



Furrowfield School

Together We Succeed

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you very much for all your help and support this academic year. We have had many successes this year including our very positive Ofsted Report (November) deeming Furrowfield School as a 'Good' School. Ofsted Inspectors were very positive about the direction the school was heading in, the leadership of the school, the curriculum including our approach to reading, how students behave and their personal development, our alternative provision such as Forest School, our governing body and our safeguarding arrangements.

We look forward to finishing the academic year safe in the knowledge that our Year 11 students will have studied the broadest and most ambitious curriculum in the history of the school. We look forward to them receiving their results on Thursday 24th August between 10am – 12noon.

Our Year 7 students have recently been involved in an English Heritage programme and have had their work on local history published into a book. This is something we are very proud of.

All of our Year Groups have been involved in special assemblies and events marking moments in history and special days in the history of our school, such as the commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II in September. Remembrance Day in November, our Christmas Celebrations, ambition setting in January, World Book Day in March, the Coronation of King Charles III in May, the National Limerick Day in June, our Sports Day and the celebration of Furrowfield School in July.

We are proud of new website which we hope will be an excellent resource for all our parents/carers <https://furrowfieldschool.uk/>.

We have achieved a BIG Award which is the national anti-bullying award. What we are especially proud of is the fact that the students themselves completed all aspects of the award themselves. This is a huge accomplishment.

We have improved our facilities at the school resurfacing our MUGA for all types of Sports, our dining hall is now known as Latitude 55 with a new screen and projector, hallways and corridors painted and recarpeted and the beginning of the process of refurbishing all our classrooms. We have just last week won a financial bid for new automatic gates at the front of the school and for door and window replacement in specific areas.

We are also very pleased to say that we are fully staffed for September 2023 and will be including additional subjects within our curriculum including computing, enterprise, business studies and GCSE geography. This will assist in the preparation of our students for adulthood and shows we continue to be ambitious and have a challenging curriculum for our students.

We continue in our ambition to be a Gold UNICEF Rights Respecting School, which we hope will happen at the end of the Autumn Term.

We look forward to launching our new behaviour policy and procedures in September 2023 with all our students, parents and carers.

We will remain a nut free (due to severe allergies) and a vape free school. Any vapes will be confiscated from students as they have no place in our school.

To support parents/carers financially our uniform remains unchanged except for the fact we no longer have to have polo shirts with a logo. We are happy to say that you can purchase polo shirts – sky blue, black formal trousers, black socks and shoes (plain black) or trainers (plain black) from your local supermarket. Our school jumper can be ordered from Motif8 on 01642 601501 or online using the website <https://www.motif8.co.uk/>. All students are expected to be in full school uniform each day. If any parent is facing financial difficulty, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0191 4954700.

Please note there is a no jewellery policy within the school for students, this includes earrings, necklaces, bracelets etc.

We are pleased to provide the term dates for 2023 – 2024 below.

<i>Staff training day (students on holiday)</i>	<i>Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023</i>
Autumn term begins	Wednesday 6 th September 2023
<i>Autumn half-term holiday</i>	<i>Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023</i>
Autumn term ends	Thursday 21 st December 2023
<i>Staff training day (students on holiday)</i>	<i>Friday 22nd December 2023</i>
Spring term begins	Monday 8 th January 2024
<i>Spring half-term holiday</i>	<i>Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February 2024</i>
Spring term ends	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Summer term begins	Monday 15 th April 2024
<i>Summer half-term holiday</i>	<i>Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024</i>
Summer term ends	Friday 19 th July 2024

In addition, our Parent/Carer afternoons are on the following dates. You will be able to book appointment times nearer the event.

Year	Dates		Times
7	4 th December 2023	1 st July 2023	3.15pm to 5.15pm
8	4 th December 2023	1 st July 2023	3.15pm to 5.15pm
9	4 th December 2023	1 st July 2023	3.15pm to 5.15pm
10	11 th December 2023	4 th March 2023	3.15pm to 5.15pm
11	11 th December 2023	4 th March 2023	3.15pm to 5.15pm

I enclose our new school menu for the Autumn Term. This has been devised in conjunction with the students through our Smart Council.

This leaves me to say on behalf of the staff and the Governing Body thank you for your support throughout the year. Have a happy and a safe summer. We look forward to seeing all of our students on Wednesday 6th September 2023 ready and eager to learn.

Yours faithfully

Heather E Scott
Head Teacher