

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #62.12



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

### Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening

The Virtual Open Evening is now live with some fantastic presentations from staff and students. Please do take a look using the link below.



### SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING 2020

We look forward to seeing many of our Year 11 apply for Sixth Form places alongside those joining from other schools.

### Student Awards for Staff

Each Christmas students nominate members of staff for awards based on our school values of ACHIEVE. Normally we do this on paper. This year we have gone online. Your son or daughter was emailed the link on Wednesday. Please encourage them to nominate at least one member of staff before the 11 December closing date.

While there will be 'winners' the joy for colleagues is see student appreciation of students for their efforts. Last year we had over 700 paper entries. I hope we can get more this year.

### Covid Impact, Isolations and Examinations

As parents and carers will read in my Friday Covid 19 Update letter, recent weeks have seen disruption to learning in school. This is particularly difficult for our Year 11 and 13 students focused upon examinations next summer. This week I wrote to Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, outlining my concerns at being able to fairly assess students when there is a massive disparity locally and nationally between students who have had various lengths of time out of school. Having shared this letter with Year 11 and 13 parents and carers I am very appreciative of your positive feedback.

Take care and keep safe.

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Some of our upcoming events may change due to the current situation (eg virtual or adjusted events). Full details will be sent out nearer the time of the specific event.

### NEXT WEEK (WEEK 1)

TUES 1 DECEMBER	ParentMail system goes live Year 12 Progress Reports Published	Afternoon All Day
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### TERM TWO

MON 7 DECEMBER	INSET DAY	All Day
THURS 10 DECEMBER	Year 12 Parents' and Students' Consultation Information will be uploaded to our website	
FRI 11 DECEMBER	Years 9, 11 & 13 Progress Reports Published	All Day
WEDS 16 DECEMBER	Years 7 & 8 Progress Reports Published	All Day
FRI 18 DECEMBER	End of term	



ParentMail

By IRIS



### IMPORTANT REMINDER

ParentMail goes live on the afternoon of **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** for all lunch money, payments and communications. WisePay will cease to be available from lunchtime on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

All lunch money balances on WisePay will be automatically carried over to ParentMail. We suggest that you top up your WisePay account over the weekend with enough money to cover food payment for Monday and Tuesday, just in case of any slight delay.

You should have already received a registration link from ParentMail. We would also encourage you to download their App as an easy way to manage your children's account.

[LINK TO PARENTMAIL FAQ](#)



**INSET DAY**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

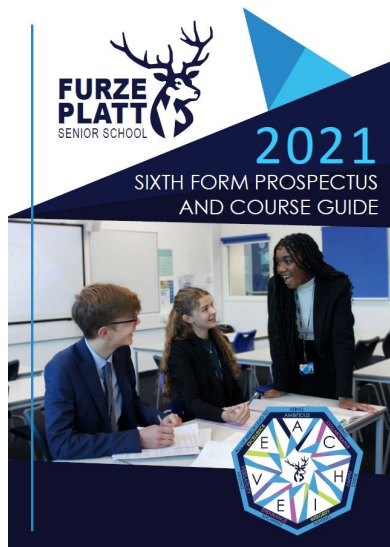
Please note there is an INSET Day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December for all year groups.



**SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS**



Internal students will do applications in school, for further information please visit:



FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL  
**SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING**  
 NOW AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.FURZEPLATT.COM](http://WWW.FURZEPLATT.COM)



Come and visit us virtually to experience a welcome and address by Mr Ging, Head of Sixth Form; subject information videos from our Sixth Form teachers; and lots of student information from Sixth Formers themselves.

**A Foundation for Excellence**

- ▶ Exceptional range of A Level and Level 3 Applied Courses, taught in small classes by subject experts.
- ▶ Impressive results put many students' progress at Furze Platt Senior School in the top 20% nationally.

