



Forrester
High School

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Key Information

2024/25



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Dates for diary

Year group	Parents night*	Tracking report	Tracking report	Full report
S1	03/04/2025	09/10/2024	21/05/2025	
S2	09/01/2025	27/11/2024	26/03/2025	
S3	28/01/2025	18/12/2024	07/05/2025	
S4-S6	27/11/2024 12/03/2025	25/09/2024	13/11/2024	26/02/2025

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




All dates may be subject to change.

S4-6 Prelims: January 2025 (start January 13th)

S2 into S3 Course information evening: 10/12/2024

Senior phase coursing information evening: 21/01/2025

Stay connected

School website	http://forresterhighschool.org.uk/
Phone	0131 334 9262
Email	admin@forrester.edin.sch.uk
	@forresterhs @RaiseFHS
	https://www.parentpay.com/
	https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/forrester



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 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

We assist with Free School Meal applications which may include a clothing grant. You must apply for this each school year and applications will open in late June. We can help provide toiletries, sanitary products and referrals to food banks. 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

At Forrester we are committed to supporting all pupils and families with dress code. Parents or pupils may contact Sarah Ross if they are in need of uniform or supplies for school. We have stock of new school bags, PE kit, water bottles and school uniform available for any family in need.

[Forrester High School Edinburgh | Dress Code](#)

Breakfast Club



Free every morning from 7.45 to 8.25am in the social area. Bagels or toast 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	Stephen Rafferty
Depute/Head of Telford	Lisa Coffey
Depute/Head of Redpath	Martin Ennis
Depute/Head of Burns	John MacPhie
Senior Development Officer (PEF)	Eilidh McLaren
Pupil Support Leader – Telford	Jacqui Forbes: Jacqueline.Forbes@forrester.edin.sch.uk
Pupil Support Officer – Telford	Sarah Ross: Sarah.Ross@forrester.edin.sch.uk
Pupil Support Leader – Redpath (Mon-Thur)	Kate MacPhie: Kate.MacPhie@forrester.edin.sch.uk
Pupil Support Leader – Redpath (Fri)	Tammy Hood: Tamara.2.Hood@forrester.edin.sch.uk
Pupil Support Officer – Redpath	Lisa Thomson: Lisa.Thomson@forrester.edin.sch.uk
Pupil Support Leader – Burns (Monday)	Tammy Hood: Tamara.2.Hood@forrester.edin.sch.uk
Pupil Support Leader – Burns (Tues-Fri)	Helen Kennedy: Helen.1.Kennedy@forrester.edin.sch.uk
Pupil Support Officer – Burns	Lauren Meldrum: Lauren.Meldrum@forrester.edin.sch.uk
Support for Learning Leader	Chelsea Wilson: Chelsea.Wilson@forrester.edin.sch.uk



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
- 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)	SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS
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)	VERY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS 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 2024/25

Autumn

Term starts Wednesday 14 August 2024.

Mid-term holidays

- Monday 16 September 2024, autumn holiday.
- Monday 14 to Monday 21 October 2024, mid term break.

Term ends Friday 20 December 2024.

Christmas holidays

- Monday 23 December 2024 to Monday 6 January 2025.

Spring

Term starts Tuesday 7 January 2025.

Mid term holidays

- Monday 10 to Friday 14 February 2025, mid term break.

Term ends Friday 4 April 2025.

Easter holidays

- Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April 2025.

Summer

Term starts Tuesday 22 April 2025.

Mid term holidays

- Monday 5 May 2025, May Day.
- Tuesday 6 May 2025, staff only day.
- Monday 19 May 2025, Victoria Day.

Term ends Thursday 26 June 2025.

