



The Ferrers School

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Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy and productive time in school as we approach the final week before the Easter break! Students continue to impress us with their positive attitudes to school and one another.

New Cadets Lead - School Staff Instructor (SSI)

We are delighted to welcome Mr Loveridge, who joined us this week as our new School Staff Instructor (SSI). Working with both the Combined Cadet Force and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, Mr Loveridge brings a wealth of experience from his previous roles as a Cadet volunteer and DofE Leader. He is also well known to many of the current cadets and families, so we are confident he will be able to 'hit the ground running.'

Duke of Edinburgh Award

We would like to apologise for the delay in communicating plans for the upcoming DofE expeditions following recent staffing changes. We've been busy behind the scenes and will share full details early next week.

We are excited to let you know that moving forward, we will be working with **Canoe Trail**, an **Approved Activity Provider (AAP)**, to deliver the training and assessments for both **Bronze and Silver** awards. Based at their outdoor centre in Kempston, they also use their own private woodland, **Matchstick Wood** in Willington, for expedition assessments. Further information can be found [here](#). This new partnership will secure the continued and future stability and growth of DofE within the school, and we look forward to more students benefitting from a wider range of outdoor activities on offer.

The Silver and Bronze DofE after school sessions will recommence after the Easter break. Both sessions will run on a Tuesday going forwards and will be led by Mr Loveridge who will contact students and families directly.

New 3G Pitch

We are delighted to let you know that following a lengthy process, we have secured grant funding for the full refurbishment of our 3G pitch. This work will begin in the summer term, and once finished, will be an incredible school and community asset for all to enjoy for years to come.



Uniform Consultation

There will be some changes to footwear requirements for PE ahead of the opening of our new 3G facility which has strict requirements to ensure the ongoing quality of the surface. These will be communicated alongside the full policy once consultation on proposed changes has closed.

We are proposing a small change to our uniform policy ahead of next academic year. Our representative student voice groups have had input into the change.

The main proposed change to our uniform policy is that the school blazer will be **optional** rather than mandatory. In its place, the **logoed V-neck jumper** will become a **compulsory** item. The four required compulsory items from September will be the logoed jumper, tie, PE top, and PE shorts or skirt.

We also propose to introduce an **optional** summer uniform from **next Easter 2027**, of a logoed polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie, and tailored school shorts (supplier provided) as an option in place of school trousers or skirt.

We would appreciate any feedback from parents and carers to be shared with us by Friday 27th March 2026. Any comments or suggestions can be sent to lhowells@theferrers.org.

End of School Day Pick Up

It has come to our attention that parents and carers are arriving very early to collect children at the end of the school day. Could we please ask that cars do not arrive on the school site before 2.45 pm. Thank you for your support.

Key Dates for Term 5

Friday 27th March – Last day of term/break for Easter
Tuesday 7th – Wednesday 8th April – CCF Exercise First Night
Monday 13th April – Students return to school
Thursday 16th April - Saturday 18th April – CCF Exercise Anglian Rifle
Monday 27th April – Y10 Science trip to Silverstone
Friday 1st May – Y8 Trust Science Festival Sawtry
Friday 1st May – DofE Bronze Training Day
Friday 8th – Saturday 9th May – DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday 13th May – Parent Forum – SEND focus

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Raku
Principal