

June 2018

Dear ,

I am delighted to welcome you officially into my house and it is with great pleasure that you become part of .

You may be aware that we have been voting for changes to our house names and the students have chosen 'Inspirational Students'. So **Green House becomes Cheetham House, Purple House becomes Thornton House and Red House becomes Read House.**

My name is and I will be your Head of House for the next 3 years. Your new tutor group will be . Your tutor's name is .

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know of some key points of interest that are coming up in preparation for your start with us in September.

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm-8pm** is the **new parents' information** evening where your parents will meet me and the tutor team along with the parents of the other Year 9 students in your tutor group. This will include general information regarding systems here at Ferndown Upper School. **Students do not need to attend this evening.**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 8.20am** is the first day of the transfer experience. Your day will begin at 8.20am in the Main School Hall at FUS.

Your programme for the day will be:

<p><b>FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b></p> <p><b>Arrival 8.20am</b></p>	<p>All students should gather in the main hall, where you will find stations marked alphabetically, go to your station and collect your information sticker for the day. This sticker has your teaching group on it and is important as you will be in this group for the day. You will then be asked to sit in houses and new tutor groups. A member of your new tutor group will come and collect all of you and take you to the tutor room.</p>
<p><b>TUTOR TIME &amp; Lesson 1</b></p> <p><b>8.30am-9.50am</b></p>	<p>This will be a longer than normal tutor time to allow you and your tutor group to take part in some activities designed to make you feel at home as well as being given your transfer booklet and timetable for the day.</p>

<p><b>LESSON 2</b></p> <p><b>9.50am-10.50am</b></p>	<p>After tutor time has finished you will be dismissed into teaching and learning groups to go to lesson. The timetable will tell you what subject you have, who is teaching it and where it is located.</p>
<p><b>BREAK</b></p> <p><b>10.50am-11.10am</b></p>	<p>All transfer students are allowed to purchase hot food and snacks from the canteen. Any student eligible for free school meals can give their name to one of our checkout operators who will deduct the standard amount from the total food bill.</p>

	Break time is a great opportunity to find the toilet, catch up with friends and find out where your next lesson is going to be!
<b>LESSON 3</b> <b>11.10am-12.10pm</b>	When the bell goes at the end of break time you will need to check your timetable and head off to your next lesson.
<b>LESSON 4</b> <b>12.10pm-1.10pm</b>	If you're not sure of where to go next, ask your teacher of lesson 3 to point you in the right direction. There will also be lots of staff and 6 <sup>th</sup> Form students around to help you find your way. You will be in the same group so stick with those who have been in lessons with you already.
<b>LUNCH</b> <b>1.10pm-1.40pm</b>	30 minutes for lunch is long enough to fill up your water bottle, get some more food and chat with friends and yes, you are allowed to use your mobile phone at lunchtime!
<b>LESSON 5</b> <b>1.40pm-2.40pm</b>	The bell will sound for the end of lunch and you will need to head straight to the Hall for the Inauguration Assembly. Here we will celebrate the successes that you have shown throughout the day.

### FAQ's for Transfer Day

#### **1. Transport – how do I get to school?**

If you are eligible for transport then on transfer day you should have already received your letter from DCC stating which bus you need to use. You will not need to pay on any of the buses except for the 737, which will be £2.60 for the day. To identify which bus stop you should catch please look at the following link: <http://fernup.dorset.sch.uk/information/bus-timetables-and-information/>. On this page there are links at the bottom of the page to our four school buses, the S070A, S073A, S072A and the 737DC. If you are unsure if you are eligible for transport then please contact the Transport Team on 01202 224545 or check the website; <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/402560>

#### **2. What can I eat at lunch time and break times?**

You may bring your own packed lunch and eat it in our café or outside at the tables in our courtyard. The cost of a meal is approximately £2.50 and you can choose either sandwiches (hot or cold) or a 2 course meal of the day. Students will not need more than £5 to spend on drinks and food at break and lunch time. If your child is eligible for free school meals, this will be provided from the main canteen for the standard amount.

#### **3. What should I wear on transfer day?**

Wear your normal middle school uniform and arrive looking neat and tidy.

#### **4. Do I need PE Kit?**

Some students have a PE lesson on their timetable, the simplest thing to do is to bring your middle school kit.

#### **5. What happens if I can't do PE for medical reasons?**

Bring a short note in from home excusing you from PE.

## FAQ's for September

### 1. When is my first day?

Year 9 Induction Day **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

### 2. What should I wear?

Full FUS school uniform - For the most up to date information please visit our website:

<http://fernup.dorset.sch.uk/information/uniform/>

All uniform must be clearly labelled with the students name and house.

### 3. What about my locker, when do I get that?

I have enclosed a separate letter explaining about lockers in September. ***We will NOT be allocating lockers on Transfer Day*** as many of them are still in use and will be due to be cleaned over the summer holidays.

### 4. Where do I go on my first day?

On the first day of the new term, **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**, all students will assemble in the main school hall at 8.25am for a short meeting, you will then spend time with your tutor before going off to lessons.

I have enclosed an invitation letter for the Inauguration Ceremony on **Friday 6th July**. Please can parents let us know if they are able to come, so we can work out seating arrangements. There will be a guest list and if you have not let us know you are attending, we may not have space to admit you.

Finally, if on transfer day you have issues or concerns, our Pastoral Care Team can be found in C Block just behind the large café. Our Pastoral Support Team will ensure that any questions or queries are resolved as quickly as possible.

Copies of this letter and any other transfer related information can be found on our school website:

[www.fernup.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.fernup.dorset.sch.uk) . Any transfer related queries can be emailed to:

[transfer@fernup.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:transfer@fernup.dorset.sch.uk).

I hope that your last few weeks at your current school are good ones and we are really looking forward to you starting with us. See you on the 6<sup>th</sup> July!

P.S. Please let your parents or guardians see this once you've finished reading it.