



FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MS T WHITE, HEADTEACHER

This is my final opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements through our newsletter. It is therefore bittersweet. I will leave this school immensely proud of what we have achieved together over the past fourteen years. Furze Platt Senior School is privileged to have a wonderfully talented and committed team of staff who understand that whatever their role in the school, the education and needs of the students come first. Our students are a joy and the vast majority have embraced what the school can do for them and what they can do for the school. And finally, you, the parent and carer body, who give the school, your sons and daughters and me such unwavering support. We have been, and I am certain will continue to be, a Furze Platt community. The fantastic World Cup cookery competition and the very moving tribute evening to Miss Johnston are the most recent reminders to me of this.



I leave the school in a very good place and with many opportunities to come, as the new facilities are completed and more students join us. However, I also know that new leadership will, and should, change some things. Change is good and I am confident that students and staff will embrace it. What I feel certain will continue is the fantastic culture and ethos – the Furze Platt community will always be a special one and it is no wonder that I stayed for so long!

So, a final farewell and thank you from me. I hope your sons and daughters enjoy the extra week 'forced' upon them by the building programme and that they return refreshed and excited in September.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Holidays

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

THU 12 JULY	Music Tour to Rhineland - Germany	Returns Mon 16 th July
WED 18 JULY	Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium - Years 9 & 10	Returns Sat 21 st July
TUE 24 JULY	Indonesia Trip - Years 12 and 13	Returns Mon 6 th August
THU 16 AUGUST	Year 13: GCE Results Day (School Gym)	9am - 12.30am
	Year 12: GCE Results Day (School Gym)	10am - 12.30pm
THU 23 AUGUST	Year 11: GCSE Results Day (School Gym)	10am - 12.30am
	Years 8 - 10: GCSE Results Day (School Gym)	11am - 12.30pm

Important Dates Next Term

MON 5 SEPTEMBER	INSET DAY	
TUE 4 SEPTEMBER	Year 12 Induction Day	8.30am start
	Year 7 Induction Day	8.40am start
WED 5 SEPTEMBER	Start of Term 1 - All Years (Week 1)	8.40am - 3.15pm
TUE 11 SEPTEMBER	Year 12 Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
	Year 13 Preparing to Succeed Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 13 SEPTEMBER	Years 7 & 10 Photos	8.40am - 3.15pm
	Year 7 Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
THU 27 SEPTEMBER	Year 11 Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
	Year 10 Preparing to Succeed Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 4 OCTOBER	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 9pm
	INSET DAY	
FRI 5 OCTOBER	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Training Day	
	Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Training Day	
TUE 9 OCTOBER	Year 8 Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
	Year 9 Preparing to Succeed Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm

**SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
2018/2019**



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I first met Tanya White as a new parent. My first impression was that she was someone who really cared about her pupils and wanted the best for them no matter what challenges presented themselves. Working as a governor reinforced my first impression and also extended it to the teachers and staff as well as the Furze Platt community as a whole. The role of a Head is multi-faceted and means that you are responsible for and to many different stakeholders; students, parents, teachers, staff, the local borough, governors, other schools, Ofsted, the DFE and the community, (the list is exhaustive). This means you get pulled in many different directions and have to remain mindful of all stakeholders' interests. Tanya has carried out this role diligently and with total commitment to improvement. It certainly doesn't feel like 14 years since 1994 but as a parent and governor it has been fantastic to see the school go from strength to strength under her leadership over this time.

On behalf of the School I would like to wish her every success and happiness in the future and thank her for all her hard work and dedication, she has been a keystone in getting the school to the strong position it is now in and the positive future that lies ahead.

As you will be aware Andrew Morrison is taking over as new Head from September and I know he has spent some time already getting to know the School so that he can hit the ground running. Dr Morrison is joining at an exciting time in the Schools' growth and development particularly with our building and expansion plans which are now well underway.

On behalf of Governors I would like to wish you and your families an enjoyable summer.

Gavin Tisshaw



REPORTS

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 reports have been issued this week and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery (Data Manager)



GCE RESULTS DAY THURSDAY, 16TH AUGUST & GCSE RESULTS DAY THURSDAY, 23RD AUGUST 2018

Thursday, 23rd August 2018

School Gym

Year 11 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Years 8-10 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

GCE Results Day

Thursday, 16th August 2018

School Gym

Year 13 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Year 12 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

If you are unable to attend in person please refer to the Results collection form that is available by clicking [here](#). There will be advisers on hand to help you through the next stage of the process should you need assistance on receipt of your results. In addition please ensure all school resources are returned, e.g. text books.

