing or transmitting of inappropriate or offensive messages and images is a disciplinary matter, as it is in the workplace; trading from College e-mail addresses is similarly forbidden. Any students who **receive** offensive messages or images by e-mail should notify the Help Desk immediately. Similarly any students using any form of electronic messaging to send offensive messages/images either inside or outside College may face disciplinary action, as stated in the Anti Bullying Policy and Code of Conduct.

### Sharing Passwords

On no account should students share their passwords into the College systems with a friend, even their best friend. The College will always treat the sharing of passwords as a disciplinary offence; students' accounts are always suspended pending an investigation.

## Car parking around the College

Second year students driving to College have three possible parking places - The Brian Smith Car Park on site, the new on-road Student Bays, and Farnborough Football Club, each with different permits.

College policy states that parking is only available to first year students later in the year.

**Students should not park their cars in any other places, particularly outside residential homes in more distant roads.**

We are working with the local police to make sure that residents are not inconvenienced by students parking within the exclusion zone. This zone is on page 7 in the student diary.

## Dropping off students

Please do not use the College Car Parks to drop off or pick up students. An increase in car movements inevitably creates greater risks when pedestrian activity is at its height - it would be helpful to arrange a safe meeting place a little distance from the College.

## Important Meeting for First Year Parents

**Higher Education Information Evening**  
**Presented by the University of Southampton**  
**Thursday 25 April at 7pm**  
**What can you study? Where? How do you apply?**

This will be held in the Dame Kelly Holmes Sports Centre.  
 Admission by (free) ticket only, available from Student Services.

## Careers Events for students

### Thursday 14 February

So you want to be a Vet? – Royal Veterinary College

### Tuesday 26 February

How to get an Apprenticeship - ALPHI

### Thursday 28 February

Access to Southampton – University of Southampton

### Monday 4 March

CV Writing Skills - BAE Systems Recruitment Centre

### Tuesday 5 March

So you want to be a Pilot? - TAG Aviation

### Wednesday 6 March

Opportunities post A level - Ernst & Young

### Tuesday 12 March

Apprenticeships and Scholarships – Kaplan Reading

### Wednesday 13 March

School Leaver Scheme – IBM

### Thursday 14 March

So you want to be a Teacher? – University of Brighton

### Tuesday 19 March

So you want to be a Doctor? – Queen Mary, University of London

### Wednesday 20 March

Year 11 – Oxbridge talk

### Thursday 18 April

HE Opportunities locally – Farnborough College of Technology

### Tuesday 23 April

Student Finance Workshop – University of Portsmouth

### Dates to be confirmed

So you want to be a Journalist? – Bournemouth University

So you want to be an Engineer? - Fluor

### Special events:

**Friday 15 March** - UCAS HE Convention, University of Portsmouth  
 - a must for all first year students thinking of university. Full details will be circulated to students in Tutorial lessons.

**Wednesday 25 September** - College deadline for medicine, veterinary science and Oxford and Cambridge UCAS forms. Students applying to popular courses at oversubscribed universities should consider meeting this deadline as well.



### Moving On Day

**Thursday 4 July**

Careers seminars, talks and exhibition for all first year students.

## University Admissions 2013

Amongst the many successful applicants to top universities are the following 26 students who have won Oxbridge places:

### Cambridge 12

Andrew Burrell	Robinson	Human Social & Political Science
Giulia Cattaneo	Magdelene	Veterinary Medicine
Dominique Cooper	Trinity Hall	Law
Eleanor Crone	Jesus	Natural Sciences - Physics
Samuel Draper	Peterhouse	Engineering
Rory Duncan	Trinity Hall	Mathematics
Samantha Flint	Newnham	Natural Sciences - Physics
Lucy Irving	Murray Edwards	Human Social & Political Science
Stephen Rawson	Trinity	Economics
Matthew Sliney	Clare	Medicine
Amelia St John Wallis	Christ's	Psychology & Behavioural Sciences
Daniel Voller	Robinson	Geography

