

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents/Carers

Sixth Form Open Evening

It was a pleasure to see so many of you on Wednesday evening for our Sixth Form Open Evening. We were very busy both with our own Year 11 students and with those currently elsewhere. Congratulations to our Sixth Form team for laying on such a fantastic event and thank you to parents and carers for supporting the evening in such numbers. We look forward to receiving applications and meeting our students in the next few months to make A Level and BTEC offers. Current students will make their applications in their PSHE lessons in due course.



Voice of FPSS

Anyone ringing Furze Platt Senior School this week will have heard something different. The voice you hear is now Gemma, our Head Girl (pictured). This suggestion came from our Data Manager, Mrs Avery, who thought that our students should record the messages. It was a pleasure to ask Gemma to be the first 'Voice of FPSS'. We intend to change the voice three times a year and I will be launching a competition in my assembly after Christmas to be the next 'Voice of FPSS'.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

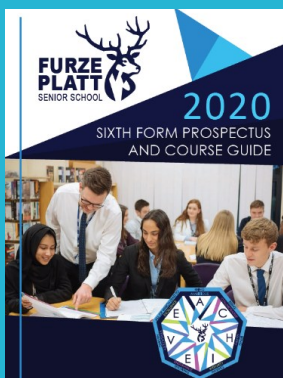
Next Week (Week 1)

TUES 3 DECEMBER	Duke of Edinburgh Awards Meeting (BXM)	6-7pm
	Year 12 Progress Reports Published	
THURS 5 DECEMBER	Year 10/11 Drama trip - Kneehigh's Ubu	4-11.30pm
	Year 7 Disco (Main Hall)	6-8pm
FRI 6 DECEMBER	Muffi Day (in aid of Helen and Douglas House)	All day
	Year 7,9 & 10 Progress Reports Published	

Forthcoming Events

WEDS 11 DECEMBER	Christmas Concert 	7.30-9.30pm
THURS 12 DECEMBER	Years 8/9 Microsoft Tech Careers Day (by invitation)	8am - 3.30pm
	Year 10 Travel and Tourism visit to Cliveden (by invitation)	9.15am - 3.15pm
	Year 12 Careers/HE Fair visit to Ascot	10.15am - 1.30pm
FRI 13 DECEMBER	Year 12 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
	Year 11 & 13 Progress Reports Published	
	Year 12 Drama Trip - 'Ghost Stories' (see letter for full details)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20 & 2020/21



SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

PROSPECTUS, COURSE GUIDE & ADMISSIONS

CURRENT STUDENTS: PLEASE APPLY HERE

GUEST STUDENTS: PLEASE APPLY HERE

A-LEVEL RESULTS

2019

97% PASS RATE

26%
OF GRADES
ARE
A*-A

53%
OF GRADES
ARE
A*-B

80%
OF GRADES
ARE
A*-C

No Bells Trial

Last week I wrote about us trialling no bells. The trial was received positively with colleagues describing a calmer atmosphere around site. Given the positive feedback we will be keeping the trial going although we may add a bell to indicate the start of the day and end of breaks.

Car Engines Idling Outside School

This week I received an impassioned email from a parent concerned about cars leaving engines idling outside the school gates. The email asked parents to "imagine the potential impact it could have on the young lungs of our children." Please could parents and carers be considerate and not leave engines running when picking up children. Thank you.

Dr Andrew J Morrison (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)
Headteacher

DUKE OF EDINBURGH – BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD AWARDS

BXM EXPEDITION EVENING – TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 6-7PM

We will be hosting a BXM Expedition Information Evening on Tuesday 3rd December between 6- 7pm in the Main Hall. Please note that this event is mandatory.

The presentation will contain useful information regarding the expedition, including kit and food, and you will have an opportunity to meet the team at BXM. Your child does not need to attend as they will be given similar information during their training on the 19th March.

I very much look forward to working with your child on their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Please feel free to contact us on dofe@furzeplatt.net if you have any questions.

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager



MUFTI DAY IN AID OF HELEN AND DOUGLAS HOUSE



CHANGE OF DATE

Please note our Mufti Day, originally scheduled for today, will now be held on Friday 6th December.