Mr J Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)

Teachers have provided a number of learning resources for students in Years 7 - 10. These resources can be found on FP Online ([titled July 16th -20th Learning Resources](#)). We hope that you and your sons and daughters find them stimulating.

JULY 16TH - 20TH LEARNING RESOURCES

PSYCHOLOGY GCSE

Thank you for supporting your children in the extra commitment they took on with the Psychology GCSE course. This year has been a success and we will continue with the current group after the summer starting from Tuesday 11th September. Please be aware that on their return we will do a mock exam to check how your son/daughter is getting on. This means that the session on 11th September will be slightly longer than always: we will finish around 5pm. At some point later in the new academic year, we will do a further mock exam. Based on the results, we will make a decision as to who will be entered for the final exam in summer 2019. Everyone is still welcome to continue our course regardless of whether they will be taking the final exam or not.



REMINDERS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM:

Start of the School Day

The school day starts at 8.40am and all students should be on site by that time. This allows all students to be at their tutor base and seated by 8.45am. If students arrive after 8.40am they are late for school.

Uniform

The full uniform list can be found on the school website, www.furzeplatt.com - Parents - Uniform and in our Year 7 Parents' Guide. Our students wear their uniform with pride and always look smart and ready to learn. Below are a few reminders to ensure all students return in September with correct uniform:

1. Outdoor coats should be plain and dark (black or navy)
2. Plain socks only white for girls (plain black under trousers), black or dark grey for boys
3. Jewellery - a watch and single pair of ear studs are allowed. No other jewellery should be worn. Any other piercings are not permitted.
4. Hair - hairstyles should be sensible and appropriate to the working environment. Shaved heads or shaved patterns in hair are not permitted. Unnatural hair colours are not permitted.
5. Nails - nail extensions/false nails are not permitted and are a health and safety risk in some lessons (e.g. PE)

Full uniform guidelines are available on our website:

Covering Books

As last year, we will be asking students to cover their books in September. You may want to purchase some book covers or sticky back plastic over the summer.

Stationery

All students must have the following stationery as a minimum:

- 2 (working) pens
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- 2 highlighter pens

Plus:

- Scientific calculator
- Protractor

Thank you.



WORLD CUP OF COOKERY

Students and staff were paired up for our competition based on the World Cup of Cookery. The rules were to cook a 2 course meal for 2 in 1 hour, which needed to represent the country chosen (by ingredients, presentation etc). All the cooking needed to be done on the day.

Our World Cup of Cooking winners were Miss Roujansky and Abbie Taylor (Year 8) with an array of delicious Tunisian food.



Best Presentation – Mrs Henry and Maja Mikolajczyk (Year 8 - Spain)



Best Teamwork – Mr Lewis and Finley Cozens (Year 7 - Switzerland)



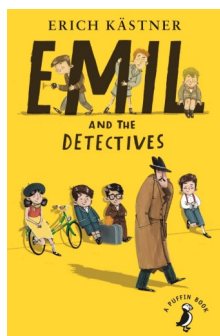
Thank you to 7P3 for helping set up, to Adnan and James for sorting out the flags, to Ms White and Mr Duplock, Café Manager for judging and a very special thank you to Mrs Crisford for arranging it all.

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EMIL AND THE DETECTIVES

By Ben Roberts, Year 7

Emil and the Detectives is a children's book written in 1929 by Eric Kastner and recently performed by students in the younger years at Furze Platt Senior School. The play is about how Emil and his city friend search for his stolen money through the streets of Berlin.



Miss. Satterthwaite and Mrs. Bradley took a huge risk when putting on this play with only 10 weeks till curtain up and the tough decision of splitting the cast in two. With the arrival of the new Year 7 students, so many young and talented performers auditioned for the production but with limited parts and too many to fit in the drama studio there were simply too many at first. Fortunately, Miss Satterthwaite came up with the idea of having two of each main character for each act and performing in the main hall.

