



26th June 2026

Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a hot and extremely challenging week, I'd like to thank families, students and staff for all their support and teamwork this week. Students have made us incredibly proud with the mature and sensible way that they have approached the conditions at school.

We are looking forward to the last few weeks of term, and have lots of exciting plans for students next academic year, as well as sports day and some celebration events planned for the last week of term: watch this space!

Back to uniform – Monday 29th June

The weather next week looks set to be decidedly cooler and as such, **students will return to school uniform on Monday**. Decisions around adjustments, such as the removal of ties, will take place on a daily basis, and should the temperatures rise again, we will consider returning to PE kit should this be necessary to ensure students' comfort. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Water Safety

As we move into the weekend, I would like to reiterate an important safety message about water activities. During periods of warm weather, it can be tempting for young people to cool off in rivers, lakes and other open bodies of water. However, these environments can be extremely dangerous, with hidden currents, sudden changes in depth and water quality concerns, including reported high E. coli levels in local waters. We would be grateful for your continued support in reinforcing this message at home and encouraging students to stay safe.

Behaviour Policy

Next year's behaviour policy is currently in draft form for consultation and can be viewed [here](#). Any comments or suggestions should be emailed to Lesley Howells, PA to the Principal, using howells@theferrers.org before the end of Friday 3rd July. All updates are highlighted in yellow, but of particular note are the inclusion of:

- Added emphasis on our main school rules of being **'ready, respectful and safe'**
- An updated home school agreement to reflect our commitment to partnership working between school, home and student
- A reviewed Rewards table to include more achievement points for students always doing 'the right thing', and greater recognition for students who go above and beyond in terms of excellent work or displaying 'Team Ferrers' character
- A revised and transparent bullying reporting process and procedure
- Introduction of an anti-bullying, equality, diversity and inclusion commitment for all students – to be introduced in September as part of our pastoral programme
- Additional clarity with regards to banned items, behaviour which could lead to suspension, conduct outside the school gates and standards of behaviour required to represent the school at events
- Clarity over our process for mobile phones (no changes at current time – to be reviewed again in autumn 2026)



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- Introduction of an after-school detention for missed lunchtime detentions, accumulation of behaviour points or persistent lateness
- Equality impact assessment.

Sixth Form Offer Holder Days – Y11 into Y12

We also look forward to welcoming back many of our Year 11 students for the two sixth form holder days on Monday and Tuesday of next week, alongside new students joining the Sixth Form from other schools. Should you wish to speak to a member of the Sixth Form team about a place at the school from September, please contact us at sixtforminfo@theferrers.org.

Y10 and Y12 Assessments

Y10 and Y12 have done an incredible job of completing their assessments and showing excellent commitment to their studies. Well done, everyone!

Y10 Work Experience

We hope that all Y10 students have a great time on work experience next week, and look forward to hearing all about it upon their return on Monday 6th July. All students without placement are expected in school as normal, where we have an exciting programme of work experience activities lined up for them! Any queries about work experience should be directed to Mrs Bakewell-Voss at ebakewell-voss@theferrers.org

Y9 Assessments

Y9 assessments commence next week. Students have been briefed on what to expect and we look forward to supporting them in their success.

Y8 Options Taster Sessions

Y8 will have opportunities to experience their options subjects in school next week, from Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July. Timetables will be handed out to students in form time on Monday. Any queries should be directed to Mrs Garrod mgarrod@theferrers.org

Y6 Induction

We are very excited to welcome Y6 families to our transition evening on Tuesday, followed by two days of induction for Y6 students next Thursday and Friday. Thank you to all students for making our new intake feel welcome!

Y13 and Y11 Proms

It has been wonderful for staff to celebrate with students at their proms over the last two weeks, and we are looking forward to Y13's turn this evening. We wish our Y11 and Y13 students a lovely extended summer break and look forward to celebrating with them again on results days.

Key Dates

Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July - Y10 Work Experience week
 Monday 29th – Tuesday 30th June – Y12 Induction
 Tuesday 30th June – Y6 Parents' Transition Evening
 Thursday 2nd July & Friday 3rd July – Y6 Induction Days
 Monday 6th July – Y12 work experience
 Wednesday 8th July – Meridian Trust Performing Arts Showcase
 Monday 13th – Thursday 17th July – Y12 Geography Fieldtrip to Sheringham
 Tuesday 14th July – Sports Day (Weds 15th July contingency)
 Friday 17th July – last day of term – **early closure: school will end at 1.30pm.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Raku
Principal