



18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic last week of term and lovely to see students in the Christmas spirit and enjoying the events in place this week. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our families for supporting the charitable contributions for the hampers and the local Food Bank.

### Last Day of Term – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Early Closure & Christmas Jumpers/Mufti

Please be reminded that tomorrow we will be participating in a Christmas Jumper Day, and the whole school is invited to take part by wearing a festive jumper (or full mufti with a Christmas theme and festive colours please). To participate, we are asking for a £1.00 donation. The proceeds from this day will be donated to a local charity. MCAS will be open to make donations for the Christmas Jumper Day/Festive Mufti.

Unfortunately, we cannot take any cash on site. **Please be reminded that school closes early tomorrow, at 1.30pm.** All students will be expected to leave site at this time.

### Newsletter

Please take a moment to have a look through our **latest newsletter**, showcasing many of the events and activities that have taken place across the school, which will be uploaded to our website by the end of tomorrow [here](#).

### Achievement

Over an astonishing 110,000 achievement points have been awarded this term! This is significantly more than the same period last year and testament to our students' positive attitudes. We look forward to continuing this upward trend in the new year!

### Parent Forum

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our first parent forum of the year on Wednesday evening. It was great to be able to share some of the successes from this term and gain feedback on our ideas for continued improvement, including our move towards a shared language and approach with students around creating 'Calm Corridors' and 'Consistent Classrooms.' We are looking forward to embedding these approaches across the school in the new year.

We also discussed lots of different topics including punctuality, SEND provision, behaviour and achievement, interventions, assessment and homework, all of which are ongoing areas of development for us. We appreciate all feedback received both during the evening and via email, and will use it to shape future provision for students. Slides from the evening will be posted before the end of term [here](#). Future dates for

the rest of the academic year have been calendared as below; a booking form will be sent out in advance of each evening. Thank you for your support.

Future Parent Forum dates:

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 5.30-6.30pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 5.30-6.30pm
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 5.30-6.30pm

### **SEND Provision**

We are committed to being an inclusive community school, and it was great to be able to discuss some of the challenges facing students and families at last night's forum. We will arrange a SEND specific parent forum in the new year to explore some of the topics raised in more detail.

The SEND and pastoral teams work incredibly hard to try and ensure that the support and provision in place for students is making a difference to their experience and outcomes. This is an ongoing 'work in progress' and many of our current systems, for example, for sharing information both within school and with home, are under review. We will keep you updated of any significant changes.

If you have any queries about SEND provision, please use the dedicated email address [SENDCO@theferrers.org](mailto:SENDCO@theferrers.org), and a member of the team will get back to you within two working days. Thank you for your patience and support.

### **Goodbyes**

It's the time of year when we have to say goodbye to some members of staff. After an incredible 38 years of teaching, Mr Johnson, Teacher of Science, has decided to take early retirement this Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his many years of dedicated service to students, and wish him every health and happiness for the future. Mrs Jameel will also be taking a temporary break at Christmas to commence her maternity leave. We send every best wish to her and her family.

### **New Staff**

In January, we will be welcoming Ms Barkley as Teacher of Science and Mr Matkin as KS5 Teacher of Physics. We also welcomed Ms Sumcad as teacher of English earlier this term. We wish all of our new staff well as they join Team Ferrers. I am also pleased to let you know that Mrs Prince – Head of Sixth Form, and Mr Downs – Head of English, have been seconded to the senior leadership team as Associate Assistant Principals for the rest of this academic year, supporting our continued development of teaching, learning and staff training. They will also continue in their usual roles.

### **Sponsorship of Future Site Projects**

Our site team do an incredible job of ensuring that our site is tidy and well maintained for students with a very limited budget. Unfortunately, schools, like all businesses and individuals, face making difficult financial decisions in the current climate. We have a number of future site projects that we would like to complete, but currently do not have the funds to do so. If you know of any businesses, organisations or individuals who would be able to kindly consider sponsoring one of our projects, please do get in touch with us for a conversation using [lhowells@theferrers.org](mailto:lhowells@theferrers.org)

## Ready to Learn

We will continue to ensure that students are ready and equipped to learn in the New Year; however, we need your support for this. Students are expected to have a scientific **calculator** and a fully stocked **pencil case** which they will have out on their desk every lesson in order to minimise disruption to the flow of learning. Pencil cases should be stocked with a red, black and green pen, pencil, rubber, pencil sharpener and ruler as the minimum equipment needed each lesson. A reminder can be found [here](#). Thank you for your support.

## Safeguarding

As the school is closed for the Christmas holiday, the 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](#)

## Term Dates

The term dates for 2026-27 and 2027-28 can be found on the school website [here](#).

## Key Dates for Term 3

Monday 5th January - Staff Training Day  
Tuesday 6th January - First Day of Term for students  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Y7 Virtual Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Y11 Maths trip to Loughborough University  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Y9 Teenage Booster Vaccinations  
Monday 12th January - Y13 mocks commence  
Friday 13th February – Last day of Term 3  
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - Half Term Break  
Monday 23rd February - Students return to school

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a very 'Merry Christmas' and a happy, healthy new year.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am** ready for another excellent term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Raku  
Principal