This being my first year at Furze Platt I was delighted to get the lead role for Act One. I'm sure others were happy too, as Mrs Bradley and Miss Satterthwaite never left anyone out and always included everyone, giving special references to the ensemble on multiple occasions.

Without the sound team and lighting crew there would be no show so thank you to Joe Tarbit, Tommy Hand, Stephen Clark and Tom Stimson. Everything ran smoothly thanks to the Years 9 and 10 helpers chaperoning the wings. Overall the play was phenomenal with great feedback and nothing but positive comments.

YEAR 9 GSK VISIT

A fortnight ago a group of Year 9 students took part in the Go4set engineering project, run by GlaxoSmithKline. Back in March, the students had decided to base their project on an eco-classroom, and spent three months researching and finalising their ideas for the project. They presented their ideas for a more eco-friendly school at GSK headquarters in Brentford, and were praised by the assessors for their team work, organisation, and presenting skills. The competition was fierce, and there were many innovative ideas to be inspired by. The girls did a fantastic job and were a credit to the school.



FURZE PLATT STUDENTS 'MEET THE STEMETTES' WOMEN IN STEM CONFERENCE

By Ellie Gavin Year 8

On Wednesday, myself, Matilda Annereau, Isabelle Annereau, Scarlet Philips, Anya Clayton and Maya Ciesielska were invited on a trip to meet the STEMettes at Blackberry's European Headquarters in Maidenhead. There were two other schools that also went, Altwood and Trevelyan. At the beginning of the day we had an ice breaking challenge where we were put into random groups to sing and dance with. After that, we went into a big meeting room with the five panelists. We had to ask them questions about their jobs in Science Technology Engineering and Maths. We had several questions on a sheet paper which we needed to find the answer to win a prize, however we could also ask some of our own. In the end Isabelle Annereau came the runner up and I was joint winner with a girl in another school. After this we did a speed networking and had lunch. You can't miss out lunch, it was so good! Then everyone had to fill out a feedback form to receive a huge goody bag. It was a really fun day which we all thoroughly enjoyed and would definitely do again. Thank you Dr Scott for taking us!



On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of taking six Year 8 girls to Blackberry's European Headquarters in Maidenhead for a conference aimed at inspiring the next generation of scientists, engineers and coders. They met with six inspirational women who have succeeded in male-dominated environments. They included representatives from recruitment, project management, data security, web design and engineering as well as a vascular surgeon who works in war zones around the world. The girls had the opportunity to question them at length about their current jobs and their careers paths. Blackberry were incredibly gracious hosts giving us breakfast and lunch and all the girls left with goodie bags. All our girls behaved impeccably and were a great advertisement for the school. Well done to all involved. Hopefully some of them have been inspired to consider STEM careers in the future.

Dr M Scott, Head of Science

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

If your child is interested in completing their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award please complete and return the application and medical form for the relevant award (found on our website, links below), as soon as possible, to register your interest.

Parents will be contacted in September to make a £50 deposit, with the remaining balance due in on Friday October

Information about the Award can be found on our website:

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD WEBPAGE

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Carty, Furze Platt's DofE Manager, on dofe@furzeplatt.net

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

NEW PARENTS

Details for new parents can be found on our website. There, you can also find our Year 7 Parents' Handbook with lots of useful information. The Sixth Form dress code, which has been updated for this year, can also be found on our website, both links are below.

Our Open Evening is on Thursday 4th October 2018.

NEW PARENTS LINK TO WEBSITE

SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE



The new school payment system – WisePay - is now up and running. **Please let us know if you did not receive an email with your new login word.**

If you have any issues, please check that you are using the WisePay link sent out by the school or the one on our website – **only this one works.**

WISEPAY WEBSITE

You are advised to change your password to something easier to remember – once this is done login will become your email address.

Help is available from school (*not from WisePay directly*):
Claire Eadie Claire.eadie@furzeplatt.net 01628 625308 ext. 162 or Mila Coombs mila.coombs@furzeplatt.net ext 138, during school hours.

ROWING SUCCESS

Charlotte Williams (Year 11) has been selected for the Welsh Junior Rowing Team after a strong performance at trials last weekend in Monmouth. Charlotte, who rows for Maidenhead Rowing Club, will compete in the Double and Quad events at the Home International Regatta which is taking place at the Irish National Rowing Centre in Cork on 21st July. We wish her the best of luck.

