# Transferring to Ferndown 2024

YOUR NEW SCHOOL
WELCOME TO THE 'FERNDOWN FAMILY'

FERNDOWN
Upper School

## The Year 9 Team



Mrs Taylor Deputy Head Teacher



Mrs Barrett Head of Year 9



Miss Old Pastoral Manager of Year 9

## Heads of House



Ms Gillett Head of Ashton House



Mr Hammett Head of Read House



Ms Pearson Head of Thornton House



Mrs Moyano Head of Cheetham House and Lead HOH

## **SEND**



Mr Collins
Assistant Head Teacher



Mrs Sherrard Deputy SENCO



Mrs Starling Lead Teaching Assistant



Mrs Kenchington
Deputy Head Teacher

We have already been making contact.

The order is that we are dealing with the students that your middle schools have highlighted.

If you have any queries, please send them to the SEND email address: <a href="mailto:SENDSupport@fernup.dorset.sch.uk">SENDSupport@fernup.dorset.sch.uk</a>

Will I be with my friends?
There will be five opportunities ...



In tutor for 25 minutes each day.



In their teaching group where English, Social Sciences and the Arts are taught.



In their maths class.



In their science class.



In their PE class.

## What do we believe?

'students come first'

'no one has the right to affect your learning'

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 PART OF THE BARGAIN







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

results in Dorset for the last two years (combined GCSE Progress 8. A Level and Applied General value added scores), Ferndown Upper students 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), vhich makes Ferndown

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

students1-

- Mathe 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 these results belong to



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

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 taxtiles whose results

were in the top 5% Headteacher Philip Jones stated, "I am very proud of our students.

