

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the first newsletter of 2020. I trust that you and your families had a good break.

Remembering Our Students

It has been a very sad week for all of us at Furze Platt and we reconvened as a community for the first time since Max and Ollie's deaths. As you would expect it has been a very difficult time for many students and staff. I would like to put on record my thanks to all our staff who have helped your children this week. Our students have been keen to give others time and space to grieve and I thank them for their consideration. This afternoon we held an event in Memory of Max where students gathered and shared their memories. Next Thursday we will do similarly for Ollie.

I also appreciate the messages from support from parents and carers this week. I will continue to update parents and carers with regard to funeral arrangements via Wise Mail messages. Parents and carers should have received three letters this week. Please do communicate with school if you have not received these, or would like to discuss further support for your child.

Looking into 2020

There is a lot to look forward to in 2020 at Furze Platt Senior School and in my assemblies this week I have been encouraging students to challenge themselves to try one of our clubs, visits and activities. I have also launched our competition to be the next 'Voice of Furze Platt' where students can be the person everyone hears when someone rings our school. I look forward to hearing students' entries.

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

STUDENT PASTORAL MANAGERS

At Furze Platt Senior School staff seek to respond to



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next Week (Week 1)

THURS 16 JANUARY	Year 8F Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
SAT 18 JANUARY	ESAA XC Berkshire Schools' Championships	

Forthcoming Events

MON 20 - FRI 24 JANUARY	Year 13 Pre-Public Examinations	
WED 22 JANUARY	PTFA Meeting	7pm - 8pm
THURS 23 JANUARY	Year 8P Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 24 JANUARY	Muffi Day - Donations to SportsAble	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20 & 2020/21

communications within two working days. Should a matter require longer to resolve we will acknowledge your email and reply in more depth thereafter. If your issue is urgent (for example affecting the health and safety of a student) please telephone the Student Pastoral Manager for your child's House.

Mrs J Barney: Cookham & Windsor
 Mrs M Carpenter: Bray & Henley
 Miss S Gumbs: Bisham & Eton
 Mrs B Harper: Dorney & Marlow



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YEAR 11 – HOW TO REVISE SESSIONS

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Over the next two weeks, every Year 11 PSHE class will receive a session delivered by Raising Achievement on how to revise. This will look at how to condense and consolidate notes to produce either a cue card/mind map. This is part of preparing Year 11 students for their GCSEs following the Planning and Revision Skills Workshop they attended in October.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Feather, Raising Achievement Manager at debbie.feather@furzeplatt.net



Very well done to our first group of Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award winners:

Paul Barnes, Steven Johnstone, Isaac Woda, Elliott Roels and Rose Cooper (all Year 13). They had to complete many months of volunteering, physical challenges, skills and expeditions and have all now successfully completed the Gold Award. Many congratulations to them all.

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager



YEAR 11 GCSE HISTORY VISIT TO WHITECHAPEL MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2020

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Following the success of last year's trip, the History department will be running an enrichment trip for Year 11 GCSE students to Whitechapel. As part of the Crime and Punishment paper, students not only examine case studies of the nature of crime and the difficulties of policing, but also the living and working conditions in Whitechapel during the 19th century. This trip will therefore be invaluable to students to help widen their knowledge of the Whitechapel case study.

Students will be organised into small groups, supervised by a member of staff and led by a professional tour guide/ Ripperologist, who will highlight the main points of interest central to the Jack the Ripper murders and help students to envisage what life in Whitechapel was really like. The Jack the Ripper tour also allows students to engage in some of the original police reports and photographs relating to the case, strengthening students' source analysis skills.

The coach will depart at 5pm and return approximately 10.30pm. The total cost of the trip is £18 and covers coach travel to and from Whitechapel and the guided tour around Whitechapel. Unfortunately, there will be no opportunity to eat once we have left Furze Platt so students must eat prior to departure.

