



FORRES
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FORDINGBRIDGE

Senior
School

FSM





The New Forest's Leading Independent School

THE FSM DIFFERENCE

We are the New Forest's leading independent school and we are proud to be different.

Located within our beautiful 35-acre campus, our Senior School is a remarkable place for your son or daughter to continue their educational journey. Our small classes of enthusiastic pupils and inspirational teachers result in happy pupils who have a love of learning and make outstanding academic progress.

As well as the ability to build their own bespoke curriculum from Year 9, our pupils have a full and exhilarating programme of daily enrichment activities that take their learning beyond the classroom.

It is our incredibly welcoming and friendly community that sets us apart. We inspire our pupils to achieve more than they previously thought possible. We do this by providing them with the widest possible range of experiences, both inside and outside the classroom, to broaden their minds and create new opportunities for every pupil to thrive.

This introductory guide highlights the key features of our Senior School. We look forward to welcoming you for a personal tour and further discussion about your child's future aspirations and how we can help them to achieve their dreams.

**Average class size of
12 - 15**

**Breadth of study in
Years 7 - 8**

**Personalised curriculum
from Year 9**

**Up to 15 GCSE courses
available**

6 scholarship pathways

**Seniors start every day
with FSM's unique
enrichment programme**

**Weekend and boarding
provision available if
required**

Our Vision

At Forres Sandle Manor, we understand that today's world requires young people to be so much more than simply being good at passing exams.

As a school, our vision is to prepare our pupils to thrive in the 21st Century by using their talents to improve the lives of others and through doing so, make their own unique mark on the world.

This is achieved by:

- Developing individual academic excellence at every level with a focus on fostering a love of learning and perseverance.
- Having a broad, versatile and forward-thinking curriculum supported by an extensive and purposeful enrichment programme.
- Providing extensive opportunities for our pupils to develop leadership skills, as well as serving others.
- Developing resilience, and the self-confidence to stretch themselves whilst accepting challenge.
- Expecting ambition in all that our pupils do and not setting limits on what they can achieve.
- Regularly celebrating the individual and collective achievements and efforts of our pupils.
- Placing a strong and continued value on the importance of kindness and compassion for others.

We believe Forres Sandle Manor is the best choice for your child's future. By the time they leave our Senior School they will be:

Inspired – to have discovered and become their best version and to have already played an empowering part in our local and wider communities.

Happy – with who they are now and feel equipped for the world they are entering into.

Successful – having achieved outcomes that are beyond what they previously thought were possible.



Individual Academic Excellence

At Forres Sandle Manor, whatever your child's starting point, they will receive an outstanding academic experience.

Developing individual academic excellence in every pupil means ensuring we honour three commitments:

1. **Outstanding teachers** – We are a forward-looking school but one traditional value remains important to us – passionate, engaging and highly effective teaching. We pride ourselves on having the area's most inspiring teaching staff who seek to instil a love of their subject(s) into every lesson.
2. **Small classes** – Whether it is being stretched and challenged, or at other times being supported and encouraged, we expect every teacher to interact with every pupil on a 1-1 basis in every lesson. This means we cap classes at 20 but aim to have classes averaging 12-15 pupils.
3. **A personalised curriculum** – We have designed our curriculum to fit the ethos of our school. As the children enter our Senior School, we provide them with a huge breadth of study by teaching them over 12 subjects, using every specialist space we have across our wonderful 35-acre campus.

From the start of Year 9, having experienced two years' breadth, it is time for them to specialise by choosing the optional subjects they wish to continue with. This selection is further refined at the start of Year 10 when they commence their GCSE courses. In this way, we achieve the balance of broadening young minds, then empowering them to make informed choices in the curriculum areas best suited to their strengths and interests.



Individual Academic Excellence – Years 7 & 8

A Strong Core

Every pupil at Forres Sandle Manor, makes outstanding progress in English, Mathematics and Science and in designing our curriculum, these disciplines are at the centre of our planning.

Pupils in Years 7 & 8 have 4 lessons per week in both English and Mathematics, ensuring these appear almost every day on their timetables.

In Science, we go even further by splitting Science into specialist Biology, Chemistry and Physics lessons right from the start of Year 7. This is in preparation for Years 9-11 when all pupils are entered for Triple Science (enabling them to achieve a separate GCSE qualification in each). We ensure our Science lessons are as practical and ‘hands on’ as possible.

