

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #53.1



A - LEVEL RESULTS



OUR BEST EVER RESULTS!

Record pass rate, record A*-C, record A*-B, record A*-A.

GCSE RESULTS



Against a national figure of 3% of students achieving the new top Grade 9 – 7% of FPSS students achieved a 9 in English and 8% in Maths



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WELCOME TO FURZE PLATT

Welcome to all students (and staff) who have started with us this week, it has been great to see so many happy faces around school.

We had a record breaking summer with fantastic results, Our students' hard work has certainly paid off.

Start and end of day reminders:

Well done to all students for their punctual arrival to school. All students must be in school promptly at 8.40am.

Please note: parents are not permitted to drive in to school to drop off or pick up their sons/daughters.

Communication

We encourage parents to follow our Twitter account and/or Facebook account and to visit our website:

Website: www.furzeplatt.com

Twitter - @furze_platt

Facebook – search using @furzeplattsenior and check it is the verified account (with a tick)

Support us

By visiting <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzeplattsenior/> the school will benefit from your purchases without costing you a penny extra. We would strongly encourage parents to sign up for this and download the donation reminder onto your computers.

Our PTFA are urgently looking for a treasurer. Can you help? If so, please email the PTFA Chair, Jeff Lloyd, at jeff@iifa.co.uk. The PTFA are a very friendly group who



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 2)

MON 1 SEPTEMBER	Year 7 & Year 10 Photos	9am - 12pm
TUE 12 SEPTEMBER	Year 12 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
	Year 13 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 14 SEPTEMBER	Year 7 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events

THU 21 SEPTEMBER	Celebration Evening	7pm - 8pm
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meet around 4-6 times per year and all parents / carers are welcome to meetings.

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find attached letters with information regarding the Year 7 Preparing to Succeed and Year 12 and 13 Supporting Learning Evenings, as well as GCSE English Language and Literature and Drama Club.

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PREPARING TO SUCCEED IN YEAR 7
THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER - 6.30PM

PREPARING TO SUCCEED IN YEAR 12
TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER - 6.30PM

PREPARING TO SUCCEED IN YEAR 13
TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER - 6.30PM

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE & REVISION
SOURCES

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL : DRAMA CLUB

HOME LEARNING TIMETABLES

Please can parents support their children with their home learning. Our home learning expectations are:

YEAR 7 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLES 2017-2018

YEAR 8 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLES 2017-2018

Years 7 and 8 follow fixed home learning timetables. Each piece of home learning should take 30 minutes, giving students between 1 hour and 1 ½ hours of home learning per night.

Years 9-11 do not have a fixed home learning timetable, but will be set the following home learning. Each piece of home learning should take 1 hour, giving students an average of 2 hours of home learning per night:

English and Maths – 2 pieces per week

Science – 1 piece for each of the 3 sciences per week

Option subjects – 1 piece per week
Philosophy and Religion (Years 10 and 11) – 1 piece per week for those taking double or combined science; 1 piece per fortnight for those taking triple or separate sciences.

AUTUMN TERM EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS LIST

Please see the attached link for a full list of our current school clubs. We are proud to be able to offer approximately 70 clubs this term, covering a huge variety of activities for all our students.

Please encourage your son/daughter to attend any which may be of interest to them.

SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE 2017

YEAR 7 YEAR 8 YEAR 9 YEAR 10 YEAR 11

HOCKEY FIXTURES

The attached link shows our Hockey Fixtures for this term.

HOCKEY FIXTURES

Clubs and fixtures information can also be found on our website.



SCHOOL NEWS

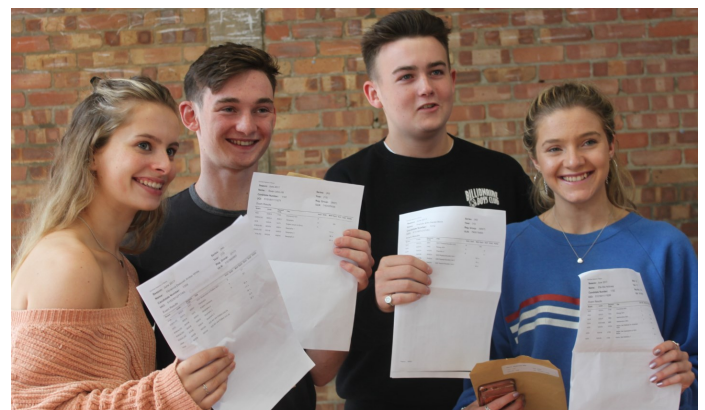
A LEVEL HEADLINES - AUGUST 2017

A2 Year 13

Our best ever results. – record pass rate, record A*-C, record A*-B, record A*-A.



- Pass rate 99% [RECORD RESULT]. Improves on the previous record of 98% achieved every year from 2012-16.
- A*-A – 31% [RECORD RESULT]. An 8% rise from 2016's total of 23%. Beats the previous record figure of 25%, set in 2014
- A*-B – 59% [RECORD RESULT]. A 15% rise from the 44% achieved in 2016. Beats the previous record figure of 50%, set in 2012
- A*-C – 80% [RECORD RESULT]. A 9% rise from 2016's figure of 71%. Beats the previous record figure of 75%, set in 2014



- 28 subjects with 100% pass: Applied Business, Art & Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computing, Product Design, Dance, Drama, Economics, English Language & Literature, English Literature, French, Further Maths, General Studies, Geography, History, ICT, Media Studies, Music, Philosophy & Ethics, Physical Education, Physics, Politics, Russian, Sociology, Spanish, EPQ
- Subjects with high A*-B%: Computing (100%); Business Studies (85.7%); Drama (83.3%); Chemistry (82.9%); Further Maths (80.0%); Economics (75%); English Literature (71.4%); History (69.2%); Maths (67.6%); English Language & Literature (62.5%); Biology (59.1%)



- The vast majority of our students achieved the grades they needed to get onto the A Level courses of their choice – congratulations to everyone who worked so hard for their results.



