



September 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We Are Proud

At the start of this year, we launched our new staff and student pledges. I have been delighted to see the way they have started to be embedded into our Academy life. "We Are Proud" sums up our pledges, and I wanted to share them with you as well.

**THE STAFF OF THE ACADEMY
MAKE THIS PLEDGE TO OUR
STUDENTS AND FAMILIES:**

We believe in your right to receive a first-class education.

We show **pride** in our academy community by valuing everyone for who they are.

We recognise and nurture your talents and abilities, supporting you to achieve in all that you do.

We have consistently high expectations of our whole academy community.

We create an environment where all feel safe, secure and supported.

We want your eyes opened to life's opportunities so that you aim high.

OUR STUDENT PLEDGE

I believe that all staff and students should treat each other with respect and I will lead by example.

I will always complete work to the best of my ability and aim for the highest grades in all my subjects.

I will cherish and show appreciation to those who help me to achieve my goals.

I will show **pride** in our Academy community by valuing everyone for who they are

I understand that our Academy is judged by my actions and I will always give a good impression of the place where I learn.

During my years at Farnborough, I commit to building an Academy to be proud of.

During my time here, I will show I have the courage to pursue my dreams.



At the start of term, our staff all met together and agreed to uphold our staff pledge. We have a wonderful, committed staff body who are working together to ensure your child receives a "first class education".





Expectations

At Farnborough Spencer Academy we KNOW that when our young people are supported to follow simple rules and expectations that this will support them in achieving their best possible grades at GCSE. Our staff pledge is clear that we will do all we can to ensure that your child receives a “first-class education”. It is important therefore that we work together to make sure these rules are met, first time, every time. With this in mind, we are so pleased at the positive start that the vast majority of our young people have made this term. They arrive to school promptly, looking smart and are trying hard in lessons.

We know that we can only be effective when we work together with parents, so please make sure you support your child and let us know if there’s anything you need to make this more simple.

Open Evening and Mornings

I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting our annual open evening on Wednesday October 6th this year. This event, aimed at Year 5 and Year 6 students and their families, will be an opportunity to experience our Academy and see the improvements that are being made as we create an Academy of which we are all proud. We would love to see you there – please check our website and social media for more details.

We will also be opening our Academy for Open Mornings before half term, so that you can see our school in action. While this is aimed at our prospective students, we are always happy to welcome visitors to school, as we are proud of the work that our young people complete.





Lateral flow testing

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. I am therefore strongly encouraging those returning to Farnborough Spencer Academy to resume their twice weekly lateral flow testing. Students will be issued with lateral flow tests that they can complete at home.

You are also able to access additional tests via the NHS website or at local pharmacies. Thank you to all students who completed tests at the start of term. Over 70% of our community took part and this has helped us at the start of the year to keep our community safe.

Covid vaccinations

At the time of writing, I have little information about the covid vaccination programme in school. This programme will be run by the Schools Immunisation Service and the local NHS working in partnership. As soon as we have details, we will share as much as we can with you. We are proud to be working with our partners in this. Please find attached a guide to the covid vaccinations which is aimed at parents of 12-15 year olds. For those students, **your consent will be sought** by the SAIS provider in the same way as for any other school vaccination programme.

A guide with some FAQ can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-for-eligible-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-17>

A reminder of our other COVID measures

- We continue to encourage good hand hygiene and ventilation measures in the Academy. After that though, things are starting to look a little more "normal".
- We no longer require students to wear masks, but they can do so if they would like to.
- We are also continuing with our policy of students moving round the Academy in a calm quiet manner. This supports students' safety in the corridors, but it also supports reduction in risk in where contact is close.





- We are ready, should we need to, to reintroduce stronger measures (this includes the reintroduction of face masks in the Academy, or asking different year groups to keep apart at social times. We hope that this will not happen but we need to be prepared. I am grateful for your support at this time.

Extracurricular “Be Proud”

Following a year of disruption, we are also pleased to be restarting our “Be Proud” extracurricular programme. Participation in activities outside of the school day can really support your children in developing their character. It’s also lovely for us to see young people blossom outside the classroom as well as inside. See below for the current timetable. Please encourage your children to get involved if they can.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Breakfast club- Grab and Go (8:15) Sports Hall	Breakfast club- Grab and Go (8:15) Sports Hall	Breakfast club- Grab and Go (8:15) Sports Hall	Breakfast club- Grab and Go (8:15) Sports Hall	Breakfast club- Grab and Go (8:15) Sports Hall
Lunchtime	Yr 7,8 Fitness (DAT)	Year 8 Social Sport (HSR)	Yr 8 girls fitness	Year 9 Social Sport (HSR)	Yr 9,10,11 fitness- RBR
After school	<i>Staff meetings</i>	Board Games (all years) Rm 3	Boxing Club (all years) Sports Hall- DPP	Basketball (Yr 9/10/11) Sports Hall- DWS	
		Robotic Lego (KS3) Starting after October H/T	Fitness (KS3 MHS)	LGBT (all years) Rm 10- RCR	
		Basketball (Yr 7/8) Sports Hall- DWS	DofE (Yr 9) Rm 10- RCR	Football club (Yr 7/8)- RBR	
		Wizards and Muggles (all years) Rm 22- KPE/JBS	Drama (all years) Rm 2- LPP	Clifton Table Tennis (all years) 6-8pm HSR	
		Humanities Film Club (all years) Rm 11- JMY	Football club (Yr 9/10)- DAT		
		Girls football (KS3)- HSR/MBY			
		Reading Café (book club) Year 7- Library	Reading Café (book club) Year 8/9 - Library	Reading Café (book club) Year 10/11- Library	
			Art Club- Yr 7-8 LAS (after October H/T)		

Yours faithfully,

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Principal