KS4 OPTIONS

Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing with regard to our three year Key Stage 4. As many of you will be aware in 2016 we began to run Key Stage 4 GCSE and BTEC courses over three years. Our 2019 Year 11s were the first students to study courses in Years 9, 10 and 11. Reasons behind this decision included preparing students for the new GCSE syllabi that were being introduced and offering student more time to focus on their qualifications.

Following the first students completing the three year Key Stage 4 we have had an opportunity to review the impact of this change. Although several people, particularly those teaching or studying practical subjects, value having longer to develop skills, others feel that the longer period studying GCSE and BTEC qualifications detracts from a more focused, concentrated approach. Subject leaders feel that spending three years studying a two year GCSE course stretched courses out for too long. In addition, students often have to re-learn topics taught in Year 9 again in Year 11 which takes time away from valuable revision.

Our review has also taken into consideration current views on a longer Key Stage 4. In recent months Ofsted, academics and other government bodies have been particularly critical of a three year Key Stage 4 as narrowing student opportunity to follow a broad and balanced curriculum. For example, the Ofsted Section 5 Inspection Handbook indicates it is desirable that:

Pupils study the full curriculum; it is not narrowed... in secondary schools, the school teaches a broad range of subjects (exemplified by the national curriculum) throughout Years 7 to 9. [If this is not yet fully the case, it is clear from leaders' actions that they are in the process of bringing this about.]

Given these views, we have taken the decision that Furze Platt Senior School will revert to a two year Key Stage 4.

The implications of this decision are:

- Our current Year 8 students will not opt for their GCSE choices this year. They will choose their options in Year 9 like in the majority of schools nationally. These

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arrangements will continue for subsequent year groups.

- All our current students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will continue on the three year Key Stage 4 and complete their courses as planned.

Thank you for your time reading this letter and if you do have any questions please contact us at school.

Dr Andrew Morrison, Headteacher

Andy Morbey, Assistant Headteacher – Curriculum



FURZE PLATT WORLD RECORD BREAKERS (UNOFFICIAL)



By Anya Idrizi, Year 12

On Monday 25th November, the Furze Platt Performing Arts Department and a number of their GCSE and A Level students gathered together in the drama studio for the Unofficial Record Breaking Performing Arts Extravaganza. We gained sponsors from friends, family, neighbours and colleagues in order to raise money for the lighting and tech in the New Hall Theatre that is currently under construction. We can't wait to benefit from an amazing new performance space.

We had 90 minutes to break as many world records as we could (unofficially). We began with 'Most T-Shirts To Put On In One Minute' (the world record is 31). We optimistically set out 32 t-shirts but, however hard we cheered Jamie on, he only managed 14. Wonderful chaos ensued and more and more ridiculous records were attempted, including fastest time to unravel a toilet roll (apparently this can be done in 9.8 seconds! Not our abysmal effort of 21 seconds!), fastest time to arrange the alphabet from alphabetti spaghetti (Joseph very almost beat the world record of 3 mins 30 seconds!), fastest time to assemble Mr Potato Head blindfolded and most marshmallows eaten in one minute (we all tried this one!). A highlight was watching Mrs Bradley empty three cans of shaving foam to make a head of hair for Miss Gibson and attempt to stick 50 ping pong balls to it! One world record was however broken, Music student Zoe Hopson ate 3.7oz of jelly with chopsticks (the world record is 3.2oz!). Perhaps next time we will invite a Guinness Book of World Records official!

You can see a video of the team's efforts here:

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Despite being a bit rubbish at breaking records, we all had a ball and the evening has created lovely memories that we

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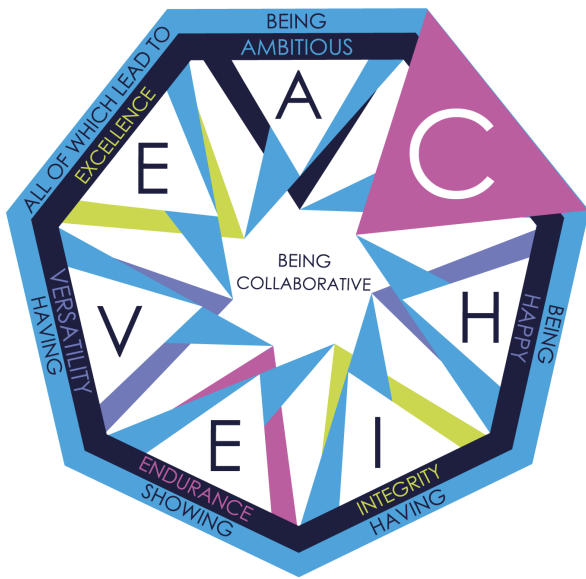
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will not forget. More importantly, we raised £750 to support our New Hall Theatre that will be opening next year.

