

Spring 1 Newsletter 2026



Key Dates for next half-term

23rd February	All students return to school
23rd February-3rd March	Year 13 Mock Exams
4th-6th March	Year 11 Mock Exams
17th March	Year 13 Parents Evening (In person)
25th March	Non-Uniform Day for Food Bank
26th March	Year 11 Parents Evening (In person – invite only)
27th March	Break up for Easter Holiday at 2.40pm
13th April	All students return to school





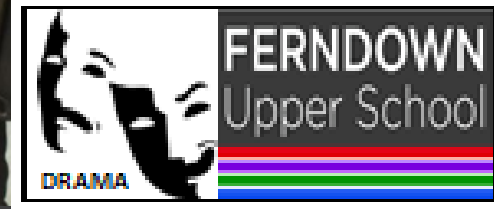
School Production Update

28 performers in Year 9 and Year 10 auditioned for the 12 principle roles. Competition was fierce and all should be congratulated for their bravery and ambition.

The cast will be announced on 6th March

Performances October
2026





The newly formed Ferndown Upper Boys Theatre company 'Our Direction' work with local actor, director and playwright Rohan Gotobed. His claim to fame is that as a child actor, age 12, he played the young Sirius in the Harry Potter film but as an artist from Poole Dorset, he supports our work and had great things to say about the project we are working on.



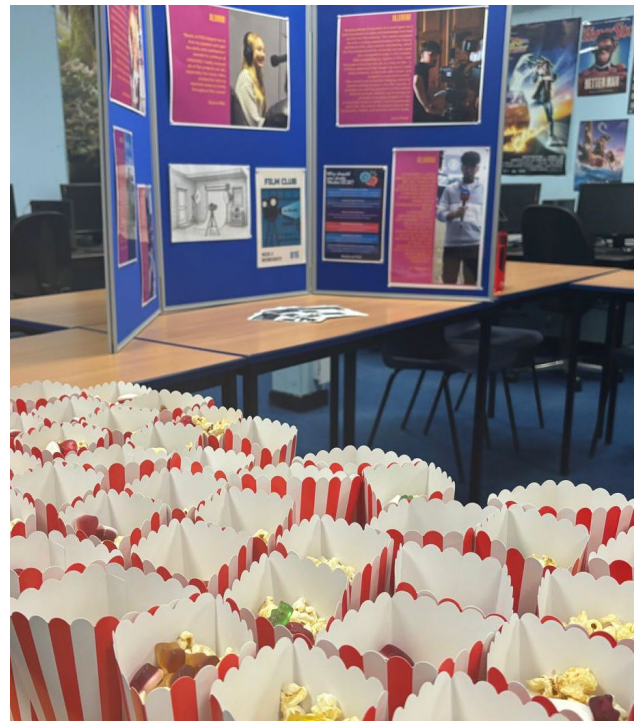
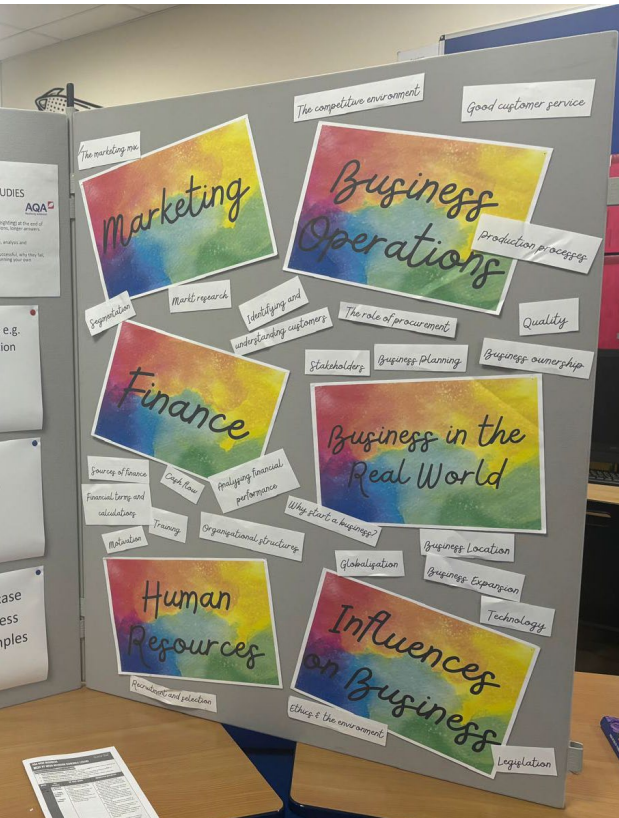