### Oxford 14

Saleem Akhtar	St Catherine's	Mathematics
Daniel Bright	Jesus	Economics & Management
Caris Brooks	Magdalen	Spanish & Linguistics
Josie Dyster	Hertford	French & German
Eleanor Gale	Christ Church	Experimental Psychology
Paige Gibbons	Brasenose	Philosophy & Linguistics
Megan Griffin	Queen's	English & French
Caroline Heisig	St Hilda's	History
Blake Howell	St Edmund Hall	Politics, Philosophy & Economics
Timothy Leung	Balliol	Mathematics
Joanna Phillips	St Hugh's	Music
Rowan Schrecker	Hertford	Mathematics
Mark Williams	Lincoln	Politics, Philosophy & Economics
Edward Wise	Hertford	History & Politics

## Introduction to Oxbridge 2013

**Tuesday 26 March 2013, 1 pm**  
**Prospect Theatre**

**Carolyn Crawford**  
**Emmanuel College, Cambridge**  
**Lizzy Emerson**  
**St Hugh's College, Oxford**

This is an annual event to which parents and students are welcome. There will be an opportunity to talk to the Oxbridge representatives and ask questions.

### Visits to Colleges and Open Days

A series of visits will be organised to enable students to see some Oxbridge Colleges in the summer. Further details will be available after Easter.

## HE Finance for students starting university in 2013

Applications to Student Finance England for new full-time students entering university in 2013 are now open. The deadline for submitting applications is 31 May 2013. There has been a tutorial lesson on student finance for Second Year students and a drop-in advice session after Easter or for more information visit the student finance website at: [www.student-finance.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.student-finance.gov.uk/studentfinance).

## University Admissions - Make sensible choices

In the region of 1200 College students have completed UCAS applications and are now receiving offers. Between May and June students will be required to accept firmly their first choice university, subject to their achieving the grades required; they can also hold an insurance offer. Each student is given an individual deadline date by UCAS.

As a university education is now very expensive, it is even more important that students think carefully about their offers before they accept places. Students are advised to be realistic and only to accept a place for which they will be able to meet the requirements. We strongly recommend waiting for the results of the January modules before making final decisions. Once all decisions have been received via UCAS, students with more than one offer have to firmly accept one (known as **Conditional Firm - CF**) and identify another as their **Insurance** offer (**CI**). If the student does not meet the CF offer but meets the CI offer, s/he will go to the **Insurance** place. **Students should choose their CI offer wisely – it should be lower than the CF choice.** Personal Tutors will be happy to discuss these matters with their tutees.

## College Spring Concerts

### Chamber Choir Evensong

Guildford Cathedral  
Sunday 10 March, 6.30pm

### Chamber Orchestra & Big Band Concert

Friday 22 March, 7.30pm

### Scholars' Concert

Saturday 27 April, venue TBC, 7.30pm

### "The Glories of Gilbert and Sullivan" Choral Society

Wednesday 15 May, 7.30pm  
Camberley Theatre (Box Office 01276 707600)

### Dinner Dance with Big Band

Saturday 22 June, 7.30pm

### Chamber Choir and Early Music Concert

Friday 5 July, St Peter's Church, Farnborough, 7.30pm

All Concerts held in the Prospect Theatre unless specified.  
Tickets are available from College Services 01252 688219

## Farnborough International Piano Series

### Clive Williamson

Friday 8 March

### Graham Caskie

Friday 19 April

### Alexander Ardakov

Friday 24 May

Performances will be held in the Music Department, starting at 7.30pm.  
Tickets are available from the College website  
[http://www.farnborough.ac.uk/College\\_Concerts](http://www.farnborough.ac.uk/College_Concerts)

## Summer Dance Show

Featuring A Level Dance Exam work  
and Dance Company performances

Thursday 23 and Friday 24 May 2013, 7.30pm  
Tickets online via the College website

## Congratulations...

**Austin Jones and Viki Williams** on being selected for the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) for their ability and potential in Judo and Badminton respectively.

