

## Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the GCSE exam period enters its final weeks, I would like to start by congratulating the Year 11 students on the way they have approached the exams. Much hard work is put in by staff to prepare them, and I know how much invaluable support they receive from you at home. However, ultimately, it is the students' hard work and resilience that will see them through, and this has been very evident throughout the examination period. They are a real credit to you and I hope we will see their diligence rewarded in August.

### Student Leadership

As we say goodbye to our current Year 11 cohort, it is also time to elect our new senior student leadership team from the current Year 10s. Tom B (Head Boy), Ellena C (Head Girl), Olliver H (Deputy Head Boy) and Emily P (Deputy Head Girl) have all made a huge contribution to the school over the last year and I would like to thank them for this. The election process for their successors is currently underway and I look forward to introducing them in our next newsletter.

### Uniform reminders

Following a review of uniform, we moved to black skirts and trousers from September 2018 but have allowed a year's transition period for those still wearing the previous grey items. This period ends at the start of next term so please bear this in mind when purchasing new uniform.



May I also remind parents of our rules on trousers (*black 'traditional' trousers, not wide, tightly fitting, flared, low waistband or 'hipster'. Leggings, elasticated material and denim materials are not permitted*) and skirts (*black tailored skirt to be no shorter than 1 inch above the middle of the knee, with no side slits. Stretch jersey 'tube' skirts and 'skater' style skirts are not acceptable*). Please ensure any uniform purchases are in line with these rules. Full details can be found on our website here <https://www.croftonschool.co.uk/copy-of-school-uniform-sept>

### Access changes on the school site

You will notice some changes to the way you access the school site over the next few weeks. You will still be able to visit school reception as normal, but during the school day, access to the rest of the site will be controlled via reception, by a gate release system. We expect this work to be completed before the end of the summer term.

We want our school to continue being the open and welcoming place it always has been, but we do need to balance this with the need to keep our students safe when on site. Therefore, I hope you will agree these changes to site security are necessary and proportionate.



### Changes to the school day

Following our consultation on changing the timings of the school day, I wrote to you in April to inform you that as a result, the school day will finish at 2:05pm every Wednesday from week commencing 17 June when our timetable changes. This means the first early finish will be Wednesday 19 June. Full details can be found in the letters section of our website, and I will also write to you closer to the date to remind you of the arrangements for this.



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "S Harrison".

Mr S Harrison  
Headteacher

## Fareham Nomads Swimming Club

We currently have spaces available in our Learn to Swim Programme (Stages 2 & 3). The contact details to book the lessons and to organise a free trial is [learn2swim@farehamnomads.co.uk](mailto:learn2swim@farehamnomads.co.uk) (FAO Janet)



### Swimming Lessons

Does your child want to learn to swim?

We have spaces available **NOW** in our Learn to Swim Stages 2 & 3 at Fareham Nomads Swimming Club.

We follow the ASA's Learn to Swim Pathway Stages 1-7 and swim at Fareham Leisure Centre.

Our aim is to give beginners and non-swimmers the opportunity to learn to swim by developing confidence and stroke technique in a structured, fun and safe environment.

If you wish to know more about our Learn to Swim programme or would like a free trial, please contact us at [learn2swim@farehamnomads.co.uk](mailto:learn2swim@farehamnomads.co.uk)



For more information visit our website:  
[www.farehamnomads.co.uk](http://www.farehamnomads.co.uk)



## **River Meon Trip**

GCSE Geography students have recently enjoyed an opportunity to practice their fieldwork skills in readiness for their GCSEs. On 13 May, 47 students made their way to the beautiful village of Soberton to investigate the River Meon and its characteristics. At Soberton, they were able to get into the river to take measurements of width and depth to better understand how efficient the river was at this stage. They were able to see the fluvial processes which we had talked about in class such as erosion and deposition and we discussed how the river changes, from the source further upstream, to the mouth at Titchfield Haven.



Wickham was our second location, where students were able to see how the river had been managed in the past and diverted in order to be able to flood the area in a controlled way. This allowed grass to grow quicker and cattle to be able to graze the area for longer. Students practiced their field sketching skills and added lots of detailed annotations so that they remembered what they had seen when they got back to the classroom.



We still have 24 students to go out on the trip and I am hoping that this will happen after half term so please look out for the date of this.

The sun was shining and the students were a credit to the school. We were able to bring to life the often quite abstract concepts taught in lessons...in conclusion a fantastic trip!



Ms E Flint

## **Crofton Partnership Launch**

Thank you to everybody who came along to the Crofton Partnership Launch Event. It was a great event, and we now have over 40 people signed up to help, and a full committee.

Our aims are:

- Building links with the community;
- Raising funds;
- Supporting families.

