



**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL



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Furze Platt is a highly successful mixed comprehensive school serving the children of Maidenhead. Girls and boys of all abilities thrive at our school and our aim is to help them develop the skills, qualities and aspirations which will allow them to excel in the future. We want them to enjoy the time they spend with us and this is accomplished by providing an education which is broad, stimulating and rewarding.

There is an enormous range of opportunities for the young people in our care, both inside and outside of the classroom. As well as their formal studies our students benefit from a wealth of extra-curricular activities and an exciting programme of trips and visits.





“Attainment at the highest grades is much higher than the national average in a number of subject areas including English, Maths and Science.”
- OFSTED



LEARNING TOGETHER

We are a happy, caring school with highly trained and dedicated staff. They work hard to ensure that every child is treated as an individual, helping them develop socially and emotionally during their time with us.

The school is divided into eight Houses each with its own Head of House. Through this system students are provided with the support, advice and encouragement so important for young people growing up. The Houses also give a focus to our many competitions and challenges which run throughout the year. Each child has their own tutor who will support them and take a special interest in their progress and wellbeing.

Respect for one another is a central value which we instil in every student and we have high expectations with regard to behaviour and personal conduct. Our school is a calm and well-ordered environment enabling students to feel safe and secure – this is vital if children are to flourish.

Our assembly and tutorial programme allows students to engage with a broad range of social and personal issues, helping them to develop as individuals and to eventually take their place as active and well informed citizens. They are encouraged to take part in charity activities and to contribute to the local community. Each year thousands of pounds are raised for good causes both at home and abroad.

Two female students are sitting at a desk in a library, smiling at the camera. They are wearing dark blue blazers with 'STUDENT' written on the lapels. In front of them are several open books, including one titled 'French'. The background is filled with bookshelves containing various books, including several 'GERMAN!' books.

"The Sixth Form is a large vibrant community and students make good progress." - OFSTED

OUR SIXTH FORM

The majority of our students continue their studies in our Sixth Form which offers a comprehensive range of Advanced Level courses. Standards are exceptionally high and this is matched only by the level of personal support which we provide.

Our sixth formers take on student leadership responsibilities as prefects, house captains and as mentors to younger students. Sixth formers benefit from a range of social and extra-curricular activities which include the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, outward bounds activities, university visits and a range of talks and seminars from outside speakers. They work hard and add significantly to the life of the school by being the positive role models to whom younger students can aspire.

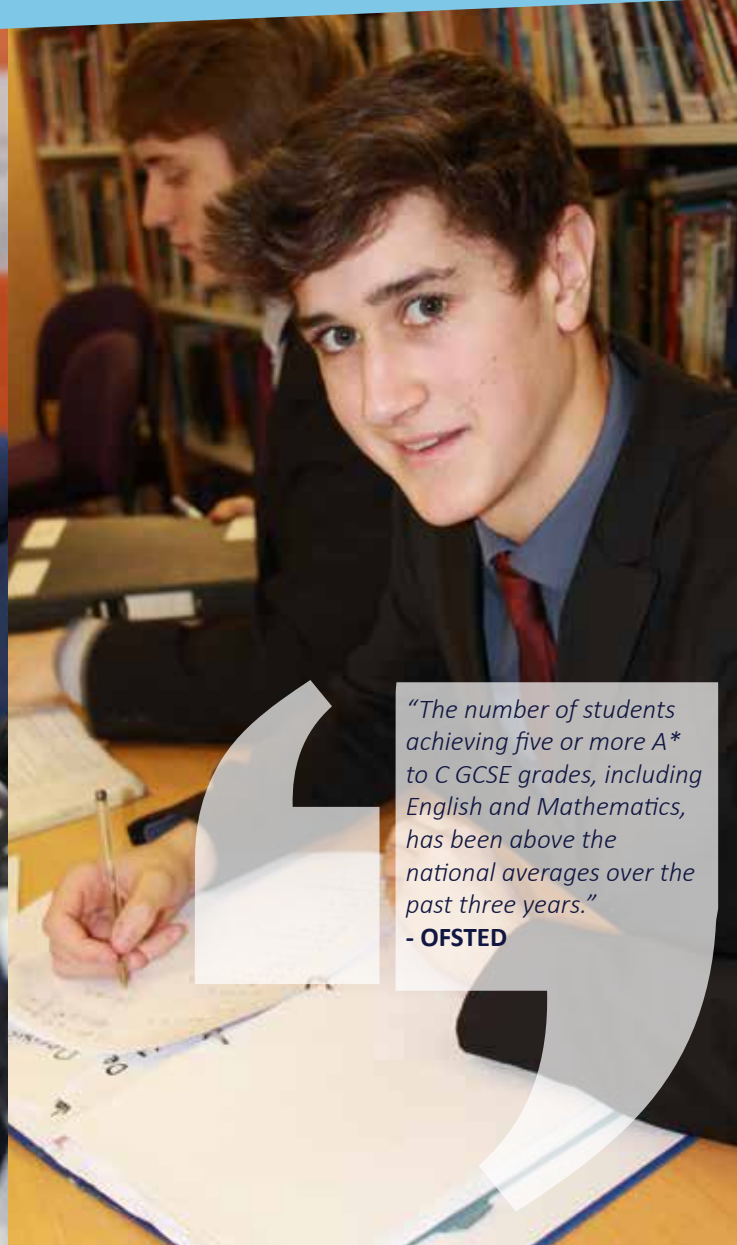


LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Our teaching staff are highly trained subject experts who bring with them a deep knowledge of their subject and a real passion for education. They work hard to ensure that every child reaches their full potential, discovers new talents and develops a love for learning.

