

Transferring to Ferndown 2024

YOUR NEW SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE 'FERNDOWN FAMILY'

Any questions?

**Either pop them into the Q&A box
now**

or

we are just at the end of an email

The Year 9 Team



Mrs Taylor
Deputy Head Teacher



Head of Year 9
Mrs Rachael Barrett



Y9 Pastoral Manager
Mrs Katie Old

Heads of House



Mrs Moyano
Lead Head of
House
Head of
Cheetham House



Ms Gillett
Head of Ashton
House



Mr Hammett
Head of Read
House



Ms Pearson
Head of
Thornton
House

How big will
the classes
be?

- The year group will be 300 students.
- And each class will contain about 27 students

Will they be with their friends?

Possibly ...

There are a number of opportunities;

1. Tutor time in the morning
2. In their teaching group where the students study their foundation subjects and English
3. In maths – and the groups will initially be set by their maths test result
4. In science
5. In PE
6. In MFL

What do we believe?

‘students come first’

‘learning comes first’

So we will provide
your children with a
safe,
supportive, engaging
learning environment
where they will
achieve ...

**AND IN RETURN WE DO
EXPECT YOUR SON OR
DAUGHTER TO KEEP THEIR
END OF THE BARGAIN**



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DfE Performance Tables confirm outstanding results for a third year in a row at Ferndown Upper School

After receiving the highest results in Dorset for the last two years (combined GCSE Progress 8, A Level and Applied General value added scores), Ferndown Upper School achieved another outstanding set of results last summer, which now makes it three years in a row.

For GCSE, the school's Progress 8 result is +0.63, (every grade being 2/3 of a grade better than expected), which makes Ferndown

Upper School the highest achieving school in Dorset ever (since the DfE started using Progress 8 as a measure).

This result means that Ferndown is not only the highest achieving school in Dorset but it is the highest achieving upper school in the country and in the top 5% of all schools. Along with the best overall GCSE results in Dorset, the performance tables also confirm

that Ferndown Upper's students':

- Maths results were the highest in Dorset
- Science results were the second best
- English results were the third best.

This made it a truly outstanding year of achievement.

In terms of A Level results, Ferndown Upper students achieved a value added score of +0.23

(results that were 23% better than predicted), and this was the second highest result in Dorset and in the top 10% of the country.

This makes Ferndown Upper School the school of choice for academic achievement.

Some of the subjects that were singled out for specific praise by the charity Alps were sociology, maths and further maths whose results were in the top 1% of the country, as well as art and textiles, whose results were in the top 5%.

Headteacher Philip Jones stated, "I am very proud of our students, these results belong to

them, I would also like to thank our teachers for all of their hard work and dedication. It is now clear to see that if students wish to maximise their grades, we are the school to choose. I would also like to add that Ferndown is not just about exam results, we also pride ourselves on being an extremely supportive, friendly and nurturing school, where students are allowed to be whoever they want to be and where students always come first."

**For more information
about the school, visit
www.fernup.dorset.sch.uk
or call 01202 871243.**

Ferndown Upper School would like to
congratulate our students for their
outstanding achievements:

✓ **Best Upper School in the Country***

✓ **Best GCSE Results in Dorset***

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* as confirmed by the DfE Performance Tables

What do we expect?

- Students '**owning**' their learning – instead of being forced to do it – which we will do if we have to
- High standards on uniform
- High standards on homework
- And as parents you have a key role to play and we do expect you to play it. So being supportive to your child when required but also supporting the school when necessary
- And if we get it wrong, come and speak to us

Available Support ...

- A dedicated Pastoral Manger - who may be dropped in on either before or after school, at break or at lunch time. Bookings can also be made via email
- Their teachers - relationships are a real strength at Ferndown

MFL

Please state a preference, we cannot guarantee Spanish however as we will definitely allow each student to carry on the language their middle school did, those who wish to change will be subject to availability.

Free School Meals

You can apply online, search 'free school meals Dorset'

or

You can give us your National Insurance number on the online admissions form and we will find out for you

Pupil Premium support ...

- £75 voucher at the uniform shop
- Opportunity to access to free, high quality, second hand uniform in the summer
- Free music lessons
- Free revision resources
- Free ingredients for cooking lessons
- Breakfast club
- Financial support for school trips
- Access to optional tutoring programmes

How To Contact Us?

- Email is always best –
transfer@fernup.dorset.sch.uk
(Before September)
- headofyear9@fernup.dorset.sch.uk (From September)
- For absence / appointment reporting – via ParentMail by 9am

There are also a lot of great opportunities ...