An outstanding sports and games provision continues to be part of our curriculum, including time each week for fixtures.

Breadth of Study

In addition to the above, we also want our pupils to experience the broadest possible curriculum, with each subject taught by a specialist in a dedicated teaching space. Our outstanding campus enables every pupil to enjoy working practically in dedicated and purpose-built teaching spaces, ensuring lessons are as engaging and inspiring as possible.

It is our ambition that all pupils will study:

Dance, Drama, Music, Art, Food Studies, Design Technology, Computing/ICT, History, Geography, French/Spanish and Life Skills.

This breadth of study enables all our pupils to broaden their minds, creating new opportunities for each of them to thrive.



Individual Academic Excellence – Years 9-11

Year 9

In addition to a continuing focus on outstanding progress in English, Mathematics and Science, from the start of Year 9, we enable our pupils to choose 6 optional subjects to continue with. This gives our pupils several advantages:

1. Most importantly, they are able to select the subjects where their passions and talents are best suited, thereby making their school days even more enjoyable as they prepare for GCSEs.
2. By removing some subjects, more time can be allocated to chosen subjects, enabling greater progress to be made.
3. This process of selection, also ensures that our average class sizes are reduced even further from Year 9, ensuring even more support and challenge from our fantastic teachers at a crucial time for our pupils.



Years 10-11

At the start of Year 10, this choice of 6 subjects is further refined down to 4, which will complete their GCSE subject selection. This ensures that the vast majority of our pupils will sit ten GCSEs:

- English Literature
- English Language
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Plus 4 subjects of their choosing.

Additional GCSE Subjects

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| • Art | • French |
| • Computer Science | • Geography |
| • Dance | • History |
| • Design Technology | • Music |
| • Drama | • PE |
| • Food Science | • Spanish |

Throughout their time in Years 9-11, pupils continue to have weekly Sports/Games lessons (including time for fixtures) and Life Skills lessons.



Scholarships

For Year 7 and Year 9 entrants into our school, we offer scholarships to the top performing candidates who demonstrate outstanding ability in Academia, Art, Drama, Music, Science & Technology or Sport.

Once awarded, Year 7 and Year 9 scholarships are carried forward until the end of Year 11. It is possible to be awarded a scholarship on entry into Year 7 and then receive a further award at Year 9.

All pupils entering Year 7 and Year 9 may apply for one or more of the following Scholarships:

- Art
- Drama
- Music
- Science & Technology
- Sport

In addition, pupils may be awarded an Academic Scholarship by recommendation (if already at FSM) or through strong performance in our admissions assessments (for those applying to join the school).

Further details on the selection process, benefits and fee awards can be found on our accompanying Scholarship Booklet.

Scan the QR code to
download our
scholarship brochure



Happiness At Our Heart

Forres Sandle Manor enjoys an outstanding reputation for its nurturing environment and strong pastoral care. As a school which aims to help young people to become the best versions of themselves through their teenage years, and to achieve their dreams at GCSE, we believe, above all else, they must be happy and love coming to school.

It is, therefore, essential that outstanding pastoral care is at the very heart of our Senior School and that we provide all our Senior School pupils with the opportunities and protected time, each and every day, to ensure they feel happy, cared for and listened to.

In addition to the benefits of small classes across the school, we achieve this in four ways:

1. The FSM Way

We place considerable value on 'The FSM Way' – the 5 values which we most value and celebrate as a school. These are:

- Love of Learning
- Commitment
- Kindness
- Respect
- Responsibility

All of our staff can issue house points to any pupil for any of these 5 values on top of regular celebrations and awards given in assemblies.



Happiness at Our Heart

2. Starting Right - FSM Tutor Programme

We allocate the first 30 minutes of every day to pupils meeting with their tutors. This gives ample time and space for them to have an adult who knows them well to have meaningful conversations and sessions on their wellbeing and to address any concerns or worries they may have. These sessions can also include workshops/assemblies as appropriate.

3. Learning for Life

Every Senior School pupil has a dedicated Life Skills lesson each week, led by our Pastoral Assistant Head. This ensures that not only does this crucial member of staff know every Senior School pupil exceptionally well, it also allows us to protect some time each week to ensure that our pupils feel happy with who they are now, as well as equipped to thrive in the world outside of school, including online.

