

Dear Parent/Guardian

March 2019

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your choice of Ferndown Upper as your child's next school and to be the first person to welcome you and your child into our school community.

I am very proud to be the Head of FUS and I feel that some of our main standout features are the care, support and guidance that we provide to our students. Since we have year groups that are the optimum size, it means that every student is treated as a person rather than as a number, providing them with excellent support as well as individual challenge. We are a school where students are enabled to fully achieve their full potential.

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

Our students' exam results are an area of which we are rightly proud, with the Bournemouth Echo confirming this last year.

Among the top performing Dorset schools were
The **Purbeck School, Ferndown Upper, Lytchett
Minster and Twynham.**

The government league tables have also confirmed our outstanding results, as you may see on the following link for GCSE: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=835&geographic=la&phase=secondary&for=secondary&basedon=Progress%20&show=All%20pupils>

1. For 2nd year running - Best Progress Results in Dorset (GCSE, A Level & Applied A Level).
2. 3rd highest A Level results, for the second year in a row.
3. Best Vocational A Level progress (top percentile of the country) – up from 2nd place last year.
4. Our 6th form has been rated as outstanding by ALPs.

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Dorset
Subject
Results
2017

1st for Biology, Mathematics,
Sociology, Photography and
Travel.

2nd for Religious
Studies, Fine Art,
French and HSC.

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2018

1st for Fine Art, Sociology, HSC,
Media and Travel.

2nd for Maths,
German, Biology,
Textiles and
Photography.

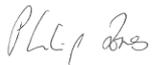
Schools are not just about exams however and the behaviour of our students is also outstanding with our students being both well behaved and fully engaged in their learning.

Our recent Ofsted inspection recognised these strengths and others besides, with some of the key quotes being:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “pupil behaviour is delightful” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “teachers have the highest expectations”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “pupils feel extremely safe” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “there is a tangible, caring ethos around the school that is obvious to any visitor”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “the school leads with ambition, vision and an uncompromising drive in the pursuit of excellence” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “the school is a very calm, welcoming and pleasant place to learn”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “teachers ... engage and enthuse pupils” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “relationships between pupils and teachers are a real strength”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “progress over time is rapid” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “pupils want to learn”

I will also be in contact again soon, in order to keep you up to date with key Ferndown Upper School events and I am also very much looking forward to seeing you on our first Transfer Evening, which is on the 20th March at 6.30pm in the school hall.

Yours sincerely



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