



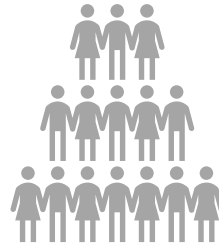
# FERNDOWN | Sixth Form

*Achieving Excellence*

# Welcome to Ferndown Sixth Form



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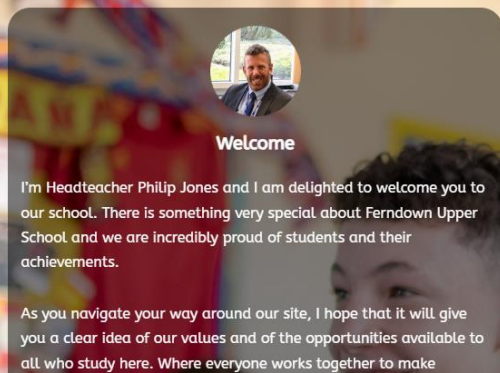
#Something for  
Everyone



#More Than Just  
Lessons



Year 9 25th September 18:30 - 20:30 & Sixth Form 6th November  
Open Mornings - 9am Tuesday 30th September and 9am Thursday 2nd October  
School tours available on the first Tuesday of every month  
Booking essential for all open mornings or tours: <https://fernup.dorset.sch.uk/book>

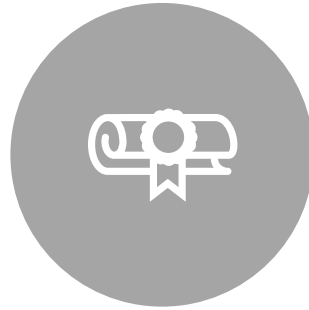


More Information ...

# What do we believe at Ferndown?



**ENGAGING  
LESSONS**



**HIGH OUTCOMES**



**FRIENDSHIPS &  
MEMORIES**



**LOTS OF  
OPPORTUNITIES**

FUS Sixth Form

Presents...

## YEAR 13 BOWLING NIGHT



THURSDAY

SOFT  
DRINKS

PAYMENT

## SIXTH FORM EVENT PROGRAM

## Year 12 and 13 Events

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
October

### Cardboard Campout

Campout in a cardboard shelter for JTYAF! Get Fundraising!

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
October

### Mummify Your Tutor Challenge

Wrap your tutor up to Mummify them. Let the best Mummy win!

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
October

### Halloween Horror Movie Night

Be Prepared to be scared! Halloween Horror in the Hall. Popcorn, jump scares and Thrills

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
October

### Pumpkin Carving Tutor Challenge

Tutor Fun Friday Activity

Thursday  
23<sup>rd</sup> October

### Year 13 Bowling Event

7-9:40pm. Payment has gone live via bromcom. 2 games of bowling and free soft drinks. All Year 13 tutors are coming

## FUS HORROR MOVIE NIGHT!



ITS TIME FOR A SPOOKY HORROR MOVIE NIGHT WITH A  
DECORATED HALL ON OUR 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM CINEMA SCREEN.  
WHO DARES TO JOIN IN THE JUMP SCARE FUN!

OCTOBER | 17 | AT 6PM

FEEDDOWN UPPER SCHOOL

We have our own version of 'Welcome Week'



We will help create the memories:

- Sports Day
- Leavers Day
- Cardboard Camp Out
- Prom
- Winter Ball



# Sixth Form Trips



SKI TRIP – CHRISTMAS OF Y13



EURO DISNEY – SPRING OF  
Y12

# Your experience



We know you, we have a developed relationship with you.



We support you, 6<sup>th</sup> Form has its own dedicated Pastoral Manager – Nadia. Mrs Raisbeck's 'Destinations' work is outstanding.



Y12 lessons are different to Y11 ones – there are no behaviour issues and this allows us to treat you differently, so the relationship is different in Y12 compared to Y11.

# How is Ferndown Different?



**Quiet Independent Study – so you can get work done in school**



**Lots of Opportunities e.g. Cardboard Camp Out, Bingo, Bowling, Winter Ball, Open Air Cinema, Berlin Trip, Tutor Competitions and more ...**



**Personalised Timetable - to maximise your out of school time and frees that can be taken off site from week one**



**Outstanding Support**

# How is Ferndown Better?



Better Environment - Café, quiet Study Room and Common Room.



