



Furrowfield School

Together We Succeed

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone at Furrowfield School, to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year.

At Furrowfield School, our vision of 'Together We Succeed' and 'Belong Together' remains at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to improving the life chances of every student through a highly personalised, inclusive and therapeutic approach to education, ensuring that students are supported academically, socially and emotionally to achieve their full potential.

This has been a remarkable year for our school community, filled with many memorable experiences, significant developments and outstanding achievements.

Celebrating a Year of Achievement

We began the year by hosting our Macmillan Coffee Morning, which brought together students, families and staff in support of an important charitable cause. As part of the event, students also celebrated French language and culture, demonstrating how learning extends beyond the classroom and providing valuable opportunities to explore life in other countries and communities.

One of the highlights of the year was undoubtedly our SMSC Remembrance Respect Day. We were privileged to have a full-size Spitfire aircraft onto our school site, creating an unforgettable learning experience for students. The day provided powerful opportunities to explore remembrance, service, British values, citizenship and respect for those who have served their country. This event perfectly reflected our commitment to Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development and our desire to bring learning to life.

At Christmas, our school community came together for our annual Living Nativity Service. Students, families, staff, Governors and members of the wider community joined us for what was a truly special occasion, celebrating the values of kindness, compassion, hope and belonging which underpin life at Furrowfield School.

In February, we held our highly successful Heart to Heart Day. This whole-school event focused on promoting healthy lifestyles and personal wellbeing. Every student and member of staff received CPR training, helping to equip our community with vital lifesaving skills. Students also explored topics including healthy relationships and consent, exercise, physical health, emotional wellbeing and healthy eating. The day reflected our commitment to preparing students for life beyond school whilst supporting their personal development and wellbeing.

Our International Museum Day enabled every student to visit a museum or gallery, providing rich cultural experiences and opportunities to engage with history, art, science and heritage. These visits broadened horizons and supported our aim of developing curious, reflective and inquisitive learners.

Developing Our Provision

This year has seen substantial investment in our facilities and provision.

We were delighted to have officially opened our Therapeutic Assessment and Support Centre (TASC) alongside the continued development of our specialist therapeutic spaces. These include dedicated areas for therapeutic support, counselling, emotional regulation, art-based activities and wellbeing interventions. The development of TASC reflects our commitment to meeting the needs of the students we serve and ensuring that every student feels safe, valued and supported.

We also celebrated the opening of our Values Programme for Girls, providing a dedicated specialist environment designed to support personal development, confidence, self-esteem, healthy relationships and future aspirations.

Another significant development has been the formation of our Forest School provision. Through outdoor learning, nature-based activities and environmental experiences, students have developed resilience, teamwork, confidence and an appreciation of the natural world. We look forward to developing this into our Eco BELONG Avenue in September promoting our Furrowfield School Climate Action Plan. **BELONG** in this respect stands for **Breathe, Explore, Learn. Outdoor, Nature and Grow.**

Our facilities have continued to improve through the extension of our Fitness Suite, which now includes a range of professional-standard equipment. This investment supports both physical wellbeing and therapeutic engagement, ensuring students have access to high-quality opportunities to improve their health, fitness and self-confidence.

Curriculum Development

Throughout the year, we have continued to develop all of our curriculum pathways, ensuring that they meet the needs of every learner. Our curriculum remains focused upon four key strands:

- Academic Pathways
- Vocational Pathways
- Therapeutic Pathways
- Nurture and Personal Development Pathways

These pathways enable us to provide a highly personalised and ambitious curriculum which supports students academically whilst also developing the confidence, resilience, social skills and emotional wellbeing needed for success in adult life. Our curriculum continues to be underpinned by the values of the Furrowfield Way and our commitment to improving life chances for every student.

Sporting Success

We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements in sport this year.

Students represented Furrowfield School with distinction at the Panathlon Games, demonstrating outstanding teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. We were particularly delighted to become North East Champions in both Swimming and Bowling, an exceptional achievement that reflects the dedication and effort of the students involved.

Congratulations and Good Luck to Year 11

A special mention must go to our Year 11 students who have worked exceptionally hard throughout their GCSE and BTEC examinations.

We know how much effort, resilience and determination has gone into preparing for these qualifications. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them and look forward to celebrating their results and next steps. We wish them every success as they move on to colleges, training opportunities, apprenticeships and employment.

Thank You

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to:

- Team Furrowfield, the staff team, whose dedication, commitment and unwavering belief in our students continue to improve life chances every day.
- Our Governing Body, for providing both support and challenge throughout the year and for their continued commitment to ensuring the highest standards for our students.
- Most importantly, our parents and carers, whose support, encouragement and partnership play such an important role in helping our students succeed.

Summer Safety Reminder

As we move into the summer holidays, safeguarding remains our highest priority.

Please continue to encourage and monitor the safe use of the internet, social media, gaming platforms and mobile devices. Supporting young people to stay safe online is increasingly important and we would encourage all families to maintain open conversations about online activity throughout the holiday period.

September Arrangements

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2026 at 8.30am.

Students should attend wearing their new school polo shirts, new jumpers (if they wish) black trousers or tailored black shorts, black socks and fully black trainers or shoes including soles.

Please note leggings, piercings, jewellery or make up are not allowed at Furrowfield School.

Please note for students currently attending Furrowfield School, the new fully subsidised Polo shirts can be collected from Furrowfield School on:

- Wednesday 19 August 2026 between 1:00pm and 3:00pm

Finally, I would like to wish all of our students, families and friends a very happy, healthy and restful summer holiday.

Thank you once again for your support throughout another fantastic year at Furrowfield School.

Together, we have achieved so much and we look forward to continuing our journey together in September.

Our Term dates for next year are as follows:

Term Dates		
Term Dates	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Autumn Term	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring Term	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
Spring Term	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Summer Term	Monday 7 th June 2027	Friday 16 th July 2027

School will be closed to students on the following dates due to Staff Training Days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 4th January 2027

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Yours sincerely,



Miss Heather E. Scott
Head Teacher