A LEVEL RESULTS DAY PHOTO GALLERY

GCSE HEADLINES - AUGUST 2017



- Against a national figure of 3% of students achieving the new top Grade 9 – 7% of FPSS students achieved a 9 in English and 8% in Maths (fantastic results)
- English 9-4 (best of Language or Literature): 84%
- Maths 9-4: 77%



- Basics (9-4 in English & Maths, the new 5A*-C with En/Ma replacement): 71%, compared to the (2016) national average of 62%
- 96% of students achieved at least 8 GCSEs. (This matches a previous record that was only achieved in the days of multiple BTEC qualifications, so is a great achievement for everyone in this cohort of students in a tougher academic climate).



GCSE LEVEL RESULTS DAY PHOTO GALLERY

SUMMER FUN AT FURZE PLATT



Students had a great time during the summer participating in a huge range of activities at our Summer School. From days out at Taplow Lake to making music videos and learning how to fence, taking part in sports, team games, quizzes and much more, students from our school and other schools (including many who have started here this week) enjoyed new and established activities.

For the first time this year we offered a Drama week which was also very successful, click the link below to view their Thriller Remix.

SUMMER FUN DRAMA WEEK VIDEO - THRILLER REMIX

'The [Drama] week itself was absolutely fantastic and we were so impressed. We were extremely lucky to have a group of students who were so enthusiastic and just clicked on every level.' Mr Beavis and Mr Williams, Drama Week Teachers

Thank you to all staff and Sixth Formers who helped out.

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FURZE PLATT STUDENT WINS NATIONAL COMPUTING PRIZE

Sam Sheppard, Year 13, was one of our top achieving students with a fantastic 4 A* at A Level. He has now also been awarded a Netcraft AQA Computing Prize 2017 for being in the top 50 A2 Computing candidates.

This is another outstanding result – well done Sam.



ALUMNI SUCCESS IN GB TRANSPLANT GAMES

Stuart Robbins, who had a bowel transplant in 2009, won a Gold medal in badminton doubles and two Bronze medals in the games. The competition aims to raise awareness about organ donation.

Stuart's aunt, Mrs Harding, HR Manager at Furze Platt Senior School, said "I would urge everyone to sign up to be a donor if they haven't already as it makes such a difference to people's lives."



AWARD WINNING ALUMNI

Many congratulations too to Furze Platt alumni George Sackman, who graduated from the University of Oxford, Oriel College this summer. George graduated with a Master's Degree in Chemistry, 2:i with a 1st Class master's thesis - From Cress to Cancer and Co-crystals: Investigating the metabolite profile impact and dissolution rate of herbicides using machine learning algorithms and co-crystal formation. He received the 2016/17 Hammick Chemistry Prize from the university for this work. George is continuing his research at the Chemistry Research Laboratory in Oxford this October, studying for a DPhil in Inorganic Chemistry.



FURZE PLATT STUDENT WINS SILVER AT JUNIOR WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Victor Kleshnev (Year 13) was part of a quad that won the silver medal at the Junior World Rowing Championships over the summer. Victor has won a number of medals and awards for his rowing - a future Olympian to watch!





ATHLETICS SUCCESS FOR FURZE PLATT STUDENTS

England Age Group Athletics Championships

Year 11 students Harrison Thorne (HJ) and Orla Brennan (300mH) finished 6th in the finals of the England U17 championships at Bedford at the end of August. Harrison competes for Slough Junior and Orla for Windsor, Slough, Eton and Hounslow (WSEH).

South of England U17 Championships.

Harrison finished 2nd in the High Jump with 1.91m (17th on UK rankings)

Orla finished 2nd in the 300mHurdles in 44.30 (8th on UK rankings)

Scottish U13 Championships.

Brogan McCafferty, Year 8, finished 3rd in the U13 100m with a time of 13.05w. Brogan competes for Cookham RC.

Well done to them all.



CAN YOU HELP?



A team of Furze Platt Senior School students is looking to build its own robot to rival the House Robots on Robot Wars. We need help!

If you can help source engines (or anything else we may need) we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Please email Richard.wright@furzeplatt.net for details.



THANK YOU TO THE PTFA

A huge thank you to our PTFA who have agreed to fund two projects for our IT / Computing and Science departments respectively. The PTFA do a fantastic job of supporting students to do more than the school timetable can offer and we are very grateful to them.



Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ A broad, stimulating and rewarding education for girls and boys
- ▶ Outstanding academic, sporting and 'the arts' facilities
- ▶ Supportive transition activities for all our Year 7 students
- ▶ A wealth of extra-curricular interests, trips and visits

'An increased number of pupils achieved top grades at key stage 4 [and] made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects. The most able make similar or greater progress than other pupils nationally.'

- Ofsted



**Open Evening
Thursday 5th Oct 2017
All Welcome**

**School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2017
All Welcome***

How to find us:



'Pupils achieve highly at this school'

- Ofsted 2016

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*Please contact us to reserve a space for these events.

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