



FERNDOWN | Sixth Form

Achieving Excellence

#Achieving Excellence **#Something for Everyone** **#More Than Just Lessons**





More Information …

What do we believe at Ferndown?



ENGAGING LESSONS



HIGH OUTCOMES



FRIENDSHIPS **&**
MEMORIES



LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES






We will help create the memories:

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



Your experience



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



We **support you, 6th Form has its own dedicated** Pastoral Manger – **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



Who are we? – The Sixth Form Team

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

Our Outcomes

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



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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 timetabled 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 6th form team
- No uniform
- Fantastic social events
- Opportunities to prepare for post-18
- Treated as an adult

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Dedicated spaces





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)
- Health and Social Care
- V Level Education
- Criminology
- RSL Music Vocational
- Level 3 Human Biology
- 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
- V Level Education
- Health and Social Care

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Enrichment

Once per timetable cycle, 2 hours

Options include:

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





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Typical 6th 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



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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 starting in December



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



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Mrs Curchin
Sixth Form Admin/ WEX and UCAS
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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

Guiding You to University Success

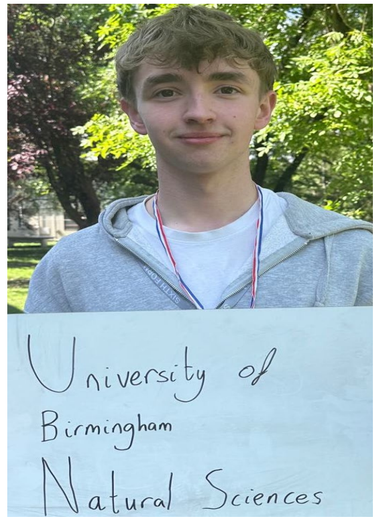
- Personal statement clinics and subject-specific guidance
- Mock university interviews and Oxbridge preparation
- Support for Medicine, Veterinary and Law pathways
- ‘Join the Dots’, help students prepare for university
- 96% of students secured their first-choice university in 2026

