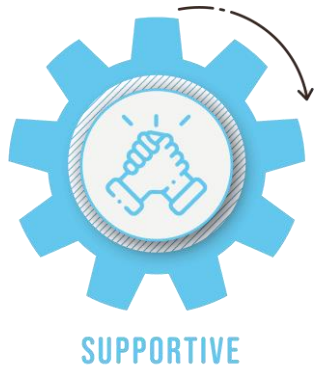


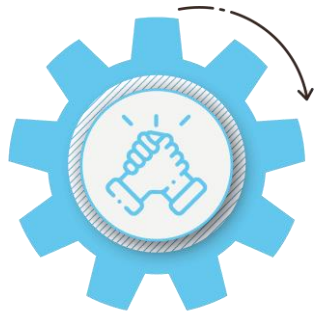


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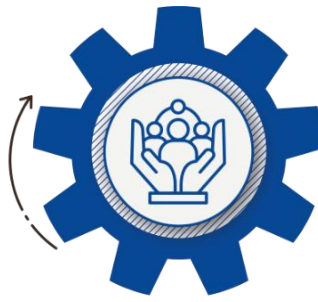
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Miss Julia Nichols
Head of Year 7

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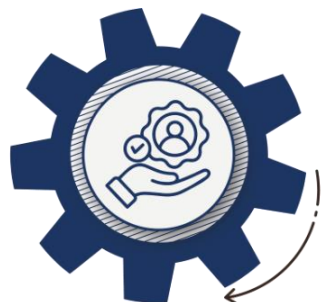


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The FCC Promise: Our Vision

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The FCC Promise: Our Vision

Our vision is for our school to be a beacon of excellence, delivering high-quality, inclusive education and experiences in a nurturing and supportive environment. To achieve this, we make four key FCC promises:

- We will deliver high-quality, inclusive teaching.
- We will provide a nurturing environment.
- We will immerse students in a range of experiences (both inside and outside the classroom).
- We will empower staff through a framework that is supportive and developmental.

Our Core Values

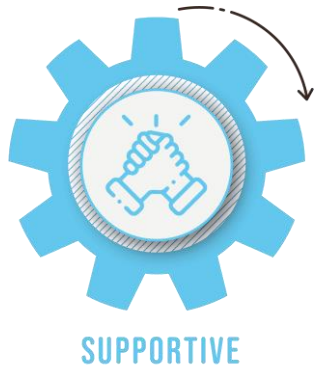




Faringdon Community College

- 1300 students and 190 members of staff.
- Experienced Headteacher and Leadership Team
- Professional and Dedicated Teaching Staff.
- Caring SEND and Pastoral Teams
- Teaching Assistants and Administrators.

Faringdon is a happy and diverse school that proudly welcomes students from across the county and the globe and sits at the heart of the town and the wider community.



The School Day



A Typical Day At FCC

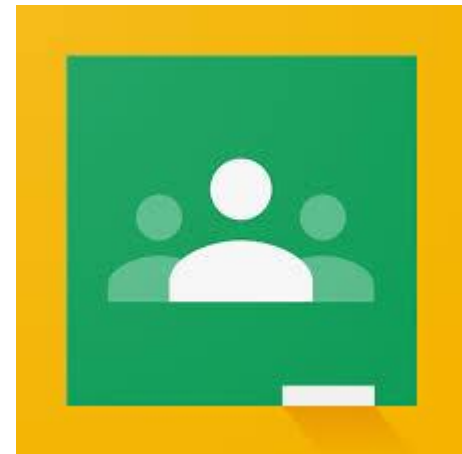


Time	Activity
8.00-8.35am	Bus to school or walk up. School gates will open from 8.20am
8.40am	Tutor Time or Assembly on a rota
8.40am 9.10am	Tutor Time – register taken, tutor led activities in your tutor room
9.10am – 10.10am	Lesson 1
10.10am –11.10am	Lesson 2
11.10am – 11.30am	Breaktime – Food outlets open across school
11.30am – 12.30pm	Lesson 3
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lesson 4
1.30pm – 2.10pm	Lunchtime - Food outlets open across school
2.10pm – 3.10pm	Lesson 5
3.10pm – 4.10pm	After school club or homework

Expectations and Rewards



- **Praise and Rewards** - Students are rewarded throughout the year for achieving high effort grades and for contributing positively to the school community. This can take the form of reward trips, lunches and certificates or badges. **Epraise is our platform by which we record and communicate home, all successes and any areas of behaviour concern.**
- **My Child At School App(MCAS)** – Reports to your attendance and academic data.
- **Google Classroom** – The homework platform for students and parents.



