



The Ferrers School

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Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy but positive week here at TFS! Thank you, as always, for your support of the work we are doing to support our students.

Ofsted

As you will be aware, we welcomed a team of Ofsted inspectors into the school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. This was our first inspection, and the first for Meridian Trust, under the new framework.

We are incredibly proud of the way that our students conducted themselves during the inspection. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school, and were very positive about recent improvements to their school experience. The inspectors remarked about how polite students were, and how well supported they felt in school.

Throughout the process, students and staff alike worked incredibly hard to celebrate the work we have been doing to ensure that TFS is a great place to learn and work every day, and we are very pleased that the inspection team recognised this throughout their visit.

The report will not be written or published for several weeks, as it needs to go through Ofsted's process of quality assurance. However, we look forward to sharing the outcomes with you in due course and are pleased with both the fairness of the process and the inspectors' feedback on the positive impact of our work to support students at TFS.

World Book Day

Thank you to all families and students for your support of our first 'dress up' for World Book Day! Students were handed raffle tickets for the best efforts, and prizes were drawn today with winners being shared in Tutor Notices next week! We had literacy themed activities happening throughout the day, and there were so many joyful conversations between students and staff about the books and characters they had chosen to represent. We are all now looking forward to the National Year of Reading ahead of us!

Year 11

We are incredibly proud of the way Year 11 have approached their second round of PPEs. Sixth form application guidance meetings commence next week for Year 11 to support students in making informed post-16 decisions. We also welcome our new cohort of external Year 11s who will be joining our sixth form in September, when they visit next Wednesday 11th March for their application guidance meetings.



Combined
Cadet Force



Y8 Work Shadowing Day

Thank you to all families who were able to support with the organisation of work shadowing placements. We hope that students found this to be a useful and informative experience, especially during the Guided Preferences process.

Y8 Parent Consultations

Please be reminded that these take place on Tuesday 10th March. Please visit <https://theferrers.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> to book your appointments. Booking will close on Monday 9th March at 9.00am.

Caterlink Pizza Day

On the back of National Pizza Day and by popular demand, Caterlink have decided to offer another pizza day next Thursday 12th March. A variety of pizzas will be on offer along with the usual selection of our grab and go offer.

Key Dates for Term 4

Tuesday 10th March – Y8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 12th March – Y12 PSHE morning

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th March – Y7 Trust "Be You" Event - Weldon

Friday 13th March- Trust KS3 Science Escape Room Event – Sharnbrook Academy

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

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

Thursday 19th March – Trust Football Competition

Friday 27th March – Last day of term/break for Easter

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Raku

Principal