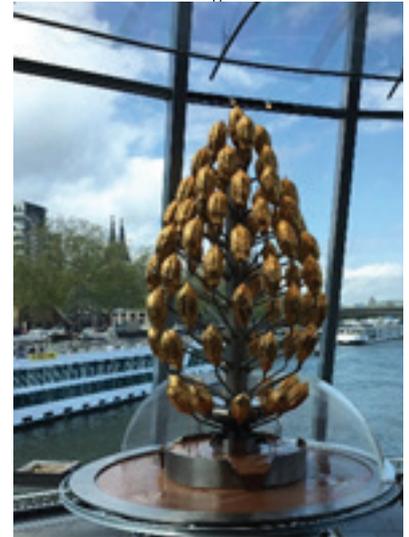
If you would like to get involved, we are currently scheduling meetings to get things started. Keep an eye on our facebook page and website – [croftonpartnership.org.uk](http://croftonpartnership.org.uk). There will be many ways to contribute, however much or little time you have.

Colin Thorpe



## Modern Foreign Languages

This has been a very busy half term for the MFL department, starting with the German trip from 8 – 11 May, when we took a group of 28 students to Cologne. We visited Phantasialand, went on a river cruise along the Rhine, visited Cologne city centre and toured the chocolate factory and the sports museum. The highlight of the trip was definitely the chocolate fountain! The trip was enjoyed by staff and students alike, and the students were a credit to the school.



On 15 May, we had Onatti Theatre group in to the school to perform a German play, called So Eine Nervensäge, for Year 8. The action revolved around two sisters, with the older one preparing for a date and the younger one doing everything possible to prevent her going on it. The language was accessible and the play was both funny and engaging. Students were a credit to the school throughout and it was great to see them enjoying the language.

On 17 May, we took 80 students from Year 7 on the day trip to Boulogne. Travelling by coach and ferry, we visited the centre of Boulogne, a local snail farm and a hypermarket. Tasting snails cooked in garlic or cheese was the highlight of the day for many students, although some declined to take part! Once again, our students' behaviour was impeccable and it was great to see them using their language.



Thank you to our Reception and Finance Teams and our Site Team, who do so much behind the scenes to make this all possible, and thank you to all the staff who accompanied the trips. Finally, thank you to you, the parents and guardians, for your support with these events.

Mrs A Adam

## Fareham College Dance Performance

On Wednesday 3 April, some of our extremely talented dancers at Crofton School took part in a workshop and performance at Fareham College. The performance was a huge success and the students had excellent feedback from the organiser as well as a performance agent.



Lene M, Nalah S, Rhianna W, Ellena C, Lily W, Jodie R, Scarlett L, Emily B, Ellie D and Eloise A choreographed and performed a beautiful contemporary piece in front of other schools and the Performing Arts students at Fareham College.



## **Hampshire ASA Championships**

In February, Joe D (Year 7) qualified to swim in the Hampshire ASA Championships.

His results were:

200 IM ... 4th

200 backstroke ... 3rd

100 breaststroke ... 3rd

50 breaststroke ... 3rd

100 backstroke ... 5th

200 breaststroke ... 2nd

50 backstroke ... 5th

He then qualified to swim in the South East Region

Championships at the K2 in Crawley and his results were:

200 IM ... 6th

200 backstroke ... 6th

100 breaststroke ... 2nd

50 breaststroke ... 9th

100 backstroke ... 15th

200 breaststroke ... DQ

50 backstroke ... 8th



Joe has also been selected to join the South East Region Talent Pathway

Programme! He is one of 18 boys selected from the South East region, based on his performance and potential.

This is a huge achievement. Well done Joe!

## ***AMA National Championships***

Congratulations to Macey-Rose P (Year 9) on her Silver medal and Willow-Mae P (Year 7) on her gold medal at the recent AMA National Championships in Bury.

Both girls competed in the open championship which meant that they were up against higher belts than them in both the Kata and Kumite. Both girls won their medals in the Kumite fighting against black belts.

Willow-Mae is a brown/double white belt and Macey-Rose has only just become a green belt after grading 2 weeks ago, and hasn't been in the competition circuit nor indeed been doing Karate for as long as Willow-Mae has.

This is a great confidence boost and precursor for the World Championships in June. Not all the squad were selected to represent England at these championships in Slovakia so no matter what the outcome my heart just bursts with pride at both their achievements and for being selected.

Their training regime has stepped up a gear and their commitment is commendable which is paying off.

This is an amazing achievement - well done girls!

Mr B Marshall



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## Important Dates for your Diary

### June

11 June	Year 10 Urban Field Work
12 June	Year 9 Rivers Trip
13 June	Year 10 Urban Field Work
14 June	Year 7 Hampton Court Trip
17 June	INSET DAY
17 June	Timetable change
24 – 26 June	Year 11 Film Editing Workshop
27 June	Year 10 Science Exam
27 June	Drama Trip
28 June	Year 11 Drama Mock Exam



### July

1 July	Art Exhibition
2 - 3 July	School Concert
5 July	School Prom
8 – 12 July	Healthy Lifestyle Week
10 - 12 July	School Production
11 July	Non-School Uniform Day
12 July	Sports Day
15 July	French Day
16 July	Careers Fair
19 July	Years 9 and 10 – End of Year Assemblies
22 July	ABRSM Exams
22 – 23 July	Year 7 Calshot Trip
20 – 23 July	Year 10 Berlin Trip
23 July	END OF TERM

## Dates for Your Diary



### Term Dates

#### Summer Term

23 April - 23 July 2019

#### INSET Days for Staff Training

Mon 17 June 2019



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