



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of what has been a very busy and successful term, I would like to reflect on some key moments. In September 2022, we welcomed 248 Year 7 students into our school community from 35 primary schools and I am very pleased with how they have settled in and made new friends as they start their educational journey with us. I was also delighted to see 120 Year 12 students joining us, including 14 external students from other schools - our highest number for many years.

One of the proudest moments this term was undoubtedly our 70th anniversary service, held at Lincoln Cathedral on 5 October 2022. To have our whole school community, including past students and staff, come together in such an iconic venue to celebrate our church distinctiveness was the proudest moment in my 30 years of teaching. If you have not had an opportunity to view the video montage on the home page of the school website, I would encourage you and your family to do so as it shows why William Farr School is special.



On 19 and 20 October 2022, we welcomed Ofsted into school; their first visit in 13 years! We were delighted to be graded 'Good' in all categories, with some very good aspects, based on a new and challenging inspection framework. Ofsted confirmed the importance of our core values when they said 'students appreciate that the core values of compassion, friendship, perseverance, respect, responsibility and wisdom really mean something to them'. This underpins our school vision for students to 'engage in life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). Your emails of congratulations have been much appreciated by staff. Please see my separate letter to parents explaining the Ofsted Report on the school website.

William Farr School has prided itself on achieving exceptional educational outcomes for students for many years. This term, the Department for Education confirmed that our Year 11 class of 2022 achieved a Progress 8 score of +0.32. This placed William Farr School in the top 10% of non-selective secondary schools in Lincolnshire (4th out of 42 non-selective secondary schools) and higher than a third of Lincolnshire's grammar schools. This is a remarkable achievement when you consider that Year 11 lost 7 months of their education due to Covid disruption.

I was thrilled in November to hear that the school had been awarded the prestigious 'Prince's Teaching Institute for Outstanding Teaching in English' for 2022 – an award which is proudly displayed on a banner at the front of school.

In addition to the quality of education we offer, it has been fantastic to hear of the activities, events and achievements outside of lessons students have embraced this term. This newsletter provides a snapshot of some of these events, which play an integral part in students' learning experiences, helping them to acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding to support their academic and personal development.

At the end of this term, we are looking forward to holding our first face-to-face whole school assembly in 3 years. Bringing 1,500 students and 200 staff together in one place to celebrate our achievements, community values and church distinctiveness is an event for us all to cherish.

A special mention must go to the incredible support and unwavering commitment of staff, who have worked tirelessly since September to provide the very best for your child.

As we approach the festive break, I would like to thank you for all your support this term. This makes a huge difference to the lives of the young people we proudly educate and strengthens the invaluable partnership between the school and home.

I wish you and your family a peaceful and holy Christmas.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jonathan Knowler
Headteacher



70th SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

William Farr School's 70-year anniversary; what a day to remember!

From opening for the first time ever in 1952 to all these years later, celebrating and looking back at all that the school has achieved. On 5 October 2022, the entire community of William Farr School gathered in Lincoln Cathedral to commemorate 70 years of William Farr. The service consisted of listening to the various biblical readings that link to our school's core values, readings from students from all years and also from our amazing Head Girl and Head Boy. The Headteacher, Mr Knowler, gave an inspiring and memorable speech and the choir treated us to tear-jerking performances. All of the school community joined together to remember this day and the many before it.



On the day of the celebration, several students were asked what they thought of the whole day and their favourite aspects of it. Some of the students' feedback included: 'I enjoyed listening to the other singers and joining in because it is my first time' (Year 7 student, involved in the choir), 'I think it is an historic moment for all of us'. 'I can say not a lot of us thought we would be here for this', 'I am honoured to be a part of it' (Year 8) 'I really enjoyed being able to sing' (Year 9, in the choir), 'It's amazing to honour the school and everyone here is buzzing with excitement' (Year 10) and, lastly, from one of the Year 11 students, 'I am so grateful to be a part of it as I probably will not see it happen again'.

