

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Open Evening Events this week

Next Thursday was due to be our Open Evening. This is normally a fantastic evening where our students and staff demonstrate why FPSS is such a fantastic school. Sadly, Covid-19 means this will not be possible this year but please do look at the Open Evening section of our website available here:



VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING 2020

Currently, you will find my Headteacher's introduction to FPSS, information on tours, our Year 7 parents' guide, and much more. Next week we will be adding videos covering all aspects of FPSS ready for the Open Evening. Please do keep popping back and taking a look as we upload more and more information.

My Senior Leadership Team colleagues and I have already enjoyed showing many families around FPSS in recent

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UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 1

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.

THU 8 OCTOBER	School Virtual Open Evening	Online
THU 8 - FRI 9 OCTOBER	DofE Year 10 Closed Group Expedition - Hurley	All Day
FRI 9 OCTOBER	INSET Day	All Day
	Year 10 Progress Reports Published	All Day
	Year 7 Progress Reports (A2L only) Published	
TUE 13 OCTOBER	Preparing to Succeed in Year 9 Information will be uploaded to our website	
	Preparing to Succeed in Year 10 Information will be uploaded to our website	
THU 15 OCTOBER	Year 7 Head of House/Parents' Consultation	
FRI 16 OCTOBER	Years 8, 9 & 11 Progress Reports Published	All Day
MON 19 OCTOBER	Year 13 Progress Reports Published	All Day
THU 22 OCTOBER	Year 11 Parents' and Students' Consultation	
FR 23 OCTOBER	Year 12 Progress Reports Published (A2L Only)	All Day
	End of Term 1	



weeks. We have been so popular that we have had to lay on more tour slots. Please call the school reception on 01628 625308 should you wish to book a time.

Face Coverings

Thank you for your support in ensuring our students have face coverings. In particular, I would like to thank the parents and carers who have donated some to the school. This is much appreciated.



Good Luck Year 13

After their PPEs I know that Year 13 are turning their attention to potential pathways beyond FPSS exploring employment and apprenticeships, along with university options. Thank you to all parents and carers who are sharing this experience, attending virtual Open Days and helping with university personal statements and apprenticeship applications. I was particularly pleased to learn this week of the number of students applying for early entry (by Thursday 15th October) for Oxbridge, Medicine and much more.

I know our Sixth Form team are keen to support all students as they look to their futures so please encourage students to discuss options, application forms and personal statements with our team.

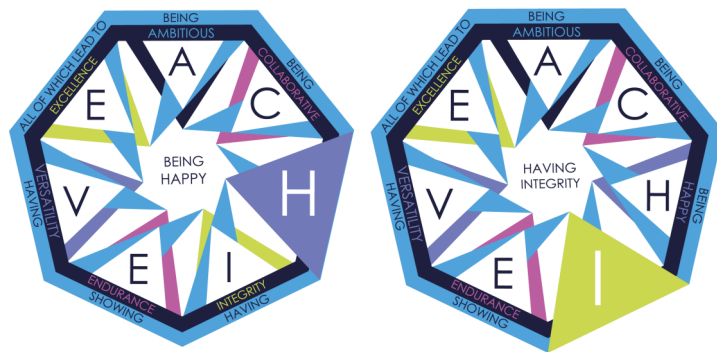
Take care and keep safe.

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

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER – INSET DAY

Please note, school will be closed to all students on Friday 9th October.

School will not be closing early on Thursday 8th October due to our Open Evening being hosted online this year.



STUDENT PASTORAL MANAGERS

At Furze Platt Senior School staff seek to respond to 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

TUTORIALS

All students will have their next tutorial session during P3 on Wednesday 7th October.

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 10 PHOTOS

Please note the deadline for returning photos has been extended to Wednesday 7th October.

"We are delighted with Furze Platt and would happily recommend it to all."

Parent Survey 2019

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING 2020

YEAR 10 CHILD DEVELOPMENT

In our Year 10 Child Development sessions we continue to provide students with real life experiences despite the current covid situation. This week students were testing different types of disposable nappies available in supermarkets. We compared some top name brands, like

Pampers, with other varieties eg Tesco's and Sainsbury's own brands. The best nappy choice was Sainsbury's Little Ones, which held liquid securely and cost only 5p per nappy – they are three times cheaper than Pampers, which didn't score as well on the dryness test. It goes to show that price doesn't always guarantee quality!



Pictured: Naizel De Souza with Kornelia Jankowska

"I am new to this school and I have settled in amazingly. Everyone has been so kind and I really feel at home."

