



1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

## Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and having enjoyed a wonderful summer with your families. We are really looking forward to catching up with all of our students this week, and getting to know our new Y7 and Y12 students!

## Return to School This Week

We return on a staggered start on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Uniform & Equipment

Thank you for your support in ensuring that students are wearing uniform in line with our new policy [Uniform Policy](#) and have all of the correct equipment in line with our expectations here: [Equipment | The Ferrers School](#)

## Attendance

Thank you for your support with our 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. Thank you for ensuring that your children attend school every day, and that all holidays are taken outside of term time. You can find further information on our website [here](#). Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

## Exam Results

We are so very proud of our Y11 and Y13 students' achievements this year. The vast majority of students are off to their first choice 'destination' of sixth form, college, apprenticeship, university or career! This is as a result of students' excellent achievements this year.

We are extremely proud of our Y11 students who achieved the best GCSE results at TFS in recent years, with the number of students achieving at least a grade 4 pass in English and maths improving from 48% last year to 57% this year! We are also incredibly proud of our A level students who also achieved our best outcomes of the past few years! Well done to all.

## Behaviour Policy

Please be reminded of our updated behaviour policy which can be found here: [Behaviour & Recognition Policy The Ferrers School 2026-27 FINAL.pdf](#)

## Safeguarding

In our first week assemblies, students will be reminded of how to access support available to them through the house system if they have any concerns, worries or struggles. However, there is also our term time monitored email



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address [worried@theferrers.org](mailto:worried@theferrers.org) and an anonymous reporting tool available through the front page of the website here: [Worried@TheFerrers. A reporting tool for all concerns](#). Any stakeholder can share concerns, either by name or anonymously, using this form. Every concern received is responded to by a member of the senior leadership team.

### Caterlink Tariff and Menus

The full tariff and menus for the autumn term can be found [here](#).

### Communication

We will continue to keep our Facebook page updated with good news stories as we go through the year, and our half termly newsletters will continue to share student success stories and achievements from across the school.

Any concerns, queries, questions or compliments can be sent to [mail@theferrers.org](mailto:mail@theferrers.org), and we will ensure that the correct member of staff responds. We operate a 'within two working days' response commitment, so if your email is sent on a Friday, we will respond before the end of Wednesday, unless the concerns are of a safeguarding nature, in which case, we will aim to respond within 24 hours. Should anything remain unresolved following communication with staff, please contact the Head's PA, Lesley Howells, using [lhowells@theferrers.org](mailto:howells@theferrers.org), and a member of the senior leadership team will look into the matter.

Can we please respectfully remind all families to refrain from using social media to communicate with or about the school. We hugely value the partnership we have with our parents and carers, and aim to work with integrity and transparency at all times. We also understand that whilst we have high standards and expectations of ourselves and of the experiences of our students, working very hard to realise them, there are times when we may not always get things right. However, resolving matters directly with the school, using the channels outlined above rather than social media, is always likely to achieve the most effective and timely outcome to any concern. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### Key Dates for Term 1

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

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Whole School Photographs

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Y6 Open Evening

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Y11 Parents' Evening (virtual)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Y9 Parents' Evening (virtual)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Disaggregated training day – **school closed to students**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Staff Training Day – **school closed to students**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – **School reopens** for Term 2

Thank you in advance of all your support and partnership for the year ahead. We can't wait to see all students back on Thursday for what promises to be an excellent year.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Raku  
Principal