



Year 8 to 9 Transition Newsletter 2020

Friday 19th June 2020



Hello!

I would like to start by saying a massive thank you to all of you that have shared and viewed the web page. We have had nearly **1500 views!!** Along with this the work that has been submitted has been fantastic, so thank you for that. Please don't think you can't submit it although we are publishing new tasks. I have kept the link below for you.

With lots of meetings and guidance regarding transfer day and evening, I can confirm we are unable to hold either this year. But the **good news** is, we are going to be videoing and 'virtually' meeting you all. Once we have it all in place we will email you all and publish it on our school website. We are hoping to get all the tutors to give their tutees a virtual welcome, so they are familiar with who their tutor is. That way you can communicate with the tutor if you feel the need to.

Uniform shop:

I can confirm the uniform shop is nearly up and running and they have a message for you:

Just to let you all know that we shall be opening on the 29th June but this will be by appointment only. One parent/carer and one child at any one time. Changing rooms will be closed and no clothes can be tried on. If once they get them home and they do not fit they can be returned for exchange and then they will be put into 72hrs quarantine and then steam cleaned. Orders can also be placed by email, theschoolshopdorset@gmail.com and these can be paid for over the phone and then collected from the door. We are just finalising the online website and then parents can purchase from here too.

Also can parents who have school vouchers make appointments the same way? Thank you.

You can find us at:

3 Park Way

West Moors

Ferndown

Dorset

BH22 0HL

01202 893040

As a transfer team we are finalising all the house and tutor groups and you will know your house colours prior to the shop opening.

Some wise words from a Current year 9:

Here is another excellent letter from a year 9:

Ruby came to use from West Moors Middle School, and here is what she had to say:

Ruby Nicholson: Cheetham house - Mrs Robson/Mrs Hardman

One of the biggest differences for me were all the new people. Don't be afraid to make new friends and don't be afraid of the older students in your tutor. I found that the age didn't really make much of a difference, when it came to the discussions and tutor challenges everyone's ideas and thoughts count and we worked great as team.

When you get your first time table, take it home and make it your own so it's easy for you understand. Don't always rely on technology for your homework, always make a note in your diary so you don't forget. The teachers are always there to help, so if you ever need anything, they're always on the other side of an email (soon you'll get a special school email personal to you).

It can become easy to stress out on the first couple weeks, so try and set out a plan. When you're going to do your homework (there will be a lot), when you're going to talk to friends, you need to find a sort of balance and trust me, it'll help 😊. Aim to get as many house points as you can and as little C points too (the bad ones).

Throughout the year, there will be a lot of chances to do extra-curricular clubs. I try to take every opportunity given to me, for example the John Egging trust or the careers events and on top of that a whole bunch of sporting events to do with your year and your houses. For all extra-curricular activities, loads of house points will be awarded and then there will be a chance for your house to win, have your colour flag flown in the quad 'green house is the best 😊' and the chance to go on some amazing rewards trips. Sometimes we do tutor kahoots in the hall, in which the heads of house give out loads of chocolate as prizes.

My advice is to always try your hardest, keep positive and find a good group of friends who can support you and you them. Don't be scared of trying something new, after all, yr. 9 is a new start and a new opportunity.

We're looking forward to seeing you all 😊

Ruby

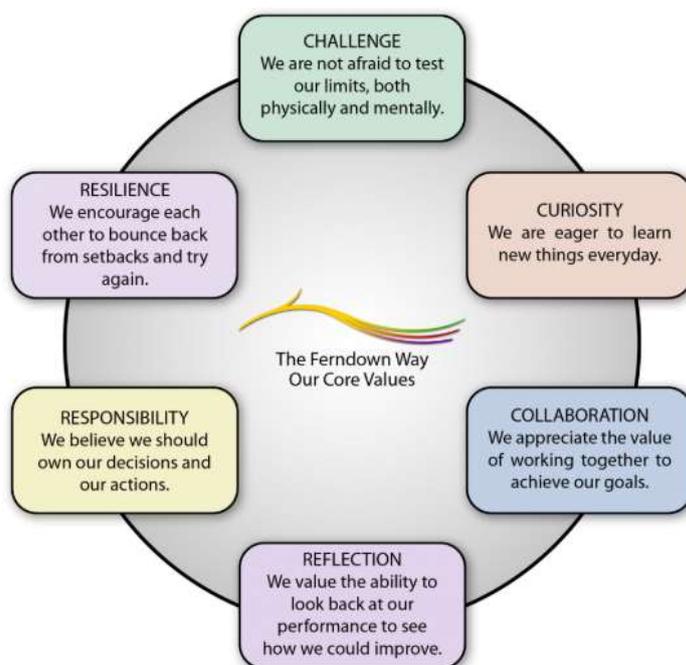
Transition Task:

Here is the previous task for the 1st fortnight, Please follow this link to access the videos, tasks and submission links:

<https://sway.office.com/IE1BC5kANpGczf02?ref=Link>

Here is the 2nd fortnight tasks and videos for you to have a go at:

<https://sway.office.com/uMQoXmLv8hLF9x6J?ref=Link>



What to look forward to:

The PE department have put together a promotional video for all of the athletes out there. If you compete outside of school for a club or represent the county, district or even the country. Please get in touch with our head of PE Mr Ellis as he has some exciting opportunities for you ready for September: ryanellis@fernup.dorset.sch.uk

Please follow this link for the promotional video:

<https://fernup.dorset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/curriculum/pe/videos/PE-Promo-Web.m4v>

On that note, thank you for your time, please take care and stay safe.

All the best,

J L Collins

Mr Collins

Head of year