In charge of the choir and head of William Farr's music department, Miss Tappin also had her own comments about the day; 'I think it's very exciting on this very special occasion that we have a former student who was here at the inception of the school and who has come especially to mark the occasion. The choir and everyone involved in it is sounding fabulous. I'm so proud of all of them'.

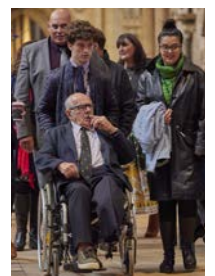


After this amazing day, we also got a chance to interview Mr Knowler on his thoughts of the whole day. He mentioned his pride in the sense of 'community', and that one of his favourite moments of the day was when he stood up to address the Cathedral and seeing 2,000 people together, describing it as the proudest moment in his teaching career, which will never be repeated. Mr Knowler specifically wanted to mention how moving it was to have three headteachers all being together - himself and 2 former headteachers, Mr Stones and Mr Strong, who collectively have nearly 40 years of service to the school. He emphasised how touching it was having three key people who together have shaped the life of the school. Mr Knowler said that the school had survived 70 years by:

- Remembering and celebrating our heritage
- Our church distinctiveness by being the only 11-18 Church of England Comprehensive School in the Diocese of Lincoln
- Holding true the core value of the school – friendship, compassion, perseverance, wisdom, respect and responsibility
- Having a strong school community who support each other and those less fortunate than ourselves.

When asked about planning the event, Mr Knowler said he was very keen for students to be reading, singing and showing their musical talents. Mr Knowler said it took a year and a half to put everything together, emphasising the group of staff who helped him with the planning and putting all the major pieces together, such as the seating plan, buses, choir, readings, programme and risk assessments, etc - 'timing was everything'.

The special guest was Michael Cave, a former student who attended William Farr School in 1952 when it opened. Mr Knowler said how incredible it is talking to him about how the school started with just 1 classroom with a hall and a kitchen. He, in fact, showed Mr Knowler photos of himself in the school sports team in 1953 all those years ago. Mr Cave said he was 'immensely proud of how far the school has come and can't believe how amazing it turned out'.

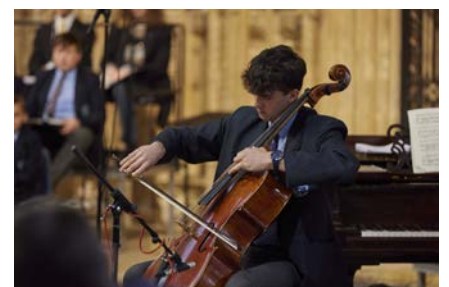


Overall, Mr Knowler repeatedly mentioned how proud he was of the entire day and he cannot stress enough how amazing it all was that everything came together and ran as smoothly as it possibly could have.

I believe that everyone will agree me with when I say it was a great privilege to be a part of this incredible service. As a second-generation William Farr student, it was an exciting experience to appreciate how many inspiring minds have been a part of the development of our great school and its supportive community. Personally, this experience really helped remind us of what our school stands for and how we are all encouraged to 'engage in life in all its fullness'.

A short video of the Cathedral Service can be viewed on the school website together with some memorable photographs.

Cerys Jones and Ella Viscomi



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FROM FRIENDS OF WFS

Thank you for your generous donations for the Friends' Christmas Hamper raffle.

The draw will take place on Friday 16 December and the prizes are:

1 x large hamper with £50 cash

2 x medium hampers with £20 cash

3 x smaller hampers

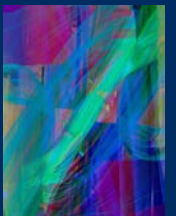
All proceeds directly benefit the students.



THE BIG DRAW AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

On Friday 4 November, Year 13 Art and Photography students participated in workshops at the University of Lincoln in response to the nationwide event, 'The Big Draw', with this year's theme 'Come back to colour'.

