



**Forrester**  
**High School**

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# Key Information

2022/23



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## Dates for diary

Year group	Parents night*	Progress report	Progress report	Full report
S1	1/11/2022	12/10/2022	15/3/2023	30/5/2023
S2	13/12/2022	5/10/2022		30/11/2022
S3	1/2/2023	21/9/2022		18/1/2023
S4-S6	23/11/2022 (S4) and 1/12/2022 (S5/6)	28/9/2022	16/11/2022	1/3/2023







Progress report provides information on pupil progress, effort, behaviour and homework

**S4-6 Prelims:** 12<sup>th</sup> January – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**S2 into S3 Course information evening:** 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Senior phase coursing information evening:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Stay connected

School website	<a href="http://forresterhighschool.org.uk/">http://forresterhighschool.org.uk/</a>
Phone	<b>0131 334 9262</b>
email	<a href="mailto:admin@forrester.edin.sch.uk">admin@forrester.edin.sch.uk</a>
School app Connectus 	<b>Apple</b> <a href="https://apple.co/2Gvy17w">https://apple.co/2Gvy17w</a> <b>Android</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/2uZlrGf">http://bit.ly/2uZlrGf</a>
	@forresterhs <a href="https://twitter.com/forresterhs">https://twitter.com/forresterhs</a>
	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Forrester-High-School-201624606573204/">https://www.facebook.com/Forrester-High-School-201624606573204/</a>
	<a href="https://www.parentpay.com/">https://www.parentpay.com/</a>
	<a href="https://www.showmyhomework.co.uk/login">https://www.showmyhomework.co.uk/login</a>
	<a href="https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/forrester">https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/forrester</a>
Sports clubs 	<a href="https://www.joininedinburgh.org/venue/407/">https://www.joininedinburgh.org/venue/407/</a> Code FOR-09



# Financial Support

For support, advice and assistance with managing any financial issues that may arise during the school year, please contact our family liaison officer [sarah.ross@forrester.edin.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.ross@forrester.edin.sch.uk) or call 0131 334 9262 for confidential support and advice. There is also information available via the link below

[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20183/food\\_and\\_clothing/392/free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_help\\_with\\_schoolwear](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20183/food_and_clothing/392/free_school_meals_and_help_with_schoolwear)

We assist with Free School Meal applications, clothing grants and can help provide toiletries and sanitary products. We support with financial assistance and Educational Maintenance Allowance and can also help direct you to external services within and out with The City of Edinburgh Council for support.

# School dress code

<http://forresterhighschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Forrester-HS-dress-code-policy-June-2018.pdf>

# Breakfast Club



Free and open every morning 7.45-8.25am in the social area. Bagels with butter/jam along with a selection of fresh fruit and cereals are on offer for all pupils. The perfect way to start the day and add fuel for learning.

# Key Staff

Head teacher	Mr S Rafferty
Depute/Head of Telford	Mrs L Coffey
Depute/Head of Redpath	Mr M Ennis
Depute/Head of Burns	Mr J MacPhie
Senior Development Officer (PEF)	Miss Eilidh McLaren
Pupil Support Leader -Telford (Tues-Fri)	Mrs Jacqui Forbes: <a href="mailto:Jacqueline.Forbes@forrester.edin.sch.uk">Jacqueline.Forbes@forrester.edin.sch.uk</a>
Pupil Support Leader -Telford (Monday)	Mr Stewart Sneddon: <a href="mailto:Stewart.Sneddon@forrester.edin.sch.uk">Stewart.Sneddon@forrester.edin.sch.uk</a>
Pupil Support Leader – Redpath (Mon-Thur)	Mrs Kate MacPhie: <a href="mailto:Kate.MacPhie@forrester.edin.sch.uk">Kate.MacPhie@forrester.edin.sch.uk</a>
Pupil Support Leader – Redpath (Fri)	Miss Tamara Hood: <a href="mailto:Tamara.2.Hood@forrester.edin.sch.uk">Tamara.2.Hood@forrester.edin.sch.uk</a>
Pupil Support Leader – Burns (Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri)	Mrs Lauren Flannigan-Brown: <a href="mailto:Lauren.Flannigan@forrester.edin.sch.uk">Lauren.Flannigan@forrester.edin.sch.uk</a>
Pupil Support Leader – Burns (Wed)	Mr Stewart Sneddon: <a href="mailto:Stewart.Sneddon@forrester.edin.sch.uk">Stewart.Sneddon@forrester.edin.sch.uk</a>
Pupil Support Officer (PEF)- Mon-Thur	Mrs Sarah Ross: <a href="mailto:Sarah.Ross@forrester.edin.sch.uk">Sarah.Ross@forrester.edin.sch.uk</a>
Pupil Support Officer (PEF) - Fri	Mrs Lisa Thomson: <a href="mailto:Lisa.Thomson@forrester.edin.sch.uk">Lisa.Thomson@forrester.edin.sch.uk</a>
Support for Learning Leader	Mrs Chelsea Wilson: <a href="mailto:Chelsea.Wilson@forrester.edin.sch.uk">Chelsea.Wilson@forrester.edin.sch.uk</a>



# School Attendance

**‘Raise their attendance, raise their chances’**

## What happens if my child is ill and can't go to school?

### You need to inform the school by

- phone - 0131 334 9262
- return message to truancy text/email alert
- emailing [admin@forrester.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@forrester.edin.sch.uk)
- through REPORT AN ABSENCE school website link

## Impact on learning

Attendance		School days missed	Outlook for student
100%	Excellent	0 days missed	Best chance of achieving success in school
95%	Good	9 days (1 week 4 days)	Very good chance of achieving success in school
90%	Below Average	19 days (4 weeks 4 days)	Starts to become harder for your child to progress
85%	Unsatisfactory	27 days (5 weeks 3 days)	<b>SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS</b>
80%		36 days (7 weeks and 3 days)	Becomes harder to catch up Large chance of falling behind and underachieving Becomes harder to maintain relationships
70%	Unacceptable	57 days (11 weeks 2 days)	<b>VERY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS</b> Extremely difficult to catch up with work Increase risk of social isolation Child unlikely to have a positive view on education Becomes harder to succeed in mainstream education resulting in a difficult transition into further education Extremely likely to impact on confidence, self-esteem and mental health

## How can you help?

- ✓ Try and make doctors, dentist and hospital appointments out with the school day
- ✓ Ensure pupils return to school after an appointment if unavoidable
- ✓ Encourage and monitor pupil attendance
- ✓ Encourage pupils to arrive at school for 8.25am every morning

**Attendance in school is directly linked to greater achievement. When attendance falls below 85%, pupils on average achieve at least 1 grade less per subject**



# School Term Dates 2022/2023

## Autumn

Term starts Wednesday 17 August 2022.

### *Mid-term holidays*

- Monday 19 September 2022, autumn holiday.
- Monday 17 to Tuesday 25 October 2022, mid term break.

Term ends Tuesday 20 December 2022.

### *Christmas holidays*

- Wednesday 21 December 2022 to Wednesday 4 January 2023.

## Spring

Term starts Thursday 5 January 2023.

### *Mid term holidays*

- Monday 13 to Friday 17 February 2023, mid term break.

Term ends Friday 31 March 2023.

### *Easter holidays*

- Monday 3 to Friday 14 April 2023.

## Summer

Term starts Monday 17 April 2023.

### *Mid term holidays*

- Monday 1 May 2023, May Day.
- Tuesday 2 May 2023, staff only day.
- Monday 22 May 2023, Victoria Day.

Term ends Wednesday 28 June 2023.



# School App for Parents

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