



Falmer High School

Newsletter – March 2010



Dear Parent/Carer

Brighton Aldridge Community Academy



We now have six months before the opening of the new Brighton Aldridge Community Academy and I am sure you are aware of the amount of building working currently being undertaken on the site. As a result and after consultation with the local authority and the Academy builders Kier Construction, during the Easter holidays a new fence will be erected. This fence will run from the entrance to the school up to the south building and what is referred to as the bell mouth (an area between the south and north buildings), the purpose of this fence is to ensure the health and safety of students/pedestrians due to the movement of large vehicles. I would like to thank all our students and parents for your ongoing support during this time of change.

Knights Crew – Glyndebourne Opera House



As reported to you in the February newsletter, four of our students were appearing in The Nights Crew opera at Glyndebourne Opera House. On Wednesday, 3rd March, 53 students, staff and parents enjoyed an afternoon at Glyndebourne. The performance of all the young people taking part in the production was stunning, what an experience! Well done to Ollie Southwell, Kai Kinsey, Gaille Consolocian and Rory Afrizal-Hayes. A subsection taken from a letter sent to us from Katie Tearle, Head of Education at Glyndebourne says *“we would like to thank you and your staff for support Olly Southwell, Gaile Consolacion, Kai Kinsey and Rory Afrizal Hayes to take part in the premiere of our opera Kinght Crew at Glyndebourne from 3-6 March. The opera was a huge success and received some wonderful local and national reviews. These young people involve in the chorus and orchestra were a huge credit to your institution and we were very proud of the work which they achieve. Working alongside the professional performers and production team their commitment, enthusiasm and skills were exemplary. We hope it will be an experience that they will treasure for a long time.”*

Uniform

Although we are in the closing months of Falmer High School, we are very clear that we are fully committed to the high standards of presentation we have always required. As such can I remind you of the uniform expectations? All students must wear:

- A white Falmer t-shirt (no other white top is acceptable)
- A Falmer jumper (no other jumper/sweatshirt is acceptable)

Both the above items are now available at a much reduced price from the north office. A jacket or coat may be worn over the jumper for extra warmth.

- Girls must wear a plain black skirt with plain black tights in cold weather or trousers – leggings, jeans or jeggings are NOT part of the Falmer uniform.

- All trousers (for either boys or girls) must be plain black without logos or stripes.

Students who arrive in school in incorrect uniform will be either:

- Lent correct uniform to wear for the day
- Sent home to change (after obtaining parent/carer permission)
- Placed in isolation for the day (if unable to contact parent/carer for permission)

Jewellery should follow these guidelines:

- Earrings must be either studs or very small hoops (large earrings whether hooped or not, are a serious Health and Safety issue and are absolutely not permitted).
- In addition, one small necklace, one ring on each hand, a bracelet and a watch are all allowed.

Valuables

We remind you that while we permit students to have mobile telephones for Health and Safety reasons, all other portable musical equipment is not permitted. If any valuable equipment such as mobile phones, iPods or MP3 players are brought to school, the school will accept no responsibility if they are lost or stolen.

PE

Well done to the one of our girl's football team, they were runners up in the Sussex School's County Tournament, it was a tense ending with the matching going to penalties! A great team effort! The team were: Sophie Tibbs, Rebecca Ferroni, Stephanie Nicholls, Lilly Beard, Bobbie Linton, Brodie Hill and Ellie Linn-Genner. Also the Year 7 girl's football team took part in the Brighton School's Tournament – they were all brilliant! The team included Lilly Beard, Emma sheen, Shannon Baker, Ellie Linn-Genner, Shenice Spence, Riley Simmons and Paige Grace



Dance



Dancers from Falmer are taking part in the city wide Let's Dance event being held at the Dome Theatre in Brighton. The dancers are Paige Heather, Shannon Lutchmayah, Ellie Herbert, Ashley Law Barrett, Amy Perry, Bobbie Linton, Darren D'Cunha, Georgina Lombard and Louise Tierney. Good luck ladies!

Falmer High School Closure - reminder

Due to staff training in readiness for the opening of the Brighton Aldridge Community Academy, Falmer High School will close to students three days early. The last day of term will be Friday 16th July, with the school holiday commencing on Monday 19th July. I apologise for the miscommunication in our previous newsletter.

Diary Dates



- **Easter Holiday** – Thursday 1st April to Friday 16th April inclusive.
- **Teacher Day** – Monday 19th April, students return on Tuesday 20th April at 8.25am.
- **Bank Holiday** – Monday 3rd May, school closed.
- **Half Term Holiday** – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June, students return on Monday 7th June at 9.30am.
- **Last day of term** – Friday 16th July, summer holiday starts on 19th July until 1st September. Students start at the Brighton Aldridge Community Academy on Thursday 2nd September, start time to be advised.

From the Brighton Aldridge Community Academy

It is really good to have the opportunity to begin tell you about the plans for the new Academy. I will be in the school on Friday 26th March, (Progress Review Day) in the entrance to the South Building and I hope to have the opportunity to meet you in person and get to know you and your child. I will have a display with the new uniform which the students have picked and the proposed logo which the students have designed and can vote on. We will have a new website available next week and I will be able to put further details onto this for you. The Academy is a new school, a new start and an opportunity to build on the successes of Falmer High School. I want your child to be given the best education possible with lots of opportunities to have new experiences. The Academy is for the whole community and I want it to be an investment for many generations to come. We will stay in the old buildings for one year but over the summer we will be making some improvements such as decorating some classrooms, putting up new signs etc. The new building has started and is progressing well to meet the deadline of September 2011. I will have more information for you on March 26th and I look forward to meeting you.

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