**'The Sixth Form is a strength of the school' – Ofsted 2016**

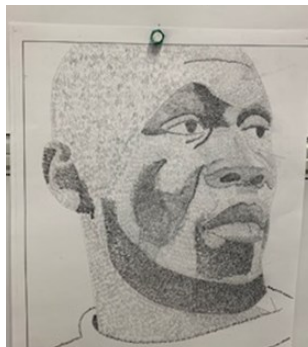
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**YEAR 9 ART**

**'READ MY FACE'**

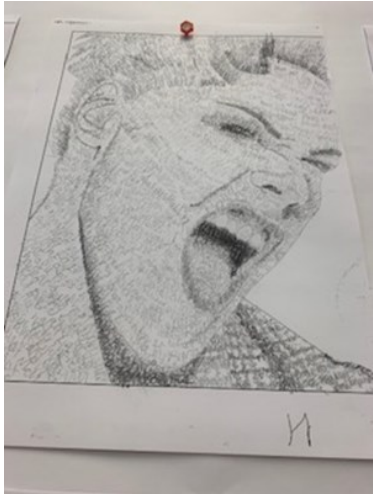
Our amazing Year 9 Art students created a range of pictures entitled 'Read My Face' by drawing famous musical icons using the words of the songs they are well known for - look closely and you can see...



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LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT



FRENCH

Linguists of the Fortnight

**Year 7**

- Ruby Kielty
- Fabien Mormech
- Jaden Brown
- Youcef Hamdad
- Noah Moss
- George Norton
- Dustin Stacy
- Jack Sessions
- Quenisha De Abreu

**Year 9**

- Jayden Taylor

**Year 10**

- Amelia Hadley
- Mabila Kalam
- Balraj Kaur
- Max Collins
- Brooke Stevens
- Louise Cox
- Holli Menelaus

**Year 8**

- Rosita Papoff
- Lucas Stevenson
- Aisha Abdou
- Jessica Hulme
- Fred Fletcher
- Abigail Leech-Baldwin
- Amy Barker
- Ed Foxtton
- Daniel Gibbon
- Olive Owen
- Holly Cannon
- Jacob Hopson
- Renee Dias

**Year 11**

- Polly Clements
- Sacha Handford
- Isabelle
- Annereau
- Matilda
- Annereau
- Anya Clayton
- Alessio Reina
- Esha Grover
- Kourtney Lennon



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## SPANISH

### Linguists of the Fortnight

#### Year 7

Jack Watt  
Kya Duncan  
Bethan Hill  
Mitchell Holmes  
Ethan Petersen  
Miguel Hope  
Jay Harvey  
Ruby Kielty  
Toby Holmes

#### Year 8

Sophie McLachlan  
Elenia Reina  
Freya Stevenson  
Verity Lakovic  
Manuel Mizik  
Jon Sanchez  
Marina Brati

#### Year 9

Luka Wilson  
Nathan Hedges  
Lucas Norton  
George Terry

#### Year 10

Brooke Stevens  
Lily Hatch  
Megan Collyer  
Emi Larsen  
Ella Stevenson  
Ed Clements  
Leo Cox

#### Year 11

Ellie Gavin  
Lillia Bowsher  
Connor Soden



## GERMAN

### Linguists of the Fortnight

#### Year 7

Mazin Kafori  
Durusah Gulmez  
Illango Fekete  
Charlie Williams-Lock  
Anjeli Reehal

#### Year 8

Mohammed Alami-Chaoui  
Hugo Fleck-McGrath  
Henna Hussain  
Elena Del-Campo  
Scarlett Oliver  
Matej Sutton  
Pacey Thandi  
James Wilkinson

#### Year 9

Fatima Habbouli  
Leonard Cory

#### Year 9

Eleanor Foster  
Sadie Huddleston  
Camelia Ionel  
Rosie Lewis  
Harriet Springle  
Gabriella  
Woodhead  
Raahi Singh

#### Year 10

Scott Rangel  
Harvey-Leo Bond  
Jessica Bristow

#### Year 11

Anna Gambrell  
Patrick Kelly

#### Year 12

Henry Edwards



SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING 2020



To get you all in the festive spirit here is a Christmas recipe for you to try. We would love to feature these in a future newsletter and / or school displays so please send your pictures to [sarah.crisford@furzeplatt.net](mailto:sarah.crisford@furzeplatt.net) - enjoy baking!