If you know of a company who would like to sponsor our campaign or, if you would like to make a donation (every little helps!), please see our fundraising page at:

WWW.DONATEMYSCHOOL.COM/FURZEPLATT



YEAR 7 DISCO
THURSDAY 5TH
DECEMBER



The Year 7 disco will be held on Thursday 5th December 2019 from 6-8pm and will take place in the Main Hall. A tuck shop will be available in the school café so that students are able to buy refreshments and snacks.

The tickets will be £5 per person and we have a limited number of 120 available so it will be on a first come first served basis. If you would like your son/daughter to come

please make payment and give consent via Wisepay.

The event is being coordinated by the Sixth Form Leadership Team. Should you have any queries, please email me Peter.Ging@furzeplatt.net and I will be happy to relay them to the students.

Mr P Ging

Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form

YEAR 11 END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION OPPORTUNITIES



As your son/daughter reaches the end of their GCSE courses and the end of compulsory education, a number of traditions to mark this time have evolved in recent years. This is to let you know exactly what they are, and enable you to be aware of the financial implications of some of these. The Year 11 photographs, hoodies and Prom are not compulsory or obligatory, but in the case of genuine financial hardship, please contact me in confidence so we can ensure that your son/daughter does not miss out.

Year 11 Photographs – Wednesday 29th January 2020

This will provide an opportunity for a whole year group photograph as well as opportunities for students to have friendship group photos taken on the day. Students will be required to be in full, correct uniform in order to be in the photograph.

Leavers' Hoodies

There will be an opportunity to purchase Leavers' Hoodies in January for collection in May. Further details will follow in due course.

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Year 11 Graduation Ceremony – Wednesday 24th June 2020

Our Year 11 students will have a formal graduation ceremony, held at school, to mark the end of their compulsory schooling. Further details will follow in due course.

Year 11 Prom – Thursday 25th June 2020

This will take place at the Riverside Marquee, Bray. To attend the Prom students must have had no internal or external exclusions during Year 11 (from the date of this letter). Students must also have at least 94% attendance during Year 11, we will however take into account serious medical conditions which have impacted on a child's attendance. Tickets will be on sale after the Easter holiday. Further details will follow in due course.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your daughter/son well in the coming months and hope that the end of year celebrations will be a fitting end to a hardworking year. For students planning to return to the Sixth Form in September, taster days will take place from Thursday 2nd July to Friday 3rd July. Further details will also follow in due course from Mr Ging, Head of Sixth Form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net

Miss L Lewis
Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)