If your son/daughter is interested in attending, you will need to purchase the trip via your son/daughter's WisePay account. Please note: places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Yours faithfully,

Ms K L Inwood
History Teacher

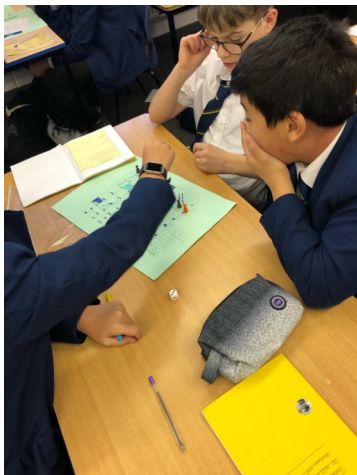
YEAR 8 – PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

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Since September Year 8 students have been learning about Buddhism in Philosophy and Religion. As part of their learning they have studied Buddhists' views about rebirth, including the complex terminology of; samsara, nirvana, karma and anatta. Year 8 were challenged with the ambitious

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task of designing a board game that explores these key terms and this challenging Buddhist concept. They collaborated with each other over the holidays to produce these fantastic games.

Pictured: George Stiles, Alfie Harris, Ruby-Jay Pickering, Eleanor Foster, Jayden Taylor, Rosie McCarthy and Johnny Wheeler playing each other's games, peer assessing and using the Buddhist language.

YEAR 11 CHILD DEVELOPMENT BEING HAPPY AND SHOWING VERSATILITY

After successfully preparing bottle feeding for a newborn last term, Child Development Year 11 students were faced this week with a baby jar challenge. Students learnt about stages of weaning and the consistency of food for various age groups. As part of the activity, they had to try and guess 6 different baby jar meals, which proved to be a tricky task. The group has chosen their favourite, spaghetti Bolognese, and the least favourite option, vegetable and turkey risotto. The activity will lead on to the last piece of coursework, where students need to prepare nutritional booklets for nursery workers. The previous knowledge of Food Tech should be useful here. Pictured, Ava Neeves and Mia Shields while trying the food.



CALLING ALL PARENTS!



Do you like competing? Are you taking part or planning to take part in a fun run, a marathon, skydiving or something else extraordinary? Do you have any personal challenges you could be sponsored for? You could help us raise funds for our New Hall Theatre campaign. For more details please visit <https://donatemyschool.com/projects>, all donations are instantly credited to the campaign. If you'd like to donate without being sponsored, you can do so via the link below.

Thank you.



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YEAR 9 CONSTRUCTION



Pictured are our Year 9 Construction group, volunteering at Sports Able for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Sports Able are a disability sports charity providing day to day sports activities to those with physical and/or sensory disabilities.



In addition to this group, our Year 9 & 10 Travel & Tourism, and Year 10 Construction group will volunteer there.

Thank you to everyone at Sports Able for this opportunity.



YEAR 10 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday Furze Platt's netball teams competed in the Year 10 A and B Netball tournament, which was the 3rd round of the league.

The Year 10 A team consisted of Martha Garner (C), Hannah Thomas, Daisy Hellings, Kourtney Lennon, Hannah Britton, Maya Ciesielska and Maja Nawrocka. The girls played incredibly well together considering that this was the first time they had played since before Christmas. Martha showed great leadership skills, organising the team beforehand and leading an effective warm-up before the tournament started. During the tournament it was clear to see that the girls have been working hard in training, demonstrating the highest quality of netball skills that I have seen in school. The girls should be very proud of their performances. Special mention goes to Daisy Hellings for consistently scoring for the A Team throughout the tournament and Hannah Britton, who kept motivated throughout all of her games with maximum efforts.

The Year 10 B Team consisted of Amelie Price (C), Amy Bawden, Morgan Dean, Zara Atkin, Mariana Gouveia, Eve Tull, Issy Hedges, and Chloe King. The girls collaborated really well during the games, particularly by keeping each other's morale high, encouraging and coming up with tactics together and showing a great versatility by playing different positions on court. Some of these girls also had the added pressure of being filmed for those that are doing GCSE PE, and they coped very well showing endurance and determination. Special mention goes to Amy Bawden who performed excellently as GS.

