

Dear Parent/Guardian

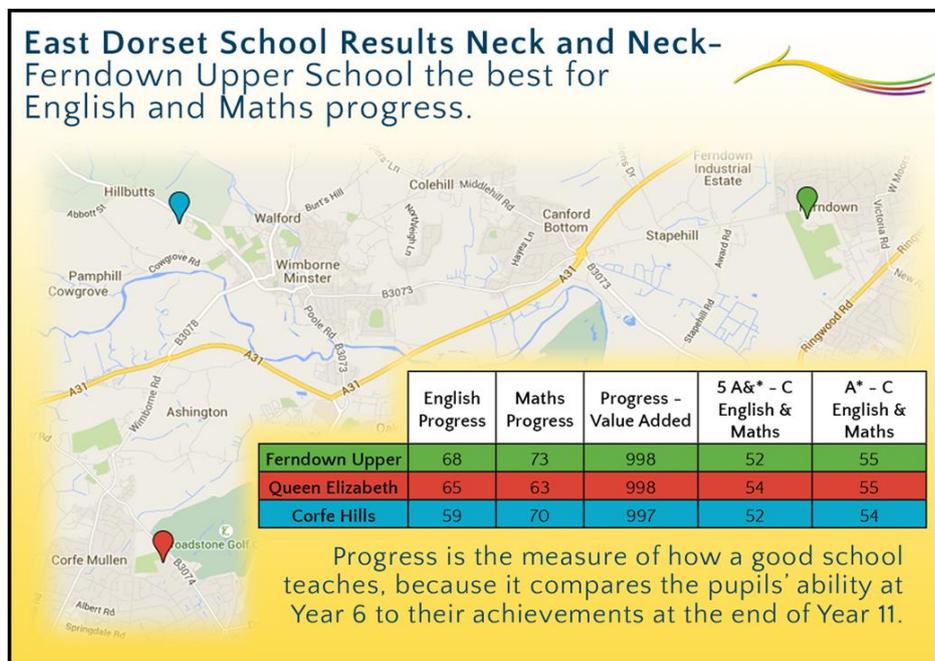
23 March 2016

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your choice of Upper School and to be the first person to welcome you and your child into the Ferndown Upper School community.

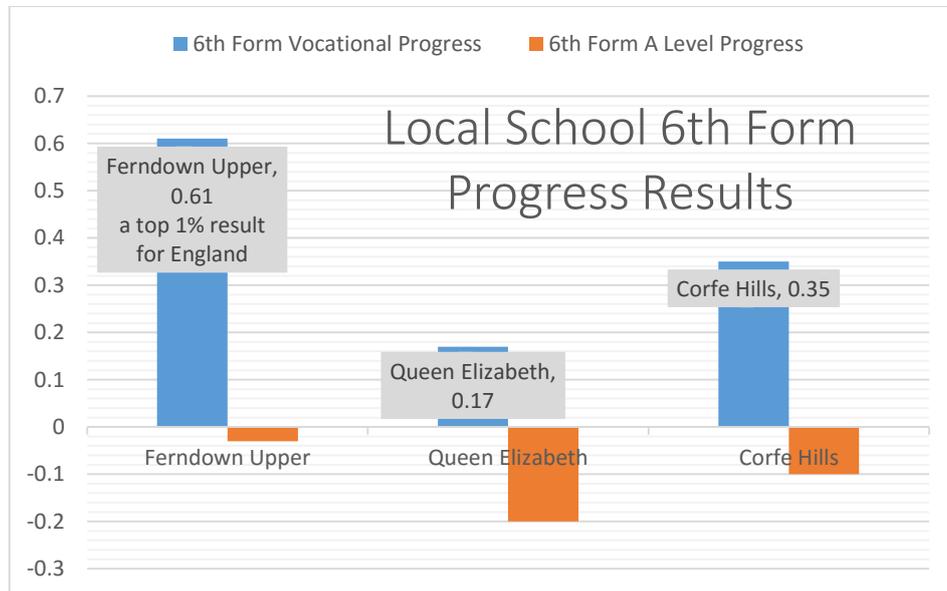
I am very proud to be the Head of FUS and I know that your child will also come to share this pride, as one of the standout features of our school is the care, support and family approach that we take. Since we have year groups that are the right size, it means that every student is treated as a person rather than just a number, providing them with excellent support as well as individual challenge.

We also believe that we have an innovative and interesting curriculum, where students are given exciting opportunities for enhancement and where they really enjoy their lessons. Our experienced and dedicated staff are skilled at fostering exceptional relationships with their students enabling them to make excellent progress.

Our exam results are also an area in which we are rightly proud and while all three local upper schools performed well last summer, there are a few areas where we excelled, as you can see from the charts below.



Our 6<sup>th</sup> form also performed particularly well, with our L3 vocational courses making the best progress in the country and our more traditional A Levels being the best in this area.



The behaviour of our students is also outstanding and we are always keen to show off how well behaved they are and how engaged they are in their learning.

A recent Section 8 Inspection which resulted in a good grading, has justly recognised these strengths and others besides, so please do contact [reception@fernup.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:reception@fernup.dorset.sch.uk) if you would like to come for a look around during the school day to see for yourself.

I very much look forward to seeing you on transfer day.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Jones  
Headteacher – Ferndown Upper School