

# Highlights from Facebook

## Autumn Term 2019



### Year 11 Netball Success

The Year 11 netball team played their first game of the year away at Bay House School. Last year the team lost 40-0 to the opposing team so were nervous going into the game.

The team had a tricky start to the game, ending the first quarter 8-0 to Bay House. After a quick team meeting, a change of positions, and bringing on secret weapon Morgan Durow (who is taking netball as one of his GCSE PE), the team were ready to turn the game around.

After some incredible shooting by Head Girl Mia Nicholson and brilliant manoeuvres within the team, the game was 14-6 at half time. As it was the first game of the season, the students wanted to try different techniques and positions to see what will be best for their future games.

The final result was 20-10 to Bay House, a great score for the first game of the season after several months away from training! Player of the match as voted for by the Bay House team was Morgan Durow.

Well done to everyone in the team for working so hard and getting stuck into extracurricular activities so soon after returning to school!



### Student Success

Year 8 student Mason Hards represented England in the Judo Commonwealth Championships in September, where he competed against athletes from the commonwealth countries.

Mason has been doing judo for almost four years and has been a member of the Hampshire squad for the past two years. He has competed in many competitions including the British Schools Regional Championship, where he earned a silver medal, and the Southern Area Precedent Open, where he also won a silver medal. Mason was also selected to train with the Regional England Development Squad this year.



They were then given some free time and played games with their Year 11 leaders, before evening hot chocolate and getting ready for bed.



Throughout their first day, the students worked together in groups to take part in their activities, which included kayaking, raft building, crate stacking, Jacob's ladder and the aerial adventure. They tackled each challenge brilliantly and were amazing in supporting all of the members in their team.

The students ended their day singing songs around the campfire and toasting marshmallows. An amazing experience to end their final night of the trip.



### Fairthorne Manor Trip

In September, over 100 of our Year 7 students visited Fairthorne Manor for an action packed weekend with their new peers and teachers. On the first night, the students were given a tour of the campsite and enjoyed their first meal together.

## Student Success

Year 8 student Alex Figgins made some incredible progress in his motorcycle stunt displays. Alex has been riding motorbikes since he was six and travels the country doing stunt displays for large audiences.

Alex trains every week at HMS Daedalus with his team called The Rockets. Alex has performed at some local events this year HMS Sultan and HMS Collingwood, but his big biggest event was riding at Retrofestival.

During the summer, Alex managed to perform a new stunt of jumping a car and is the only member of his team that can perform this stunt.

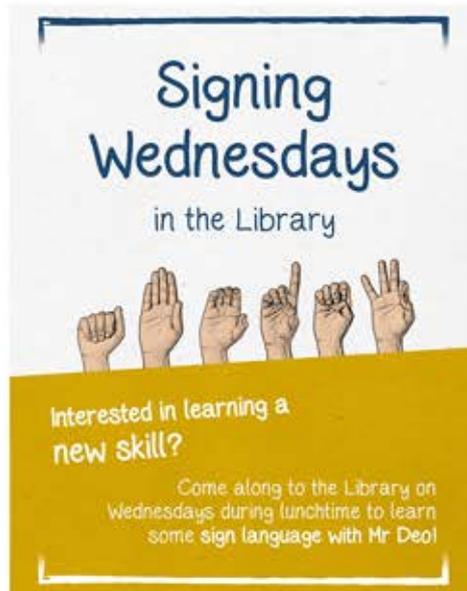
This is an awesome talent and shows great dedication to be able to improve and achieve new skills and tricks, well done Alex!



## Signing Wednesdays

This term, the Academy introduced 'Signing Wednesdays', where students are given the opportunity to learn sign language with Mr Deo.

Signing Wednesday is every week at lunchtime in the Library. The club has been a great success this term, we look forward to continuing it in the new year!



## European Day of Languages

To celebrate European Day of Languages, we hosted the Great Fareham Academy International Bake Off, where students made an array of cakes with an international feel. The cakes were judged by Mr Pranker to find the winners, who were:

Best Design - Erin Noy

Most Creative - Milly Webster

Best Representation of Internationalism - Emily Seton

The cakes that were entered to the bake-off were sold by our Year 11 GCSE French students to raise money for the Fareham Academy PTA.

We would like to thank all of the students that put in the effort to enter the bake-off.



## Year 11 French Trip

Our Year 11 GCSE French students visited France so they could experience French culture to help them in their exam preparation.