In the classroom we aim to make learning varied, engaging and enjoyable. Work is carefully set to challenge all abilities and additional support is always available for those who find learning more difficult. We aim high, and from the very first day with us our students are encouraged to recognise that determination and resilience are the keys to success in school and in life.

Our academic achievements are impressive with young people progressing through our Sixth Form on to the most prestigious universities including Oxford and Cambridge. Examination results are very strong at all levels with performance significantly above the national averages. As well as achieving high grades at GCSE and A level, students also make outstanding progress and young people of all abilities make exceptional strides as they move through the school.



"The number of students achieving five or more A to C GCSE grades, including English and Mathematics, has been above the national averages over the past three years."*

- OFSTED

OUR CURRICULUM

We offer an enviable range of courses to suit students of all aptitudes. Our core offer is of course academic, but we also provide outstanding opportunities in the arts, computing, sport and technology. Additionally we provide vocational pathways for those who wish to pursue a more practical approach to their learning.

Great care is taken to ensure that students are mentored and guided to select the most appropriate courses at each stage of their school career. We make use of professional advisers, run an extensive careers and higher education fair and as they progress through the school students will make visits to universities and take part in work experience.



"The academic curriculum opportunities are wide and varied."
- OFSTED

“Teachers have high expectations, excellent subject knowledge, know their students well and plan around their specific learning needs.”
- OFSTED



FACILITIES

We are very fortunate to have such a spacious and well equipped campus. There are extensive playing fields and many specialist facilities. Each department has its own suite of rooms allowing students to access the most appropriate and up to date resources for the subject. Access to ICT is central to the work of many departments so computer suites and mobile computing resources are found in abundance across our site. These provide the essential learning tools for a truly 21st century education.

THE ARTS

Cultural and artistic activities play an important role in enriching the life of the school. All students take part in music, drama, dance and art lessons during their first three years with us.

Music is very popular with many bands, orchestras, choirs and musical ensembles. There are regular concerts and smaller scale musical recitals. Our musicians regularly take part in local events and have toured abroad. More than 200 students benefit from additional instrumental and vocal lessons which are provided by visiting teachers. There is a digital recording studio and extensive practice facilities.

Drama and theatre events take place throughout the year in our purpose built drama studios. Performances range from presentations of classroom and examination drama to full scale musical productions. There are drama clubs for students of all ages. The school also stages presentations of dance and there is a highly acclaimed annual art exhibition. Visiting artists run workshops in a whole host of different visual media. Our students' work regularly wins prizes in local competitions.



creative
achieve
contribute
confident
aspire
courteous
future
independent
earn





“Excellent student and staff relationships encourage a positive learning atmosphere that permeates through the school.”
- OFSTED



SPORT

Sport is very important to us and through these activities students gain enormously.

Our sports teams are very successful and we compete in many local leagues in traditional sports, often winning district and county level competitions. The school also has several representatives in national level sports teams, most notably in athletics and rowing. Ex-students have recently gone on to represent their country at the Olympics and in professional international soccer.

Our sports facilities are second to none with ample playing fields, an all-weather pitch, multi-sports playing courts, a dance studio and a state of the art fitness suite. This excellent provision allows our young people to explore the full range of recreational and competitive sports activities and develop positive attitudes to their physical wellbeing.



“Students feel proud of their achievements and value the support offered to them by teachers and staff. They feel looked after and cared for.”

- OFSTED

“The behaviour of students is good.”

- OFSTED

PARTNERSHIPS


The school works in close partnership with parents. There are regular parents’ evenings, termly reports and opportunities to learn about how parents and staff can work together to support children throughout their school career.

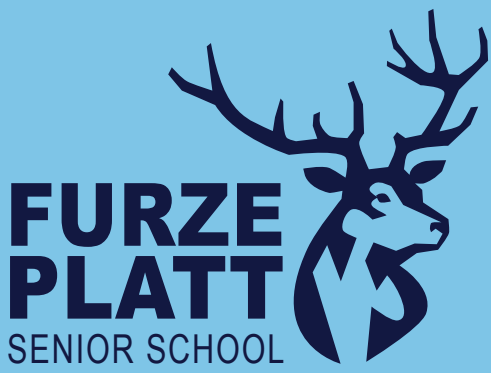
Our pastoral support staff and teachers are always happy to make appointments to see parents or to talk on the phone about any issues which might arise. We have a Parent Support Adviser and strong links with a range of agencies who can offer support and advice should the need arise.

For those parents who want to take a more active role in the life of the school we have a parents’ community group and a very active Parent and Teacher Association which runs a range of social events and organises invaluable fundraising activities.



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