## Dough Ball Christmas Tree

### Ingredients

200g Strong plain white flour  
25g Margarine  
½ tsp Salt  
2 tsp Yeast  
1 tsp Sugar  
125ml Warm water

### Equipment

Baking tray, baking paper, mixing bowl, flour dredger, measuring scales.



### Method

- Preheat the oven to 220°C or gas mark 8.
- Line the baking tray with baking paper.
- Weigh the flour into a large mixing bowl.
- Add the margarine and rub into the flour.
- Add the yeast, sugar and salt to the mix.
- Add the warm water and beat hard using your hand until the mixture is smooth and elastic.
- Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 5 minutes until smooth.
- Place the dough back into the mixing bowl and cover with cling film.
- Place in a warm area so the dough can prove. (It will double in size!)
- Knock the dough back.
- Divide the dough into 12 equal pieces and shape.
- Place on the baking tray in the shape of a Christmas tree. (as picture below)
- Brush dough balls with a milk or egg glaze.
- Bake for 10-15 minutes.
- To check if they are ready, tap the base of the roll and if it sounds hollow it is baked.

### NAMING AND COLLECTING UNIFORM / PE KITS



Please can we ask you to ensure ALL items your child brings to school are named.

If you have received an email saying there are items to be collected or you recognise any of the items below, please remind your son/daughter they need to collect from the Portacabin at breaktimes or after school. All the bags hold either PE kits or in some cases, entire uniforms including blazer and shoes.

- Adidas black and white bag
- Sway black and white bag
- Nike green and blue bag
- Urban outfitters shoulder bag
- Nike drawstring bag
- Plain black drawstring bag
- M&S green carrier bag
- Blue Lee Cooper sports bag
- JD Sports carrier bag
- FPSS sports bag initials SS, AM or JC

Please see PTFA article p6 if you require uniform or kit.







# Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Contact us

Email: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) | Facebook: [facebook.com/fpsstfta](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta)

Charity Number 287878



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –

LIVE - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 8pm, join from 7.45pm

This is a yearly meeting for all members of the association so includes all parents, carers, friends and staff of FPSS. It is where elections take place and the year's events are reported on. It's an opportunity for the committee to show that it is accountable for the decisions taken and that the committee members have acted in the best interests of the association. We will be reporting for the year September 2018 to August 2019. Owing to the interruption of our fundraising efforts, the elected committee has agreed to serve another school year September 2020 to August 2021.

Please save the date in your calendar with this Zoom link and password, full details can be found here:

### INVITATION TO AGM

Furze Platt Senior School PTFA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FPSS PTFA AGM

Time: Dec 1, 2020 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/3290137737?](https://zoom.us/j/3290137737?pwd=cSs2OWFMN2ZSUEpIN1lmem1mT2thZz09)

[pwd=cSs2OWFMN2ZSUEpIN1lmem1mT2thZz09](https://zoom.us/j/3290137737?pwd=cSs2OWFMN2ZSUEpIN1lmem1mT2thZz09)

Meeting ID: 329 013 7737

Passcode: Cb4rLB



**HOT TOPIC – Games kit – has it gone awol?**  
**MEGA DEAL – boys tops from £2 each**



Due to generous donations of BOYS POLO SHIRTS AND RUGBY SHIRTS we are selling them @ £2 each for a limited period. Usual prices £20 and £23 respectively. Grab yours now by emailing or messaging us your sizes and we'll get your order bagged up, ready for collection: email: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) or message us through [facebook.com/fpsstfta](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta)



**WELCOME TO THE 24 NEW MEMBERS OF THE 200 CLUB – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!**



**Live Draw on TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 8PM**

Can you repurpose your commuting expenses and join our Club? If all our parents/carers joined paying just £5 per month then the School could earn £6000+ per year. The PTFA may be able to claim Gift Aid as well so please ensure you tick the box. How it works: The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number. Your winnings are made by bank transfer very soon after each draw so there's no hanging around. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your energy or phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!). So, it's a Win Win situation for everyone. Hence, we need you to click here now to join:

**ANNUAL PAYMENT**  
**(£57 PER YEAR)**

**200 CLUB**

**Winning numbers**  
**for our next draw**

**MONTHLY PAYMENT**  
**(£5 PER MONTH)**



## WHAT'S COMING UP: Live Virtual Family Quiz



As we are in Tier 2 structure, High Alert, from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, a date will be published and widely advertised in due course. To whet your appetite...