The students had a fantastic first day in France as part of their weekend trip. The students visited the Bayeux Tapestry museum where they learnt about the story of William the Conqueror and the battle of Hastings.

The students then went to the British Cemetery which is the largest Commonwealth Cemetery for Second World War in France. The students laid a rose on the tombs of some of the 338 unknown soldiers there, 'known unto God.'

The group moved onto Caen where they were set the challenge of finding some information in French at the tourist office where they could only speak French.



The students had an action-packed second day on their trip, where they visited a French market, an escape room, and a trip to the cinema.

On their final day, the students visited Collège Pasteur, where they met French students and spent the morning interacting with each other. They got a tour of the school and ate with the French students in their canteen. They exchanged contact details and both parties were delighted to have met.



## Student Success

In September, Year 9 student Madison Nixon took part in an audition at The Pyramid Center, Portsmouth for their upcoming pantomime 'Treasure Island'.

Madison has since then received the amazing news that she was successful in her audition and will be performing in 'Treasure Island' from the 24th to 31st December.

Madison has taken part and performed in multiple of our productions and also dances outside of school. We are extremely proud of Madison for this achievement and wish her all the best in the pantomime this year.



## University of Southampton Trip

Over 50 Year 10 students visited the University of Southampton for an insight into university life and to gain information about the university.

The students were given a tour of the university, where they were shown the large range of facilities the university offers its students.

The students experienced a sample lecture on material culture and history from a PhD student, as well as receiving revision advice and learning materials.

The students were also given the opportunity to ask some of the university students questions about university life and their journey to their degree courses.

Overall, the two days have been extremely successful and the students represented the academy brilliantly. We hope that visiting the university has opened up the option of the university to the Year 10s once they leave school. We would like to thank the students and staff from the University of Southampton for giving their time to talk to our students.



## Year 7 Football Success

Our Year 7 football team travelled to Brune Park and displayed a highly impressive team performance, leading them to beat Brune Park's team 12-1!

The team had been working hard in lessons and training on keeping possession and they managed to do this for long periods of the game. The team's formation was looking stronger, with players now finding a more natural and comfortable position which is benefiting the team.

Mr Collins, commented that "everybody played extremely well and should be proud of themselves". He said that, although it was tough to pick a most valuable player this week, he choose Ollie Hammond for his fantastic defensive performance.

Well done to these boys on their success and for showing such terrific teamwork. We look forward to seeing how our Year 7 football team do in their future matches!

## Staff Success

In October, our very own Miss Hillier competed in the inaugural World Beach Games in Doha, Qatar representing Great Britain, playing beach soccer.

Team GB played their first game against Paraguay, which they won 5-4, with Miss Hillier scoring one of the goals. The team then played against the United States, where again they came through with a win, with a score of 5-2, again with Miss Hillier scoring one of the goals! After winning these two games, team GB has secured their place in the semi-finals with a game to spare.

Team GB played their final group game against Russia to compete for the top spot before the semi-finals.

Miss Hillier has worked extremely hard in her sporting career to compete in a multi-sport event like the World Beach Games, and we are extremely proud to have her as a teacher at the Academy.



## Student Success

In September, Year 10 student Millie Nation was given an award for sailing. Millie was one of four young people who were presented with their Sail Training Awards by Lord Iliffe and Michael Glanville.

The presentation took place in Southampton International Boat Show and marked the end of the exciting awards journey which began with nominations, including a five-day trip aboard Prolific with Ocean Youth Trust South and culminated in the presentation.

Millie completed a five-night voyage which took her from Ocean Village Marina in Southampton around the Solent and further afield to Poole and Portland. The experience included night pilotage, and the award winners earning their RYA Start Yachting certificate.



### Student Success

Year 9 student, Alex Magee, has recently been representing Hampshire county as a goalkeeper in football and has shared some of his story so far with us.

Alex was put forward by our PE department to the Gosport and Fareham district trials when he was in Year 7, where he was successful in making the squad as their first choice goal keeper! He has maintained this spot over the past few seasons which is a fantastic achievement. Ultimately, this has led to him being selected to represent Hampshire schools on the back of his performances for Gosport and Fareham.

"We've played two games so far for county. Our first game was against Surrey at Charterhouse School as a friendly, which was a very hard game and the team ended up losing 3-2, however, this was a very big improvement from last year when they lost 14-1. For our most recent game, we played Winchester College playing against a mixture of 14, 15 and 16 year olds in the Winchester squad.

This game was very tense and eventful, but we tried our hardest and managed to make a 2-2 draw. We are excited to play our next game for the cup in November, home to Essex, and see how much more we can improve.

