

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Farewell Year 13 Students

Today was the last day for our Year 13 students. We marked the day with a celebration assembly, ice cream, pizza and more. After all the last year has entailed, it was great to see them smiling, having fun and reflecting on their time at FPSS. Our Year 13 students shared some wonderful memories that I am sure will stay with them for years to come.



I am sure that all members of the FPSS community wish our Year 13 every success in their futures. Whether the next step be employment, apprenticeships, travel or university we hope they enjoy their next steps and look forward to hearing about their adventures in the years to come.

Reward Assemblies

It was a joy to see the return of our Reward Assemblies this week. These give students who have received the most ACHIEVE points in each House the chance to celebrate their achievement and enjoy some fun with their Head of House and peers. Many congratulations to all students who earned their place in these assemblies.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

I have had the recent pleasure of handing out DoE certificates to our Year 11 students. It was lovely to hear accounts of their expeditions and volunteering, as well as the skills they acquired. I hope our students on expedition in this and future weeks have as many memories to share.

Term 6

Yesterday, parents and carers will have received a letter from me detailing changes to the school day after Half Term.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Some information for our upcoming events may change due to the current situation. Full details will be sent out nearer the time of the specific event.

TERM 5 EVENTS

FRI 21 MAY	Year 13 Last Day in School
FRI 28 MAY	Year 13 Leavers' Morning
MON 31 - FRI 4 MAY JUNE	END OF TERM (TERM 5)
MON 7 JUNE	MAY HOLIDAY
	START OF TERM 6 (Week 2)

This term ended for students with them hearing details of these changes from me. Covid cases and variants permitting, we will hopefully be able to recapture more of what makes FPSS special in Term 6.

Covid Test Kits

After our assemblies, students were given their next batch of Covid test kits. Please do keep testing and ensuring our community is kept safe.

Have a wonderful Half Term.

Take care and keep safe.

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





We are delighted to be able to show you our Virtual Spring Showcase, featuring students from all year groups. Whether in choirs, playing an instrument or performing as soloists, duos and groups, the showcase embodies the culmination of hours of dedication, learning, practice and hard work by our students.

A fantastic effort by all and thank you to Mrs Bradley, Head of Performing Arts, for arranging the event.

VIRTUAL SPRING SHOWCASE VIDEO



TERM 6 CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY (AFTER HALF TERM)

I am writing to explain arrangements at FPSS for after the Half Term break.

As you will be well aware, Covid measures have involved staggered starts and ends to the school day and students having different breaktimes throughout this academic year.

With Covid numbers falling and with two fewer year groups at FPSS now that Year 11 and Year 13 have ended their courses, we intend to change the shape of our school day for Term 6.

From Monday 7th June we will revert to our normal

school day. This means:

- All students will start at 8.45am and end at 3.15pm.
- Tutor Period will be re-introduced and run from 8.45-9.15am.
- There will be two breaktimes at 11.15am and 1.45pm.

The shape of our school day will be as follows:

Start	8.45
P1 (Tutor Period)	8.45-9.15
Period 2	9.15-10.15
Period 3	10.15-11.15
Break	11.15-11.45
Period 4	11.45-12.45
Period 5	12.45-1.45
Break	1.45-2.15
Period 6	2.15-3.15
Finish	3.15

Students will have had assemblies this week to explain these arrangements, as well as the new breaktime procedures. In particular, each year group will be designated particular areas to go when not buying or eating food in the Café or Hall.

I am excited to be reverting to our normal school day for a number of reasons. Not only is it a step closer to normality, but it will also allow us to do some of the things that makes FPSS special. For example, reintroducing the connection between tutor and tutee, promoting Houses, FPSS values and the raft of enrichment opportunities we offer.

As ever this academic year, this change does come with caveats. We will initially trial the arrangements for two weeks to assess how they are working. Furthermore, should there be a local or school outbreak these arrangements would be reviewed and we may return to a staggered school day.

Like me, I trust that you see this change for Term 6 as a positive step towards FPSS being able to offer the educational experience we all want for our young people.

