



17th July 2026

Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our students, families and staff for making my first year at The Ferrers School such a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. I am so grateful for such a warm welcome to the school community, proud of all we have achieved together this year, and very excited about next academic year and all it will bring.

Newsletters

Please take a moment to have a look through our end of term **newsletter**, showcasing many of the events and activities that have taken place across the school this term: it can be viewed [here](#). Our SEND newsletter, which has lots of information about how to prepare for the summer break, with lots of fun ideas, can also be viewed [here](#).

Return to School in September

As last year, we return on a staggered start on Thursday 3rd September, to allow new students the opportunity to settle in:

- Y7 and Y12 are expected on site and in form time by 8.35am
- All other year groups should arrive between 11.00 and 11.20am at the latest, before the end of breaktime, ready to join their form groups for a 'first day' tutor time during period 3.

Attendance

As we move into next year, we will have an increased focus on whole school attendance. There is a very strong link between achievement and attendance, and we want to ensure that all students at TFS achieve their potential. To that end, may we please ask for your cooperation in ensuring that holidays are taken outside of term time. Whilst we understand that there is a financial difference between term time and out of term holidays, the impact on student learning is huge, and there is no time in the curriculum to support students to catch up with any lost content. You can find further information on our website [here](#). Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Staff Goodbyes

This is the time of the year when we say goodbye to staff departing for pastures new. We sadly say farewell to Mrs Punian, Teacher of Science and Miss Sumcad, Teacher of English, who are both departing to explore opportunities closer to home. Miss Blackmore, Teacher of Geography is sadly leaving us, but will still be part of Team Ferrers supporting with extra-curricular opportunities into the autumn. We are also sad to be losing Mr Sutherland, SSA for Woolf House; however, he will remain close to us as he commences his teacher training in September! We wish them all the very best for the future.

We are delighted to be welcoming a small number of new colleagues to The Ferrers in September. Miss Slater is joining us as Teacher of Art & Design Technology, and Mr Page joins us as Teacher of Geography. Following completion of her training with us, Miss Ducker takes up her role as Teacher of Science, and we also welcome Mrs Wall as Teacher of ICT. Mrs Boes, our fantastic Cover Manager, is working towards her teacher training, and will be



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taking on some Y9 business classes in September. We are also very pleased to welcome Mrs White, SSA for Woolf House. All new staff are looking forward to meeting students and parents in September.

Exam Results

We are looking forward to celebrating students' achievements with families in August as follows:

- A Level Results Day: Thursday 13th August – results can be collected between 8.00-10.00 am
- GCSE Results Day: Thursday 20th August – results can be collected from 9.00-11.00 am

Parents and carers are very welcome to come into school during collection and share the moment and we look forward to seeing you in the **Sixth Form Centre** at the times outlined above.

Sixth Form

Following GCSE results, any students who are still undecided about their future, or who wish to speak to the sixth form team about the opportunities available to them here at The Ferrers Sixth Form, should email us at SixthFormInfo@theferrers.org and we will get back to you to arrange a call.

Behaviour Policy

Thank you for your feedback on our updated Behaviour and Recognition Policy for 2026-27. The final version can be viewed here: [Behaviour & Recognition Policy The Ferrers School 2026-27 FINAL.pdf](#)

Safeguarding

As the school is closed for the summer break, the worried@ email address will only be checked periodically. If you have an urgent safeguarding concern regarding a child please contact the Northamptonshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub here: [Report a concern or request support | Northampton Children's Trust](#). You can also phone for advice and support on 0300 126 7000. **If you believe that a child is in urgent danger, you should call 999.** There is also lots of useful advice and guidance on our website [Safeguarding & Child Protection – The Ferrers School](#)

Caterlink Price Increase and Tariff

We have been advised that there will be a tariff and meal price increase from September 2026. The current set meal price will be increasing to £3.00 from £2.80 and a 5% tariff increase applied to the secondary school menu items. Please see attached letter from Caterlink for further information. The full tariff and menus for the autumn term can be found [here](#).

Key Dates for Term 1

Tuesday 1st September – Staff Training Day

Wednesday 2nd September – Staff Training Day

Thursday 3rd September – Students return to school:

- Y7 and Y12 are expected on site and in form time by 8.35am
- All other year groups should arrive between 11.00 and 11.20am at the latest, before the end of breaktime, ready to join their form groups for a 'first day' tutor time during period 3.

Tuesday 15th September – Meet the Tutor evening – on site and in person - all year groups, 4.15-7.15 pm

Tuesday 22nd September – Whole School Photographs

Thursday 1st October – Y6 Open Evening

Tuesday 13th October – Y11 Parents' Evening (virtual)

Tuesday 20th October – Y9 Parents' Evening (virtual)

Friday 23rd October – Disaggregated training day – **school closed to students**

Monday 2nd November – Staff Training Day – **school closed to students**

Tuesday 3rd November – **School reopens** for Term 2

All that remains is for me to wish you a wonderful summer, and to thank you for your support over the past year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare Raku', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Clare Raku
Principal