Quality lessons which leads to,



Quality results – up to half a grade better per subject.



Quality time – we know you and our classes are smaller, your Tutor is also your COACH for your two-year journey.



Quality destinations from Mrs Raisbeck.



The right balance of 'freedom' because freedom can also mean freedom to fail and that will not happen at FUS. Our retention rates are very high.

Our students  
have a real say  
in how the  
school is run



# Charlotte Juddery

Head of Sixth Form



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# Who are we? – The Sixth Form Team

- Charlotte Juddery – Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form
- Katie Raisbeck – Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form Destinations and Opportunities
- Kerry Curchin – Study Centre Manager, admin and attendance
- Nadia Abdulgani – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Pastoral Manager
- 6th Form Culture Team – Ryan Ellis, Danny Hammett, Chris Martin, Phill Crossley

# Our outcomes

- Students make positive progress – on top of positive progress at GCSE
- +0.17 value added
- High Performing ALPS school
- All students achieve desired university, apprenticeship or employment places



# What to expect in Sixth Form

- Small classes – students who have chosen to be here
- 9 lessons per subject over the two week timetable
- 10 timetables independent study periods
- Free periods – can be taken off-site
- Ability to leave the school site at break and lunch
- Enrichment opportunities
- Supportive tutors, tutor programme and 6<sup>th</sup> form team
- No uniform
- Fantastic social events
- Opportunities to prepare for post-18

# Dedicated spaces



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# Subjects Available – A levels

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Ethics and Philosophy
- French
- Further Maths
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Maths
- Media Studies
- Music
- Photography
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Textiles and Fashion
- Theatre Studies
- Physics
- Politics
- Product Design
- Psychology



# Subjects Available – Level 3 / Vocational

- Core maths (completed in year 12)
- Early Childhood Development
- Health and Social Care
- Criminology
- RSL Music Vocational
- Single Sport
- Double Sport
- Triple Sport
- Public Services



# Subjects Available – T Levels

- Software Development



# Courses that do not require you to have taken the subject at GCSE

- Business studies
- Economics
- Ethics and philosophy
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Media Studies
- Music
- T level Software Development
- Politics
- Product Design
- Public Services
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theatre Studies
- Criminology
- Early Childhood Development
- Health and Social Care

# Enrichment

Once per timetable cycle, 2 hours

Options include:

- Cooking
- Sport
- Arts and crafts
- Film club
- Money management
- IT skills



# Typical 6<sup>th</sup> Form Day

- Tutor – notices, future planning tasks, debates, competitions, challenges, fun Friday
- Lessons – anywhere from none to a full day
- Free periods – do as you wish!
- Independent study – 10 per cycle



# Entry requirements

- Standard entry: 5 grade 5s including English and maths
- If students are working at grade 4s (including English and maths), they can still be admitted after an admissions meeting
- Individual subjects have specific requirements
- Everyone is free to apply – students will be invited to an admissions meeting to discuss their application

# Choosing subjects

- If students apply before Christmas, they have free choice to pick any combination of subjects
- Most students take 3 subjects
- Option blocks will be built after Christmas, based on the choices of those who have applied
- Students can continue to apply after Christmas, but will then be bound by the option blocks
- Students should do their research when choosing their subjects

# How to apply – applications open today

- Apply online through Admissions+
- Emails will be sent today with log in information
- Subject information in the options booklet
- Apply by Christmas to get the best chance at all your subjects being available
- Admissions meetings in January