It's an honour playing for my county and takes a lot of hard work, effort and a few trials to get through into the final squad. I am excited to see what happens in the future."



### Student Success

Recently, Year 8 student Evelyn Malec took part in a 'rubbish fashion show', where all of the outfits were made from recycled plastics and rubbish to show how much rubbish goes into our environment.

The fashion show took part in Fareham Town centre, where Evelyn gave out information leaflets and spoke to members of the public about the importance of recycling and how to be more mindful of what we are throwing away.

Since the fashion show, Evelyn has featured in articles in both the Daily Echo and The News.

We are extremely proud that one of our students is making a stand and spreading the word about recycling, a credit to the Academy. Well done Evelyn!



### Halloween Disco

Project 2021 hosted a Halloween Disco for our Year 7 and Year 8 students. The disco was a great success, with over 100 students attending, and lots of amazing costumes!

The students had a great time dancing the night away to their favourite songs, taking part in some Just Dance videos and of course buying sweets at the tuck shop!

Throughout the evening, the Year 10 students in Project 2021 kept a close eye on the students in costumes to choose the top three costumes at the disco. The Year 10s decided the following students as their winners:

- Reggie Moorhouse as The Joker
- Jamie Day as a zombie
- Sofia Nash as Sally from The Nightmare Before Christmas

Congratulations to these students for winning the costume competition. It was an extremely difficult job choosing winners from the array of brilliant costumes of the disco.

Thank you to all of the students that attended the disco, your ticket sales and tuck shop money has raised a staggering £425 for Project 2021!



## Student Success

Year 9 student Ethan Phillips ran the 2.5k Junior Great South Run to raise money for the Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association. This was the eighth time that Ethan has taken part in the run.

Ethan completed the run on Saturday in 30 minutes 14 seconds, crossing the finish line with the help of his friends and family.

Ethan has helped to raise over £1,100 for the Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association so far by doing the race this year and has raised over £6000 over the years by taking part in the run.

This is an amazing achievement, and we are extremely proud to see our students taking time to raise money for well-deserved charities. Well done Ethan!



## Year 9 Girls Rugby

A group of Year 8 girls travelled to the Fareham Heathens Rugby Club to take part in a rugby tournament against other schools in the area.

The girls did an amazing job at the tournament and worked extremely hard as a team to play to the best of their ability.

In the first of their three games, the girls played against Brookfield Community School and won the game 7-2. The girls then used their newly found confidence in their second game against Bay House School and won 5-2.

Unfortunately, the winning streak came to an end when the girls played their last game against Cams Hill School when they had a close score of 4-3 to Cams.

All of the girls on the team played absolutely fantastically and showed great commitment and teamwork. A great start to the year, well done girls!



## Annual Remembrance Service

On the 11th November, the school came together to pay respects and show support for our veterans and current servicemen and servicewomen during our annual Remembrance Service. We were proud to be joined by current and past members of the Armed Forces and members of the Fareham Fire Service at this year's service.

Our students had been raising money for the Poppy Appeal by selling poppies to staff and students. The support they have shown, both in the weeks leading up to today and on the day itself, has been absolutely amazing to see and the respect that they showed today during our service was superb.

During our service, we heard poems and speeches from our Student Leadership Team, before standing in solidarity for a 2 minute's silence.

We would like to thank everyone who helped and attended the service and for sharing their support with us today as we remember.



## Christmas Scheme

## Shoebox

This year, Fareham Academy students and staff donated Christmas shoeboxes filled with presents for disadvantaged students in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania through the Rotary Club.

Students worked in their tutor groups, as well as alone at home to put their boxes together. Year 9 student Madison Nixon singlehandedly donated 13 boxes, an incredible gesture of kindness and generosity. We would also like to thank the members of the community who gave us their Christmas shoeboxes to donate.

Overall, Fareham Academy donated 68 shoeboxes full of gifts for children. This is an incredible amount and will change the lives of disadvantaged children across the world.



## Basketball Success

Our Year 11 Boys Team got off to a winning start as they played against Cams Hill School. The boys put in a solid performance, resulting in a 27-22 win! The first and last quarter were definitely the team's strongest and they managed to come from 7 points down in the final quarter to secure the win. Congratulations to the students involved!



The Year 8 Boys Team also played Cams Hill School in their first competitive game of the season. Both teams played some impressive basketball which resulted in a number of good baskets being scored. Our team battled hard throughout the game but unfortunately came up second best, losing 15-28.