4. Food and Wellbeing

Days at FSM are as busy as they are enjoyable and we therefore ensure that our Senior School pupils have opportunities to pause, relax and unwind with their friends. Each day, they enjoy a thirty minute morning break and a further hour for lunch, during which our dedicated Head Chef, Matt (and his team), serve delicious meals which cater for all needs and dietary requirements. Everything is freshly prepared and served, often using local produce. Each day, pupils have a choice of a meat or vegetarian/vegan main dish, plus a choice of freshly made soup, puddings, drinks and a self-service salad bar.



Enrichment Programme

At FSM, the final and equally fundamental part of helping pupils to be happy and successful is to ensure they enjoy outstanding personal development. As is the case with our pastoral care, it is our belief that this needs to have dedicated time each and every day of a young person's time in our Senior School.

To achieve this, all of our Senior School pupils begin their day with lesson one as an Extended Curriculum (Enrichment) session. Every term, all Senior School pupils are able to choose from a huge range of sessions (1 per day), which will often mix pupils with similar passions from different year groups together.

For our pupils, this has several benefits:

1. It provides them with a chance to start every day (when teenagers are often least likely to learn effectively in a classroom setting) with an activity they have chosen. A great way to start every day at school!
2. Socially, it enables them to spend time and make friends with peers from different year groups who enjoy the same interests.
3. For older pupils, it provides meaningful opportunities to develop and show leadership. For those in the younger years, they are able to see older role models to aspire towards.
4. Every pupil can enjoy weekly sessions over at least a term, **enabling each to have a purposeful outcome**, for example a performance or additional qualification.



Weekend Provision

The curriculum at Forres Sandle Manor runs from Monday to Friday, but in addition to ensuring our boarding pupils are actively engaged at weekends, we also believe it is important to offer our local pupils the opportunity to further extend their learning and personal development should they wish.

Saturday Mornings

Every Saturday morning during term time, all FSM pupils from Years 3 and above are welcome to participate in our Super-Curriculum sessions. There are two sessions, each lasting 90 minutes (with a break in between), which means that pupils wishing to participate will be in school from 9am until 12:30pm. Every half term, our aim is to provide pupils with an ever-expanding range of sessions which will enable them to find new passions and interests.

Sessions are run both on and off site, with the latter usually spanning across both sessions to enable the pupils to travel to and from a venue and have over 2 hours to enjoy an activity.

Sundays

Every Sunday, during term time, we take all of our boarding pupils on a day trip to a local place of interest, or one further afield. The list of trips will be published prior to the start of each term and it is our ambition that day pupils will be able to opt-in to these trips on a case-by-case basis, thereby enabling them to enjoy more time with their friends, visiting places of particular interest.



Typical
Weekend
Activities





House System

Every great school needs a thriving house system and our 4 houses are named after historic inclosures in the New Forest: **Broomy, Hasley, Pittswood & Sloden.**

Across the school, each pupil and nearly every member of staff is a member of a House. Siblings are always in the same House.

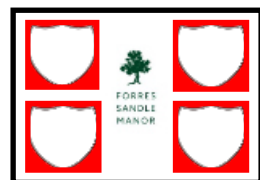
The House System & Senior School

As a Senior School pupil, there are unique opportunities to participate in, and become a leader within our House system.

Firstly, all pupils are able to take part in competitions across the year. Our ambition for the House system is to ensure that every pupil in the school can find events that they genuinely want to participate in and where they feel they can excel.

By participating in these events, pupils can win points for their House but also compete alongside friends in their year group, as well as pupils from across other year groups in the school.

Most importantly, as a Senior School pupil there is the chance to apply for various House student leadership positions. House Captain and House Vice Captain roles will be introduced for Senior School pupils. Those appointed will play a significant part in the life of the whole school, including supporting the other pupils who hold House leadership positions.



Trips and Excursions

At Forres Sandle Manor, trips and excursions are seen as an integral part of the school experience as they enable our pupils to explore, enrich and elevate their learning and social skills.

From Year 7, all the way through to Year 11, our pupils have the opportunity to enjoy taking their learning out of the classroom and into the world.

Based within the UK and overseas, these trips contribute to ensuring the Senior School experience at Forres Sandle Manor is exceptional.

Residential Week

Our residential week for pupils is always a highlight of the school year and takes place in June. Our Year 7 and 8 students have an amazing experience in either beautiful Normandy or Cornwall (alternating years between the two destinations). Our pupils have a wonderful time exploring the unique cultures, landscapes, and activities that these regions have to offer.