The workshops involved working with ultra-violet light suits, cyanotypes and also interpreting a painting by Hundertwasser by creating an environment. Students were also able to explore parts of the University's creative spaces, see student work, hear about courses available and ask questions. The students enjoyed their trip and created lots of exciting pieces!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Poppy Collection for the Royal British Legion raised £496.17 this year.

The School Council and Cadets commemorated Remembrance Day with the village of Welton again this year. We believe it is incredibly important that students from William Farr take part in the remembrance service. It is important that our school's RAF history and all those who lost their lives are remembered in a way that unites our school community with the village's rich history.

The service was an opportunity for students to reflect on the sacrifices made by those in our community. The silence shared at 11am was a moving experience, with students from Year 7 to Year 13 coming together to pay their respects to all who fought for our country.

Reading 'Flanders Field' at the service, for us, highlighted the symbolisation of hope through natural beauty, whilst also describing the destructive power of war. We are forever thankful for those who sacrificed their lives so that we are able to engage in 'life in all its fullness'.

Lottie and Tolan, Heads of School Council



NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

The last year seems to have been one in which, as a school, we have been on perpetual 'Ofsted alert' and this has dominated our thoughts as every week rolled by wondering if this was going to be the very week.

That sort of anticipation is very wearing for all concerned. There were lighter moments for me as I found myself recalling the classic Monty Python sketch and slogan, "No-one expects the Spanish Inquisition!" That's the trouble with that kind of expectation. You never know when it is going to happen. You do all your homework, and you prepare as best you can, and then you wait.

Governors were involved in the Ofsted inspection this year, though the final report gave them no mention, although the verbal feedback of the inspectors at the time was praiseworthy. That was, I suppose, really nice to know. As a Governing Body we are, as we told the inspectors, a relatively new body in a phase of transition. This term has been pretty much the first full term we have been able to get to know one another in the flesh rather than as a face on a Zoom page. I, for one, have enjoyed that phase, but it is still a work in progress, but one that I feel has a really positive future.

The outcome of the Ofsted report was that we have been graded as a 'Good' school with some very good features, which we are very pleased with. This result should be put into context with the ever-changing educational landscape, more robust criteria for assessing schools and the national agenda to reduce the number of Outstanding schools, as reflected by the local picture where there are currently no secondary schools graded Outstanding using the new criteria since 2019. Our Ofsted grading is a credit to our Headteacher and all his staff who were quite magnificent over the two days that the inspectors were in on their mission. So, onwards, and upwards.

Governor visits continue to gather momentum. Additional activities are re-emerging and being looked at. Clubs and societies are starting up again. It was big birthday time for the school as we celebrated the 70th year of our foundation and opening. Those who put together the act of worship and thanksgiving in Lincoln Cathedral deserve particular praise as do all those who took part. The cathedral was full and the behaviour of the students impeccable. The music and presentations were stunning. I, for one, was immensely proud to take part and particularly pleased to find myself seated behind an old student who had been part of the very first intake those seventy years ago. Other events this year saw a poignant Remembrance Parade, including uniformed members of our student body involved in the procession to the war memorial in Welton and the observance of silence. Dignified and respectful, they were a credit to the school. This term also marked the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The school chapel remained open and a book of condolence was quickly set in place. Some of the entries were very moving indeed. No flippancy or silliness, but touching and thoughtful comments, all unsupervised. There were Collective Worship assemblies throughout the school to mark this event, with opportunities for students to share how this death had affected them. The new year will see further opportunities for any of you to explore any interest you might have in joining in the governance of the school. It is hoped that a Governor Open Evening will be a forum to explore some of this.

The gift of Christmas is a gift that God gives to all humanity. It reminds us that a generous spirit can change lives. A very blessed and happy Christmas, everyone.

Jeffrey Heskins, Chair of Governors

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT DUNHOLME

As part of Black History Month, Sixth Form students were invited to come along to Dunholme St Chad's church to hear about the Black history of the Church.

