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Upper School

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10th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ferndown Upper School Open Evening

Thursday 24 September 2026 | 6.30pm–8.30pm

Tours | 29th September and 1st October from 9am – email school@fernup.dorset.sch.uk to book

We are delighted to invite you and your child to our Open Evening on Thursday 24 September.

As your child begins Year 8, we know that choosing the school for the next stage of their education is an important decision. Our Open Evening is a wonderful opportunity to come and experience Ferndown Upper School for yourselves, meet our staff and students, and discover what makes our school such a special place to learn.

The school will be open to visitors from 6.30pm until 8.30pm, allowing you to explore the school at a time that suits you.

During the evening, I will give a presentation at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. You can choose whichever presentation fits best with your visit.

Throughout the evening, you and your child will be able to:

- Hear directly from our students about their experiences of life at Ferndown Upper School.
- Take part in a student led tour.
- Visit our subject departments and explore our facilities and learning environments.
- Meet our teachers and staff and find out more about the opportunities available to our students.
- Discover our approach to teaching, learning and personal development.
- Ask questions and get a genuine feel for the opportunities and experiences your child could have with us.

Why Ferndown Upper?

- Outstanding outcomes and pastoral care as Ofsted evidenced, giving Ferndown Upper the best inspection outcomes under the new framework in the South West to date.
- The school's progress was the highest in Dorset from 2019 to 2023. There has been no progress for the last two years due to the students not siting SAT exams during the pandemic.
- We also allow our students a genuine choice of four non-restricted options, as we believe that students should have as much choice as possible.
- We also pride ourselves on being a school which really cares for and supports its students. We are a school where relationships between students and staff are a real strength and where your child is treated as an individual and is allowed to be whoever they want to be.

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I look forward to seeing you on the 24th.

Yours faithfully,

Philip Jones
Headteacher – Ferndown Upper School