



## Headlines

Welcome back to everyone for the start of a new academic year.

As the new Headteacher of Sir Fredric Osborn School I am delighted to open this first edition of Insight for the academic year. I am also proud to acknowledge the fantastic set of examination results for our students. Key performance measures are improved for GCSE and A level results.

For GCSE, the school has achieved a significant improvement in its key performance measure for 5 GCSE A\*-C passes including English and Maths. The school has achieved a 49% pass rate which is significantly better than the previous year. High achievers included Joshua Aylott, Chloe Garoghan, Tara Pooley-Green, Tosin Sowemimo and Matthew Westcott, who all achieved A\* and A grades in seven or more of their subjects. Special mention must be extended to Charley Holloway-Biddle who achieved six A\* and five A grades.

It is right to celebrate these individual achievements, we are equally proud of the achievements of **all** our students, particularly the ones who improved on their target grades. Though their grades may appear to be modest in comparison with the students above, they still signify phenomenal progress. Huw Christianson achieved 10 A\*-C with 9 subjects being above his challenging target grades.

It has been an outstanding year for A Level students at Sir Fredric Osborn School with our average points score for each student increasing by 46 points to 662. This means on average a student achieved a C grade in 2015 compared to D+ in 2014. We are proud of every student who has achieved their potential, whatever the grade they achieved. However special mention must go to Daniel Kirk who has achieved A in Maths and Physics and a B in Further Maths. He is now attending the University of York reading Theoretical Physics.

A very special welcome is extended to our new Year 7s who joined us last week, they are arriving at a point where Sir Fredric Osborn School can declare itself an improving school. I would like to thank them for looking so smart around the school and for settling in so quickly and sensibly. They have made an excellent start but they have a lot to live up to! Let's hope that the rest of the year brings similar good news and that as a whole community we can continue to make Sir Fredric Osborn School the best possible environment for our children to thrive and progress.

Regards

Jed Whelan  
**Headteacher**

## Diary Dates

<i>Mon 21st Sept</i>	<i>Year 11 Charity Week</i>
<i>Thurs 24th Sept</i>	<i>School Closes at 1.05pm</i>
<i>Thurs 24th Sept</i>	<i>Open Evening for prospective students</i>
<i>Fri 25th Sept</i>	<i>European Day of Languages</i>
<i>Mon 28th Sept</i>	<i>Open Morning 9 - 10am for Year 6 parents</i>
<i>Tues 29th Sept</i>	<i>Open Morning 9 - 10am for Year 6 parents</i>
<i>Wed 30th Sept</i>	<i>Open Morning 9 - 10am for Year 6 parents</i>
<i>Wed 30th Sept</i>	<i>Year 8 &amp; 9 French Trip departs</i>
<i>Thurs 1st Oct</i>	<i>Year 7 Meet the Tutor 5.30pm-7pm</i>
<i>Fri 2nd Oct</i>	<i>Year 8 &amp; 9 French Trip returns at 6pm</i>
<i>Fri 9th Oct</i>	<b>INSET Day - School Closed</b>
<i>Fri 16th Oct</i>	<i>Year 7 Kingswood trip departs 9am</i>
<i>Sun 18th Oct</i>	<i>Year 7 Kingswood trip returns 4pm (tbc)</i>
<i>Mon 25th-30th Oct</i>	<b>Half Term</b>
<i>Mon 9th Nov</i>	<i>Year 7 Charity Week</i>
<i>Fri 27th Nov</i>	<b>Occasional Day - School Closed</b>
<i>Mon 30th-11th Dec</i>	<i>Year 11 Mock Exams</i>
<i>Tues 8th Dec</i>	<i>School closes early 1.05pm</i>
<i>Wed 9th Dec</i>	<i>Christmas Dinner</i>
<i>Fri 18th Dec</i>	<i>End of Term 1.00pm</i>

## GCSE Results Day - Thursday 20th August



## A Level Results Day - Thursday 13th August



## NHS Annual General Meeting - Feedback Letter

On Tuesday 14th July a selection of Year 10 prefects attended the NHS Annual General Meeting. Please see below an extract of a letter we received from the NHS praising our students.

"We are writing to commend the students of your school and Mr J Brophy for the high quality of their work in support of our AGM on 14th July. It was interesting and enlightening to hear how young people at Sir Frederic Osborn view the NHS and the health issues that are important to them. We were particularly impressed by the way in which the students were proactive in engaging with Trust staff, partners and public members at our even. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Sir Frederic Osborn School"

Mr J Brophy  
Subject Leader PSHCE



## Parent/Carer Reminder

Would all visitors kindly report to main reception on arrival with any queries or enquiries. Student Services in H Block is a student only reception

This is to ensure all visitors are signed in to comply with Health & Safety and fire regulations and to safeguard all students and staff in accordance with school policies.