Homework Club	STR	Y9Y10Y11	Tue, Wed, Thu week 1&2	2.40-3.40	LCU
GCSE Spanish Club	FM	Y10Y11	Thu week 2	2.40 - 3.40	D9
Gardening Club	KB	All Years	Wed week 1&2	2.45	B Block Garden
Design Tech Club	AD	Y10Y11	Wed Thu week 1&2	2.40 - 3.40	E14
Badminton	PE Staff	Y9Y10Y11	Mon week 1&2	1.10 - 1.35	Sports Centre
5 a side football	PE Staff	All Years	Tue week 1&2	1.10 - 1.35	Sports Centre
Fitness	PE Staff	All Years	Wed week 1&2	1.10 - 1.35	Sports Centre
Handball	PE Staff	All Years	Thu Week 1	1.10 - 1.35	Sports Centre
Basketball	PE Staff	All Years	Thu Week 2	1.10 - 1.36	Sports Centre
Badminton	REL	All Years	Tue Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Football	JCO	All Years	Tue Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Trampolining	EPE	All Years	Tue Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Fitness	MPR	All Years	Tue Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Badminton	REL	All Years	Tue Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Football	JCO	All Years	Tue Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Trampolining	RH	All Years	Tue Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Girls Football	CHI	All Years	Tue Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Netball Fixtures	CHI	All Years	Wed week 1&2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
GCSE Trampolining	RH	Y10Y11	Wed week 1&2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Fitness	JCO	All Years	Wed week 1&2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Swimming	Coach	All Years	Wed week 1&2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Netball Fixtures	EPE	All Years	Thu Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Table Tennis	REL	All Years	Thu Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Fitness	JCO	All Years	Thu Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Rugby	RH	All Years	Thu Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Basketball	RH	All Years	Thu Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Table Tennis	REL	All Years	Thu Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Fitness	EPE	All Years	Thu Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Breakfast Club	Café Staff	All Years	Every Morning	7.45	Café
Knitting/Crochet Club	KCU	All Years	Wed week 1&2	1.10 - 1.35	Study Centre
Senior Choir	SCL	All Years	Mon week 1&2	1.10 - 1.35	A2
Drumming - Samba	SCL	All Years	Tue week 1&2	1.10 - 1.35	A2
Choir	SCL	All Years	Wed week 1&2	1.10 - 1.35	A2
Guitar/Ukelele	SCL	All Years	Thu Week 1&2	1.10 - 1.35	A2
Jazz/Orchestra	SCL	All Years	Mon week 1&2	3.00 - 4.00	A2
Composition Clinic/Exam Rev	SCL	Y10Y11	Thu Week 1&2	3.00 - 4.00	A2
Musical Theatre Club	SCL	All Years	Friday week 1&2	3.00 - 4.00	A2
Raspberry Pi Club	TO	Y9Y10Y11	Thu Week 1&2	2.40 - 3.40	C14/C15
Physics Clinic	MSH/KB/KWR	Y10Y11	Tue week 1&2	2.45 - 3.40	C10
Biology Clinic	KOR/STR/LMP	Y10Y11	Wed week 1&2	2.45 - 3.40	D1
Chemistry Clinic	SHO/RBA	Y10Y11	Thu Week 1&2	2.45 - 3.40	D14
Creative Art & textiles club	CHI	Y9	Wed week 2	3.00 - 4.00	E5
Design Ventura Club	BMV	Y9Y10Y11	Wed week 1&2	2.45 - 3.45	E15
Comic & Zine Club	BMV	Y9Y10Y11	Thu Week 1&2	2.45 - 3.45	E15
Drama Club	MPE	Y9	Wed week 2	2.45 - 3.45	B1
Squash Club	PE Staff	All Years	Mon week 1&2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
First Tech Robotics Club	TO	Y9	Wed week 1&2	2.45 - 3.40	C14/C15
Duke of Edinburgh Club	ML/CM	All Years	Tue week 1&2	2.40 - 3.40	B12

Ferndown Students are in the finals of the International Robotics Competition



Ferndown Upper School has been shortlisted for the National Design Ventura Competition – 5 consecutive years now



Our students came 2nd in the Regional Design Competition for the third consecutive year



Bursary bids ...



Student Leadership

- our students have a real say in how the school is run ...



STUDENT AWARDS



And we enjoy celebrating our students' success ...

And I urge your son or daughter to
take full opportunity of every
opportunity ...

Timeline

Tuesday 12 th March	Welcome Evening
Week beginning 15 th April	Admission Booklet will be sent home
Early May	Email sent inviting parents to admissions process and system include an Online Admissions Form.
Mid to late May	Maths test at current school
Wednesday 8 th May	Data online form deadline
Week beginning 3 rd June	Pastoral Meetings at current school
Week beginning 10 th June	FUS Assemblies at Middle Schools
Week beginning 24 th June	Student visits (SEND)
Thursday 27 th June	Transfer Parents Evening – find out tutor group and house
Friday 28 th June	Transfer Day- 8.25am-2.40pm- no transport
Wednesday 4 th September – 8.25am	First day for year 9 at Ferndown Upper School
REMINDER- Please complete the Microsoft Form sent last week to confirm your place with us	