

# The Farnley Academy

## Student Newsletter



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### Welcome

to the first issue of  
The Farnley Academy  
Student Newsletter!

Our brand-new school  
newsletter is written by  
students across the  
academy who come  
together to bring you all of  
the latest news from  
around TFA.

Take a look inside to see  
what we have been up to  
this term, what you can  
look forward to next term,  
and a couple of fun  
surprises along the way!



Thank you to all members of our  
community for making this term  
such a positive one. Alongside  
welcoming everyone back from  
the summer, it has been a great  
pleasure to welcome our new  
year 7 students to the school this  
year. Their attitude to learning,  
attendance and behaviour over  
this term has been truly  
exceptional! I very much am  
looking forward to the new year  
and seeing what 2023 will bring!

**Mr C Stokes**  
**Principal**



## Remembrance

*By Leo P*

**Friday 11 November.**

**Remembrance Day.**



As we all know, Remembrance Day is a special day once every year on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Each year we take a minute of silence to mourn the deaths of soldiers in wars. This day was originally called “Armistice Day” to commemorate the deaths of the First World War. This day allows their deaths to be honoured. Poppies are connected to Remembrance Day because it was a common flower seen on the battlegrounds of the First World War. Since then, Poppies have been worn to honour the great soldiers who fought for us.

This year, students gathered on the Quad to hold a two minute silence to remember the fallen. Our very own Mr Barber performed the Last Post to introduce the silence: “Playing the Last Post by yourself is always nerve-wracking, but I was really glad to bring this poignant piece of music to our Remembrance Service.”

*Lest We Forget*



**By Esmie O**

“I think it’s an important day for our country because we mourn the deaths of soldiers in both World War 1 and World War 2. It’s nice to see people take their time to remember the people who fought for us.” –

Mr Vickers  
Curriculum Leader:  
History

## Prize Presentation Evening 2022

Prize Presentation Evening takes place once a year and is held for students who have accomplished amazingly in either a single subject or across the year collectively.

Some have worked so hard that they earn a trophy! The evening is organised with the belief that every child should be rewarded for outstanding effort. This year, there was a speech by Jimmy Gittins who inspired students with his optimism and high morale.



‘It was quite nerve-wracking sat in front of everyone, but overall it was an extremely enjoyable evening to be invited to.’ – Ollie S

## **Student Voice on World News!**



### **World Cup Controversy!**

*By Edward J and Chrissie L*

At the FIFA World Cup, fans were stopped by security guards or being kicked out for wearing rainbow coloured clothing. Issues in Qatar surrounding the LGBTQ+ community were not new, but with the world cup being hosted in the country, its laws have finally been recognised by wider society. Homophobia in the country was fought against by tourists and football players by purposefully wearing rainbow coloured items. The football players wore “one love” armbands, however, Qatar threatened to sanction whoever was wearing it.

## **PD Rewards Trip!**

Last term, 1000+ students who were eligible to attend TFA’s annual PD rewards trip were treated to a day out at either Alton Towers, Chester Zoo or the Cinema and Bowling. The trips were a great success and students were able to experience fantastic days out of school to celebrate their tremendous efforts! Here’s what our Student Reporters had to say:

‘Alton Towers was amazing! We loved rides like the Smiler and Oblivion, and going to Cbeebies Land was also pretty cool!’

‘Chester Zoo was so good! There were so many great animals like the penguins and snakes. The red panda was my favourite.’

‘Bowling and Cinema was great – we watched Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile which was fun and entertaining. The bowling, arcade and food was great too.’





**Attendance** is important because it allows you to have better life choices in the future. If you miss time in school, you miss important work, which will make it harder for you to do well in later life. If you are in 100% of the time, you have the best opportunities to do well. In school, if you have 100%, you may be selected to spend break and lunch in the 100% Lounge!

### The Lounge

In the Lounge, there is a huge range of fun games to play! There is a jukebox, a two-player racing game, a one player boat racing game, a table football machine, a Japanese drumming game, a GamePro, a pinball machine, and a PS4 with games such as Guitar Hero, Lego games, Minecraft, FIFA and Disney games.

You can also have access to a range of snacks and drinks!