The Year 8 Girls Team started off their season with an impressive 44-22 win over Cams Hill School! Exceptional play was displayed by all and it was fantastic to see so many players taking part.

Well done to all of the basketball teams for their amazing work in their games, and for representing the Academy brilliantly.

## Alumni Success

Recently, two former students Michael Jarwood, and Morgan Cousins, who left the Academy in 2016, have released their first single with their band Alfa Envoy.

The boys formed the band while studying at St Vincent College, and have played several gigs in local venues such as The Wedgewood Rooms.

Michael is now studying at the University of Plymouth, and Morgan at Solent University. We wish them all the best in their studies, and in Alfa Envoy!



## Senior Basketball Success

The senior girl's basketball team (Year 10 and 11) kicked off the season with a brilliant 40-20 win against Henry Cort.

With the Year 11s working hard in revision sessions, the Year 10s played the first two quarters of the game, leaving the score 20-16 to Fareham Academy. Nicole Richmond and Ellie Hooker showed some brilliant play in the first half of the game with great defence.

In the second half of the game, the Year 11s took over and continued the excellent play that the Year 10s had been showing previously.

There were some excellent rebounds from Lily Combes and great play by Alex Wolfe who controlled the tempo of the game.

Well done to all of the girls on the team, what a great start to the basketball season!



## Business Studies Revision

We would like to thank all of the students that attended the Business Studies revision session on Sunday. 33 students attended the session to work on some final revision before their GCSE exam.

This was a brilliant turn out and will be extremely beneficial for the students during their exam. We hope that this work ethic remains for the remainder of the Year 11 GCSE exams this year.



## GCSE Celebration Evening

The class of 2019 returned to school to celebrate the success of their time at Fareham Academy one last time before they progress further in their lives and use the skills they learnt at Fareham Academy.

It was an emotional evening, as our past students were all together for the first time since they collected their GCSE results in August.

Staff praised the now 'young adults' with awards of achievement which they believed were greatly earned by the winning students.

Individual subject awards were given to students who excelled in specific subjects, as well as special awards such as the Resilience Award and the GCSE Achievement Award for students who had great all-around successes from their final year at Fareham Academy.

It was a truly enjoyable evening being given the opportunity to see our past students one more time before they move forward in their lives away from Fareham Academy, we wish them all the best.



## Fareham Academy Charity Week

In December, the Academy launched the very first Fareham Academy Charity Week, where students and staff raised money for the Academy's three chosen charities that were selected by our Year 11 Student Leadership Team earlier this year.

We raised money for Save the Children UK, Solent Mind and the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank.

Throughout the week, we planned to raise as much money as we could for these well-deserved charities. The week featured a bake sale for Solent Mind, a collection for the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank, Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and a staff leg waxing!

The first Fareham Academy Charity Week was a great success and we look forward to continuing to make a difference with our donations to those who need it, especially during the festive season.



Year 10 students from Project 2021 and the Year 11 Prefects ran a bake sale, where they sold baked goods to students and staff during break and lunch. Students paid for their cakes and cookies by putting their money into a tub with the teacher they wanted to have their legs waxed.

The donations for the teacher leg waxing continued throughout the week, with the money being counted before the big reveal after school. Donations in the bake sale and the teacher leg waxing donation boxes from students and staff made the grand total an amazing £201.53!

The teacher that had the most money in their pot would have their legs waxed. The votes were as follows:

Mr Lumb - £15.31  
Mr Proudlock - £48.49  
Mr Viegas - £53.02  
Mr Herington - £84.71

This meant that Mr Herington had to have his legs waxed in front of a full audience of students and staff that had come to support the cause.

We would like to thank Mrs Kaye for being our resident beautician for the day, and Mr Herington's competition who also had a go at waxing!

We would like to say a huge well done to Mr Herington, and the three other competitors for being such good sports, and for allowing us to raise such a great amount of money for our three charities.



## Year 7 Artwork

This half-term, our Year 7s have been working on their Under the Sea final pieces, which are paintings inspired by the work of Vincent Scarpace.

They have been focussing on colour theory, mark-making and painting skills. Take a look at some of the excellent work, well done Year 7!



## Youth Speaks Final

A group of Year 7, 8 and 9 students took part in the Fareham Academy Youth Speaks final. Each team spoke about a topic of their choice and debated for and against the topic. These students earned the place in the final by winning their year group final during the Focus Days this term.

