



## **RE: Welcome new Year 9's, Parents and Guardians**

Dear new Year 9's, Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Head of Year. I am delighted to be able to lead the year group forward alongside the rest of the team and I am thoroughly looking forward to seeing you very soon. We would like to say a huge thank you to those students who we have already had the chance to meet over the last few weeks in the transfer assemblies. You have made an excellent first impression and made your Middle Schools proud. For those we have yet to meet, the team have met with your Heads of Year and we look forward to meeting you in due course.

If you, or your child, have any questions, please visit the dedicated Transfer page on the school website at the following link: <https://fernup.dorset.sch.uk/information/transfer/>. If you cannot find the answer to your query, feel free to email the transfer team (transfer@fernup.dorset.sch.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

As a focus for this communication, we'd like to point you towards the following virtual map <https://fernup.dorset.sch.uk/information/school-map/>, which includes photos of each main area of school and links to each corresponding department, where you can view more information about staff and curricular. We would recommend your child takes some time to have a look at this, so they can start to build familiarity with our site.

We would like to remind you of the transfer evening for Year 8 parents on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June which 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.

Transfer day for all Year 8 into Year 9 students is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. On the day, students need to arrive from 8:20am and enter the hall. We will aim to finish slightly earlier than our usual Ferndown Upper School day, at approximately 2:20pm. If any student needs to wait until 2:40pm for a sibling, they are able to do so in the hall.

Our aim is that the students will be coming home excited about September and possessing 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 and we will continue to communicate information to you regularly, so that together we can achieve the best possible start in September.

Best wishes,

Mr R Howard and the Year 9 Team

*Robert Howard*