Great rowing also from Victor Kleshnev (Year 13) and Izzy



Bird (Year 12), both of whom made it through to their respective finals at the Henley Royal Regatta.

Izzy, who was rowing for Marlow Rowing Club, competed in the final of the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup (Junior Womens' Quad Sculls) against Y Quad Cities R.A., USA, with Victor (rowing for Maidenhead Rowing Club) raced in the final of the Fawley Challenge Cup (Junior Mens' Quad Sculls) against Windsor Boys' School.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Furze Platt student breaks Solo challenge record

As part of his Duke of Edinburgh challenges, Paul Barnes (Year 11) started the Welsh 3000s at 4:40 am on Sunday 1st July 2018 from the top of Snowdon and walked the whole route solo finishing at Foel Fras at 10:52pm. The route is 24 miles over all of the Welsh peaks above 3000 feet and there are 15 of them in total. It is believed he is the youngest person, at 16 years old, to complete the challenge solo within 24 hours. This is an incredible feat - well done Paul.



FURZE PLATT STUDENT CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL HOCKEY TRAINING

Alexis Rottier (Year 9) has been selected to attend Performance Centre training for hockey goalkeeping. This means she is one of only a handful of girls from the South of the UK to be selected to play in national games between other UK regions.

She has achieved this level after only one year representing Berkshire which is a very impressive result. Well done Alexis.



BRAY HOUSE ARE OUR END OF TERM WINNERS



A special mention to all of the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Houses. These students have been put forward for their positive attitudes and helpful behaviour, and contribute to a wide range of school activities.



31,090 HP

33,920 HP

31,640 HP

32,010 HP



Kiki Quibell
&
Jake Spooner



Sumayah
Siddiqi
&
Patrick Kelly



Georgina
Castignetti
&
Jack Dunn



Aoife Murphy
&
Yousef Ait-Kaci

30,420 HP

33,720 HP

31,980 HP

32,790 HP



Grace
Denbigh
&
Ethan Hill



Katie
Pettigrew
&
Joshua
Woodhatch



Alexia
Elenescu
&
Euan Russell



Amy Tull
&
Zak Wardle

SUBJECT NOMINATIONS



Art & Design and Photography Nominations



Year 7: Ella Clark/Archie Connaught-Piri
Year 8: Amelie Owen/Euan Russell
Year 9: Rosa Boyd Bowles/Harry Shrimpton
Year 10: Elise Brammer/Philip Harrit
Year 12: Abdallah El-Guoshi
Photography: Holly Allen

Drama Nominations



Year 7: Niamh McCallion/Finlay Palmer
Year 8: Alexia Monk/Alfie Windsor

Drama Nominations (cont.)



Year 9: Melissa Barnby/Matthew Simpson
Year 10: Bonny Kitt-Woods/Joseph Tarbit
Year 12: Ellie Dickens

Physical Education Nominations



Year 7: Grace Wilkinson/Noah Drew
Year 8: Gracie Harper/Patrick Kelly
Year 9: Freya Wilcock/Jonty Bryant
Year 10: Emily St Lawrence/Rhys Bartholomew
Year 12: Oliver Isted

History and Government & Politics Nominations



Year 7: Millie Conibear/Fane Bond
Year 8: Anya Clayton/Victor Harrit
Year 9: Katie Dutton/Gleb Huggins
Year 10: Maria Kocurowska/Nicolas McCormack
Year 12: Sidney Wise

Geography Nominations



Year 7: Jessica Bristow/Oscar Smith
Year 8: Francesca Dale/Alfie Bristow
Year 9: Liberty Webb/Freddie Smith
Year 10: Honey Young/Joseph Tyne
Year 12: Olivia Webster

Music Nominations



Year 7: Emiliana Larsen/Bobby Norris
Year 8: Georgia Rooney/Jacob Gould
Year 9: Eliza Stevenson/Callum Gunn
Year 10: Bethan Terry/Thomas Hand

Progress in English Nominations



Year 7: Poppy Kingston/James Tapponnier
Year 8: Millie Fisher/Farhaan Khan
Year 9: Maan Kafori
Year 10: Lucy Turner

Maths Nominations



Year 7: Aoife Murphy/James Harper
Year 8: Zuzanna Sroda/Ed Gumuliauskas

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Maths Nominations (cont.)