The competition consisted of three Year 7 teams, two from Year 8 and two from Year 9. All of the speeches were outstanding, with the students speaking about tough topics with great maturity, and using the information and statistics they had researched within their speeches.

Overall, the winning team was Oliver, Lauren and Charlotte from Year 9, who spoke about the positive and negative effects of plastic. The group spoke brilliantly about the topic, used strong references and even the use of props in their speech.

We would like to congratulate the winning team and all of the other students that took part in the Youth Speaks final!



## Performing Arts Christmas Showcase

The Academy welcomed over 200 guests to watch the annual Performing Arts Christmas Showcase. The evening consisted of a combination of drama, music and dance performances from students in all year groups.

This year, we had the largest number of students taking part in a show we have ever had, with over 80 students (around 10%) of the school performing in the show. Students had created their performances in lessons, after school clubs and their peripatetic instrument/vocal lessons.

It is clear to say that it was one of the best shows that the Academy has produced. The level of talent in the performing arts is forever rising and we are extremely proud to see students progress in every show they take part in.

We would like to give a special mention to Year 11 student Abi Bignell, who received an award for outstanding contribution to the performing arts. Abi has been in every show during her time at Fareham Academy and is an absolute role model for all students. We were thrilled that Mrs Purkiss gave Abi this special award.

We would like to congratulate all of the performers, stagehands, and sound and light technicians for their incredible efforts in creating such an entertaining evening.



## Basics Bank Collection

Last week, we collected donations for the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank as part of the Fareham Academy Charity Week. As a school, we donated over 200 tins and jars of food, 3 bags full of toiletries, Christmas selection boxes and so much more!

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of students, staff and parents who brought in donations on Thursday. We cannot believe the amazing amount of items that will be donated to people who need them most.

Once again we would like to thank everyone who donated during the Fareham Academy Charity Week, whether it was for the bake sale, leg waxing, basics bank, or Christmas Jumper Day. It has been great to see students so on board with not only donating to charity but also understanding why we do so.



## Fairtrade Group

Please see the below message written by the Fareham Academy Fairtrade Group:

'Our job, as the Fareham Academy Fairtrade Group, is to support farmers and workers who don't get enough money for their crops or products. We have done this by buying Fairtrade chocolate, which we have then sold or made cakes with.

We have also helped by informing other students about Fairtrade issues and have in the past led sessions on Focus Days.

We hold a Fairtrade Friday chocolate sale in the Hall each Friday lunchtime. We also help out at many events; one that you may have seen us at recently is the Christmas Fayre. Our selection of Fairtrade goods have also been brought at most Parent's Evenings, Meet the Tutor events and Open Evenings and we plan on being at such events in the future. We are pleased to inform you that so far, we have raised well over £500 in the 5 years that the Fairtrade Group has been going.

We have plans for the future and are excited to see what will come soon. Our plans consist of broadening our horizons to include sustainability issues. Our aim is to support farmers by buying and selling Fairtrade chocolate and then putting the proceeds back into the school. We will do this by purchasing other Fairtrade and/or sustainable products that would be useful to lessons in relevant subjects. This will both contribute to the school and fuel our aim to make the school more sustainable, whilst also staying true to our original Fairtrade principles."

Photographs of some of the best mince pies have been added to the Food Technology hall of fame.

What a great way to start the festive season!



### Student Success

Year 8 student, Tiffany Taylor, recently secured a Grade 1 in her Speech and Drama exam through the British Theatre Dance Association - the first ever Speech and Drama exam to have taken place at her dance school, Dance Divas!

She achieved an 'Honors Star', which is the highest award given for the exam - an incredible achievement!

Tiffany has been dancing since she was three years old, proving that persistence and hard work pays off! Well done, Tiff.



### Signing Wednesdays

This term at Signing Wednesdays students have learnt the alphabet, animals, how to introduce themselves, and how to ask simple questions like 'what lesson is next?'.

The students had fun learning some festive phrases, and some of the lyrics to the Christmas hit 'All I Want for Christmas is You'. Take a look at the video on our Facebook page!



### Staff Christmas Video

It's that time of year again!

Staff at Fareham Academy have come together once again to create something magical this Christmas, with a festive musical tale of their own.

The lyrics and song were written and recorded by us here at the Academy, so please enjoy our special rendition of the Christmas classic, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'.

Take a look at this year's Staff Christmas video over on our Facebook page!



### Food Technology Hall of Fame

Over the last two weeks, students in Year 7 and Year 8 have been working on making mince pies. They proved to be so popular that the students asked to bake them again!

*Happy New Year!*

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.