Food



- Hot and cold food is served at various locations throughout the school.
- Students will be set up with the School Grid Fob System in September, and parents will receive a link to support with sign up for this account.
- Students on free school meals will also be issued with the same fob, making purchasing food simple.
- Food choices support all dietary requirements but please let us know should you have any questions.

Medication



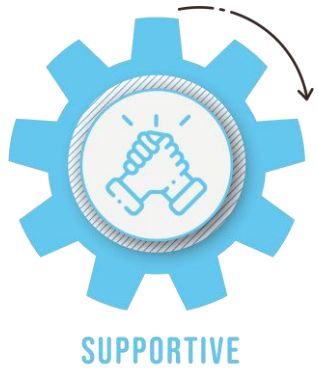
- Medical information will be transferred from each primary school but must be checked and updated by parents on the MCAS app. Details will be sent out explaining how to do this.
- Epi Pens and similar essential medication can be stored in student services. Students must carry a spare Epi Pen in their school bag.
- Families are responsible for any medication like this including expiry dates. Our school health nurses can support with medication planning.
- Students with current NHS Healthcare Plans will need to be highlighted to the pastoral team, transition email or MCAS app. The school nurse will then make contact to ensure these plans have been transferred to FCC staff and the necessary checks have been made to ensure a smooth transition for your child.

Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities



- **Clubs** - Sports, music, performing, gardening, art, gaming, IT, reading, the environment and many more.
- **Music Lessons** – County appointed music teachers.
- **House Council** – Opportunities to gain leadership skills and support the school community.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** – Available from Year 9.
- **Trips** – Subject specific such as a Geography field trip to Iceland. Cultural and language trips to Uganda, Spain, Germany, the Battlefields of France and Monte Cassino. Skiing in Italy.
- **Year 7 Court Hill** – In early September each tutor group a day at **Court Hill** on the ridgeway building shelters, making new friends and getting to know their Form Tutor.
- **PTA** – A vital part of our school community for parents to get involved with events.





Uniform and Equipment



Uniform

Branded uniform is supplied by PMG School Wear

Email Address : customerservices@pmgretail.co.uk

Web Address : pmgschoolwear.co.uk

All other uniform is available from major retailers.

Key things to note –

- ✓ Trousers or skirt – with a tailored effect.
- ✓ Tailored Shorts – Optional Summer Uniform Only
- ✓ School V-Neck Jumper
- ✓ Navy or black socks.
- ✓ School Blazer
- ✓ White shirt
- ✓ School Tie
- × No nail varnish, false nails or make up
- × No Mobile Phones – Pouches
- × No leggings
- × No hoodies
- × No unnatural colour hair dye.
- × One stud in each ear. No other jewellery except watches should be worn.





Fitting weekend for new starters in September

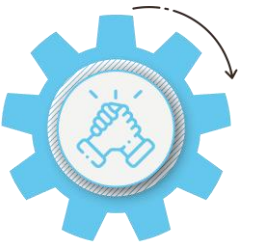
- **Venue: PMG SCHOOLWEAR FARINGDON**
- **Date: 18th – 19th July**
- **Time: Appointments available 9am – 3pm**
- **Fitting by appointment – Please visit our website**
pmgschoolwear.co.uk

Recommended Daily Equipment

- Rucksack
- Pencil Case
- Pencils – HB or 2B
- Coloured Pencils
- Pens – (Ballpoints are easiest) Blue or Black
- Purple and Green Pens – For assessment in lessons (can be provided)
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Highlighters
- Glue Stick
- Scientific calculator - **Casio FX83GT-CW / Casio FX85GT-CW** - In English please. Avoid DE or ES at the end.
- Maths Set – Compass, protractor, set square.
- Water Bottle



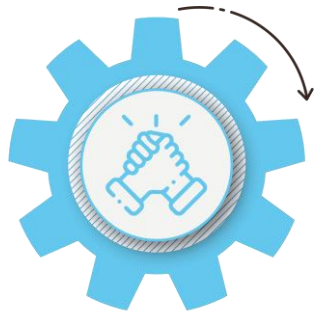
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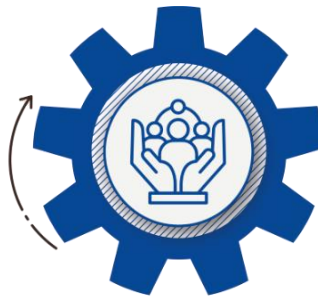
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Mobile Phones Are Not Permitted

- The school is moving to magnetic phone pouches this term.
- Students will place their phone in their own numbered pouch which is sealed with a strong magnet.
- They will keep possession of their pouch during the day and visit unlocking stations at the end of the day.
- Students will take their empty pouch home and return with it the next day.
- Pouches will be needed every day, and replacements will need to be purchased if a pouch is lost or damaged.
- Most schools in Oxfordshire are now operating a pouch system.
- Schools report a significant impact on behaviour and wellbeing with students able to focus on their learning and build positive relationships and interactions with peers.