We were delighted to be able to hear the story of Mahomet Thomas Philips, who carved the Rood Screen in the Church. His great-granddaughter came to the church to share her family history. Mahomet was born in Banana, Congo, on 1 June 1876. His father was Richard Cobden Phillips (Trader) and his mother, Menina Barros (local woman of the Kabinda tribe).

The research into the Black History of Churches has been supported by Heather Hughes, Professor of Cultural Heritage at Lincoln University. It was an absolute honour to hear this history from the family members and witness the amazing work of Mahomet Thomas Philips.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES CONFERENCE

On Monday 7 November, we held our annual Sixth Form Religious Studies Conference for the first time since the pandemic.

This is an event held as part of our statutory provision for RS for school students. We invited the editor of RE Today, Lat Blaylock, to come and present "An Evil Day". The morning took the form of a series of questions posed around moral dilemmas and involved the telling of stories from around the world. The students took an 'Existentialist Quiz', where it was reassuring to see how, on the whole, the year group were extremely positive! The afternoon was a series of workshops followed by the students presenting their ideas back in the hall to their peers. It was a fantastic atmosphere of questioning, learning and engagement. Well done, Year 12!



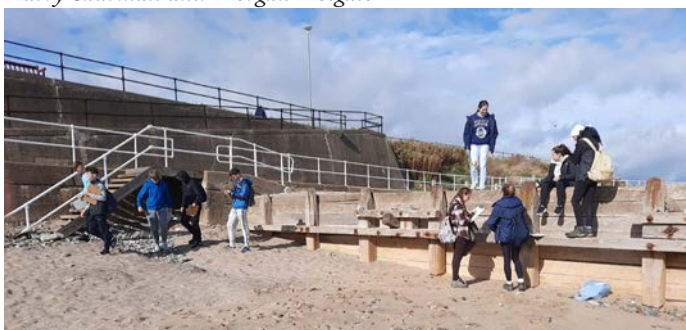
HORNSEA 2022

Recently, the Geography department took all of the Year 11 Geography classes to see the coastal defences in Hornsea to do a case study on hard engineering and its effect on the Holderness coastline.

We measured the heights of groynes, looked at pebble roundness and size on each side of the groyne and concluded about our findings, comparing them to our hypothesis. More importantly, though, we were able to buy fish and chips and enjoy a lovely day at the seaside.

All 4 classes agreed that this was beneficial to our understanding of coastal erosion and added to our knowledge; this was one of 2 trips set up by the Geography department, both of which deepened our knowledge, as well as being an enjoyable day out.

Harry Sharman and Morgan Holgate



HULL UNIVERSITY

On 21 October, the History department took A level Government and Politics students in Years 12 and 13 to Hull University Politics Sixth Form Conference.

Students had the opportunity to listen to specialist guest speakers, such as Professor Philip Lord Norton of Louth. The day also allowed students to attend several break-out sessions run by the university, including topics, such as Challenging Myths: the role of the House of Lords, and Brexit Benefits or Baseless Boosterism? The Johnson Government's Effect and Legacy.

One of the highlights of the day was the competition, 'There ought to be a law', where students were encouraged to send in a law that they had written and present it to the conference.

We were delighted with Natasha McBride, whose polished presentation on her law to curb cheap clothes won first prize. This included a book written by Lord Norton and Amazon vouchers.

It was a thoroughly rewarding day, which allowed our Sixth Formers to get a taste for university life and also to further their political knowledge and understanding.

FOOTBALL SHIRTS

For the duration of the FIFA World Cup, KS3 students have been invited to wear a football shirt in their timetabled PE lessons, for a donation of £1, to celebrate the diversity that the event brings to the world stage.

Over £100 has been raised, which will be split between the year group funds and the school's LGBTQ+ group.

Students are reminded that they are always welcome to wear Rainbow laces in their PE lessons. Sport is the perfect forum to visibly support diversity, as well as a sense of belonging and community through a shared passion.



