Autumn 1 Newsletter 2026-27



Key Dates for Autumn 2	
Event	Date
Year 10 Geography Field Trip	2nd November
African Adventures Parents Meeting – 6:30pm	3rd November
Sixth Form Open Evening 6:30pm-8:30pm	4th November
Non-Uniform Day – Xmas Shoeboxes	6th November
Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening – Online	12th November
Year 11 Mock Exams	16th November – 26th November
Staff Inset Day	27th November
Year 13 Mocks	30th November-4th December
Christmas Lunch	8th December
Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church – 6:30pm	9th December





Year 8 Open Evening

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Year 8 Open Evening! It was wonderful to welcome so many families into our school, showcase the fantastic opportunities available to our students and share what makes our school community so special. We hope you enjoyed your visit and look forward to working with you to support our students' continued success!







Year 10 boys theatre group performed at the Palace Court Theatre in Bournemouth as part of a National Conference. They performed a show that they have spent the past year writing and rehearsing to a packed audience, receiving a well-deserved standing ovation.

Included within the audience was the Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset who introduced the boys and the performance. Everyone who left the show was moved and impressed by the message shared and the boys performance.

We are all incredibly proud of what the group were able to achieve.





The year 11 prefects helped our new international students to feel welcome with a traditional cream tea.





Our new library opened with the financial support of the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation- it's open every lunch and after school for students to use.







To celebrate the opening of the new library we had an author, Wren James, visit for the day. Thank you for taking part in their workshops, we hope you found them inspiring.

Our girls were given a special assembly about careers for females in the armed forces
More to come for both the girls and boys program







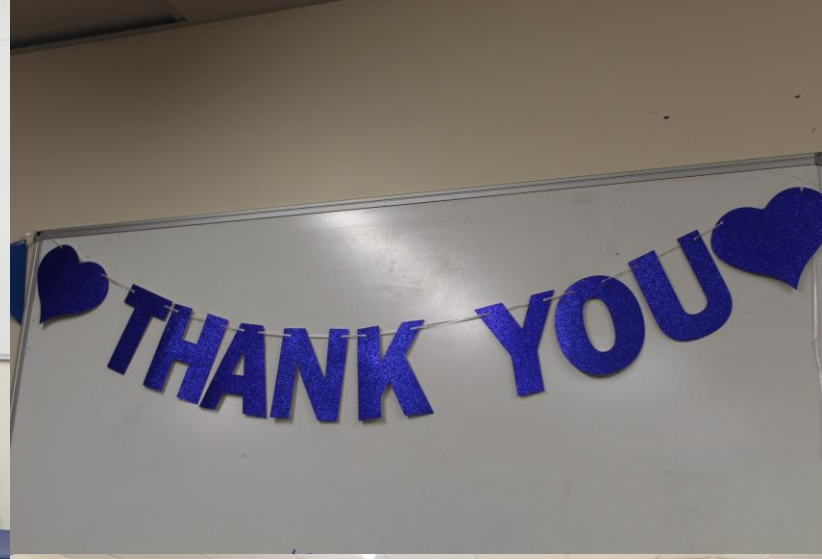
Senior Prefects Training

Well done to our Senior Prefects for taking part in their leadership training.

The session provided a valuable opportunity to develop leadership skills, explore the responsibilities of their roles and prepare to be positive role models across the school.

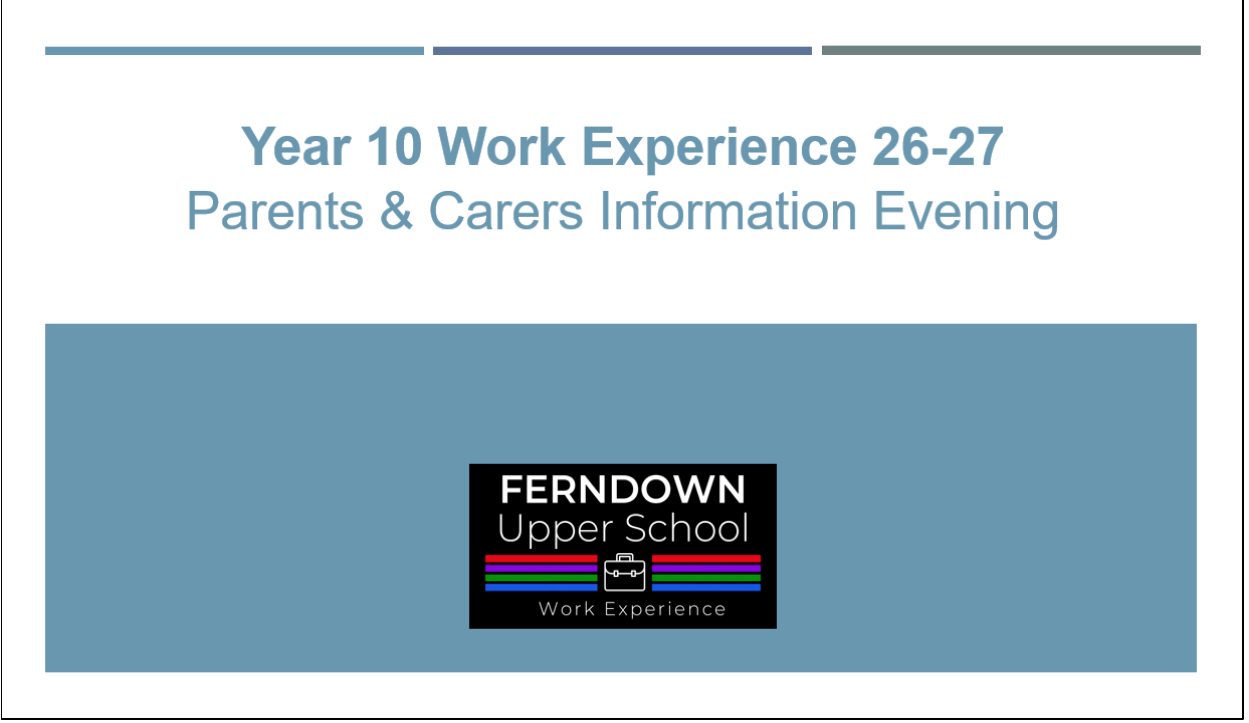
We look forward to seeing them put their skills into practice and make a real difference to our school community!







We thanked our TA's on National TA day for all the work they do supporting so many of our students.



A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening

It was fantastic to officially launch the programme and help families understand the process of securing a placement. Year 10 students are now encouraged to start exploring opportunities and speaking to potential employers, ready to complete their initial Unifrog form by 5th January deadline. A great opportunity for students to start developing valuable skills and gaining experience of the world of work!






We're delighted that over 70 Year 10 students have signed up for DofE!

A very special surprise for our cast of The Lion King!

Gary Jordan, who plays Zazu in the West End production of The Lion King, sent our performers a fantastic good luck message ahead of our own school production!