**Sarah Baldwin** for producing a newsletter for all members and supporters of Parkside (Aldershot and District Mencap), reviewing the activities and events organised during the year to celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

## Sports Roundup

It has been a rather quiet time on the weekly sports fixtures front due to a combination of exams and snow but, with the worst of this behind us, our weekly fixtures have resumed.

Our half season ended on a high when the mixed hockey team won the seven's tournament at Brockenhurst College in the final week before Christmas. This was followed by our men's team finishing third at the Hampshire Cup Tournament. The mixed team now wait to meet Chichester College in the next round of the Cup which, if they win, would progress them on to quarter finals.

The Netball 1st team had the Regional Tournament but had not been able to train since Christmas. Not wanting to go to Regionals unprepared, they headed off to Surrey Sports Park for a training session with England centre court player and Surrey Storm's player coach, Tamsin Greenway. The team had a fantastic experience and headed to the Regionals confident and motivated. The Farnborough team played exceptionally well and won their pool confidently meaning they meet the runners up of the other pool in the semi final. This just happened to be our friendly rivals, Peter Symonds College. Having beaten them by one goal to qualify in first place at the Regionals, Peter Symonds College had a score to settle and beat us by 3 goals, progressing them into the Finals and on to represent the South Region at Nationals. The first team's focus is now the British Colleges Sport (BCS) Cup where we have progressed through the Hampshire and Surrey teams and meet Palmer's College, Essex in the next round. The 2nd netball team are still on course to win the Hampshire League for the third year in a row but will have some crucial games against Brockenhurst and Richard Taunton's College in upcoming weeks.

The College badminton team met Itchen College in the semi finals of the BCS Cup and in a tight fought match beat them 6-4. This will hopefully mean they are on their way to National Finals for the third consecutive year to defend their title from 2012. The match versus Itchen was very close; the deciding rubber was actually won in the third game where Jack Wills and Jess Young beat their opponents 30-29 – a rare occurrence in badminton. Indeed the male opponent from Itchen, Harry Wang, is the number one junior in England and as such this win is even more impressive.

The bad weather meant the Regional round of the Schools' Biathlon at Crystal Palace in January did not go ahead. This meant a patient wait for our athletes to see if their earlier qualifying times from the Hampshire round were enough to send them to the Final. Richard Allen qualified in 4th place and Owen Wagstaff in 17th Nationally. Good luck to them for the Finals at Crystal Palace.

Emma Stephens  
Curriculum teacher for Sport/PE

## Sport Makers come to College

The Olympic diver, Peter Waterfield, and Paralympic swimmer, Peter Hull, recently visited the College to inspire students to be part of the Olympic legacy of 2012 and become Sport Makers. The Sport Makers initiative, run by Sport Hampshire & IOW (Isle



Peter Waterfield with members of the Sports Staff from the College

of Wight), is one of 49 County Sports Partnerships in England, committed to increasing levels of participation in sport and physical activity. There are now around 40,000 Sport Makers. Peter gave an inspirational talk to students, emphasising the importance of teamwork and commitment in realising your sporting dreams. Peter urged students to get involved by encouraging others to take part in sport, just as his father did for him when he was young.

Following Peter's presentation, groups of enthusiastic students worked with a number of facilitators and Sport Maker representatives.

# Student Association Elections 2013 -14

In the Spring Term each year, we hold elections for the Student Association Committee. The positions are open to any student (subject to the approval of their Personal Tutor) who is in the first year of a two year course. The term of office is one year, from Easter 2013 to Easter 2014. These are significant posts; universities and employers hold in high regard students who have held such offices.