ENGLISH AWARD

William Farr Church of England Comprehensive School has been awarded the PTI Subject Leadership Programme Mark for outstanding teaching in English.

To achieve the PTI Mark, departments have to demonstrate that they have increased the challenge within their subject curriculum, developed their staff's specialist subject knowledge, developed subject-based links outside school and enthused their students through subject-based activities beyond the curriculum.

Nicola Bentley, Senior Programmes Manager at the PTI, said: "We are delighted to celebrate William Farr's success by awarding them our Mark of Excellence."

Mr Knowler responded: "We are delighted to have been awarded the PTI Mark for our English department's innovative work and their commitment to inspirational teaching."



SCHOOL BUSINESS LEADER SHORTLISTED

Mrs Alcock was nominated for the School Business Leader of the Year Award in the National School Awards.

This award is given to top professionals who have shown outstanding leadership in managing school finances and resources, as well as making a positive contribution to the wider school community.

Mrs Alcock was invited to the final, held at the House of Lords, on 2 December 2022.

Although Mrs Alcock didn't win the award, we are very proud that she reached the final 5 out of 170 entries.

Well done, Mrs Alcock.

Photograph of Saskia and Paul Alcock



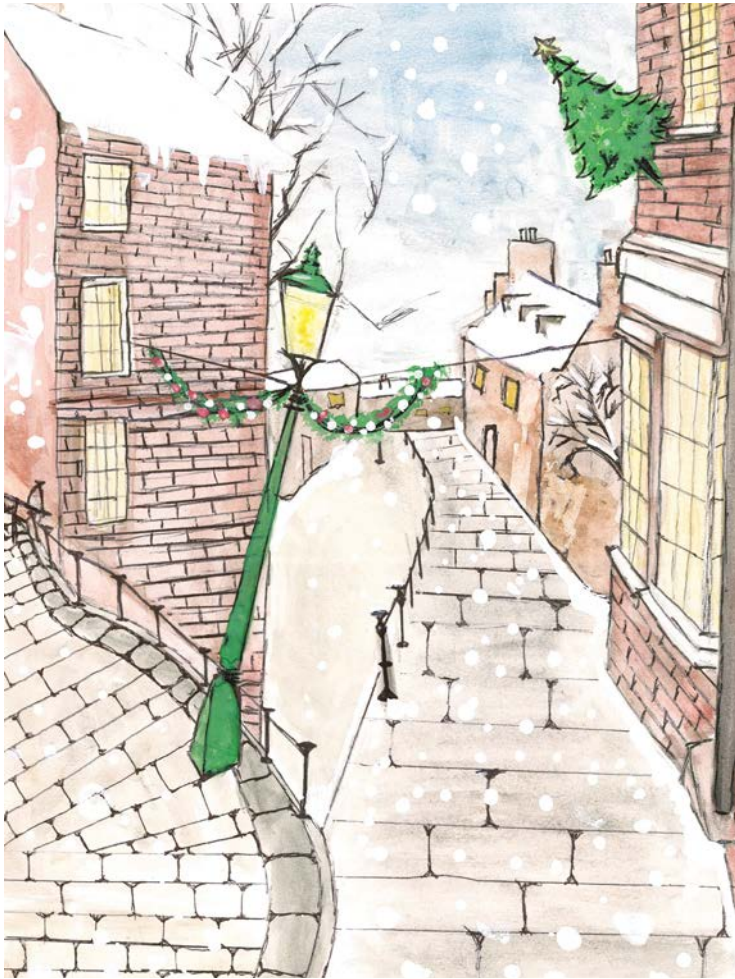
MUSIC FOR YOUTH

Callum Proudley performed at the Music For Youth Prom 2022 with the Lincolnshire Massed Ensemble at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on 16 November 2022.



CHRISTMAS CARD

Congratulations to Evie Smith in Year 12, whose design was chosen for the school Christmas card.



CHRISTMAS SACKS

Once again, Year 8 wanted to support Lincoln Bridge Church's 'Christmas Sacks' project.