Links to PGL letters below

PGL TRIP 1 BISHAM, BRAY, COOKHAM, DORNEY

PGL TRIP 2 ETON, HENLEY, MARLOW, WINDSOR



SKI TRIP 2021 - LA THUILE, AOSTA VALLEY
SATURDAY 3RD – SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2021

SKI TRIP 2021 LETTER

YEAR 7 PGL INFORMATION EVENING

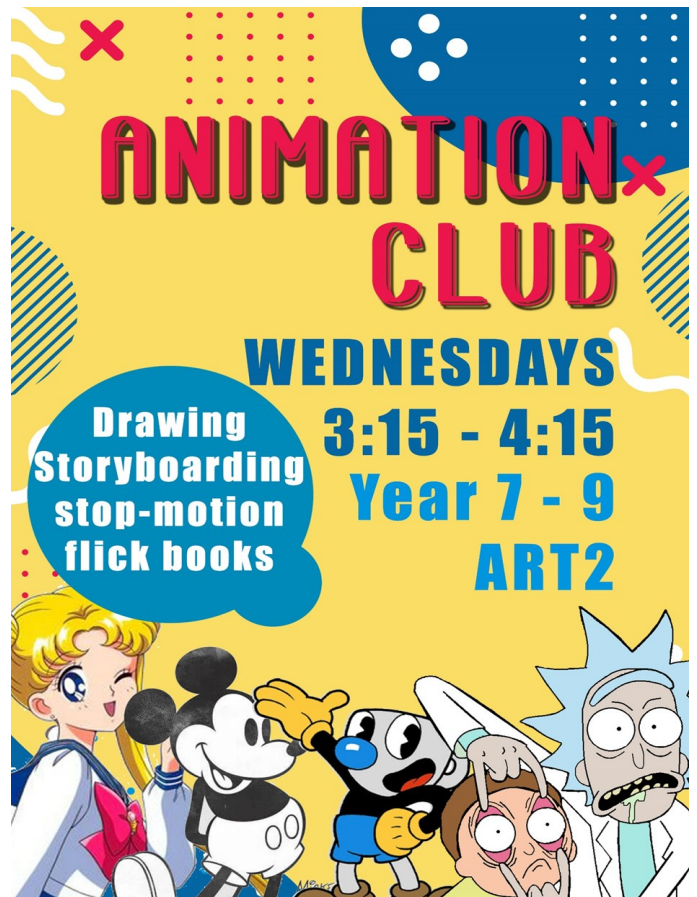
TUESDAY 31ST MARCH, 6PM

We will be inviting all parents to attend an Information Evening on Tuesday 31st March at 6pm in the Main Hall where you will be given further information about the running of the trip, advised as to final itinerary and given the opportunity to ask any questions you or your child may have. We ask that your son/daughter also attend this Information Evening so that they can try on sample jumpers, order correct sizes, and complete the Behaviour/Mobile Phone agreements we will be issuing on the night.

You should have received a letter outlining payments and when they are due – these are to be made online via WisePay using the instalment options available and when paying, you will also be able to select to attend the Information Evening.

For further information on the trip do not hesitate to contact me danielle.boseley@furzeplatt.net, or look on the PGL website at <http://www.pgl.co.uk>.

Miss D Boseley
PGL Trip Leader 2019-20120



YEAR 13 COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIP

Mr Brand and a group of Year 13 Computer Science students attended a range of seminars from @edu_in_action in London to support their final examinations in Summer 2020. Thank you to all involved with making this a fascinating day.



MEDICAL ADVICE – MUMPS

We would like to make all parents/carers aware that there are several cases of mumps reported amongst our Year 10 and Year 11 students. Please click on this link:

[NHS MUMPS INFORMATION](#)

for information in relation to symptoms, how mumps is spread and also how it can be prevented.

Mary Bowen, School Medical Officer

YEAR 8 TRIP TO DIGIGIRLZ MICROSOFT EVENT

Mr Fido took a group of Year 8 students to the DigiGirlz event this week held by Microsoft. The girls took part in a Maker Challenge which was great fun. Thank you to Microsoft for another great event, we look forward to the next one.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS FOR STUDENTS

We are delighted to be able to offer a huge range of clubs to our students, some for individual year groups and some for all those who are interested. Our Year 7 students have a range of clubs especially to help them make friends and enjoy new challenges or activities at this early stage of their life at Furze Platt. Please note: Supervised Study has moved to E6.

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

[YEAR 7 SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

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PSYCHOLOGY GCSE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



If you wonder what we do in Psychology GCSE after school club, then here's a little insight into our lessons – today our young psychologists learnt about the principles of experimental methods, and what better way to do it than to design an actual experiment. We took a few bottles of flavoured mineral water and coloured it with food dyes. Students had to try them all and rate how sweet each drink was. Black appeared the sweetest (perhaps some connection with Coke?), while Blue the least sweet of all. As all drinks had a comparable amount of sugar in them, the only change was down to the colour used. That way students learnt about how independent variables affects the dependent ones.



Pictured: Rafael Orford



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YEAR 9 CHILD DEVELOPMENT

What's it like when your waters break? What was your biggest craving? What tests are done on antenatal appointments? Our Year 9 Child Development group was delighted to have a guest speaker today – Ms K Gajewska, Geography teacher at Furze Platt, who is expecting her third baby. She shared with us her experience of being pregnant. Not only did she answer some of the tricky questions students had, but she also showed them some pieces of equipment expectant parents should buy and even brought along her baby scans and labour bag all packed and ready for next month when she will give birth. Students had an amazing lesson – thank you Ms Gajewska!