FUS's newly formed boys theatre went to see Dear England at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton on the 15th January 2026



Year 9 Options Evening

It was great to welcome Year 9 students and families to school on the 14th of January to explore a wide range of subjects on offer, with informative subject displays and a helpful talk in the hall led by Mrs Chater.



Haskins Garden Centre Donation

A huge thank you to Ben and Jackie at Haskins for their generous donation of compost, pots, and seeds to our science department!

We received this through their 'Cultivation Street' initiative which aims to make gardening and plants more accessible to younger generations.

This support helps us maintain our growing plant collection, which we use for both hands-on practical biology lessons and to brighten up our laboratories.



Girls Programme

Our Year 10 girls had an inspiring opportunity to work with our guest, Petya Zhechkova, from the University of Sheffield, exploring future pathways, big aspirations, dream jobs and the amazing qualities they already have that link to their career goals.





Music Department Trip – Royal Opera House

The Music Department took a group of sixth formers and year 11s to the Royal Opera House for an extraordinary performance of Turandot. They were all awestruck by the lavish production, Puccini's outstanding music, and the impeccable, passionate singing from a stellar cast. What an incredible experience!

GCSE Science Live!

On Friday 23rd January, forty year 10 students attended GCSE Science Live at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London.

They had the chance to hear from five of the world's top scientists on topics including IVF, bioinspiration for new materials, why humans laugh, and if black holes can cause time travel!



Theology conference

Year 12 & 13 Ethics students had the opportunity to go to St Mary's Church, Ferndown to work with Moorlands Bible college students.

They were able to discuss topics such as Death and the Afterlife, Gender and Euthanasia.



Year 12 Sexual Health session

Our year 12 spent the morning of the 28th January recapping and renewing their knowledge of Contraception and STI's.

Students were reminded of different places that they can go to for support:



13-24 years old?

NHS Sexual Health Dorset

Let's Chat Sexual Health!

We help young people with all kinds of things, such as:

- contraception
- consent
- pregnancy
- condoms/c-card
- STI screening
- sexual health worries
- relationships
- where to get help.

Talk to one of our Health Advisors

ChatHealth

For free and confidential advice... send a text to: **07312 263101**

For more information about any of the topics covered today you can go to our website:

www.sexualhealthdorset.org

Text us at Chat Sex Health on 07312 263 101

Or

Call us on **0300 303 1948** for advice

You can also talk to parents or caregivers, teachers, GPs, school nurses and youth workers about any concerns.

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Visiting Artist: Annabel Rodd: FUS Alumni

Annabel visited our A Level Textiles and Foundation Art groups to deliver a pattern cutting workshop with sixth form students and talk about setting up her own business. After her Art Foundation year at FUS Annabel went on to graduate from Winchester School of Art with a BA (Hons) Menswear Fashion, is director of Burgla collective and works for Southampton University.



Bournemouth Bay Teacher Training Courses

Bournemouth Bay are pleased to announce that they now offer full-time and part-time teacher training courses. Their part-time teaching course offers a route into teaching for people balancing work, training and family life. The course structure supports part-time employment, enabling you to maintain financial stability whilst developing your teaching career by training with Bournemouth Bay Teacher Training Partnership. Bursaries are available for both training routes in eligible subjects.



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- Full Time



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RAF Air Cadets Volunteers wanted!

2358 (Ferndown) Squadron RAF Air Cadets are currently recruiting adult volunteers to support their local youth group which helps young people develop leadership, teamwork and confidence through a range of exciting activities, including aviation.

No military experience is required, and there are flexible opportunities to get involved in uniformed, non-uniformed or support roles. Anyone interested in finding out more is invited to email oc.2358@rafac.mod.gov.uk