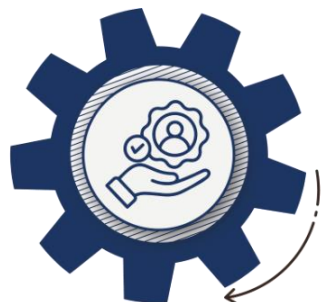


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Pastoral Support

Tutors - Your first and main point of contact in school will be your form tutor for all pastoral queries – Emails will be supplied. All academic and pastoral queries.

Pastoral Staff – Providing 1:1 support when staff are teaching, resolving friendship conflict, running drop-in sessions and liaising with home.

Student Services – For reporting absence, issuing temporary bus passes, a change in contact details or administering First Aid.

SEND Department work closely with students on a programme of support sessions to help with the transition into secondary school.

Administration Team for questions related to trips, food, computer platforms and events.

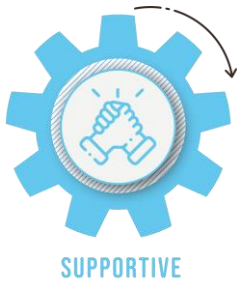


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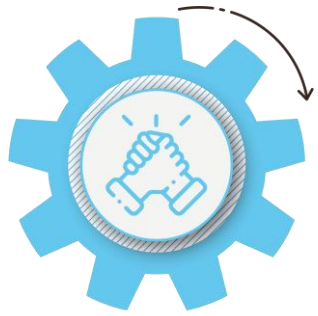


- **Miss C Kitching – Assistant Headteacher Student Champion**
 - **Mrs S Sumner – SENCO**
 - **Mrs H Francis – SEND Manager**
 - **Mrs E Sommerfield – SEND Manager**
- **Pastoral Meetings with Year 6 staff and SENCOs** – The SEND team have been in touch with primary staff and SENCOs throughout this term to discuss the needs and best practice for each student on the SEND register to support our planning for September.
- **Extra Transition Days for EHCP students.**
- **Meet The Tutor event on Wednesday 1st July SEND Information Presentation 5pm Before Main Meeting 5.45pm.**
- The SEND team will be presenting to parents of students on the SEND register before the main event to explain how support works at FCC.
- **Experienced Team** - We have a large SEND team with a wide range of specialisms and dedicated spaces for support throughout the school day both pastorally and academically.
- **SEND Parent Events** - The team will also hold a parent meeting in the Autumn term and throughout the year with a specific focus areas.

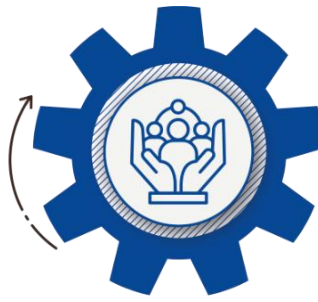
Reports, Updates and Parent Evenings



- **Academic and Attendance Data/Reporting** – This is sent home via **My Child At School App**. A link allowing you to sign up to the MCAS app will be sent at you.
- **Settling In Parent Meeting** - Held with tutors at the end of September to review how students have settled in.
- **Open Evening** – Held in October giving parents an opportunity to be shown around the school by your child and see where lessons take place and some of the activities the students have been involved in since starting school.
- **Parents Evening** – Held online with subject teaching staff later in the year.
- **SEND reviews** will take place with tutors and SEND staff twice over the year. **EHCP reviews** will be completed with the SENCo.
- **School Newsletter**
- **Year Group Termly Newsletter**
- **Student Weekly Bulletin**
- **School Website**

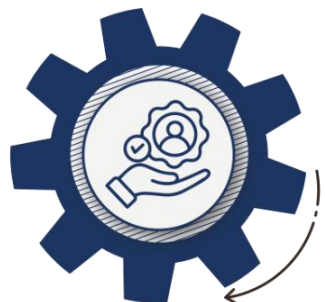


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June and July



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This Term

- **Parent Information Roadshows** at each primary school(This evening)
- **Meet the Tutor Event at FCC – Wednesday 1st July Evening**
5pm SEND Introduction Wilson Café. 5.45pm Main meeting. Finish 7.15pm
- **Main Transition Days** – Tuesday 7th July and Wednesday 8th July 9.30 – 2.15pm. All new Year 6 students will attend FCC for these days.
- **Q&A sessions** – With current Year 7 students online.
- **Pastoral Meetings** – Currently being held between pastoral staff at FCC and each primary including out of catchment schools.
- **Parent Handbook** – Helpful tips in preparing your child for secondary school. Practical activities are stepped through July and August.