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\*

> Call us: 01202 871243 Email us: school@fernup.dorset.sch.uk

> > : @ferndownupper :/ferndownupperschool Web: www.fernup.dorset.sch.uk

\* as confirmed by the DfE Performance Tables

## No passengers ...

take every available opportunity

both inside and outside of the classroom

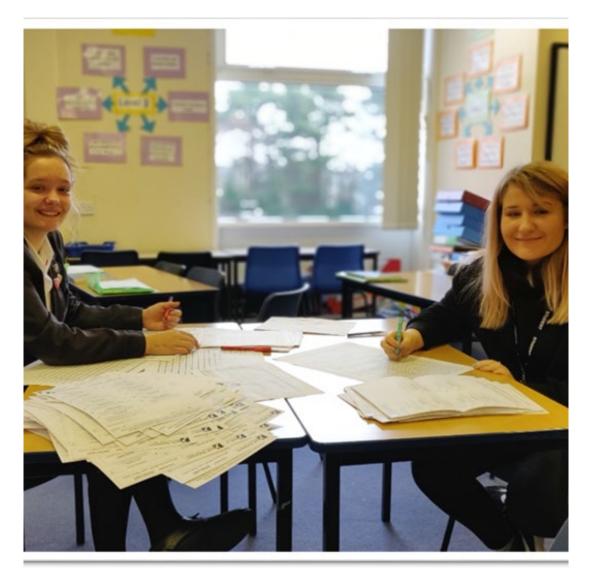
Homework Club	STR	Y9Y10Y11	Tue, Wed, Thu week 1	& 2.40-3.40	LCU
GCSE Spanish Club	FM	Y10Y11	Thu week 2	2.40 - 3.40	D9
Gardening Club	KB	AllYears	Wed week 1& 2	2.45	B Block Garden
Design Tech Club	AD	Y10Y11	Wed Thu week 1& 2	2.40 - 3.40	E14
Badminton	PE Staff	Y9Y10Y11	Mon week 1& 2	1.10 - 1.35	Sports Centre
5 a side football	PE Staff	AllYears	Tue week 1& 2	1.10 - 1.35	Sports Centre
Fitness	PE Staff	AllYears	Wedweek 1& 2	1.10 - 1.35	Sports Centre
Handball	PE Staff	AllYears	Thu Week 1	1.10 - 1.35	Sports Centre
Basketball	PE Staff	AllYears	Thu Week 2	1.10 - 1.36	Sports Centre
Badminton	REL	AllYears	Tue Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Football	JCO	AllYears	Tue Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Trampolining	EPE	AllYears	Tue Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Fitness	MPR	AllYears	Tue Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Badminton	REL	AllYears	Tue Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Football	JCO	AllYears	Tue Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Trampolining	RH	AllYears	Tue Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Girls Football	CHI	AllYears	Tue Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Netball Fixtures	CHI	AllYears	Wedweek 1& 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
GCSE Trampolining	RH	Y10 Y 11	Wedweek 1& 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Fitness	JCO	AllYears	Wedweek 1& 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Swimming	Coach	AllYears	Wedweek 1& 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Netball Fixtures	EPE	AllYears	Thu Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Table Tennis	REL	AllYears	Thu Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Fitness	JCO	AllYears	Thu Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Rugby	RH	AllYears	Thu Week 1	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Basketball	RH	AllYears	Thu Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Table Tennis	REL	AllYears	Thu Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Fitness	EPE	AllYears	Thu Week 2	2.40 - 4.00	Sports Centre
Breakfast Club	Café Staff	AllYears	Every Monring	7.45	Café
Kintting Crochet Club	KCU	AllYears	Wedweek 1& 2	1.10 - 1.35	Study Centre
Senior Choir	SCL	AllYears	Mon week 1& 2	1.10 - 1.35	A2
Drumming – Samba	SCL	AllYears	Tue week 1& 2	1.10 - 1.35	A2
Choir	SCL	AllYears	Wedweek 18:2	1.10 - 1.35	A2
Guitar/Ukelele	SCL	AllYears	Thu Week 1& 2	1.10 - 1.35	A2
Jazz/Orchestra	SCL	AllYears	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	AllYears	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		Tue week 1& 2	2.45 - 3.40	C10
Biology Clinic	KOR/STR/LMN	Y10 Y 11	Wed week 1& 2	2.45 - 3.40	D1
Chemistry Clinic	SHO/RBA	Y10 Y 11	Thu Week 1& 2	2.45 - 3.40	D14
Creative Art & textiles club	CHI	Y9	Wedweek 2	3.00 - 4.00	E5
Design Ventura Club	BMY	Y9Y10Y11	Wed week 1& 2	2.45 - 3.45	E15
Comic & Zine Club	BMY	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	AllYears	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	AllYears	Tue week 1& 2	2.40 - 3.40	B12

Our Robotics Team made it to the National Finals for the 2nd year in a row

Ferndown Upper School is an unprecedented FINALIST 5 years in a row







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

- ☐ These are past Dorset Councillors
- ■Your child could join our StudentLeadership Team









## Year 9 Activities Week

## Mrs Taylor Deputy Headteacher

#### **Uniform**

The embroidered blouse, tie and PE Kit is available in your House colour.

New uniform has our new logo - but you can mix and match the new and old logo. A 30% discount is available on uniform that has the old logo.

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Make Up: <u>Discreet natural make-up only</u> – excessive make-up will be asked to be removed. This includes false evelashes.

Nails: No false nails (these are a health and safety risk for PE and practical subjects) and nails should only be painted in natural colours.

Jewellery: No jewellery other than – 1 fine neck chain, 1 ring, 1 watch, 1 plain gold/silver stud in each ear, one plain nose stud (less than 1mm), one small bracelet, one charity wrist-band. No other visible pierced jewellery and definitely no spacers or nose bars.

#### **JEWELLERY**

One fine neck chain, one ring, one watch, one plain gold/silver stud in each ear, one plain nose stud-less than 1mm, one small bracelet, one charity wristband.

No other visible piereced jewellery, spacers or nose bars.

#### ACCESSORIES

Belts must be plain black, with no logo and no wider than 3cm, No scarves or hats/headwear.

#### COATS

Suitable for bad weather, are worn on top of blazers, not instead of. Coats are not to be

#### HAIR

A uniform natural hair colour. No shaved heads, patterns or hair tattoos.

Two tone hair, growing out of one natural hair colour to another, is only acceptable in the short term. Hair should not be dyed unnatural colours or two tone colour.

