



20th May 2025

Dear Parents,

Staffing and Curriculum for 2025-2026

As we look ahead to the 101st academic year at Forest, I am delighted to inform you that there will be no movement to our staff. This continuity ensures stability for our Foresters, which is incredibly important as we continue to foster an environment of growth and excellence. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team in place.

There will, however, be some changes in-house next year. These changes are designed to enhance the experience for all of our students and ensure that Forest Prep continues to thrive.

Year 3

I can confirm that I will continue to have a hands-on approach within my headship. I truly enjoy teaching and working directly with the children—it not only brings me great joy but also brings diversity to my role as Headmaster. I will continue to job-share with Mrs Eley in Year 3, and we both look forward to working closely with the children and supporting their learning. Mrs Eley will teach the children from Monday to Thursday and I will teach them on a Friday.

Year 1 / Art and Design

This coming September, Mrs Thomson will step aside from her Year 1 duties on a Friday as we extend our art provision next year. The art studio will be open for five days per week, allowing our Nursery children to benefit from weekly specialist art sessions. We are eager to see the creativity this will bring to all of our youngest Foresters. This also allows our Year 4 children to have split lessons, giving Mr Francis opportunity to work closely with the children in small group lessons.

Madame Tourigny will increase her teaching days and take over from Mrs Thomson on a Friday, joining Mrs Burns and Mrs Wells in the Year 1 team.

Outdoor Learning- Reception Class

We are also excited to announce an extension of our Forest School Outdoor Learning programme, which will now include Reception. Outdoor learning is incredibly valuable in the early years, as it helps children develop important life skills such as problem-solving, resilience, and independence. It also supports their physical, social, and emotional growth, giving them a greater sense of responsibility and connection to the natural world. Nursery and Kindergarten have gained a great deal from their weekly sessions.

In order to manage my time with Year 3, it is with great regret that I will no longer be able to teach Reception on a Tuesday afternoon each week. For the last few years I have loved my afternoons with Reception. I'm sure they will thoroughly enjoy their new weekly outdoor learning sessions which will take place instead.

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I will continue to teach Year 5 Verbal Reasoning on a Thursday morning.

Please see the next page for a full overview of the teaching staff for the next academic year.

The Future

Despite the challenges that all schools in the sector are currently facing, I am pleased to say that Forest is currently in a strong position. We have exciting plans for the future that will continue to help the school move forward through these tricky circumstances.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to another successful year together.

Yours sincerely

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Graeme Booth
Headmaster

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Teaching Staff 2025-2026

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