The Christmas Sacks project ensures that struggling families across Lincolnshire, who have been referred by social workers and other professionals, have presents to unwrap on Christmas Day.



The 'giving tree' scheme has run for nearly 15 years. Businesses, schools, churches, etc, put up a tree and are given tags. These tags have "Boy aged 3", etc, written on them so that people can choose who they would like to buy a gift for.

We were completely overwhelmed again this year with how amazing the William Farr community was with supporting this charity. Thank you so much if you were able to get involved and donate. The gifts that were donated will make such a difference to so many local families.

531 local families were helped last year with this project ... including some families from our own community here at William Farr School.

ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

We are delighted to say that Max Smith (12WEB) has been successful in being presented with an Arkwright scholarship award.

He is the 15th William Farr student to be presented with an award in twelve years of us running the scheme. Scholars are selected for their potential as future engineering leaders by assessing their academic, practical and leadership skills in STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. These are gauged through a rigorous selection process comprising of an assessed application form, including the school's reference; a two-hour, problem-solving aptitude exam; and a university-based interview.

The scholarships support students through their sixth form studies and encourage them into top universities or higher apprenticeships. The scholarships consist of an annual financial award to each scholar and enrichment activities, such as mentoring and industry visits that enhance a scholar's experience of engineering in a real-world context. Arkwright Engineering Scholarships are highly regarded by university admission tutors and industry recruiters and are one of the most prestigious accolades that a talented sixth form student can receive. We wish Max the very best in his success in Engineering!

This year, the following students have been selected and put forward for the Arkwright Scholarship Award 2023. They are at the start of their process and hoping to be in Max's position next year. They are; Keefer Buckthorp, Ben Gray, Georgs Gvaramadze, Jack Hatherley, Kai Lynn.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Voting for the school council took place during the Autumn term, with two members of each year group, 7-11, being elected as council members representing the interests of their year group.

The council is led by the Sixth Form Executive. This comprises six members of Year 13 who have a variety of responsibilities, including the two overall Heads of the School Council, Tolan Enderby and Lottie Hooton.

This term, Year 12 have had their School Council Executive elections to see who will work with the Year 13s and then take over from them next September. There was a large field of candidates, who presented positively to all year groups in assemblies about the ideas they would bring to the role if elected.

The four Year 12 members elected to join the School Council Executive were Natasha McBride, Evie Smith, Lorcan Templeman and Nathan Depledge. Congratulations go to Ella Viscomi and Yaman Nashawi, who were elected to work this year with Tolan and Lottie and will take over as Heads of the School Council next year.

All candidates, Years 7 to 13, whether elected or not, deserve congratulating for their efforts in planning, preparing and presenting at their elections.

Good luck to the school council as it continues to be a positive vehicle for development within our community.



SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

Our 2022/23 school uniform and PE dress code can be accessed on the school website at: www.williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk/information/uniform

Uniform Direct is our only approved school uniform stockist.

The full range of approved school uniform is available to purchase in the Uniform Direct Lincoln High Street and Dixon Way stores. Online shopping is also available from Uniform Direct with delivery direct to your chosen address. Ordering online is very simple. Just visit www.uniform-direct.com, then navigate to 'Select Your School' and 'Senior Schools' and scroll down to William Farr School to find all items of approved William Farr school uniform.

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our pre-loved school uniform shop is available online at www.uniformd.co.uk/williamfarr.

This new venture began during the summer term and is reliant on donations of good quality, pre-loved school uniform. Stock availability is limited to the donations we receive and stock levels will vary, therefore it is worth visiting the website regularly to see what items are available.

Please do feed back to us if you have any suggestions about how we can improve the service now it is up and running.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Do you have any good quality school uniform that you would like to donate to our pre-loved school uniform shop?

We would be extremely grateful to receive any donations which we will sell online. All items will be very reasonably priced, and the proceeds will be used to cover the costs of administering this service. Please bring your donations to the school reception during normal school hours.