Thank you

## SFO Parents Association

The SFO Parents Association will be holding their first meeting for the 2015/16 school year on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in K1 meeting room (Just off Reception).

Please do join us to help us decide how we can raise valuable funds for our school and students.

We will also be planning what exciting events we can host throughout the year however, we cannot do this without your support so please do come along to the meeting. I look forward to welcoming you.

Fiona Rowe  
Chair

## Summer Camp 2015

This summer some of our new Year 7 students attended Summer Camp for one week which was run by a company called PET-Xi.

The purpose of the club was to help them with their transition from Primary school to Secondary school. During the week they were involved in many activities such as Maths and English exercises as well as many fun activities and group sports. At the end of the week it was clear to see that their confidence had grown and were all excited about starting school the following week after making new friends.

We received comments such as "It was perfect", "She loved it all", "She had an amazing time, a huge thank you to all involved".

Most students improved their Maths and English in just one week which was brilliant!

It was a very successful week and it was a pleasure to be involved.



Mrs L Simmonds  
Pupil Premium  
Co-ordinator

## Pasta King is back

Reminder to students that Pasta King is back from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September until Christmas, they will be running a promotion buy 6 Pasta King and get the 7<sup>th</sup> free.



Pasta King will also be running a prize draw in January 2016, see school notice boards for full details.

Mrs K Humphris  
Catering Manager

# Clubs - Autumn Term 2015

Day	Lunch	After School
<b>Monday</b>	Table Tennis (Sports Hall) (JJB)	Homework Club (K2)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 10 Dance Club Gym Club KS3 Kick About (Astro) (JC/LW)	Homework Club (K2) History Drop in 3.00-4.00pm KS4 Netball (JS) KS3 Netball (AW) Year 10 Basketball (Sports Hall) (JJB) Senior Choir (Years 8-13) 3.00-4.00pm (D2)
<b>Wednes- day</b>	Maths Clinic – All years (M1) KS3 Drama Club (E1) 1.15-1.45pm Gardening Club 1.15-1.45pm KS3 Art Club (F6) Meditation/Mindfulness Club (M7) 1.20-1.40pm KS3 Kick About (Astro) (JC/LW)	Homework Club (K2) KS4 GCSE Art Club KS4 GCSE Geography Club Year 7 & 8 Football (Astro) (JC/LW/SV)
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 9 Dance Club KS3 Cricket (Sports Hall) (GE)	Homework Club (K2) Design and Technology Club 2.55-3.50pm Fitness Club (Gym) (LW)
<b>Friday</b>	KS3 Science Club 1.25-1.50pm (L3) Film Club Year 7 & 8 Dance Club	Homework Club (K2) GCSE PE Revision (B4) (SMI) Year 9 Football (LW)

**Please note that there will Ad hoc cookery clubs for Special Occasions i.e. Halloween, Christmas etc – See dates and times in Miss Taylors classroom**

## School Communications

To keep your child/ren safe and ensure their well-being, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our links with you and keep everyone up-to-date and well informed. As sending written information home is sometimes unreliable; we have decided to implement Schoolcomms, an electronic school communication system. This will enable you to receive all your information from school quickly and reliably. We can send letters by email to your inbox and short messages directly to your mobile phone as a text message, or if you have an Apple or Android mobile phone, by app message.

### You will:

- Receive letters more reliably and promptly
- See letters in your inbox like any other email
- Get a short text or app message if we need to contact you urgently
- Still get paper letters if you don't have email
- No need to rely on your child for delivery
- Be able to reply by email, text or app message, and be able to send us any reasons for absence via text, email or app message



### We can:

- Send more letters and information
- Save money on admin time, printing and paper
- Contact you urgently when necessary

### Next steps:

- The school will use the email address and mobile number that we hold for the Priority one contact(s). If you are not certain that we have your correct details, please use the reply slip provided
- If you do not have an Apple or Android device, skip to step 6**
- Go to your app store and search for "School Gateway" and download the app
- Once downloaded, select the "I'm a New User" button; enter your email address and mobile number that we have on record for you. Select Send PIN and a PIN number will be text to your mobile phone
- Log in with your email address and the PIN, your account is now active and you will receive instant notifications of messages in your notifications bar.
- If you change your contact details please let the school know as soon as possible

Schoolcomms is registered with the data protection act. All information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation. Your details will only be used for the purpose of school business. You will not receive any SPAM or marketing material.

## Please return to Reception

To receive letters, newsletters and texts please supply us with your up to date contact details.

Name ..... Student/s Name.....

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Email Address .....

Mobile number .....