The screenshot shows the top of the Ferndown Sixth Form website. At the top, the text 'FERNDOWN | Sixth Form' is displayed in a sans-serif font, with 'FERNDOWN' in black and 'Sixth Form' in orange. Below this is a navigation bar with links for 'CONTACT US', 'COURSES', and 'INFORMATION'. The main banner features a background image of two students. Overlaid on this is a large white text box containing the event details: 'Open Evening', 'Thursday 6th November 2025', and '18:30 - 20:30'. Below this, another white text box says 'WELCOME TO Ferndown Sixth Form Enrichment'. Further down, a paragraph of text describes the website's purpose: 'Browse our courses, hear from our students about what makes Ferndown Sixth Form so perfect for them, find out where they move on after they leave and begin your journey with us.' This is followed by a 'NOTICE:' section stating that applications for 2026 open on 6th November and providing contact information for Mrs Curchin. At the bottom of the banner, there are two purple buttons: 'UK Students Apply' and 'Entry Requirements For Our Courses'. On the right side, there is a purple sidebar with a gold fern leaf logo, the text 'FERNDOWN | Sixth Form Prospectus 2025', and a photo of a group of students. The sidebar also has the text 'Achieving Excellence' written vertically.

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CONTACT US COURSES INFORMATION +

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**UK Students Apply**

**Entry Requirements For Our Courses**

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# Your Future Starts Here: Preparing You for Life Beyond Sixth Form



**Mrs Raisbeck**

Head of Destinations and Opportunities  
[KatieRaisbeck@fernup.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:KatieRaisbeck@fernup.dorset.sch.uk)



**Mrs Curchin**

Sixth Form Admin/ WEX and UCAS  
[KerryCurchin@fernup.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:KerryCurchin@fernup.dorset.sch.uk)

# Personalised Career Pathway Support

- One-to-one career guidance for all students
- Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week
- Guest speakers
- UCAS Discovery Fair
- Mentoring programme
- Access to the *Unifrog* platform for researching universities and apprenticeships



*Students at  
the UCAS  
Discovery Fair  
at Winchester  
University in  
April 2025*

# Guiding You to University Success

- Personal statement clinics and subject-specific guidance
- Mock university interviews and Oxbridge preparation
- Support for Medicine, Veterinary and Law pathways
- 'Join the Dots', help students prepare for university
- 96% of students secured their first-choice university in 2025



*"Hala secured a place at her first-choice university, Royal Holloway, to study Film, TV, and Digital Production."*

# Working with Universities

- We work with several partner universities, including Coventry, Exeter, Southampton, Winchester, and Bournemouth.
- The University of Exeter offers all FUS students a reduced entry requirement.
- Through The Brilliant Club, students achieving a 1st or 2:1 can receive lower offers from Exeter and Bath Universities."

# Routes Beyond University

- Strong partnerships with local and national employers
- Apprenticeship information evenings and workshops
- Employability skills sessions: CVs, interviews, networking
- Work experience opportunities in Year 12

J.P.Morgan



# Enrichment, Leadership & Global Awareness

- EPQ, Duke of Edinburgh, Crest award
- Student leadership roles and volunteering
- International trips, charity projects, and summer schools
- HE+ and Sutton Trust links for academic enrichment