Pictured from the left (top row): Grace Denbigh, Kornelia Jankowska, Levi Woodward, Polly Wallis, Mabila Kalam; (bottom row): Naizel De Souza, Amy Croydon, Ellie Ovens, Emiliana Larsen

Miss R Paradowska
Head of Department

FURZE PLATT STUDENT WINS DIVING MEDALS



Very well done to Harry Healey, Year 11, who recently attended a three day diving competition. He reached the finals and medalled in two out of three boards as well as impressively diving in the Mens' Senior A age group, where judging is at Olympic level. In the three metre he came in 7th but on Friday he put in a new dive, coming in the top six and ensuring a place in the finals. He finished in 4th place with two Elite divers above him.



The platform dive included a handstand which Harry had not done before, but he worked hard at training in week to produce a respectable dive. By the skin of his teeth he got into the finals and proved consistency and determination could award another 4th position and his second medal of the weekend.

Platt. Girls in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 thoroughly enjoyed themselves although it was rather muddy! Rugby training at Windsor RFU continues on Tuesday evenings, with their club training on a Wednesday. Please see Miss Tomlin (Head of PE and Sport) for more information.



FURZE PLATT STARS OF THE FUTURE

The following students have all appeared on screen and you may see them in upcoming programmes or films...keep an eye out!

Koren Smith: Year 7

Koren never used to like performing as he wasn't confident enough, but he took part in his Year 6 leavers' play at Cookham Dean Primary School in the summer and really enjoyed it. He wanted to continue so he decided to join an agency. He's been an extra in several TV series and is shooting his first film this week. He loves that he gets to make new friends, act, see how the filming is done and meet famous actors and actresses. His favourite subjects at school are PE & Drama.



Isabella Ferguson: Year 8

Isabella thoroughly enjoys the experience of being on set filming and it is something that she would like to consider as an option for a future career. She has always liked drama so this is just a dream come true where she experiences a real life opportunity. Isabella's credits include Call The Midwife, The Crown S3, People Just Do Nothing, Sky Sports Christmas Indent 2018 and Granchester.



GIRLS' RUGBY SESSIONS

Following the success of Furze Platt female students attending training sessions at Windsor Rugby club we were lucky enough to have Callum Cload, an England Rugby Community Coach, deliver a session to us here at Furze

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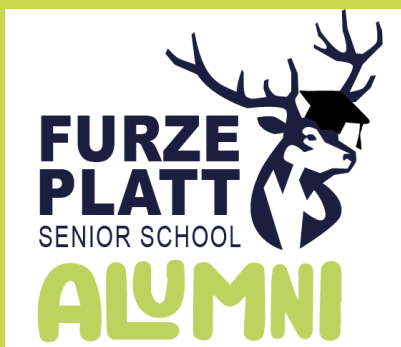
Amelia Hadley: Year 9

Amelia loves the experience of this filming opportunity but enjoys the insights into hair and makeup, the set and behind the scenes side of things more, as this is something she is hoping to do in the future. Her credits include: Vanity Fair, Silent Witness, Johnny English, Call The Midwife and The Crown S3.

Amelia and Isabella are cousins and feel that the filming experience has given them both so much more confidence as well as an insight of the real working environment, acting skills and the opportunity to earn and manage their own money. They get to meet a huge number of famous stars as well as the directors and producers on set, this also gives them a chance to meet a wide variety of new friends. They consider themselves very lucky to be part of this opportunity and work for an amazing agency:



FROM THE FUTURE TO THE PAST...



We are very keen to reconnect with as many of our alumni community as possible and will be sending out the first edition of our brand new Alumni newsletter in the New Year. We have an Alumni page on our website featuring previous headteachers and famous Alumni.

FPSS ALUMNI PAGE

If you were a student, member of staff or the PTFA, a governor or a friend of the school please join us here:

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Please share this link with anyone else who you know attended our school in any capacity.

Thank you.