## Student President and Vice President

Whilst all the posts are important, the most significant positions are those of Student President and Vice President, so ably undertaken this year by Kiran Eyre and Edd Jones. Both act as important ambassadors for the College and are involved in all its public functions - so public speaking is essential. Both the President and the Vice President are Governors of the College and are expected to attend Governors' meetings.

Thus the roles of President and Vice President present an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills and to contribute to the corporate governance of a College with an annual income of several million pounds - neither post can be undertaken lightly.

The time commitment is not excessive – but meetings need to take precedence over part-time jobs, and time-management skills need to be sufficiently well developed to manage A-level deadlines.

Other posts are:

**Treasurer:** monitors the SA funds and keeps up to date accounts.

**Communications Officer:** organises all meetings, including Student Council; records minutes.

**Events Officer:** organises and publicises a variety of social and other events.

**Charities Officer:** organises a variety of fund-raising events including the RAG week.

**Publications Officer:** leads the editorial team - College Magazine and Year Book.

**Learning Experience Officer:** represents the views of the student body on the development of teaching excellence.

**Environmental Officer:** encourages us all to place environmental issues high on the agenda, individually and collectively.

**Sports Officer:** represents the activities of the many sports teams and organises an Inter-Tutor Group Sporting Event in 2013 - 14.

**Performing Arts Officer:** represents the activities of the many students engaged in performing arts.

**Equality, Diversity and Community Links Officer:** encourages and organises community activities by students, in liaison with Chris Eustace, Lead Tutor for Enrichment. Also sits on the Equality and Diversity Committee.

## Parents...

It would be helpful if parents could discuss with students the opportunities and responsibilities that the roles of Student President, Vice President, or any member of the Committee, present. Please encourage those who would like to take on such a high profile role to stand in the elections.

## Students...

Nomination Packs will be available from the Student Services office from Tuesday 12 February. Nominations are accepted only if you have a good record of commitment and attendance and the approval of your Personal Tutor.



Student President Kiran Eyre and Vice President Edd Jones

## Student President, Kiran Eyre and Vice President, Edd Jones say:

"Being a member of the Student Association is arguably the most rewarding activity you're likely to undertake during your college life, albeit a lot of hard work! If you feel that you are a dedicated, enthusiastic and confident person who wants to enrich college life both for yourself and the student body, then being a part of the team is a must for you.

Competition for elections is fierce; presenting to an enthusiastic crowd of teenagers is a challenge not lightly undertaken. But if you believe you have the potential then we would love to see what you've got! If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to send any of us an email or drop by the office."

## Thanks to the Student Association Committee 2012 - 13



## Student Association Election Timetable 2013

2013 Election launched  
**Closing Date for nominations**  
Hustings  
Election (e-voting on Intranet)  
**RESULTS**

Tuesday 12 February  
**Tuesday 5 March**  
Monday 11 - Thursday 14 March  
Thurs 14 - Wed 20 March  
**Thursday 21 March**  
12.30 pm - Café Direct



Past and Present SA members

# College News Extra

## A Baroque Christmas Concert: An inspiring performance

The theme of this year's Concert was "A Baroque Christmas" and the programme was both seasonal and inspiring. It was also extremely challenging – albeit a challenge that was splendidly met by all involved. The 120 strong Choral Society, filled the large space at the Dame Kelly Holmes Sports Hall. The first piece, sung in the original German, was J.S.Bach's awe inspiring Cantata for Advent *Wachet Auf!*



Anita Lane and Jemma Mitchell (sopranos) joined forces with basses Jesse Bishop, George Bowen and George Priestley to give voice to the text. The great cantata ended with a rousing chorale for full chorus. The approach to Christmas was then picked up in the second work - Vivaldi's vibrant and dramatic setting of the Magnificat text. At times solemn and at times joyful, the chorus, with a rich and colourful tone, projected the true sense of the music to all. They were also joined by more soloists from the department, namely Eleanor German, Beth Mabin, Martha Woodhams and Pippa Barlin (sopranos), Alexandra Baker and Jacquie Rowe (alto), Jago Thornton (tenor) and Aedan Day (Bass). The evening concluded, naturally enough, with the birth of Jesus as depicted in Buxtehude's *Ein Neugeborne Kindelein*. With a wonderful sense of spontaneity and with a smile on their faces, the Choral Society brought this uplifting evening of seasonal music to a triumphant end.