Thank you.

ATTITUDE TO LEARNING AWARDS

Our new and improved Data Point Reports were released this term, giving greater detail as to how students have started this academic year.

We have placed a significant emphasis on attitude to learning, with grades being achieved in the following categories for Years 7-11:

- Behaviour
- Effort
- Ready for Learning
- Homework
- Presentation

Our Sixth Form students have their own categories reflecting the skills and attributes they will require as they progress into wider society. Reporting on this is valuable as having a positive attitude to learning leads to academic progress and future success. In order to ensure our students are known and valued, we are awarding certificates, badges, letters home and gift vouchers on a termly basis to a selection of students who always demonstrate a positive attitude in all their subjects.



Congratulations to all those who have won awards this term. There will be further opportunities in the Spring and Summer term for those who show either an impeccable or significantly improving attitude to learning.

CHRISTMAS ADVENT CALENDARS

We collected 361 chocolate advent calendars for our local food banks this year.

They were blown away by the amount and were very appreciative. Thank you.



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHES IN JANUARY

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SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 26 January 2023, 6-8pm

For further details, please see the school website or telephone 01673 866900

Lincoln Road, Welton, Lincolnshire, LN2 3JB Email: wfarr@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk

www.williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert is always one of the highlights of the school calendar, with a first half of standards and a second half of Christmas fayre.

The orchestra started off the evening brilliantly with a medley from 'Phantom of the Opera' and the jazz classic 'Don't get around much any more'. There followed a range of talented musicians from Adam Calvert (Y9) performing a piano piece by Hans Zimmer of 'Pirates of the Caribbean' fame through to Ella Viscomi (Y12) performing John Lennon's 'Imagine'. The newly formed Young Voices showcased the musical talent newly arrived in Year 7, performing Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah', accompanied by one of our Y12 students, Sophie Hewerdine. The choir completed the first half singing the pieces they had performed in the 70th anniversary service in the cathedral, 'A Million Dreams' and Rutter's 'A Clare Benediction' with soloists Maddy Jones (Y7), Maddy Stevens (Y7), Isabella Patrick (Y11) and Ben Payne (Y10). The breadth of the repertoire and the quality of the performers was a joy to see.

The second half opened with a bang (literally!) with the Cinematic Percussion Ensemble - Seth Heskins, Jacob Hill, Jack Prentice, Daniel Robinson, Aeron Tallentire and Olli Wells, shaking the rafters of the main hall with their percussive take on a medley from 'American Beauty'. There followed another stunning line-up of solo items from Maddy Jones' delicate and peaceful 'Twas the Night' (Y7) through to Callum Proudley's funky and up-beat 'We wish you a Jazzy Christmas' (Y13). A special mention has to be made of Isabella Patrick's rendition of 'The Twelve Days After Christmas', an amusing take on what would happen if your boyfriend did give you a partridge in a pear tree and all the other gifts, which had the audience laughing! A huge thank you to all those who took part and those behind the scenes, including the Friends of William Farr, as well as the Music Department, led by Miss Tappin, who made such a wonderful occasion possible.



RAYTHEON QUADCOPTER COMPETITION

In the Summer term, and continuing on to the Autumn term, two groups of Year 9 students have worked with Mr Wright to build, test and fly their own drone, with support from Raytheon, an aeronautical engineering company, based at RAF Waddington.

The students met at a lunchtime and after school weekly, giving up some 40 hours each. The students reached the regional finals, that were held here in the sports hall. The groups had to fly their drones across obstacle courses against other schools from the East Midlands. One of our groups came second and the other, third place. It was a very tight competition and both teams worked very hard, as did Mr Wright!

The students were: Ben Pike, Alex McParland, Ben Picksley, Hugo Holgate, Richard Winterbourne, Austin Overton, Rhys Staples, Faye Wright.