Our Year 9 and 10 pupils have an exciting opportunity to experience two trips to continental Europe. During their visits, they explore iconic landmarks and local communities, allowing them to gain a deeper appreciation of European culture.



Senior School Trips

In addition to Residential Week, Seniors have many other opportunities to participate in life-changing trips. All are optional and take place during the school holidays.

Ski Trip

Ski Trip to Passo Tonale in Italy. This is a bi-annual week-long residential, usually during the Easter holidays, open to all pupils from Year 3 and above.

All abilities are welcome, including those who would like to try skiing for the first time.



Sports Tours

We hold both UK and European Sports Tours that run alternate years. These are an opportunity to present all our children's hard work on the national and international stage. All of these trips run within our Half Term holidays.



Arctic Adventure

One of the highlights for Seniors is the opportunity to experience an Arctic adventure! Staying in a cabin near the Arctic Circle, they enjoy activities, such as skiing, snow-shoeing, dog sledding, ice fishing, and fat biking. From this, they gain an understanding of traditional life and the environment.



UK and International Expeditions

We are excited to offer our Seniors, both UK and international educational expeditions, from the Brecons to the Azores. Pupils have the chance to enjoy the outdoors, learning skills such as map reading, outdoor cookery and resilience. They are able to challenge themselves, gaining an appreciation of the natural world, whilst developing new skills.



Boarding

Forres Sandle Manor has a long and distinguished history as a boarding school and today we still have the privilege of being home to pupils from Years 3 and above on a full, weekly, flexi and occasional basis.

Why Board With Us?

The happiness of our pupils is at the forefront of everything we do and the boarding experience at Forres Sandle Manor has been curated to ensure each pupil gets the most from their time with us.

Staffing:

A home-away-from-home boarding experience awaits. All of our boarding accommodation is in the main Manor House, where there is also accommodation for a total of eight members of staff, ensuring that there are always multiple adults on duty 24 hours a day.

Rooms:

The top of the Manor House hosts our single-sex multi-occupancy rooms. These occupy the huge bedrooms of the Manor House, creating a very comfortable and homely feel for all our boarders.





Activities:

In addition to the weekend activities (see page 12), our fantastic boarding team ensure that there is a host of exciting activities and events during evenings (including our infamous ‘Wicked Wednesdays’), which keep our boarders happy and encourage solid friendships.

Food:

All meals are freshly prepared by our dedicated catering team, and are served in our Manor House dining area, often using local produce. Our boarding house hosts pupils as young as seven years old, so all staff (including the catering team) are hugely experienced at ensuring even our youngest boarders have delicious meals which cater for all tastes and dietary requirements.

Free Time:

In addition to evening activities, after school the pupils are supervised by teaching staff for their prep (homework) sessions and during free time they are able to use the school’s numerous facilities, including the swimming pool, boarders’ lounge, games room, tennis courts, football pitches etc.

Who can board at FSM?

Any pupil in Year 3 and above can board on a full, weekly, flexi or occasional basis. Many of our day pupils choose to board one night each week as it is a great way to develop independence and have fun with their friends.



Good To Know

We appreciate that finding the right school for your child also means that it needs to work for your busy family. This is why we offer all the families of our Senior School pupils the following promises:

Wraparound Care

Is available for all FSM pupils (of all ages) from 7.30am to 6pm every day of term at no additional cost and with no need for advance notice.

After School Activities

We offer a fantastic range of activities (both on and off site) between the end of Period 7 and 5.50pm. The programme of activities changes termly and the current provision can be found on our website.

Bus Routes

As our school grows we continue to add more bus routes across Hampshire, Dorset and Wiltshire. Our current routes can be seen on our website and possible additions can be discussed with the Registrar.

Fees

Current fees can be found on our website but we are not anticipating significant increases for pupils in Years 9-11. For example, we have already guaranteed that the Year 9 fees will remain the same as those for Years 7 & 8.



Interested?

These are your next steps...

We understand what a big decision it is for you to choose a school for your son or daughter. At Forres Sandle Manor we make the application process as simple as possible.

Book a private tour:

We always recommend a private one-to-one tour with our Head. This allows us to get to know you and your child's future aspirations. During the tour, we can introduce you to teachers and the Departmental Heads of the subjects they are interested in studying.

For further information about Forres Sandle Manor and to arrange your private tour, please contact our Registrar.



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