Speaking after the concert, Director of Music, Paul Bambrough, said: *"I am absolutely thrilled with this evening. To sing such difficult music, in its original language on just nine hours of rehearsal, is a magnificent achievement. Whilst many would say it couldn't be done, here at Farnborough we'd rather say, 'Let's do it!' I am immensely proud of each and every musician who took part in this extraordinary concert."*

## Extended Projects Presentation Evening - knowledge is its own reward



The evening recognised the achievements of students who researched and produced 130 original pieces of work. The Extended Project seeks to answer research questions, which the students pose themselves. Passionate curiosity is demonstrated in the titles of the work, which this year included, 'Is time travel possible?', 'Should we stop trying to cure cancer?', 'How does Terry Pratchett satirise religion through the use of his Discworld novels?' and 'What historical developments in opera have led to the rise of musical theatre?'.

Students receive no formal qualification or UCAS points for

taking part. Jon Coles (Group Chief Executive of United Learning) presented students with professionally bound copies of their essays. Speaking to an audience of over 300 students and guests he remarked that the Extended Project *"exemplifies all that is best"* about a well rounded education, *"Young people here have been inspired by the love of learning."*

Simon Jarvis, Principal of the College commented *"It may have sparked an interest that leads in the future to one of you being given the Nobel Prize for Literature, or finding a cure for cancer."* Simon Reigh, Director of the Extended Project, said *"The Extended Project is just one of many opportunities this wonderful College provides you with to develop your intellectual curiosity. You have all produced engaging pieces of work and deserve to be hugely proud of your achievement."*

## College celebrates outstanding success at College Presentation Evening

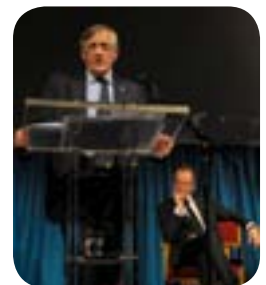
Watched by parents and supporters, the 'Class of 2012' returned to receive congratulations and prizes at the annual College Presentation Evening. Guest of Honour, Sir Gerald Howarth, MP for Aldershot, presented students with their awards.

Principal Simon Jarvis was also joined by a number of other high profile guests, many of whom presented special awards. They included the Chairman of Governors, Andrew Needham, Cathy Anwar (Calthorpe Park), Peter Collins (Fernhill) and Beverley Stevens (Court Moor), the headteachers from three of our local partner schools; supporter of the College, Councillor Roz Chad, Ian Brennan (Operations Manager, Fluor, sponsors of the prize for Science, Technology and Maths, Student of the year) and Sarah Williams (The Community Matters Partnership).



Sir Gerald Howarth presenting the Fluor STEM Student of the year to Emma Silvester, with Ian Brennan, Fluor Operations Manager

In 2012, College students achieved an A level pass rate of 97%: 25% passed at grades A\* or A, and an astonishing 50% gained a grade B or above. Sir Gerald expressed his great pride in having such an outstanding college in his constituency and was effusive in his admiration for the impressive results: *"Your achievements stand comparison with the very best in this country"* he told the large audience of former students.



Sarah Williams presents the CMP Volunteer of the Year Award to Alina Shrestha



## Congratulations to Level 3 Interpreting Students

At the beginning of the summer break seven of our bilingual students gave up several days of their holiday to complete a Level 3 qualification in Interpreting in Education, delivered by Hampshire EMTAS (Ethnic Minorities and Traveller Achievement Service). Three of the students, Katarina Demeterova, Sonia Bhuda and Bipana Bhattarai, are pictured, together with the College Principal, Simon Jarvis, and Personal Tutor, Lesley Maddox. The remaining four students were Sneha Thapa and Sarah Limbu, who are already at university and current A2 students, Supriya and Suvekchha Gurung.