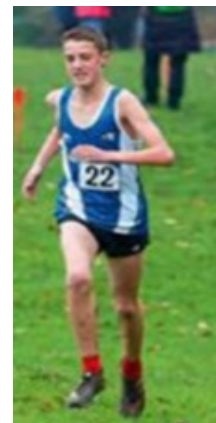
THAMES VALLEY POLICE VOLUNTEER POLICE CADETS

The Volunteer Police Cadets are aged 13-18 years. Applications from 13-16 year olds will be prioritised over 17 year olds so that they have sufficient time to complete the curriculum. The Windsor & Maidenhead unit currently have spaces. The details for the weekly Cadet meeting are below. If any of your students are interested in joining please ask them to email ThamesValleyPoliceCadets@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk with the following information:

First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, Town currently living in, Area/Borough, Email address, Phone number and School name, stating an interest in the Police Cadets

FURZE PLATT STUDENT FEATURED IN ATHLETICS WEEKLY

Well done to Frank McGrath who was pictured in Athletics Weekly. Frank is a successful runner who has won a number of races.



We are looking for two positions to be filled: The 200 Club Administrator and the Committee Secretary - details from ptfa@furzeplatt.net

Date for your diary: Next PTFA meeting Wednesday 22nd January 2020, 7pm - 8pm.

A huge thank you to everyone who made our BIG QUIZ 9 such a success! Ready to Learn Rules Exceeded! Many thanks to you all for making it a sell-out - over £1000 was raised in profit! It is going towards the New Hall Theatre to chip away at our target of £34k. Brilliant entertainment was provided by Hugh Steed, Gareth Ebenezer and John Wilson (7 Excellence). Our impeccable Giant Pan Meal was provided by Ashridge Delicious (7 Excellence; the fresh ingredients arrived from France just in time!).

200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 9

on Friday 15th November 2019



Congratulations to the Quiz winning team and our three 200 Club winners who each win £200 cash (numbers 75, 103 and 18). Next Quiz will be held in Spring 2020. Please comment, PM or email us with your feedback and/or suggestions.

Did you know...Matched Funding (also known as Community Support / Charity Giving Scheme or Grant Funding) has the ability to increase the takings of our school events many times over. An increasing number of large companies operate a matched funding scheme whereby they 'match' charity fundraising undertaken by their employees. These organisations set aside millions of pounds to fund such schemes and are more than happy to support their staff in raising money for charities of their choice. The amounts donated range from approximately £250 to £1000+ per employee per event. As the Parents' Association is a registered charity we are in a position to

benefit from your involvement, however big or small, at any fundraising school event. Your participation might be, for example, helping with the raffle. (We're registered with CAF Bank which may have an accounting tax advantage for your company.)

If your employer offers a match funding scheme, please contact Lorraine Hughes of the PTFA at ptfa@furzeplatt.net so that we can see how to comply with their requirements.

Companies that we know operate match-funding schemes include:

Aviva	Ernest & Young	O2 / 3M
Bank of America	Experian	PWC
Barclays Bank	HSBC	RBS
Benfield Group	Ipsos	Royal Dutch Shell
BP	Mori	RWE
British Telecom	JP Morgan	nPower
British Gas	Chase Bank	Santander
Camelot	Kingfisher Plc	Schroders
Costcutter	Legal & General	Sky
Co-Op	Lloyds	Tarmac
Daryl Industries	TSB / HBOS	Tesco
Deloitte	Microsoft	UBS
Diago	Northern Rock	Unilever
		Yorkshire Bank

The 200 Club - 'Why join and what's in it for me?'

The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number. Your school could earn £6000 per year if everyone joined paying £5 per month. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!). So it's a win win situation and we hope you'll click through here to join:

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

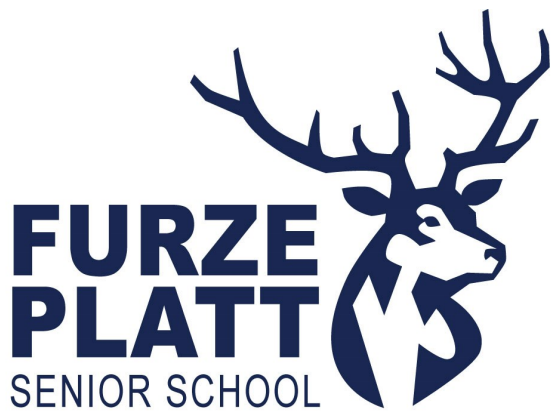
ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

Other ways to help your children in Furze Platt Senior School - 'Why should I?'