Transition Days - Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July



Timings – Drop off 9.30-9.45 Rear doors of Leisure Centre

Pick up 2.15 – 2.30pm

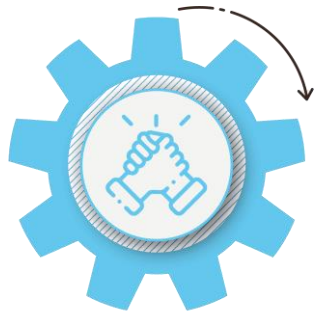
Parking – Please park further away or walk up if possible. If not possible we will operate a brief drop off and pick up point on the school field. Signs and staff will direct you.

What Do They Need? – Pencil case, water bottle, primary uniform, packed lunch plus change if they want to try some items from the canteen.

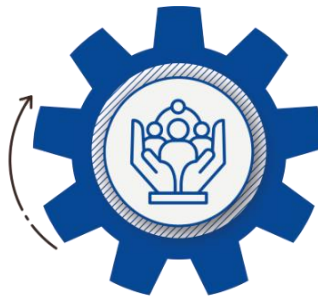
Activities – Students will follow a normal day

- Sample lessons
- Meeting key staff
- Assembly
- Tutor Time

Parents are required to drop off and pick up on these days and students will not be attending their feeder primary on these days.

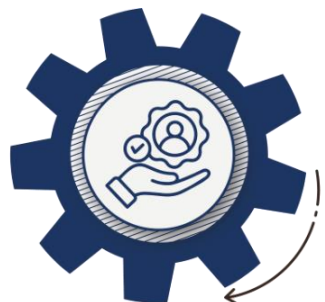


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September



- **Start – Year 7 Only Thursday 3rd September 2026**
- **Arrival by 8.40am** – Meet tutors on the tennis courts in tutor groups.
- **In full uniform** – Blazers, shirt, trousers or skirt and tie, black or navy socks/tights. Jumper optional.
- **PE Kit not needed for the first day.**
- **Buses** – School buses will be running – Sixth form and current Year 7 students will be on hand at each pick up point to help direct students. They will also be present at the end of the day to show students where to line up for the return buses. **Buses are organised by OCC and must be applied for online as soon as possible. FCC do not have control over bus places or routes.**
- **After the first day - Please do not drive students up to school but drop off further away from the site** as Fernham Road becomes extremely congested.

September



- **Student will be issued with planners and timetables.**
- **They will need: School bag, packed lunch, pencil case and water bottle.** If students are eligible for free school meals this will be catered for. During the week, students will be added to our School Grid catering system and issued a fob that they can use to purchase food. Details of the catering system will be sent to you directly and this may be up and running by day 1 but a packed lunch is important just in case!
- **The First Day**
 - Tour of FCC and school induction – students have FCC to themselves on this day.
 - Tutor group activities
 - Introductions from senior staff
 - No lessons on Day 1.

Key Differences To Expect



- **The school is bigger** - Students will be moving from classroom to classroom carrying their bags which will be tiring and require them to be organised and quick in getting from A to B including using the toilets.
- **Equipment** - Students will be expected to take responsibility for ensuring they have packed their schoolbags with the right equipment each day – books, pencil case, water bottle, lunch, PE kit(if needed).
Everything needs to be named – Fine tip sharpies are great for this!
- **Homework** - There will be homework expectations on students, but we try to manage the amount and frequency of this in communication with you and teaching staff. Homework is set on **Google Classroom** and can be seen and monitored by parents.

Key Differences



- **Break and Dinner Times** - Later and busier. Quieter spaces are available for students who might find this overwhelming.
- **Toilets and Social Areas** – There has been extensive investment in improving and upgrading the toilets across the school site. **Staff and Senior Team are on duty** and available to support students in social times and answer any queries. There will be a **lunch club** for Year 7 to eat together should they wish.
- **Response Times** – Tutors and Heads of Year have full teaching timetables and therefore they will naturally not be able to respond to calls or emails immediately during the school day. We do have a team of pastoral staff on hand for students during the day and we aim to respond to queries within 24 hours. Please be aware that when investigating an incident or query, this can take longer, 2-3 days is not unusual.

Appointments to see staff in person must be booked in advance.

Tutors will always aim to respond as soon as possible and are always the first point of contact.

Key Differences

- **Students are expected to change for PE** - This can take some getting used. Practising changing quickly, reading the time on an analogue clock and tying shoelaces in the holidays is immensely valuable.

The Trust will shortly be sending out a **Parent Handbook** with useful tips and activities for supporting your child through the next few months. This will include activities like practicing getting changed into PE kit and back into uniform to reduce this anxiety in September.



Thank You !



All event information will be posted on the school website, emailed home and queries should be directed to the Transition email and we will be here to help.

Frequently Asked Questions – Please see our website.

transition@fcc.cambrianlt.org