The Interpreting qualification meant that four of the students, Katarina, Bipana, Supriya and Suvekchha were able to volunteer at a local partner school, The Connaught in Aldershot, once a week, over a six week period, to help recently-arrived Year 10 and 11 EAL (English as an Additional Language) pupils in their classes. Lesley Maddox, Personal Tutor, who worked with the students, described them "an inspiring and highly dedicated group who make excellent ambassadors for the College and for young people in general."



## Community Sing-a-long as College presents cheques to Charity

Students and staff were joined by members of the Community and representatives of the Charities which the College has supported in 2012 to sing along to some festive tunes. Children from local primary schools joined in, with Cherrywood and St. Bernadette's each giving a performance.

In 2012 we raised £1838 for Breast Cancer Care, £1538 for Jeans for Genes (by holding a day when everyone was asked to come to college in their pyjamas), £530 for Grace and £1050 for Children in Need. A cheque for £8000 was presented to Amanda Dubarry, CEO of Step by Step, who commented "We are overwhelmed by the ongoing enthusiasm and support of the College. For the fourth year in a row their students have braved the elements and given up their comfortable beds and homes to spend a night out in the freezing cold to raise money for Step by Step. Over four years they have raised an amazing £23,000, an astonishing amount."

Andy Linton, Lead Tutor (Student Liaison) & Personal Tutor, who organised the event said "It was



fantastic to have so many different groups from the community at the Sing-a-long, including local schools, the council, representatives from the Fire Service and Police, as well as of course the staff and clients from Step by Step. It has been a privilege to work with Step by Step over the last few years and raise money for their brilliant work with young people and I am delighted that the students, staff and parents have raised such a large amount once again this year." Ollie Cole, SA Charities Officer said, "I am absolutely amazed at how the students have done in raising this much money - it has exceeded our expectations and it is great to see that they are passionate about this cause."



## A weekend of College Fundraising - Grand Draw and Masked Ball raise funds for local charities



Nearly 100 highly influential business people, alongside guest of honour Sir Gerald Howarth, converged on the headquarters of Fluor Limited in Farnborough for the **Community Matters Partnership (CMP) End of Year Celebrations**.

The event highlighted the achievements of the Partnership over the year which, in real terms, amounted to £300,000 of contributed volunteering hours, funding and resources to the local community. The afternoon culminated in the announcement of the winners of the first Community Matters Partnership Grand Draw.

As a founder member of this highly successful social enterprise, Simon Jarvis, College Principal, said: "This is the first year of the CMP Grand Draw and it is great to see that the funds raised, £10,400, will be put to such good use by the two

local charities, The Vine and The Gaming Zone. Our thanks go to all those who took part by buying and selling tickets and providing the very generous prizes which were on offer. We look forward to working together with our partners in the CMP going forward."

### Step by Step 20th Anniversary Masked Ball

Step by Step, the local Aldershot based charity for homeless and vulnerable youngsters, recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. The occasion was marked by a Venetian style Masked Ball attended by nearly 150 guests, friends and supporters of the organisation including the Mayor, Councillor Crerar, and the Lady Mayoress of Rushmoor, held in the stately splendour of Wellington College.

Diners and dancers enjoyed the entertainment provided by jugglers, games, waltz tuition and an auction orchestrated by College Principal Simon Jarvis. Revellers danced in to the early hours to the music of rock and roll band The Vice Squad, whose members include several present and former College staff.

Christine Eustace presented Step by Step with a cheque for £1,500, raised by College students. In all, this special evening raised almost £14,000 for this brilliant, most worthy charity.

