



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Jordan Veira

It was with great sadness that we learned the news of Jordan Veira's death over half term. Thank you for the messages sharing your sorrow at Jordan's passing and for your support for Jordan's friends and family.



Next week we will be holding a memorial event in school to offer students and staff the opportunity to remember their friend and our student. Our tribute to Jordan is on our website and included in this newsletter.

Year 11 Transition Fortnight

Along with the rest of the year group, Jordan should have been returning to FPSS this week for our Transition fortnight. I would like to thank our Year 11 (now Year 12) for their approach this week. They have been very supportive of each other and used the pattern of the Transition fortnight to maintain some sense of routine.

Return to a Normal FPSS Day

It has been good have a further slice of 'normality' since Half Term with a return to our regular school day. This has seen the return of Tutor Period, House Competition and all students starting and ending at the same times.

While it is the school day that our older students are used to, I realise that it is the first time our Year 7 have had the experience. Given the later breaktimes, some have reported feeling hungry so they may need to be encouraged to eat more breakfast for bring an extra snack.



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.

Next week (week 1)

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| SAT 12 JUNE | DofE Year 9 Open Bronze Assessment Expedition |
| MON 14 - FRI 18 JUNE | Year 11 to Year 12 Transition Fortnight |

Forthcoming Events

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| TUE 22 - WED 23 JUNE | Sixth Form Taster Days |
| WED 23 JUNE | Year 11 Celebration Events - Bisham & Eton 4-5pm; Cookham & Windsor 5.30-6.30pm |
| THU 24 JUNE | Year 11 Celebration Events - Dorney & Marlow 4-5pm; Bray & Henley 5.30-6.30pm |

End of School Pick Up

With all students now ending at 3.15pm a consequence has been greater traffic at the end of the school day, particularly on Monday. If possible, I would encourage students to make their own way home or to a meeting point away from the school entrance. If you do need to meet them outside FPSS please be considerate and move right up the two lanes and ensure you are off the main highway. Thank you.

Covid Testing

In order to prevent school disruption and the spread of variants, the government have been keen to encourage students and families to keep testing. Thank you for your support with this.

Take care and keep safe.

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

TRIBUTE TO JORDAN VEIRA

The Furze Platt Senior School community are deeply saddened to learn of the death of one of our students, Jordan Veira. Our thoughts are with his friends and family at this sad time.

Jordan was a pleasure to have as one of our Furze Platt Senior School students. He was often humorous and entertained many of his peers and staff. Anna Bradley, his tutor, fondly remembers how “Jordan approached everything with a relaxed and chilled out attitude. He was a popular boy who was a very loyal friend to many. He filled the room with a charming wit and sense of fun.”

In conversation, Jordan exuded vibrancy and energy. His eyes sparkled as he engaged with students or staff whether in educational discussion or was simply having a laugh. He had an incredibly warm character to which staff and his peers responded with genuine affection.

Our school community mourn for a young man who has died far too young. Jordan had so much yet to offer. We intend to hold memorial events over the forthcoming days and weeks so we can remember Jordan. Our pastoral staff and counsellors will be supporting staff and students as they come to terms with the news.

Above everything else, our community is thinking of Jordan’s family and friends. We send them every condolence at this sad time.

end of the school day on Friday 11th June.

We look forward to remembering a popular student, who had so much to offer his family, friends and the school community.



VIRTUAL SPRING SHOWCASE

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.

To see the video please click here:



MEMORIAL EVENT

In order to celebrate Jordan’s life and provide an opportunity to reflect and share memories, Furze Platt Senior School will be holding a memorial event. The memorial will be held on the school site on Monday 14th June at 2:15pm.

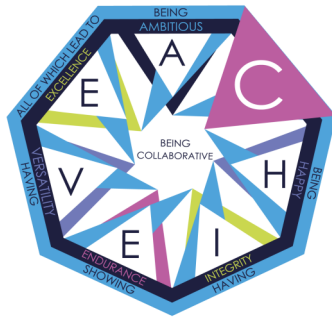
All Furze Platt Senior School students are welcome to attend alongside Jordan’s family to remember him. We also welcome Year 11 students who are not currently attending the transition period. These students should report to reception on arrival in formal attire. Any students who intend to come along on Monday should let us know by completing the short attendance form on the following link: <https://forms.gle/eQz383gZw9kBzhoM7>

Students in school have been invited to sign a Book of Condolence that will be presented to Jordan’s family at the end of the memorial event on Monday. For any students not in school and wanting to sign the book, messages can be sent to Jacky Phillips for inclusion (jacky.phillips@furzeplatt.net). These should be sent by the

SIXTH FORM UCAS PRESENTATIONS 

Please click the link below to see the presentations for Year 12 parents and carers:





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 PROM

THURSDAY 1ST JULY 7PM - 10.30PM

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 11 students at this event. If you have any genuine financial difficulties, please do contact me to discuss.