Student Survey 2019



PSYCHOLOGY COMPETITION RESULTS

Congratulations to Anya Idrizi (Head Girl, Year 13), who came second in a local psychology competition 'Maidenhead Minds 2020.' The competition was organised by us here at Furze Platt Senior School and was open to all Sixth Form centres in the area. It was meant to replace the extracurricular opportunities that were otherwise lost because of the covid lockdown before the summer. The judging panel consisted of Royal



Pictured Anya Idrizi with her certificate and book prize.

Holloway professors who were very impressed with the quality of work sent by our students. The overall winner, Lola Shrewsbury from Charters School, produced an interesting piece of research investigating why some people do not comply with the government instruction to wear face masks. If you wish to read her full report, it is available here:

WINNING RESEARCH PROJECT

REMINDERS



LOCKERS

Lockers for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 are now available to buy on Wisepay for £5. Once purchased students may place their lock on any unused locker. They should then notify the pastoral team of the locker number and location for our records. Each half term we will remove locks from any lockers which have not been purchased so please ensure students do notify the pastoral team of the locker number they have purchased.





STUDENTS WITH APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY



We recognise that occasionally students may need to leave site during the school day to attend appointments. Ideally appointments would be at the start or end of the school day to minimise learning missed. Where possible make any appointments after 1.45pm. When a student in Years 7-11 has an appointment we request that parents please email Attendanceofficers@furzeplatt.net to notify our attendance team. Students in those years must sign in and out at Main Reception when leaving for/returning from appointments; Sixth Formers must do the same at Sixth Form Reception and emails should go to our Sixth Form Manager, Mrs Pasa at mary.pasa@furzeplatt.net.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?



At Furze Platt Senior School, we know and appreciate that our growing teenagers need to fuel their body and mind to get through the school day, especially whilst we adjust to being back to school. We are also aware of the cost this will have on parents. If this is a struggle for you, it may be worth seeing if you are eligible for free school meals. For more details please visit:

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Any queries can be directed to our fsm@furzeplatt.net email address.



BOOK A SCHOOL TOUR



ELECTRIC SCOOTERS



WHAT ARE THE RULES?

RENTAL E-SCOOTERS



If you are renting an e-scooter from an approved scheme, you can legally use this on the road.

In July, rental e-scooters were made legal on roads in England to allow for a 12-month trial while the government review the legislation.

PRIVATE E-SCOOTERS



If you own an e-scooter, you cannot legally use this on the road.

You can only ride this on private land. This could be a garden or a field with the landowner's permission.

Private e-scooters cannot be used on public roads, redways or pavements as they need to be insured, taxed and registered with the DVLA - just like cars. BUT, you can't register, tax or insure an e-scooter.

If you ride your own e-scooter on public land, you could get a £300 fine, 6 points on your driving licence and the scooter can be seized.

Even if you don't have a driving licence, points can be added once you have passed your test. New drivers can only receive 6 points on their licence in the first 2 years after passing so you could lose your driving licence.

Literacy Learning Support Assistant – to start ASAP until end of August 2021, Fixed Term Contract

Part time, 30 Hours a week, start time 8.45am, finish time 3.15pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only
Actual salary £13,680 - £13,950 pa depending on experience

We have an exciting Fixed Term role for someone who is passionate about supporting young people in achieving high standards of literacy skills. This role would suit someone who is confident in all aspects of literacy: reading comprehension, written and verbal communication and spelling. You will work under the direction of our Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion supporting the progress of targeted year 9 students using various programmes, strategies and materials which have already been developed. The catch-up sessions will take form of a mixture of one-to-one and small group literacy intervention. You may also spend some time in the classroom environment supporting students with literacy under the direction of classroom teachers.

If you already have experience working or supporting young people or if you are interested in gaining some experience perhaps prior to training to teach then this could be a great opportunity for you.

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. Application forms should be returned to 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: Monday 19th October 2020 at 9.00am
Interviews will take place week commencing 19th October

CURRENT VACANCIES

This is a public health message from NHS Test and Trace

As part of the government's coordinated response to Coronavirus, NHS Test and Trace has developed the new NHS COVID-19 app.

It is now available for download to all residents of England and Wales. We strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 16 downloads and uses it.

Download the 'NHS COVID-19' app from the App Store or Google Play. There is more information at <https://covid19.nhs.uk>

The app will help you to understand and manage your personal risk and reduce the spread of Coronavirus. The more people who use it, the more effective it will be.

The app requires operating system 13.5 or above if you have an Apple iPhone. It requires Android 6.0 or above if you have an Android phone. If your smartphone is not compatible, you can still access full support from the NHS Test and Trace service.

NHS Test and Trace

All individuals over the age of 16 who are registered with a GP in England and have provided an email address to the NHS are receiving this email. Some people will receive a text message instead, if an email address has not been provided.

[NHS Test and Trace Privacy Notice](#)

"The prizes that school gives for merits of work are very effective. It encourages students to continue striving."

Parent Survey 2019