#### MAKE UP & NAILS

Discreet natural make-up only-you will be asked to remove excessive makeup. This includes false eyelashes. No false nails, these are a health and safety risk. Nails should only be painted in natural colours. Please see our additional guidance on lashes and nails

#### NOTE

School reserve the right to confiscate innappropriate items of clothing worn in school.

FERNDOWN
Upper School

**School tie** in House colour (sold at The School Shop and the School) worn to correct length. With house colour stripe visible.

**Shirt:** Plain white school shirt with collar buttoned to top (not sports or casual shirts.)

**Sweater:** Plain black knitted long sleeved "V" neck sweater (standard length) (winter wear in Autumn and Spring Terms only, worn under blazers not instead of a blazer.)

#### Uniform B SCHOOL BLAZER

#### with embroidered school logo on breast pocket \*

#### SWEATER

Plain black knitted long sleeved 'V' neck sweater (standard length) Worn under blazer not instead of a blazer.

#### BLOUSE

Plain white fitted school blouse with embroidered school house logo on thecollar\*.

#### SKIRT

Pleated black knee length school skirt\*

#### TROUSERS

Plain black tailored full length school trousers. Not jeans, low cut, logos, fastenings or skin tight - if the trouser clings to the knee or below they are not acceptable

#### SOCKS

Plain black or grey socks, NOT white or trainer socks. Tights must be natural or black

#### \*all uniform can be purchased from

The School Shop, 3 ParkWay, West Moors, BH22 OHL

Plain black leather type, NOT fabric/canvas or leather

'Vans'. NO visible logos and must have black soles. No

high heels, backless shoes or strappy snadalas. NO boots and NO trainers. Shoes with a rubber band around the bottom are considered trainers

#### Upper School

Shoes with a rubber band around the bottom are considered trainers.

SHOES

The School Shop 3 Park Way, West Moors,

**Hair:** A uniform natural hair colour. No inappropriate hair accessories/designs, <u>no unnatural hair colours.</u> No shaven heads, markings or hair tattoos.

Two-tone hair: Where hair is a natural colour (naturally or not) and growing out back to a natural colour is acceptable in short term. Students will either grow the colour out (and support this with haircuts where / when possible) or they will redye it to be one natural colour. Students should not choose to dye their hair an un-natural colour / two tone colour.

Coats: (Suitable for bad weather) are worn on top of blazers, not instead of and not to be worn in class rooms

Please note the following, which relates to all students: No scarves, No denim jackets or coats, sports or tracksuit tops, 'hoodies' etc. No baseball caps or other headgear.

**SKIFT:** Pleated black knee length school skirt only available from The School Shop.

TrouserS: Plain black tailored full length school trousers which must not be skin tight (NOT 5 pocket jeans or jean style, call flength, tight fitting, low cut at the walst, or with any visible badges, motifs, zips or fasteners, 'fashion' trousers, leggings, tyera based fabrics, highest extyle or Sainny jeans). The test we use in school is whether the trouser clings to the knee or below the knee. If it does cling to the knee or below the knee. If it does cling to the knee or below the strousers will not be accorded.

**Socks:** Plain socks (black or grey), tights must be natural or black Not white or trainer socks.

NB. Inappropriate items of clothing (especially 'hoodies', scarves and jewellery) will be confiscated if worn in school.

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A uniform grant is available for FSM students. We will send the vouchers out to you.

Please do contact the school if any parent would like support.

The school also make NEW2U uniform available to FSM parents, we will notify you about this.

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No other visible piereced jewellery, spacers or nose bars.

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#### COATS

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#### HAIR

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#### MAKE UP & NAILS

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## Shoes

"....but
everyone is
wearing these"

".....but the shop calls them school shoes"

Plain black leather type (not fabric/canvas, leather 'Vans' or trainers)

Shoes with a rubber band around the bottom are considered trainers.