YEAR 12 MATHS AND COMPUTING

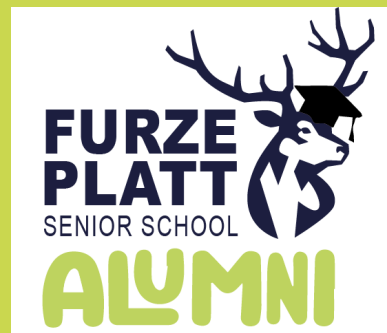
BLETCHLEY PARK

MONDAY 24TH FEB 2020



LETTER FOR BLETCHLEY PARK

FURZE PLATT ALUMNI



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 next few weeks. We have an Alumni page on our website featuring previous Headteachers & famous Alumni as well as news about the school.

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:

JOIN OUR ALUMNI

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

Thank you.



PTFA

Look out for details of the next PTFA Quiz night! Details coming soon...



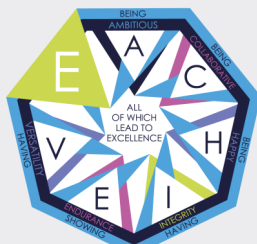


Train to Teach events. Reserve your place today.

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Copthorne Slough
Tuesday 21 Jan 2020
4.30pm - 8pm

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SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE 2020

Please see below for a full list of our current school clubs. We are proud to be able to offer approximately **90 clubs** this term, covering a huge variety of activities for all our students. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend any activities which may be of interest to them. Due to a large number of sporting fixtures, number of daylight hours and facilities available, training nights may change each week. Students will be informed via their form tutors on a Friday morning as to the training schedule for the following week. We will try to ensure a training session every week for each year group, however, owing to the above factors, this may not always be possible.

Day	Activity	Start Time	Finish Time	Where	Members	Department
MONDAY	Morning Maths	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	M3	Year 7 by invitation only	Maths
	Paired Maths Support	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	M3	Year 11 by invitation only	Maths
	Jazz Band	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	Music Studio	Grade 3 minimum	Music
	GCSE Biology Mentoring/Revision	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	6.3	By invitation only	Science
	Jewellery Making Club	11.15am (Break 1)	11.45am	BS3	Year 7	General
	Food Cupboard Monitors	11.15am (Break 1)	11.45am	FT2	Year 7	Food & Nutrition
	Ukulele Club	8.45am (Tutor Time)	2.15pm	MU1	All year groups	Music
	Molky - Throwing Game	1.45pm (Break 2)	2.15pm	Meet outside Library	Year 7	General
	GCSE French Clinic	3.15pm (Week 2 only)	4.00pm	MFL5	Years 9-11	Modern Foreign Language
	DIY Eco/Recycling Project Club	3.15pm	4.00pm	TE1	Year 7	Technology
	Petanque Club	3.15pm	4.00pm	MFL1	All Years	Modern Foreign Languages
	Yahtzee Club	3.15pm	4.00pm	FT2	Year 7	Food & Nutrition
	Supervised Study Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	E6	By prior agreement	General
	Biology A-Level Clinic	3.15pm	4.15pm	S9	Years 12-13	Science
	A-Level Physics Drop in Clinic	3.15pm	4.15pm	S4	Years 12-13	Science
	GCSE Separate Science Revision	3.15pm	4.15pm	S4	By invitation only	Science
	Football	3.15pm	4.15pm	Sports Field	Years 10/11 Boys	PE
	Football	3.15pm	4.15pm	Sports Field	Years 8/9 Boys	PE
	Badminton	3.15pm	4.15pm	Sports Hall	All years (limited numbers)	PE
	Netball	3.15pm	4.15pm	Courts	Year 11 boys & girls	PE
	Netball	3.15pm	4.15pm	Courts	Year 9/10 boys & girls	PE
	Hockey	3.15pm	4.15pm	Astro	All years boys and girls	PE
	Netball	3.15pm	4.15pm	Courts	Years 7 boys & girls	PE
	Cooking Club (5 ingredient, 30 min bake challenge)	3.25pm	4.30pm	FT1	Year 7	Food & Nutrition
	GCSE Drama Surgery	3.30pm	5.00pm	DS1	Years 10/11, must be booked with teacher	Performing Arts
	GCSE Music Clinic	3.30pm	4.15pm	MU2	Year 11 (Year 10 invited)	Performing Arts

