

## Welcome new Year 9s, Parents and Guardians!

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to those students who we have had the chance to meet over the last few weeks. You have made an excellent first impression and made your Middle Schools very proud. For those we have yet to meet, we have met with your Head of Year, SENDCO and Teachers, and we look forward to meeting you very soon.

If you do have any unanswered questions, please do check your Transfer Admissions Booklet, look on the school website (<https://fernup.dorset.sch.uk/>); if those do not answer your query, please email the transfer team ([transfer@fernup.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:transfer@fernup.dorset.sch.uk)) and we will try and get back to you as soon as possible.

We would like to remind you of the transfer day for all Year 8 into Year 9 students on **Friday 28th June**. Our school day starts at **8:20am** and students are expected to organise their own transport to and from school. As per a usual day at Ferndown Upper, we will finish at 2:40pm. Our aim is that the students will be coming home, hopefully excited about September, with all the necessary knowledge they will need to have a successful start.

Over the next few weeks, we would also like your child to be able to get a feel for Ferndown Upper School. We are going to do this through information that will be published regularly. On each update there will be videos or links to follow and some activities for the students to try. If you have problems accessing this, please do get in contact with our transfer team at the address given above. This week, there is a welcome letter from the team, a letter from a previous Year 9 and a link to take you on a tour around the school. Please enjoy and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Here are a few reminders for you for the upcoming Transfer process:

- a) Tutor group information will be sent out on **Wednesday 26th June at approximately 4pm** - please note there is no capacity to make any changes to these groups, but students have been allocated based on information received from the Middle Schools. Although on Transfer day they will spend the whole day with this group, a usual school day is only for 25 minutes each day. They spend the rest of their day in their Teaching groups which change depending upon the subject.
- b) Transfer evening is on Thursday 27th June and is for **parents only due to capacity in the hall**. This is a face to face meeting in the Hall where you will get the opportunity to hear from several members of staff and ask any questions that you may have. **Please note parents from Ferndown Middle School will be at 6:30pm**. All other schools will be at 7:30pm.
- c) Transfer day is on Friday 28th June from 8:20am until 2:40pm.

***You should have also got a link to make a payment to the school. When making this payment please send an acknowledgement to the above email address as it is not always clear which child the payment relates to and we would not want any misunderstandings, or children missed. If you would prefer to make this payment on Thursday evening, facilities will be available for you to do that.***

Below is the link for this weeks Welcome Sway

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/O4ZYXDNfdjGpyoVe?ref=Link> - select 'play' at the top right if it does not play automatically on your device.

Kind regards, look forward to seeing you all on either Thursday 27th, or Friday 28th June.

The Transfer Team