## Mobile Phone Policy

- Away during the school day (8.25am 2.45pm)
- in locker or bag turned off
- Confiscated (with sanction) if out in lessons / between lessons or during break / lunch times
- ☐ For repeated sanctions we ask that you come into school to collect the phone

# The Ferndown Way: Standar ds Card

There is one side for sanctions and the other for praise – The Ferndown Way.

We will ask to see these and sign these – tutors monitor.

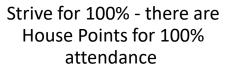
Students will have these in their Year 9 diaries.

...... socks, trainers, jumpers and rolled skirts.

If a student is in trainers because they have lost / broken their shoes they may wear trainers but must go to the Study Centre at break and lunch time.

For repeated infringements we remove the option to wear the skirt with uniform B e.g. 10 signatures in a half term.







We work with the Dorset Attendance Team for attendance below 90%

#### Attendance



Please record any absence through ParentMail in the morning before school starts



For appointments in school time please sign in and out at Reception

Behaviour most students do not get C3s but... Homework HW3 Detentions are 60 min

Behaviour C3 Detentions are 60 min duration

They are sat in different rooms – the homework room has access to computers

Detentions run from 2.45-3.45pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Detentions must be sat the next day.

Detentions have to be cleared. The C5 Detention runs from 2.45pm on a Friday for those students that haven't. Failure to attend this sanction results in a C6.

You will receive notification via email, giving you warning of the detention and you can also see them on MCAS.

## Withdrawal Room

## 'no one has the right to affect your learning'

We run a daily Withdrawal Room - if a student is disrupting learning and have not responded to the warning / support - they are sent to work in our withdrawal room.

This is for the rest of the day, leaving 5 minutes later than other students (they can still catch the bus).

In the room, we work with the student to reflect on how they could have behaved differently.

Students who regularly are sent to Withdrawal Room move onto Behaviour Support Plans .

## Mrs Chater Deputy Headteacher

# What will my child be studying in September and how will classes be organised?

#### **Subjects studied in September to May in Year 9**

Art & Design, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computing, Drama, design & Technology, English, French or Spanish, Geography, History, Maths, PE, Ethics, PHSE and Textiles.

No other local school offers this broad range of subjects to Year 9 students

#### **Setting and Mixed Ability Teaching**

Students in Year 9 are set by ability in Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology and then selected by language choice (French or Spanish) then taught in mixed ability groups for all other subjects. They will be set by ability in English as well from the start of Year 10.

Details of tutor groups were sent on email yesterday. Teaching Groups will be communicated in September.

# What will my child learn? When do they start their GCSEs?

#### **Triple Science for all**

All students study for three separate science subjects-Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

> We are one of only a handful state nongrammar secondary schools who offer this.

#### **GCSE Options Courses**

These start after May Half Term 2025. We offer a full range of GCSE and equivalent vocational courses. The process for option choices starts in January 2025. Students get to select four options courses along with English Literature, English Language, Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

## Homework



WE DO HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF HOMEWORK – DETENTIONS WILL BE ISSUED FOR NON-SUBMISSION



HOMEWORK CLUB IS AVAILABLE AFTER SCHOOL EVERY DAY

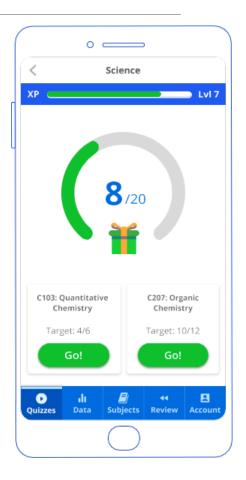


THERE ARE ALSO SPACES AVAILABLE BEFORE (8AM-8.25AM) AND AFTER (2.40PM- 3.40PM) SCHOOL E.G. STUDY CENTRE AND READING HUB



#### The scientific way to study

- Students are expected to use the Tassomai app for about 15 minutes every day.
- You will be sent a weekly summary to keep you informed of your child's progress.