*By Sam B*



## Upcoming Events

Half Term 3

### **Engage evenings:**

Drama- 5th Jan

PE- 12th Jan

Technology- 19th Jan

Health and Social-  
26th Jan

Engage evenings are after school activities for you and your family to experience. These activities are made up of course work you would do if you took that subject at a GCSE level. It is also handy if you are in Year 9 to see which subject you would actually like to take for your GSCEs.



## TEACHER FEATURE

If you want a feature,  
give me a teacher!

### Teacher:

Mr Washington

### Role:

Curriculum Leader:  
English



This English expert has been teaching for 7 years. Student reporter Naz B asked him the question: "What do you do in your free time outside of school?"

He responded, "Watch Game of Thrones, which I would highly recommend."

He also recommends the Harry Potter books/ movies and encourages everyone to leave their comfort zone and try something new.

His inspiration was his old English teacher! If he wasn't an English teacher, he would be the amazing 'Detective Washington'.

Favourite Quote: "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou

*By Naz B, Teddy C and Jazzy W*

## Supporting your Mental Health

*By Jolin H*

- One way to support your mental health is to just eat and drink more. It's important to always stay hydrated! Your physical health is crucial to supporting your mental health.
- Another thing is sleep. It is so important for you to get a lot of rest so you can recharge your batteries!
- One last tip is to do something you enjoy. Have fun or find a new hobby!

Don't forget, you can speak to any staff member in school to get support. They are here to help!

## Extra-Curricular Club Spotlight

### Jam Band

*By Chloe S*

Jam band is an amazing club at lunchtimes (break B). You can do many things such as playing instruments to practice skills, ask teachers about your music lessons, and watch the jam band practice. Unfortunately, there is still no name for the band, however, they are working on it.

*"The band has provided me with a lot of musical opportunities across the year." - Sonny C (guitarist)*

*"This club is a way you can show your musical prowess and show off to your friends" - Francesca D (first vocalist)*

### Coding Club

*By Qanit W*

Coding Club allows students to access computers for homework use or to code. Students can either independently code or code by following what the teacher is doing on the board.

Every week, there is a new theme for coding.

Students should join because when they code at an earlier age like Year 7 they will be excellent at Computer Science in Year 11. Students who choose to come to Coding Club either want to become Computer Scientists when they are older or they just want to code for fun.

## TFA Sporting Headlines

**Y7** – Girls football: Won the Gorse Games as well as beating both Morley and Leeds West comfortably. Special mention: Saorise W.

**Y8** – Athletics: 3rd place; Gorse games Athletics- Marley J 1st place long jump; Fin H and Mohammed J 1st place Speed bounce; Grace P - Amazing effort throughout!

Girls netball: Beat Dixons Chappletown 10-0, Player of the match Farrah S.

**Y9** – Beat Oulton Academy 4-1. Harvey T Scored a hat-trick.

**Y10** – With a depleted squad, beat Crawshaw 4-3, Lucas A scored from his own half to take us into the quarter final!

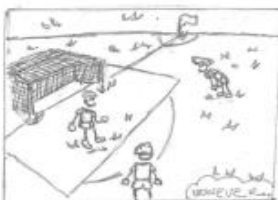
- Fola A, Josh C and Emmanuel O were selected for the England Volleyball team!
- Reece W received a scholarship at Rotherham United.
- Ex-pupil Abi C selected for the GB rowing team.
- Darmani W and Daisy J Y10 won the West Yorkshire Karate Sparring competition.  
Fin S competed amazingly!
- Max F won the Ricky Nugent outstanding achievement to sport award at Prize presentation evening for being a fantastic athlete and star student.



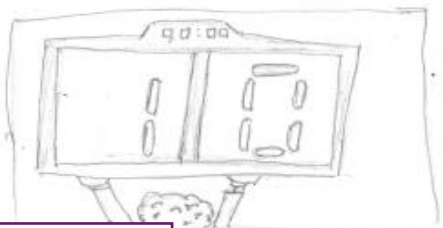
**Term One Focus:** The focus for this term has been to eat healthily. It is all about having a balanced diet. You should eat the correct proportions of each food group to maintain a healthy diet.



**Key tips:** Go out with family and friends to get in your exercise! Get 2023 off to the best start and make sure you are exercising well to keep as healthy as possible.



I'VE GOT A BRILLIANT PLAN



David A

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