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Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy half term! You can find out more about what's been happening in school in our newsletter which can be viewed [here](#). We are also pleased to share **our very first SEND newsletter** which can also be viewed [here](#).

Staffing Updates

This term, we say goodbye to Mr Averill, CCF and DofE lead, who leaves us for a similar role in another school. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Averill for his hard work and commitment to both students and the school throughout his time with us. We will miss him dearly, but wish him every success in his new post. We are currently recruiting to this role and remain committed to extending the boundaries for all children, building on the work of Mr Averill and to ensure that our CCF and Duke of Edinburgh provision continues to go from strength to strength.

Student Welfare

In response to student voice, we have introduced a new reporting tool that students (or families) can use if they have any concerns of a welfare or safeguarding nature. Our 'worried@theferrers.org' email address remains active, but we now have a form that can be used which also allows anonymous reporting. The form will be shared with students after half term, and is live on the website now. You can view or use the form [here](#).

Parent Forum

It was a pleasure to welcome parents into school earlier this week for our Parent Forum. The presentation slides are available to view on the school website [here](#). In summary:

- We had some very productive discussions about our implementation of Calm Corridors, and I shared student feedback about this approach which is generally very positive
- We discussed our ongoing implementation of Consistent Classrooms throughout the remainder of this year, including improving experiences when teachers are absent
- We talked about homework, and this will be a development priority for us in the summer term ahead of tweaks for September 2026
- Following overwhelming feedback from students back in the autumn term, we began to discuss what changes to school uniform could look like for September 2026. We are very mindful of ensuring that all students are 'dressed for the occasion' of school, but also that uniform needs to evolve with the times and not put any increased financial pressure on families. More details about proposed changes will be discussed with staff and students next term, and we will communicate a complete proposal to you as soon as possible after the break. Watch this space!



Year 11 PPEs 2

Please be reminded that the second round of Year 11 PPEs commence after half term. For full information, please refer to the communications from Mrs Garrod, Assistant Principal. We wish all of our Y11s every success!

Y8 Work Shadowing Day – Tuesday 3rd March

There are currently nearly 100 Y8 students signed up to work shadowing, with more being processed every day! Huge thank you to all of our families for supporting with this highly valuable experience. Any students who do not manage to secure a placement will be expected into school as usual.

The purpose of this experience is to encourage students to begin considering their future career aspirations beyond TFS. During the day, students will have the opportunity to observe a workplace environment and engage in discussions about the world of work. Our aim is to ensure that this experience is both meaningful and beneficial for every student. For further information please refer the letter from Mrs Bakewell-Voss which can be found on the school website [here](#).

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th March this year. To celebrate the national year of reading, we are delighted to use this occasion to mark the start of our commitment to ensuring that every child at TFS is able to experience the joy of reading. As such, for the first time ever, we invite all students to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Costumes do not need to be extravagant or expensive – indeed, many characters in books wear every day clothes! However, for students wishing to ‘go all out’, there will be prizes available for the best costumes. Staff will also be dressing up too!

In exchange for the experience, we will be asking for either a £1 donation towards our fund to refurbish the library, or a donation of a pre-loved children’s book, suitable for an 11-16 year old, to help us to increase our stock. Further details will follow after half term: thank you for your support.

Young Musician of The Year

Applications are now open for our annual Young Musician of the Year competition run in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Rushden and our local schools. The application form is available on the school website [here](#). The deadline for entry is Monday 2nd March.

Children’s Society Webinar

In partnership between both North and West Northamptonshire Councils, Northamptonshire Police County Lines Team and The Children’s Society, you are invited to join a webinar tackling county lines and child exploitation. The webinar is aimed at parents, carers, youth workers, teachers and sports coaches to help understand the different types of child exploitation, the signs to look out for and how you can report it. The event will take place on Monday 2nd March at 10.00 am and places can be booked via the following link: [Understanding Child Exploitation Tickets, Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Communications

As previously communicated, we use our social media platforms for communicating good news and positive stories about our students and their experiences. We politely remind you to refrain from raising concerns

through these platforms to ensure that we can focus on sharing the positive stories about our young people. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Please be reminded that any queries, concerns or compliments can be sent through to mail@theferrers.org and we will respond within two working days. If you do not get a response, please escalate your concern to my PA, Mrs Howells, using lhowells@theferrers.org and we will ensure the matter is dealt with swiftly.

Key Dates for Term 4

Monday 23rd February - Students return to school

Tuesday 24th February – Y8 Guided Preferences Evening 5.00-7.00 pm

Thursday 26th February – Y13 Form Student Finance Workshop for parents and carers 5.00-6.00 pm

Tuesday 3rd March – Y8 Work Shadowing Day

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Thursday 5th March – Berlin Information Event 5.30-6.15pm

Tuesday 10th March – Y8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 12th March – Y12 PSHE Day

Friday 13th March- Trust Science Escape Room Event – Sharnbrook Academy

Friday 13th March – Y11 Advanced Maths Study Programme – Warwick University

Thursday 19th March – Sunday 22nd March - Sixth Form History trip to Berlin

Thursday 19th March – Trust Football Competition

We wish all of our families a fantastic half term, and thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing all students back in school on **Monday 23rd February**.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Raku
Principal