I hope that you all have a good Half Term.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Andrew Morrison

Headteacher (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)

USING PARENTMAIL TO REPORT YOUR CHILD ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

As part of our attendance and absence reporting systems we have now enabled the ability to report your child absent from school via ParentMail. This system will enable you to report your child's absence from school via your App or web login. The below steps can be followed to report your child absent from school:

1. Log into your ParentMail account
2. Click on the 'Absence' tab
3. Select 'Notify Absence'
4. If you have more than one child at the school, then select the child you wish to report as absent
5. Select a reason for your child's absence
6. Click add
7. Select an amount of time your child is likely to be off school
8. Add any additional notes/information for the attendance team. Please provide as much information as possible regarding this absence for our records.
9. Click 'Submit'

If you would prefer to notify the school of your child's absence via phone or email, then please use the below contact details and report absences where possible before 8.30am.

Email: attendanceofficers@furzeplatt.net

Telephone: 01628 625308 then press 1 when advised



YEAR 11 & 13 LEAVERS

REMAINING LUNCH MONEY / REFUND INFORMATION

An email was sent out this week to all Year 11 and 13 leavers who have more than £5 left in their lunch account. Remaining money over this amount can either be refunded, donating to the school or moved to a sibling still at the school. A link was sent out with the email and it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete this by the end of the half term holiday, by Monday 7th June. Refunds will be done after this date and throughout June.



YEAR 11 PROM

THURSDAY 1ST JULY 7PM - 10.30PM

Following the next step of lockdown measures going ahead this week we are delighted to let you know that we have been able to secure a Year 11 Prom on Thursday 1st July 2021.

The Year 11 Prom will be held at Riverside Marquee, Bray between 7pm - 10.30pm. The event is formal attire. Tickets cost £35 and include a buffet, DJ, and photographer. There will be no additional costs for photographs on the night but students will need to bring cash for any soft drinks. Following the event we will contact Year 11 students via their school email accounts to notify them of how to access and download their prom photographs.

The venue will be following Covid procedures and should the government restrictions prevent the event from proceeding then you would be refunded via your Parentmail account.

Tickets are available to purchase now via your Parentmail account. Tickets must be purchased by Monday 14th June 2021.

We look forward to seeing our Year 11s at this event. If you have any genuine financial difficulties, please do contact me to discuss.

Miss L Lewis, Associate Assistant Headteacher

GCSE DANCE WORKSHOPS

RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 2021

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to cancel the upcoming Set Phrase Dance Workshops that were due to take place in Term 6. However, these workshops will still go ahead and have been rescheduled for early September 2021. Further details will be communicated to parents and carers nearer the time.

Although saddened by the short notice cancellation, this does give us additional time and opportunity to revisit some Year 9 content vital for the students' written exam paper. Students will now spend Term 6 revisiting a professional dance work called 'Within Her Eyes' which they covered during our first lockdown in Year 9. Revisiting this work also gives the students the opportunity to increase their confidence with this piece and be able to experience learning this work in a more practical environment rather than under lockdown conditions.

We appreciate that some parents have already paid for the workshop; we can either hold on to the money to be carried forward to September 2021 or you may wish to request a refund. If you would like a refund, please email me on sophie.gibson@furzeplatt.net.

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience but we are all looking forward to the workshops taking place in September.

Miss S. Gibson, Performing Arts Teacher



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SIXTH FORM TRANSITION FORTNIGHT UPDATE COMMENCING MONDAY 7TH JUNE

As a reminder, the Transition Fortnight is for everyone who is continuing to Level 3 study, whether you will be attending Sixth Form at FPSS or you will be attending another school or college. If you do not hold a conditional offer from Furze Platt, please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate your preferred option choices for your future studies over the course of the Transition Fortnight. If you intend to study elsewhere in September but still wish to attend the Transition Fortnight, you must let us know prior to the fortnight itself. Please email sixthformadmin@furzeplatt.net to inform us of your intention to attend and to let us know what subjects you wish to take part in.