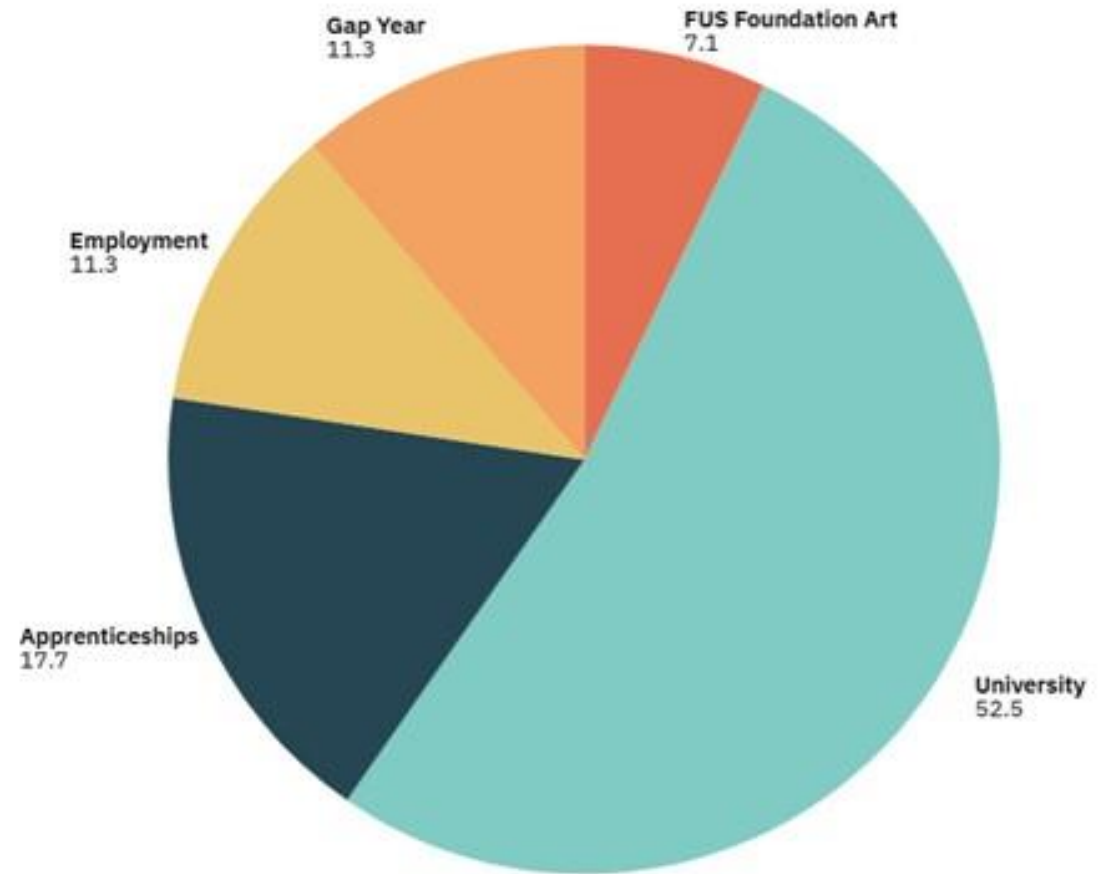
# Parent Support

- Workshops for parents
- Email links to webinars
- Parent newsletter
- UCAS Launch



# Where Our Students Go

- University **52.5%**
- Apprenticeship **17.7%**
- FUS Foundation Art **7.1%**
- Employment **11.3%**
- Gap Year **11.3%**



## Real Students, Real Success; Class of 2025

Joe A\*A\*A\*  
**University of Bristol** - Law

Rosie A\*A\*A  
**University of Cardiff** – Dentistry

Max A\*A\*A\*  
**University of Bath** – Computer Science

Sophie A\*A\*A  
**FUS** – Foundation Art

Dan A\*A\*A  
**University of Bath** - Robotics Engineering

Archie A\*A\*B  
**University of Southampton** – Mechanical Engineering

Amy A\*A\*AB  
**University of Cambridge** - Philosophy

Ben D\*D\*D\*  
**Southampton Solent** – Sport Journalism

Joseph A\*A\*A  
**University of Bristol** – Chemistry

Jack D\*DD  
**University of Exeter** – Exercise and Sport Science

Katie D\*D\*A  
**University of Chichester** – Social Work

Ruby A\*BB  
**Canterbury Christ Church University** – Forensic Investigation

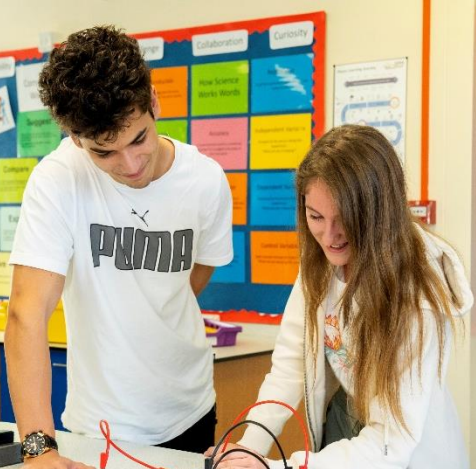
Liam Distinction  
**Degree Apprenticeship** – JP Morgan

Maya ABB  
**Degree Apprenticeship** – Babcock International



# Be Ambitious. Be Curious. Be Ready.

Join our Sixth Form and shape your future.



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