Year 9: Lottie Hearsey/Ewan Halliday-Hogg
Year 10: Grace Piggott/Jacob Tanner
Year 12: Prem Bhogal

Technology, Food Tech and Product Design Nominations

Year 7: Ella Stevenson/Conor Wiard
Year 8: Katie Pettigrew/Faiz Ahmed
Year 9: Wiktoria Druzynska/Harley Page
Year 10: Sophie Sutton/Daniel Webb

Product Design Nomination

Year 12: Isaac Birch

ICT Nominations

Year 9: Indigo Denny/Jamie Caldwell
Year 10: Kim Malone/Ben Reynolds
Year 12: Mariam Ahmed

Computing Nomination

Year 12: Jordan Allen

Languages Nominations

Year 7: Lily Hatch/Will Lonsdale
Year 8: Tegan Storey/Dylan Gardner
Year 9: Emma Dawson/Sean Wilson
Year 10: Holly Bird/Patrick Flood
Year 12: Gabrielle Ford

Philosophy & Religion/Ethics Nominations

Year 7: Madeleine Sellman/Finnley Tanner
Year 8: Georgie Moore/William Atkinson
Year 9: Isabella Considine/Noah Byrne
Year 12: Megan Green

Psychology Nomination

Year 12: Tia Elstow

Business Nominations

Year 9: Justine Anne Dela Vega/Freddie Stevens

Business Nominations (cont.)

Year 10: Hannah Trueman/James Henwood
Year 12: Shaun Elliott

Economics Nomination

Year 12: Tom Schilling

PSHE Nominations

Year 7: Daisy Rippon/Tayab Bashier
Year 8: Anna Gambrill/Keith Cory
Year 9: Gracie Fenemer/Alexander Bate
Year 10: Sadie Peacock/Jonah Mokfi

English Nominations

Year 7: Pippa Largey/Ben Roberts
Year 8: Poppy Butler/Alfie Beckley
Year 9: Emily Fraser/Billy Gurney
Year 10: Katie Leech-Baldwin/Tom Kirtland Knott
Year 12: Zoha Naser

Media Nomination

Year 12: Max Yuill

Child Development Nominations

Year 9: Ava Neeves
Year 10: Aqsa Fatima

Construction Nominations

Year 9: Haris Davis-Hussain
Year 10: Joshua Bond

Duke of Edinburgh Nominations

Year 9: Caitlin Jee/Taylor Barry
Year 10: Shannon Doyle/William Sapstead

Science Nominations

Year 7: Lara Fair/Youcef Ait-Kaci
Year 8: Scarlett Phillips/Sean Montgomery
Year 9: Mimi Gray/Philip Harrit
Year 10: Millie Harvey/Lewis Warner-Jones

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Biology Nomination

Year 12: Richard Mulvany



Chemistry Nomination

Year 12: Luc O'Kelly



Physics Nomination

Year 12: Hassan Mahmood



INCREASED RISK OF WILDFIRES



WILDFIRE INFORMATION



200 CLUB

**Winning numbers for Draw 4
on Thursday 5th July 2018**



IN LOVING MEMORY

MISS K JOHNSTON

On Tuesday staff and students came together to celebrate the life of Miss Johnston, Furze Platt's Head of Music, who sadly recently passed away. Poetry, songs, music pieces and an opening piece from 'The Addams Family', of which Miss Johnston was Musical Director, were performed in front of an audience who had come together to remember her through her profound love of music and words.

Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Bradley, Miss Satterthwaite, Mr Lewis and all the students involved, both performing and behind the scenes. You made us all proud.



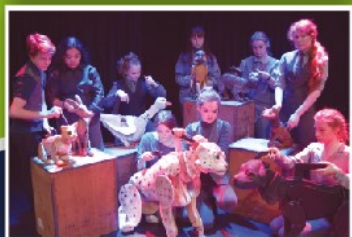
13th March 1987 – 21st May 2018



**Open Morning
Monday 3rd July 2017
For Year 5 Parents***



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



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

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

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



How to find us:



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'Pupils achieve highly at this school'
- Ofsted 2016