I am very excited to see you all of our prospective Sixth Formers – and even those students who may be leaving FPSS next academic year – during the Transition Fortnight for a fantastic two weeks.

Mr P Ging, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form



Thank you to all the staff at La Collina for their assistance with our Year 13 Leavers' event today.



YEAR 11 HOODIES

Year 11 hoodies will be given out to students at the end of our Sixth Form Transition Days or collected from Main Reception afterwards. Details will be sent out in due course.



INVITATIONS TO CLUBS

Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations to attend clubs for their son/daughter, with many more to come over the next few weeks as restrictions are further lifted.

[LINK TO CLUBS LIST](#)

REMINDER

Home test reminder

WHERE DO I NEED TO REPORT THE HOME TEST RESULTS?



Negative



Positive



Invalid

Results need to be reported both via the school's link and the NHS Test and trace site:

Students should complete a test twice a week and register to both of the following links:

[REPORT RESULT TO THE NHS](#)

1. NHS Test & Trace self-report website:

[REPORT RESULT TO US](#)

2. Furze Platt's link for reporting test results:

YEAR 13 SPANISH TRIP TO LONDON

Our Year 13 Spanish students were invited to enjoy churros and other Spanish delicacies at The Knot Churros in London following the completion of their A level course. Many congratulations to them all and thanks to Miss Thorogood for arranging the visit.



THURSDAY 17TH JUNE 19.00 – 20.00

LEARN TO MEDITATE

To book or for more information please email: Benvenuta.DiBartolomeo@furzeplatt.net





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HALF TERM,
BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY AND
SUNSHINE IS
FORECAST – HELLO JUNE!



together everyone
TEAM
achieves more

Good news!

The 200 Club has 4 new members,
Amazon.Smile has 1 new supporter and
uniform is trickling in and being sold via
Email and Facebook. So the targets for this
week have been **achieved**. Thank you very
much indeed. Can we keep the momentum
going? We can't fundraise without you.

We are still looking for
donations of logo'd
uniform in very good



condition. Please ensure it is freshly laundered
and intact! Message us for addresses if you'd
like to leave a bag on a PTFA'ers doorstep (or
to school reception during term time).



**EASYFUNDRAISING – raised
£34.53 in the last 30 days**

Buying during half term and/or for Father's
Day? Do you buy insurance online? Use
Uswitch, Comparethemarket, Confused.com?
Shop with Boohoo, M&S, John Lewis, eBay ?
Order via Deliveroo/Just Eat? Buy Apple
Music? Use Audible? plus many other retailers?
Then please register your email address on the
link below (there's no spam!). Download the
App for mobiles and use the portal or
download the DONATION REMINDER on your
computer so your purchases are automatically
added to our account – simple, free and a no
brainer!

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/
furzeplattsenior/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzeplattsenior/)

We appreciate your feedback greatly and
welcome comments and ideas by email
ptfa@furzeplatt.net or through our Facebook
Page [facebook.com/fpssptfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa)

School Medical Officer – To start 1st September 2021

Maternity Cover from September 2021 until end May 2022 Part time, 35 Hours a week, start time ideally 8.30am, finish time 4pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only

Actual salary £19,000 - £20,600pa depending on experience

Would you like to join the support team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school? We have the following opportunity to cover a maternity leave from September 2021 until May 2022.

We are looking for an empathetic, confident person with the relevant skills to provide a comprehensive medical and welfare service to the school. In addition to the provision of first aid and other medical support to individual students you will work with colleagues on the implementation of individual health care plans for students with medical conditions, co-ordinate immunisation programmes, liaise with the pastoral team in relation to pastoral issues and contribute to medical and student wellbeing policy. We would also like the successful applicant to identify and organise training for staff members who are working with students with severe and complex medical conditions as well as support the school trip process in relation to medical requirements.

We are looking for a team player who enjoys working with minimum supervision and who might already have a medical background in some form or another.