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TUESDAY	Morning Maths	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	M3	Year 7 by invitation only	Maths
	Paired Maths Support	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	M3	Year 11 by invitation only	Maths
	Girls' Choir	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	MU1	All Year groups	Performing Arts
	Orchestra	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	Music Studio	All Year groups	Performing Arts
	GCSE Chemistry Mentoring/Revision	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	6.3	By invitation only	Science
	Food Cupboard Monitors	11.15am (Break 1)	11.45am	FT2	Year 7	Food & Nutrition
	Rock Band	1.45pm (Break 2)	2.15pm	MU1	Years 7-8	Performing Arts
	A-Level Business Surgery	1.45pm (Break 2)	2.15pm	BS2	Year 12-13	Business
	Coding Club	3.15pm (Week 2 only)	4.00pm	IT1	Year 7	ICT & Computing
	Dungeons and Dragons Club	3.15pm (Week 1 only)	4.00pm	IT1	Year 7	General
	History clinic	3.15pm	4.15pm	H5	Years 13 and 11	Humanities
	KS4 IT Catch Up Sessions	3.15pm	4.15pm	IT1	Years 10 & 11	ICT & Computing
	Psychology GCSE	3.30pm	4.30pm	IT5	By invitation only	Psychology
	Supervised Study Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	E6	By prior agreement	General
	A-Level Chemistry Drop In Clinic	3.15pm	4.15pm	S5	Year 12-13	Science
	Science Journal Club	3.30pm	4.30pm	S7	Year 12-13	Science
	KS5 Maths Support Clinic	3.30pm	4.30pm	M5/M6	Year 12-13	Maths
	Geography GCSE Revision	3.30pm	4.30pm	H1, H2 or H3	Year 11	Humanities
	GCSE Devising Log Clinic	3.30pm	4.30pm	IT2	Years 10 and 11	Performing Arts
	Lower School Drama Club	3.30pm	4.30pm	DS1	Year 7-8	Performing Arts
	Dance Club	3.30pm	4.30pm	Dance Studio	Year 8-9	Performing Arts
	Musical Band Rehearsal	3.30pm	4.30pm	Music Studio	All Year groups	Performing Arts
	Football	3.15pm	4.15pm	Sports Field	Year 7 boys	PE
	Football	3.15pm	4.15pm	Sports Field	Year 8 Football	PE
	GCSE Climbing	3.15pm	4.15pm	Cox Green School	By invitation only	PE
	Dodgeball	3.15pm	4.15pm	Sports Hall	All Year groups	PE
	Netball	3.15pm	4.15pm	Courts	Year 8	PE
	Fitness	3.15pm	4.15pm	Leisure Centre	Year 10-11 boys & girls	PE

