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September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable and restful summer break and have been able to spend quality time together. As we look ahead to the start of a new academic year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our students and families. We are excited to see the school come back to life and look forward to another successful year at Faringdon Community College.

During the summer holidays, we celebrated the achievements of our students who completed their examinations this year. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished and the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown throughout their time with us.

On behalf of everyone at FCC, I would like to congratulate all our students on their achievements and wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their education, training or employment. They will always be a valued part of our FCC community, and we look forward to hearing about their future successes.

Improvements Across the School Site

Over the summer break, a significant amount of work has taken place across the school to further improve our facilities and learning environment.

We have continued the redecoration of key areas of the school, including our reception area and the main school hall. As part of this work, new stage curtains and hall blinds have been installed - we are extremely grateful to a generous charitable donor whose funding has helped make these improvements possible.

We have also completed the refurbishment of three student toilet block areas. Creating a positive, well-maintained environment for our students is important to us, and these improvements will help ensure that students have access to facilities that are welcoming and fit for purpose.

In addition, we have undertaken a major investment in our IT infrastructure through the installation of fibre optic cabling across the school site. This significant project will improve the resilience and capacity of our network, supporting future developments in teaching and learning, communication systems and the continued enhancement of safeguarding across the school. As we begin to realise the benefits of this investment, we look forward to sharing further information with families about the improvements it will make in the months ahead.

Strengthening Student and Family Support

From 1 September 2026, we have introduced a number of additional support roles that will further enhance the support available to students and families.

Alongside these additions, we are introducing Senior Student Managers in Years 7 to 11 who will provide enhanced pastoral support across each year group. These colleagues will work closely with Heads of Year and will be a key point of contact for both students and parents/carers. We hope this additional capacity will help us strengthen relationships with families, improve communication and ensure that students receive timely support when needed.

The table below outlines the Senior Student Manager and Head of Year linked to each year group, together with their base location within the school



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Year Group	Senior Student Manager	Head of Year	Office Location
Year 7	Ms Kerr	Miss Nicholls	Ground Floor Main Block
Year 8	Miss Foster		
Year 9	Mr Bennett	Mr Jukes	The Big Tree Office
Year 10	Miss Schlichter *	Mr Benn	Top Floor The Wilson Building
Year 11		Mrs Greenway Byrne	

*Please note Miss Schlichter will start employment at Faringdon Community College from 15 September 2026.

By aligning our Senior Student Managers and Heads of Year more closely, we aim to provide a clear and consistent support structure for students and families throughout their time at FCC.

We have also introduced a new Medical Administrator, Miss Stayt and established a dedicated Medical Room within Student Services. This will provide an enhanced resource for supporting students with medical needs and will further strengthen the care available throughout the school day. Having a dedicated space and specialist administrative support will help ensure that students receive timely and appropriate care, while also strengthening communication with families regarding medical matters.

To further strengthen our work around attendance, we created dedicated Attendance Officer and Attendance Administrator roles. These roles will allow us to provide greater support to families, improve communication and ensure that students receive the help they need to attend regularly and achieve their best. Excellent attendance remains one of the most important factors in student success, and these additional roles will enable us to provide earlier intervention and more targeted support where needed.

Changes to the Senior Leadership Team

I am delighted to welcome Mr A Beer to Faringdon Community College as our new Assistant Headteacher for Ethos and Culture. Mr Beer brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to ensuring that every student feels that they belong, believe in themselves, aspire to succeed and achieve their potential.

I am also pleased to confirm that Mr Adams started the role as Deputy Headteacher for Safeguarding, Attendance, Ethos & Culture on 1 July 2026. This expanded role reflects the importance we place on student wellbeing, attendance, personal development and creating a culture where all students can flourish.

I would also like to formally welcome Mrs Bradley, who joined Faringdon Community College on 1 June 2026 as Deputy Headteacher for Teaching, Learning, Curriculum and Assessment. Since joining FCC, Mrs Bradley has already begun working closely with staff to further develop and strengthen our curriculum offer and the quality of education across the school. Next week, Mrs Bradley will be writing to parents/carers to share further information about our curriculum plans for the year ahead next week.

Parents Evenings and Meet and Greet Parent/Carer Evenings

As part of our commitment to improving communication and strengthening our partnership with families, we are delighted to be reintroducing face-to-face Parents' Evenings and additional Year Group Meet and Greet Evenings.



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Year Group Meet and Greet Evenings

The Meet and Greet Parent/Carer Evenings will provide valuable opportunities for parents and carers to meet key members of the Senior Leadership Team, hear important information about the year ahead, and speak informally with Form Tutors. We hope these evenings will help foster stronger connections between home and school, ensuring that we work together to support every student to belong, believe, aspire and achieve.

Year Group	Date	Timings
7	Tuesday 6 October 2026	5 – 6pm
8	Tuesday 29 September 2026	5 – 6pm
9	Tuesday 22 September 2026	5 – 6pm
10	Wednesday 23 September 2026	5 – 6pm
11	Tuesday 15 September 2026	5 – 6pm
12	Wednesday 9 September 2026	5 – 6pm
13	Wednesday 16 September 2026	5 – 6pm

Parent/Carer Evenings – Subject Based Appointments

Year Group	Date	Timings
7	Thursday 22 April 2027	4 – 6.30pm
8	Thursday 17 June 2027	4 – 6.30pm
9	Thursday 3 December 2026	4 – 6.30pm
10	Thursday 18 March 2027	4 – 6.30pm
11	Thursday 14 January 2027	4 – 6.30pm
12	Thursday 25 February 2027	4 – 6.30pm
13	Thursday 10 December 2026	4 – 6.30pm

In addition to our Parent/Carers Subject Based Evenings, we have also introduced a dedicated Parents/Carer Evening for the parents and carers of students on the SEN Register in Years 7 to 11. This additional opportunity will enable families to meet directly with their child's classroom teachers to discuss learning, progress and the support being provided in school. We hope this will further strengthen communication between home and school and ensure that every child receives the support they need to thrive. This will take place on Thursday 19 November 2026 4pm to 6.30pm.

School absence

If your child is unavoidably absent from school, please inform the school in one of the following ways:



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Call 01367 240375 Option 1

Email StudentAttendance@fcc.cambrianlt.org

Via the My Child At School (MCAS) app

If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, please include what time they will be leaving site.

Looking Ahead

As we begin the new academic year, our focus remains firmly on providing the very best education, support and opportunities for every student. We will continue to work closely with families to ensure that our students feel safe, supported and challenged to achieve their very best.

At Faringdon Community College, our commitment remains centered on ensuring that every student can Belong, Believe, Aspire and Achieve. The investments we have made in our facilities, staffing and infrastructure reflect our determination to provide the very best environment in which young people can learn, grow and succeed.

Thank you for your continued support of Faringdon Community College. I look forward to welcoming all students back and to working in partnership with you throughout the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Barker
Headteacher
Faringdon Community College



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