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 14th June at 9am
Interviews will take place as soon as possible after the closing date

CURRENT VACANCIES

Graduate Cover Supervisor – To start September 2021

Fixed Term for One Year. Part time, 31.25 Hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 3.15pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only Actual salary £15,400 - £16,300pa depending on experience

We have an exciting opportunity for a graduate who is keen to gain some experience working in a school prior to considering teacher training with Teach Maidenhead. You would be supervising classes during the short-term absence of the assigned teacher giving you opportunities to gain experience working in a classroom environment alongside students at Key Staff 3 and 4. Your main responsibility would be to instruct students about the work set by the teacher and assisting them to stay on task and complete the work set to the best of their ability. The provision of cover will be varied: you might introduce the work by talking through a Power Point, showing video clips or reading through texts with students. You may be asked to lead a class discussion, organise group work or supervise PE and Drama activities. You would also learn about school policies and how they are implemented including the school's behaviour policy and Ready to Learn rules, and have the chance to improve subject knowledge in all areas including your specialist subject in readiness for an application to train to teach.

In addition to this, we would offer you the chance to spend time in some of the other departments in the school responsible for supporting our students. Our Raising Achievement team work hard to ensure progress and development of students at all Key Stages including Sixth Form by offering them high quality academic mentoring using intervention and support programmes, one-to-one and small groups support and help with building their confidence and self-esteem. We have a specialist Autistic Spectrum Disorder Unit with specially trained teachers and Learning Support Assistants who support students with ASD enabling them to flourish in a classroom environment wherever possible, with additional support in subjects or other areas of the curriculum which they find challenging. Within the school there is a team of Learning Support Assistants who support a wide range of students with Special Educational Needs and there would be opportunities to work alongside them as well.

If you are a graduate, who enjoys teamwork, and you have plenty of energy and enthusiasm, as well as an interest in a career working with young people in education we would be delighted to receive your application.

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Finance Assistant – To start 1st September 2021

Permanent, part time, 18 hours a week, preferably across 4 days (negotiable)
Start and finish times flexible but must be within the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm
Term time only Actual salary £8,540 - £8,700 pa depending on experience

Would you like to join a small but busy Finance team and support the efficient and secure administration of the school's day-to-day financial activities?

Your main responsibilities would be to manage the administration of the purchase ledger on a daily basis, including raising purchase orders, managing invoices and preparing the weekly payment run. You would also manage the administration of the sales ledger raising sales invoices, sending them to customers and dealing with queries. The school uses a trips management system called Parentmail and you would be heavily involved in all aspects of setting up and managing our school trips in this system, which would include supporting parents with their queries. Other elements of the role including administration of lettings and cash management systems as well as supporting other members of the finance team at month and year-end.

We are looking for someone who is competent and confident in the use of Microsoft Office skills, in particular Word, Excel and Outlook. The ability to create and work with spreadsheets, communicate with staff, parents and external customers and work under pressure and meet deadlines is essential. Previous experience working in a finance environment using finance software packages is also desirable.

If you enjoy both working independently and using your initiative and being part of a small team then we would love to hear from you!

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CURRENT VACANCIES

Graduate PE Assistant – to start 1st September 2021

Full time, 37 hours a week – 8.30am to 4.30pm (including half hour unpaid break)
Monday to Friday, term time only
Actual salary range £17,250-£18,650 pa depending on experience

Are you a keen sports player with experience of coaching young people? We are looking for a dynamic individual to join our thriving PE department and immerse themselves in all aspects of sporting life in school. You would be responsible for supporting vulnerable students and students with additional needs within PE lessons as well as planning for and coaching at extra-curricular sports clubs for all students. Organising home and away sports fixtures, using social media to communicate sporting success and getting involved in day to day departmental activities are important parts of this role. Taking ownership for researching and securing funding to finance extra-curricular activities as well as developing and sourcing new links with schools and local sports clubs are also key.

We are looking for a team player who enjoys working with minimum supervision, using their initiative and who might be interested in joining our teacher training programme in the future. For further information and an application form please refer to the vacancies section of our school website www.furzeplatt.com.

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