



Falmer High School

Newsletter – February 2008



Dear Parent/Carers

Falmer's Finest



Falmer's Finest took place on Tuesday 22nd January when the school celebrated the achievement of 150 students across all year groups. The South Hall was packed full of parents and friends of the school receiving awards and it was a fantastic evening. Our guest speaker was Chris Collins, the Blue Bird gardener and a world authority on horticulture, and our guest of honour was Rebecca Tonks from Falmer Enterprise.

The whole evening was punctuated by music, dance and drama performances from all ages across the school. The quality of their work was outstanding. The whole evening was kicked off with two folk music numbers performed by Dogan Mehmet who left Falmer two years ago and has gone on to achieve great things. He recently appeared on BBC1 in the Omid Djalili Show. He was also a finalist in the BBC2 Young Folk Musician competition.

The support for Falmer's Finest continues to grow! People from across the whole Falmer community came to support the students. These included staff, Governors, parents, carers, friends, family members, Councillors, members of the local authority and partners of the school. Thank you very much if you gave up your time to be there – it is much appreciated. Many thanks to all the staff who helped organise the event – a huge team event! A list of prize-winners is shown overleaf. Congratulations once again if you either won a prize or performed – the whole community is very proud of you!

All prize-winners were photographed on the evening. Photos can be purchased at £2 each, which includes a frame – a great bargain! Please send your child to see Louise Baxter (my PA) if you would like a memento of his or her achievement.

Staff Training Day – School Closure on Monday 25th February

Ed Balls, Education Minister, has given secondary schools an extra training day to develop the Key Stage Three Curriculum (Years 7 to 9). Consequently, we will be closed to all students on Monday 25th February when the staff will be looking at developing a new Year 7 Curriculum for next September. School will start again for students on Tuesday 26th February at 9.30am. Please note that this date was not in the Student Planners.



Other Dates this Term

<i>Inset Day:</i>	Thursday 20 th March 2008
<i>Easter Bank Holiday Weekend</i>	Friday 21 st to Monday 24 th March, students return on Tuesday 25 th March at 8.25am.
<i>Progress Review Day:</i>	Friday 28 th March
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	Monday 7 th to Friday 18 th April.
<i>Inset Day:</i>	Monday 21 st April, students return on Tuesday 22 nd April at 8.25am.

Falmer's Finest Award Winners

Ruby Hart-Kirby	Bethany Banham	Valters Medenis	Ben Novak	Malvern Webseter
Sadie Barr	Michael English	Katrina Hoey	Emma Lee	Leain Webley
Elihudi Justin	Arthur Peters	Hin Yang	Maria Urassa	Ben Smith
Emma Whittington	Katrina Payne	Stacey Isted	Nicholas Williams	Cody Southwell
Daniel Sheen	Ethan Clements	Jak Taylor	Ben Taylor	Nicole Martin

Janet Sanuade	Agnes Bleach	Martina Muharib	Sophie Foster	Gareth Dean
Bobbie Linton	Kezia Byass	Jenna Groves	Courtney Gunn	Sophie Panayi
Marshall Funnell	Ian Horscroft	Louise Thorpe	Lacey Chapman	Lucie Stenning
Louis Garrison	Lewis Waring	Reven Regi	Brandon Goode	Kieran Clinch
Oliver Hawke	Gabrielle Edmonds	Sian Bryant	Elliot Munro-Stevenson	Nicole Taylor
Stacey Matheson	Natasha Upton-Maher	Kai Kinsey	Jaz Hill	Iulia Moraru
Ashleigh Eblett	Hayley Webb	Sydney Winder	Lewis Bryant	Yasmin Millis
Meka Beresford	Ryan Langridge	Amie Brown	Francesca Howlett	Maria Jimenez
Lily Fulker	Sitara Begum	Danielle Denner	Stuart Rabson	Mark Rose
Sonia Rahman	Abigail Harmer	Terri Cragg	Matthew Campbell	Emily Rodway
Nadia Belhawa	Peter Whitton	Lewis Chapman	Chloe Barker	Gemma Knowlden
Wade Burton	Charlotte Scott	Megan Healey	Charlotte Ellis	Scott Daly
Amber Bancroft	Jack Davies	Connor Chaplin	Emily Stinton	Terry Buss
Rubie Rowsell	Arthur Genervalovs	Jack Leonard	Curtis Chaproniere-Coomber	Rebecca Marchant
Taylor Dawes	Liberty Hazelgrove	Terri-Jo Hickson	Chloe Matheson	Cheville W hite
no name	Melissa Bowles	Rooney Shortman	Jonathan Sanuade	Shira Begum
no name	Melisha Smith	Nicole Banks	Thomas Whittington	Felcity Barrymore
Hannah Maslin	Charley Banks	Robert Reeves	Kirsty Lee	Scott Gloster
Ryan Hill	Augusta Consolacian	Jade Bundock	Olsen Bodden-Bush	Kerion Lock
Lesley-Anne Aitchison	Connor Daly	Sophie Weller	Leanne Stoneham	Courtney Coomber
Jazmin Reigan		Marcus Hollingsworth	Soshana Day	Aaron Moulard
Megan Strange		Katherine Greenway		Anton Armour
Joanne Moore		Rebekah Harmer		Joshua Weekes
		Cherly Dyke		Kirsty Fair
The Peer Support Team		Katie Lucas		John Miles Groves
Art & Drama Awards		Jade Norris		Amber Bond
		Lotte Peters		Sarah Khaddar
				Matthew Ashby
				Abigail Coombe
				Bradley Watts
				Josh Cassar
				Dannielle Nicholls
				Jade Cager
				Lee Blackman
				Sian Finnemore
				Star Daganskia-Knighton
				Keren Barber
				Mariam Al-Muflahi
				Carly Chapman
				Liam Westcott

Phones and mobile music devises

I always value the support of parents and carers over issues such as phones and MP3 players. We want Falmer to be a place of learning and don't want phones and MP3 Players to get in the way of that happening. Can I just remind you of school policy and ask for your support on the matter:

- Phones are permitted in school but must be turned off during lesson times and will be confiscated if they are out or go off in a lesson. The teacher will return the phone at the end of the lesson.
- Mobile music devises (including MP3 Players or phones used to listen to music) should not be seen in school at all. If they are, again we will confiscate them.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage of either phones or MP3 players. In many ways it would be best to leave them at home.

Best regards, Stuart McLaughlin

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