SAFEGUARDING / SUPPORT IN THE HOLIDAYS

If parents or carers have any safeguarding concerns over the Christmas holidays, please contact Children's Services on 01522 782111 for any child who is at risk of harm, and not the school.

Staff are not expected to access their emails over the holiday period.

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy has been updated and can be found on the website. Click [here](#).

Below are useful links and contact numbers for additional support, including help for households experiencing financial hardship.

Police 101/999

[Healthy Minds](#) 0800 234 6342 (mental health support)

[Kooth.com](#)

[Youngminds.org.uk](#)

Cost of living support links:

- Boston Borough Council: [Cost of Living – Boston Borough Council](#)
- City of Lincoln Council: [Cost of Living Support – City of Lincoln Council](#)
- East Lindsey District Council: [Cost of Living Support – East Lindsey District Council](#)
- North Kesteven District Council: [Cost of Living Support | North Kesteven District Council](#)
- South Holland District Council: [Cost of Living Support – South Holland District Council](#)
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- West Lindsey District Council: [Cost of living support | West Lindsey District Council](#)
- Lincolnshire County Council: [Cost of living – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

SCUNTHORPE CO-OPERATIVE JUNIOR CHOIR

In November, the students of William Farr Upper Voices Choir were lucky enough to sing with the Scunthorpe Co-operative Junior Choir as part of the children's choir in Jonathan Dove's *There was a Child*.

The work was written in memory of the son of friends, who died at the age of 19. The work is a celebration of life and dwells only briefly on the tragedy of loss. Dove assembled a widely diverse selection of poems, including works by poets as varied as Shakespeare, Keats, Wordsworth, Dickenson, Tennyson, Whitman, and Langston Hughes, as well as lesser known Renaissance and modern writers.

The students really enjoyed learning the lyrics, particularly to Keats' 'There was a naughty boy', which made them laugh. The children's choir performed with Scunthorpe and District Choral Society, Lincoln Choral Society and the Lindsey Chamber Orchestra at the Baths Halls in Scunthorpe as part of a massed choir project funded by Arts Council, England.

It was an amazing opportunity for the children to be able to sing as a massed choir with a live orchestra and to sing a piece that they would not be able to attempt on their own. Jonathan Dove's music is challenging, but also magical and inspiring. The students thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, particularly singing with the orchestra and the soloists, Mark Wilde and Nina Bennett. It has helped their identification of orchestral instruments no end! The children's choir also sang four pieces on their own from Seasons and Charms, another piece composed by Dove.



EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

If you are communicating with the school via email, please use the William Farr email address (wfarr@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk) wherever possible or make contact with the school through Middle Leaders, such as Heads of Department or Heads of Year.

As part of our commitment to supporting staff workload and wellbeing, we will endeavour to respond to emails within 3 working days. Please note, staff are not expected to respond to emails outside of the normal working day (9-4pm) or during holiday periods. Emails should be written in line with the Parent Code of Conduct as shown on the school website under Governing Body section. Thank you.

TERM DATES

Term 3

Tuesday 03 January 2023	INSET DAY
Wednesday 04 January 2023	First day of term
Friday 10 February 2023	Last day of term

Term 4

Monday 20 February 2023	First day of term
Friday 31 March 2023	Last day of term

Term 5

Monday 17 April 2023	First Day of term
Monday 01 May 2023	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 08 May 2023	CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 26 May 2023	Last day of term

Term 6

Monday 05 June 2023	First day of term
Friday 21 July 2023	Last day of term

SCHOOL DAY

9.00:	Registration and tutor time.
9.20:	Period 1.
10-20 – 10.35:	Break.
10.35 – 11.35:	Period 2.
11.40 – 12.40:	Period 3.
12.40 – 1.35:	Lunch break.
1.35 – 1.40:	Registration
1.40 – 2.40:	Period 4.
2.45 – 3.45:	Period 5.

School is open to students 8.30am-5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am-4.30pm on Fridays for any student who wants to stay in school.

Students should not be on the school premises before or after these times unless they are supervised by a member of staff.