- ☐ Timetable
- Attendance
- ☐ Homework
- ☐ Behavior Points
- Assessment Grades



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## Medical



Medical is open before school and at break and lunch time to students to visit



Students with specific medical conditions are able to visit through the day and will have a medical card



If medication is needed in school – it must be in a prescribed package with the student's name on and a completed medical form

## Rewards: We love to reward

- ☐ Praise Points (P1)- add to your
  - Personal total
  - Tutor total
  - House total
- ☐ Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards
- □ P5 each half term behaviour, attendance, clear standards cards, involvement in school activities
- ☐ Headteacher awards- involvement in wider school
- ☐ Rewards and celebration assemblies



And we enjoy celebrating our students' success ...

## Heads of House

## Welcome to Cheetham

Mrs. Moyano



Bravery and Resilience

## Miss Pearson

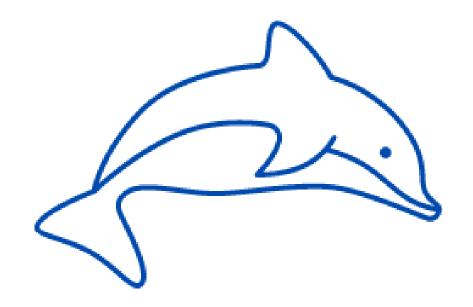


## Welcome to Read Mr Hammett



## Welcome to Ashton

Ms Gillett



"Curiosity & Excellence"

# MRS BARRETT HEAD OF YEAR 9

## FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Transfer Day



Arrange your own transport



8.20am in the school hall – enter from the car park entrance



Students will follow a timetable for the day



Some students will have a PE lesson so bring kit



Students can bring a packed lunch or eat in the school café - the students may pay with cash or card



We have a list of FSM students so they will be able to get their food



End of the day is at 2.40pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 8:25am start in the Hall perfect uniform

Only Y9 and Y12 will be in school

There is an outside dedicated Y9-only area, and dedicated toilets, but they can go anywhere they wish

There will be a longer tutor time and then it will be on to lessons

## Available Support ...

- A dedicated Pastoral Manager students can drop in to see Miss Old either before or after school, at break or at lunch time. Bookings can also be made either via email.
- ELSA Support.
- Available Counsellors.
- External Support Dorset Mental Health Team and Early Help
- Their teachers relationships are a real strength at Ferndown
- Their tutor

#### Other queries

Cashless Payment system in the café - fingerprints/fobs/contactless e.g. card or phone payment.

Lockers will take approximately 2 weeks to distribute so the students will have to carry their resources for a while.

The £20 payment is for locker, printer credits, cashless catering and student organisation book. Payment for this is via ParentMail in September for those who have not yet paid (Due to an issue with our provider).

ParentMail and MCAS can only be accessed once students are registered as attending, which cannot happen until 4<sup>th</sup> September, so you will not be able to see timetables etc. until after their first day in school.

Any enquiry for buses please go directly to the Dorset County website – the bus companies do try to fill the buses to capacity so you may contact us if available seats are an issue.

## School Website



Contact Us Remote Learning Email Help

Welcome The Ferndown Way Curriculum Safeguarding Pastoral Careers Information Transfer Sixth Form Q

#### Welcome to Ferndown Upper School

#### Headteacher's Welcome



I am delighted to welcome you to our school. There is something very special ab we are incredibly proud of students and their achievements.

As you navigate your way around our site, I hope that it will give you a clear ide the opportunities available to all who study here. Where everyone works togeth safe, happy and engaging place to learn.

Philip Jones.

Read my full welcome..

Transfer



MRS S. CHATER
TRANSFER COORDINATOR

 $\smile$ 

#### Transfer Timeline

The Ferndown Way Curriculum Safeguarding Pastoral

Tuesday 12th March

Week beginning 15th Admission Booklet will be sent

Welcome Evening

#### Transfer Information

Admission Booklet

Careers Information Transfer

- Start Up Costs Letter To Parents 25/06/24
- Transfer Letter To Parents 25/06/24
- **B** Transfer Presentation Evening Presentation Slides
- IT Induction Video For New Starters
- ? Transfer FAQs
- ₼ Explore our Interactive Map

## Any further information you would like to provide about your child:

transfer@fernup.dorset.sch.uk