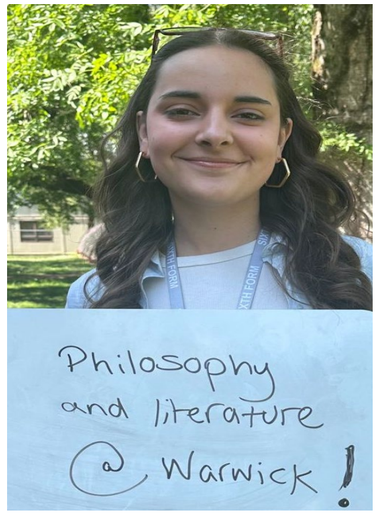












Working with Universities

- 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



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





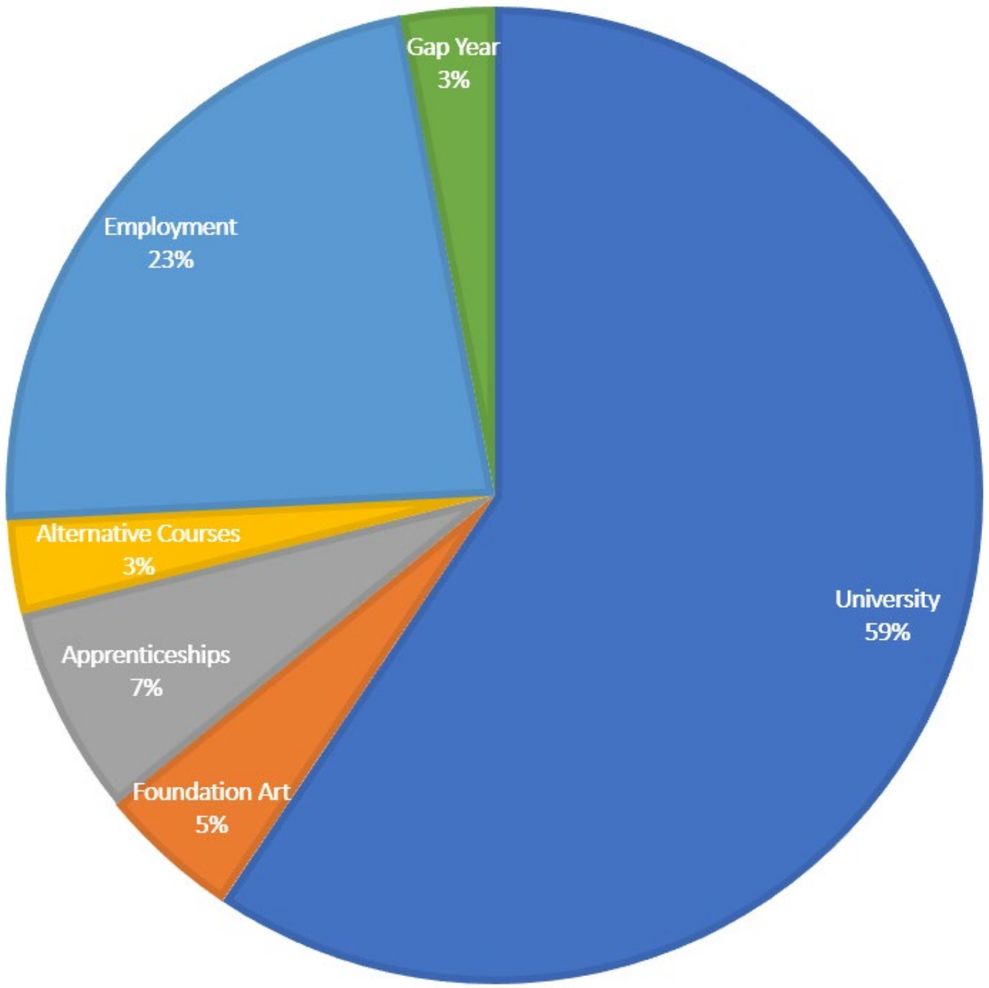
Parent Support

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



Where Our Students Go

- University **59%**
- Apprenticeship **7%**
- FUS Foundation Art **5%**
- Employment **23%**
- Gap Year **3%**
- Alternative Courses **3%**



Real Students, Real Success; Class of 2026	
Emily A*A*A* **University of Southampton -** Mathematics with Statistics	Dillon A*A*A **Degree Apprenticeship at Airbus** – Aerospace
Lauren A*A*A **Training**– Airline Pilot	Daria A*A A **University of Warwick** – Philosophy and Ethics
Katie A*A A **University of Manchester** - Politics and International Relations	Abigail A*A A **University of Bath** – Biomedical Sciences
Max A A A B **University of Southampton -** Biochemistry	Alice D*D*D* **Cardiff Metropolitan University** – Sport Conditioning, Rehabilitation and Massage
Holly D*D*D* **University of Chichester -** Physical Education (Secondary QTS)	Elsie D*D*D* **University of Winchester -** Physiotherapy
Lucy A*A B **University of Bath** – International Management and Modern Languages	Harry A*A B **University of Birmingham**– Natural Sciences

Sixth Form Culture

Work Hard. Play Hard.

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SIXTH FORM CULTURE

- At FUS Sixth Form, we want your child to leave with excellent qualifications and memories that last a lifetime.

- Our culture is built around working hard, embracing challenges and enjoying the journey. Through trips, events, leadership opportunities and everyday friendships, we help students grow in confidence, discover new interests and feel part of a community.

- We want them to look back and say, ‘I achieved things I didn’t think I could, I felt I belonged, and I loved my time there.’

- That’s what we mean by ‘Work Hard. Play Hard.’ Ambition for their future, alongside experiences they’ll always remember.”

Thorpe Park

Bowling Night

Year 13 Leavers Day

Paris

Winter Ball

Year 12 After Party

Valentines Movie Night

Sixth Form Quiz Night

Cardboard Campout

Year 13 Graduation

Sixth Form Sports Day

Halloween Horror Movie Night

Tutor Challenges

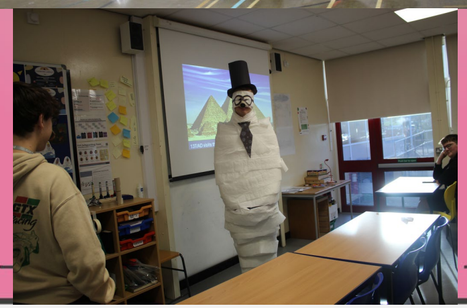
Easter Egg Challenge

Don’t Just attend! Be Part of FUS SIXTH F

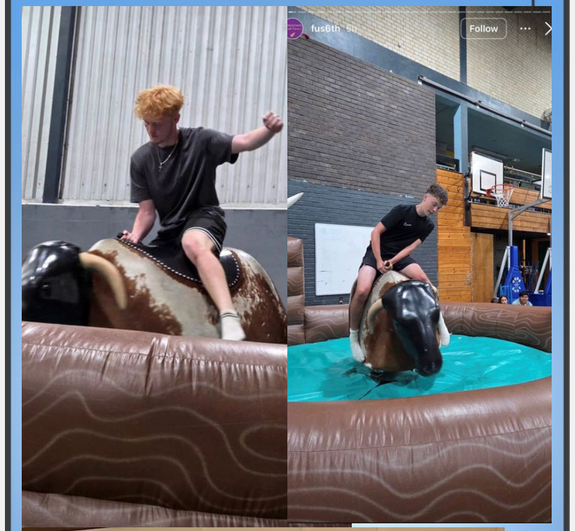
Challenge







Memories





Community







ENJOYMENT





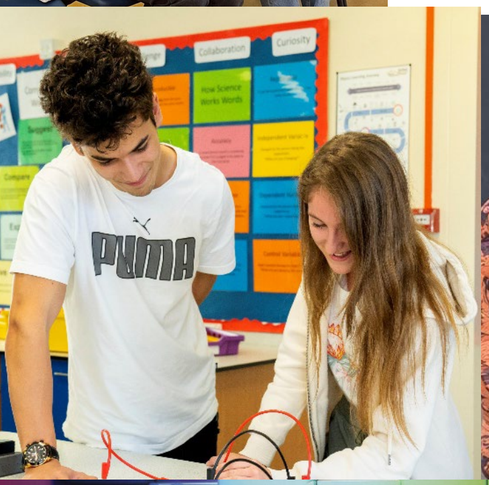




Be Ambitious. Be Curious. Be Ready.

Join our Sixth Form and shape your future.















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