The legendary quizmaster Jeff Lloyd, will host an hour of fun for the whole family.

6 rounds featuring pictures, music and an interactive round.

PLEASE ensure our email address: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) is on your clean list to receive details.

**VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT**

**FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL PTFA**

**TO BE CONFIRMED**

**8PM TO 9PM, JOIN FROM 7.45PM**

**Buy tickets soon:**

VIA ZOOM (LINK SUPPLIED UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

Back for one night only this year, the legendary Quizmaster Jeff Lloyd!!!  
Please join us on screen for an hour of fun and fundraising to boot!  
6 rounds featuring pictures, music and an interactive round for the whole family.  
Line up your snacks and drinks and be ready for 8pm.  
Zoom link will be advised after purchase so PLEASE ensure email address: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) is on your clean list.

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## THANKS TO THE 5 NEW SUPPORTERS ON SMILE AND EASYFUNDRAISING – MORE REQUIRED!!!!



You know it makes sense, right? Please, please, please, register Furze Platt Senior School PTFA as your Charitable Organisation with the following companies.

Add the Browser Reminders so you don't miss an opportunity!

[SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK](http://SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK)

[EASYFUNDRAISING.CO.UK](http://EASYFUNDRAISING.CO.UK)

[EASY2NAME.CO.UK](http://EASY2NAME.CO.UK)

## COPAS DONATION CASHBACK SCHEME



Thanks again to our local independent farm, COPAS for their generous offer. Please add our "PTA TURKEY CASHBACK" product to your basket when ordering:

[WWW.COPASTURKEYS.CO.UK](http://WWW.COPASTURKEYS.CO.UK)

Steps to follow:

- 1) Add a Turkey product to your basket first
- 2) Scroll through the product list or search "PTA" for the "PTA Turkey Cashback" item
- 3) Select Furze Platt Senior School from the dropdown list & add to basket.
- 4) Navigate to checkout & complete your order.

**COPAS**  
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*Up to £10 donated to the PTA for every turkey ordered.*

If your school is registered for our Turkey Cashback scheme, simply select it from the list & add to your basket.

There is NO CHARGE to you and Copas Traditional Turkeys will donate up to £10 for every order.



## Learning Mentor – to Start January 2021

Part time, 31.25 Hours a week. Monday to Friday, term time only.  
Fixed Term Contract until end August 2021.

Actual salary £17,000 - £17,700 pa depending on experience

Would you like to join the support staff team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school?

We are looking for an enthusiastic and reliable individual to join our Raising Achievement team and support the progress and development of our students through high quality academic mentoring. This will involve the provision of personalised support either one-to-one or in small groups to targeted students who are preparing for their GCSEs during and possibly after the school day on occasions (to be discussed at interview).

You will:

- Work with the Raising Achievement Manager and subject teachers to devise and deliver appropriate support packages for students to help them with revision or subject specific catch up work
- Provide students with strategies to help them with confidence building and improvement of organisational, revision and time management skills.
- Be a listening ear for individual students and help them resolve any issues that are creating barriers to learning.

We are looking for a team player, with a willingness to acquire an understanding of the educational objectives and ethos of the school, who enjoys working with and is able to communicate sensitively and confidently with staff and students. This role might suit someone who is interested in training to teach in the longer term as it provides the opportunity to work in a school environment with young people who are eager to learn and succeed.

For further information about this role and in order to complete a Support Staff application form please refer to our school website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net](mailto:Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net). Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

**Closing date: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9am**

**Interviews will take place: Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> December**





# Attention all parents!

## Download the ParentMail App for the best way to pick up school messages

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*"Great communications tool - makes life a bit more organised"*



*"Brilliant! I don't have to go back to all my emails to check up what's going on at my children's school, 10 out of 10"*



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Please note: If you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message