

- Homework. We follow a homework timetable and students have homework set with a week to complete. Homework is set on our online platform that students and parents can access - Bromcom. This is made available when students start at FUS. Typical length of homework is 45mins to 1.5 hours.
- Extra Tours. These are made available to students who will need an extra visit. These are arranged with Mrs Clay, SENCO and occur nearer to transfer day.
- Options. Year 9 choose their options in January. Students have a drop down day where they explore careers and subjects that they may wish to follow. Presentations are given in lessons that students follow in year 9. For those subjects not taught (eg Sociology), then presentations are given in the hall so students learn a little more about these subjects. Students are given a free choice. From this the school then blocks and timetables for their GCSE courses. This year we have 96.5% success rate.
- Year 9 are given their own area in the quad during break and lunch though they are able to go to any other area
- Timings of the day. School starts at 8.25 and students should be in tutor by 8.30. The school ends at 2.40 but we are working with Dorset County Council to try and extend this.
- Buses - The admission booklet will have details of how to apply for a bus pass. Buses are run by the County Council. If students wish to go to an after school club then we do offer a late bus that students can sign up for
- Science. All students are taught by a science specialist. All students follow triple science and therefore take GCSE in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- T-Levels. We have a post 16 information evening where students can find more information about our T levels
- We have our own careers advisor who will help students throughout their time at FUS explore and find the correct pathway for students.
- Uniform. We are finalising if we have a fourth house as we are growing and so we may change our logo to reflect this. Students and parents will find out at the transfer evening their house. We suggest parents/carers wait to purchase uniform until then. We have liaised with the uniform shop who are happy for students to try on uniform and pre order. We brand items eg skirt for consistency. FUS has checked that our uniform prices are much lower than neighbouring schools.
- School trips. We are planning a residential trip for year 9. There is a ski trip in year 10 and a DT trip to Paris. There is also an America trip for older year groups
- We have a thriving Duke of Edinburgh group run by Mr Martin and Mrs Pemberton. This begins for students in year 10
- Same tutor or house group. We listen to the middle schools and try to accommodate friends being together. This may mean that students will be in a different house from a sibling to accommodate this. In the unlikely event that problems arise we can move students occasionally
- Uniform grant. Please email office@fernup.dorset.sch.uk or transfer@fernup.dorset.sch.uk