Simply because the PTFA receive a donation from the retailer following your online purchases. Given next Friday is Black Friday and the Christmas shopping season is upon us, please register, join or order via these sites.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Easyfundraising.org.uk (EasyFundraising.org.uk) Refer a friend for £5 bonus plus it's 'Double Donation week' till Sunday 24th.



Copas Farms for Christmas Turkeys - worth £10 per order to us (<http://www.copasturkeys.co.uk> Code: FPSS19).

Easy2Name (<https://www.easy2name.com/>) - let's avoid increasing the Lost Property Mountain!

And finally, Furze Platt Senior School's Christmas Concert on Wednesday 11th December - we're selling mulled wine,

mince pies, white wine, J20, cola and snacks. Please come along (details of the concert will be published nearer the time) and bring some money to support us and have a delicious snack at the same time!

Thank you from the PTFA.

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FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL ARE IN THE LIMELIGHT!

The PTFA believe that a creative mind and imagination help to develop emotional intelligence, language and communication skills so we're excited to be getting behind the school's New Hall Theatre campaign.

The school is benefiting from a New Main Hall as part of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead expansion project and with the support of Governors the school will be creating a brand new theatre.

ONE OF
MAIDENHEAD'S
LARGEST
HALL THEATRES



Our New Hall Theatre will be transformed into a multi-use space which can be converted from its daily use for assemblies etc., to a state-of-the-art theatre facility. Whilst governors have provided the majority of funding towards the equipment, the PTFA have been asked to raise the final £34,000 to create the high quality performance space that will provide maximum benefit to our students and community.

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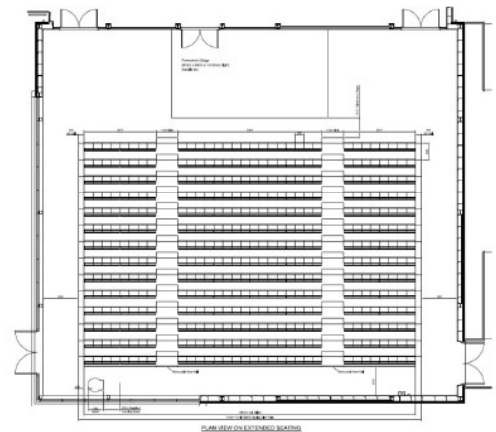
We believe this would be a fantastic addition to our wonderful school so we really hope that you can get behind the project and help us to raise the necessary £34,000 to make it happen!

Further information about the campaign can be found in the New Hall Theatre Details document which you can download from the campaign page.

To make a donation, please use the DONATE button on the campaign page.
Thank you for your support!

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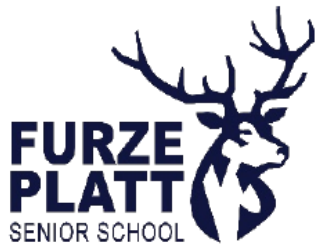
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CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER



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Website: www.furzeplatt.com

IT Support Engineer - ASAP

Full time, 37 Hours per week – preferred start time no later than 8am - Monday to Friday, all year round - Scale 5 – Actual salary range £23,208 - £25,624pa

We are looking for a team player to join our IT team at Furze Platt Senior School and work with the IT Strategy Manager to support the delivery of the school's strategic IT plan.

Responsibilities will include:

- Provision of efficient and timely responses to incidents and requests for support, prioritising requests and managing workflow accordingly.
- Detection, diagnosis and resolution of computer network and peripheral device faults obtaining additional support where required.
- Setting up equipment such as computers, data projectors, sound systems and other specialist IT equipment ensuring they are ready for use.
- Working with staff, vendors and service providers to ensure a productive IT environment within the school.
- Actively contributing to the IT related security of the school to minimise and mitigate potential hazards and risks.

We are looking for someone with strong technical ability as well as analytical and problem solving skills to solve IT hardware and software problems. You must have a competent knowledge and understanding of IT networks including in depth knowledge of Windows. The ability to communicate verbally and in writing is also important as well as strong organisational and time-management skills.

For further information about this role and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Application forms should be returned to gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Closing date: Monday 2nd December 2019, 9.00 am
Interviews will take place: week commencing 2nd December 2019