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WEDNESDAY	Fitness Club (Boot Camp)	7:45am	8:15am	Leisure Centre	All Year groups	PE
	A-Level Economics Surgery	11.15am (Break 1)	11.45am	BS3	Year 12-13	Business
	Food Cupboard Monitors	11.15am (Break 1)	11.45am	FT2	Year 7	Food & Nutrition
	Pony Club	11.15am (Break 1 - Week 1 only)	11.45am	BS2	Year 7	General
	Debate Club	11.15am (Break 1)	11.45am	GEN1	Year 7	PR
	Magic Club - please bring along a trick!	1.45pm (Break 2)	2.15pm	PS1	Year 7	General
	Liverpool Supporter's Club	1.45pm (Break 2)	2.15pm	BS2	Year 7	General
	GCSE Spanish Clinic	3.15pm	4.15pm	MFL1	Year 11 (by invitation only)	Modern Foreign Languages
	GCSE German Clinic	3.15pm	4.15pm	MFL3	Year 11	Modern Foreign Languages
	Cheerleading Club	3.15pm	4.15pm	Dance Studio	Year 7	General
	Sudoku & Other Logic Puzzles	3.15pm	4.15pm	M1	Year 7	Maths
	Mindfulness and Calm Club	3.15pm	4.15pm	Library	Year 7	General
	Anime Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	E2	All Year Groups	English
	English Drop-in Clinic	3.15pm	4.30pm	E7	Year 10-11	English
	Supervised Study Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	E6	By prior agreement	General
	Computer Science Clinic	3.15pm	4.15pm	IT1	Years 11-13	IT & Computing
	Psychology Clinic	3.15pm (Week 2 only)	4pm	PS1	Sixth Form Psychology students	Psychology
	Science Club	3.20pm	4.20pm	S4	Years 8-9	Science
	Science Club	3.15pm	4.15pm	S3	Year 7	Science
	Musical Rehearsals	3.30pm	5.00pm	DS1	Cast	Performing Arts
	Girls' Football	3.15pm	4.15pm	Astro	All Year Groups	PE
	Football	3.15pm	4.15pm	Sports Field	Year 9/10 boys	PE
	Year 7 Fitness	3.15pm	4.15pm	Leisure Centre	Year 7 boys & girls	PE

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THURSDAY	Morning Maths	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	M3	Year 7 by invitation only	Maths
	Paired Maths Support	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	M3	Year 11 by invitation only	Maths
	Whole School Choir	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	MU1	All Year groups	Performing Arts
	GCSE Physics Mentoring/Revision	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	6.3	By invitation only	Science
	Food Cupboard Monitors	11.15am (Break 1)	11.45am	FT2	Year 7	Food & Nutrition
	Glee Club	1.45pm (BREAK 2)	2.15pm	MU1	By invitation only	Performing Arts
	Supervised Study Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	E6	By prior agreement	General
	Maths GCSE Revision/ Support	3.15pm	4.15pm	Maths classrooms	Year 11	Maths
	KS5 IT Catch Up Sessions	3.15pm	4.15pm	IT4	Year 12-13	ICT & Computing
	Engineering Club/ Robot Wars/ Green Power	3.20pm	4.20pm	S4	Years 9-13	Science
	Warhammer Club	3.30pm	4.30pm	PSHE 1	All Years	Sixth Form
	Years 8/ 9 Fitness	3.15pm	4.15pm	Leisure Centre	Year 8-9 boys & girls	PE

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FRIDAY	Morning Maths	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	M3	Year 7 by invitation only	Maths
	Paired Maths Support	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	M3	Year 11 by invitation only	Maths
	Chamber Choir	8.45am (Tutor Time)	9.10am	MU1	Years 9-13 by invitation only	Performing Arts
	Food Cupboard Monitors	11.15am (Break 1)	11.45am	FT2	Year 7	Food & Nutrition
	Disney Club	11.15am (Break 1)	11.45am	LS2	Year 7	General
	Rock Band (Years 9-11)	1.45pm (Break 2)	2.15pm	MU1	Years 9-11	Performing Arts
	Book Club	1.45pm (Break 2 Week 1 only)	2.15pm	A3	Year 7	General
	Circus Skills	1.45pm (Break 2)	2.15pm	Drama	Year 7	Drama
	Maths Master Classes	3.15pm	4.15pm	M3	Year 7 by invitation only	Maths
	Supervised Study Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	E6	By prior agreement	General
	Further Maths Support: Years 12-13 Further Mathematics	3.15pm	4.15pm	M2	Year 12-13	Maths
	Art Catch-up Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	Art Block	By invitation only (Years 9-11)	Art Design & Tech
	PE GCSE and VCERT revision	3.15pm	4.15pm	Sports Hall	Years 9-11	PE

For sporting events and matches please refer to our [sports calendar](#) on our website.