



# Furrowfield School

Together We Succeed

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Dear Parents / Carers

I can't believe we are coming to the end of this academic year. The year seems to have gone so quickly. We started in September after having a £600,000 refurbishment to our lighting systems our fire system and intruder alarm. This meant that throughout the main school we have dimmable lights, mood lighting and the students' favourite our very own glitter ball. The lights are LED lights and are not only energy saving but are on sensors so turn on when you enter a room and automatically turn off when you leave. You could say Furrowfield is going green.

Our curriculum provision continues to grow with staff working hard reviewing lessons and resources. We introduced music and ICT to our curriculum this year and look forward to introducing French language and culture from September 2025. Our Year 11 students completed GCSE examinations, BTEC courses, Functional Skills qualifications, Entry Level qualifications and AQA unit awards. We look forward to sharing the results with Year 11 students on Thursday 21st August between 9.30am and 10.30am in the Exhibition Space in Furrowfield School. We also take this opportunity to wish our Year 11 students all the very best for the future.

We are very proud of the change in what was the residential unit at school to the Therapeutic Assessment and Support Centre (TASC). Whilst there is some building work to be completed during the summer to reconfigure some rooms we have been working hard to establish our music, cardio, art, play, counselling, and lego therapy rooms. In addition, we will have our Forest and Nature School which will open in September which will support our work in the outdoor classroom and potting shed area.

We will soon also be opening our Nurture Bungalow and our Values Programme Centre. These buildings will be renovated over the summer to be ready for September.

We have had a great year of sport adding our cardio and fitness suite to our sporting facilities. We offer students trampolining, athletics, cricket, basketball, football, dodgeball ball and fitness walking. We participated in a number of Panatolon Tournaments this year including two swimming galas which I am pleased to say we came first place in.

There were many visits including Beamish, the Hope Centre in Darlington, Hadrian's Wall, National Trust properties, Wetlands Centre, Angel of the North and even to the Mayor's Parlour in the Civic Centre.

We always support the development of the social skills of our students with visits to the cinema, bowling and for some students the theatre. We try to introduce as much cultural capital as possible.

We are very much looking forward to a new academic year. This will start for students on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.30am. Students should be in full school uniform which is black trousers/shorts. Please note trousers/shorts should have no badges or logos on them. Students should wear cornflower blue polo shirts - this can be bought from supermarkets. The school jumper can be ordered from <https://www.motif8.co.uk/schools/secondary-schools/furrowfield-school.html> or telephone 01642 601501. School shoes/trainers must be all black including soles and must not have logos on them.

We will continue to run a breakfast club for students in a daily basis and all students are welcome to attend.

Attendance – all students are expected to attend school each day. Please note holidays will not be authorised. If your son/daughter is ill and is absent please contact the school office on 0191 4954700.

Our Term dates for next year are as follows:

Term Dates		
Term Dates	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025
Autumn Term	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Spring Term	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Spring Term	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026
Summer Term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
Summer Term	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

**School will be closed** to students on the following dates due to Staff Training Days and Occasional Day:

<b>Monday 1st September 2025</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>

Please do try to keep your son/daughter, child in your care safe over the summer especially when online, when crossing roads and when near water.

That just leaves me to say thank you for all your support this year. We will finish for this academic year in Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the usual time which is 2.30pm. Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing all our students return on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 at 8.30am.

With best wishes to you all



Heather Scott  
Head Teacher