

Headteacher Newsletter – 3rd November

FUS is the Best in Dorset – Again!

We are officially ranked Number 1. The DfE Performance Tables have been announced and the great news is that FUS students are top of the table once again, and have been since 2019. Please follow this link for more details:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=838&geographic=la&for=secondary>

6TH Form Open Evening

Next week on the 8th November we will be hosting our 6th Form Open Evening.

We look forward to greeting our current year 10 and 11 students as well as our external visitors.

Early Finish

On Wednesday 8th November we will be finishing at 1.10pm.

If your child has a bus pass and wishes to use the bus, they will need to remain on site in the study centre until the bus leaves at normal time of 2.40pm.

We respectfully ask that those students who are leaving early do not congregate around the Ferndown area and go straight home.

Bus Passes

We are seeing an increasing number of students requesting a temporary bus pass from Reception at the end of the day. This is creating delays to the buses leaving school. Please can you ensure that your child brings their bus pass each day. Replacement bus passes can be obtained from the bus companies if required.

Gates / Car Park

We now have automated gates and from Monday 6th November the entrance gate into the school car park will be closed to anyone other than staff and disabled students and will not be accessible to parents dropping off students. If you drive your child to school you can drop them in the top car park, or preferably find an alternative drop off point that is a short walk from school to avoid traffic congestion in Cherry Lane.

If your child has a blue badge and needs disabled access, please email school@fernup.dorset.sch.uk a copy of the blue badge and details of your car registration plate and we can arrange for access to be granted.



Supporting the Community

Our amazing sixth formers have raised almost £5000 to support the homeless in Dorset via our annual Big Sleep event in which they are sponsored to sleep rough in cold and wet conditions. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Museum Learning in Textiles: Costume in the Classroom

Our Textiles and English Literature GCSE and A Level students learnt about fashion and costume history with author of Gothic Fashion this term with Katie Godman Sinclair in two specialist lectures. In response to our annual costume loan from the Blandford Fashion Museum, students have been able to handle and study pieces from the archive. They have gained insight into how clothing was manufactured, structured and worn during the Victorian period. Careers related learning in costume is embedded through connections with Arts University Bournemouth lecturer in MA Historical Costume, Rebecca Pride, author of the 'Costume Supervisor's Handbook'.

Key Dates

8th Nov 6th Form Open Evening

15th Nov Y11 Mock Exams Start

24th Nov INSET Day

27th Nov Y13 Mock Exams Start

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