Miss L Lewis, Associate Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 11

FURZE PLATT PE TEACHER AT EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Furze Platt PE teacher Miss Cochrane is currently in Amsterdam representing Scotland at the Hockey European Championships.



Below she has given us a little insight into her time at the tournament so far.

YEAR 10 – TIME TO STEP UP

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher, gave an informative presentation to our Year 10 students this week on how to succeed at GCSEs.

TIME TO STEP UP PRESENTATION

YEAR 10

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCE

Absences should be reported via ParentMail using the Absence button as soon as you are aware your son/daughter will not be attending that day. In case of illness, this should be repeated each day they will be off 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'



'Every morning starts the same, before we have breakfast we do our lateral flow covid test and we fill in a questionnaire on how we are feeling, how we slept etc. Once our covid assessments are complete we then have breakfast which often consists of eggs, breads, porridge and fruit. Then it's out for a team walk and stretching, followed by team building games such as Spikeball.'

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MARVELLOUS MUSIC MAKERS

In Term 5, Year 8 students looked at how to create music for TV adverts. They were responding to a brief set by the company and using new techniques such as 'mickey-mousing', which is where the music needs to reflect the action on screen. Have a listen to some excellent examples of how they got on.

IQRA MOHSIN AND ZARA RAZAQ

WERONIKA SCIEGOSZ AND ALICE SCHUMACHER

JACK TAYLOR AND JACK OSBORNE

SEAN WORTHINGTON AND EVAN WYSE



Before each match we have a team meeting to talk through our tactics and how we are going to approach the game. We do a lot of video analysis of ourselves and of the opposition we are going to play. This means as soon as we step on the pitch we are totally prepared.



So far we have played Ireland, Holland and Spain and today we beat Italy 3-1. As a team we made massive improvements from our first games and did ourselves proud. Due to covid disrupting our team preparations we have not played many games before the tournament, whereas most teams here have been training together for months and are preparing for the Olympics.

We are now preparing for our next game against England.'



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. If you have not received an invitation please make sure you have saved evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk to your safe senders list and check your spam / junk folders. If you need further guidance please email catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net.

Please see below a list of clubs for next week for your information (these should be booked via the online invitation system by clicking on the name of the club and selecting the dates required):

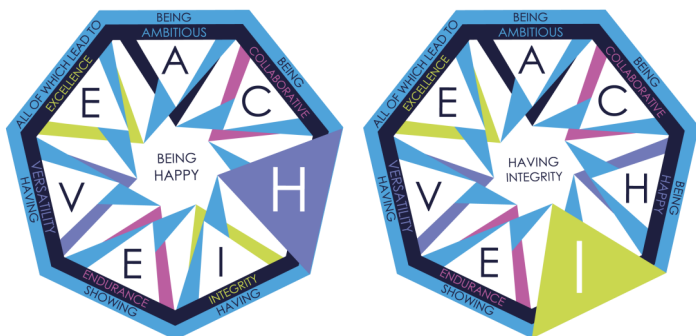
LINK TO CLUBS LIST

NEW CLUBS FOR NEXT WEEK:

INFINITY CLUB

Every Wednesday for Years 7 and 8

Students are invited to challenge themselves to complete challenges and puzzles!



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CLUB

Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm

M1

A club for people with no limits.
Explore the world.

Anyone who attends all 6 weeks will be eligible to complete the Infinity Quest passport and collect the mystery reward... Meet in M1 straight after school and prepare.

Wednesday 16th June: - Furze Platt Aerodrome

Wednesday 23rd June: - (折り紙)

Wednesday 30th June: - Sudoku, Killer Sudoku and Really Murderous Sudoku

Wednesday 7th July: - Cooking Good

Wednesday 14th July: - DPEFCSFBLFS



JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

'Every year, during the month of June, the LGBT community celebrates in a number of different ways. Across the globe, various events are held during this special month as a way of recognising the influence LGBT people have had around the world. Why was June chosen? Because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place, way back in 1969.' Awareness Days.com

LIFE OF AN ASTRONOMER AND MONSTER BLACK HOLES



With Vicky Fawcett, former Furze Platt student

Wednesday 16th June, 3.30pm in S11 (Mr Curnow's room)

After completing an Undergraduate Master degree in Mathematics and Physics degree at Warwick University in 2018, Vicky is now undertaking an Astronomy PhD at Durham University researching quasars, which consist of a supermassive black hole at the centre of galaxies. Come along to listen to her experience as an undergraduate, what it is like to do a PhD in Astronomy and learn about some of the most incredible objects in the known Universe.

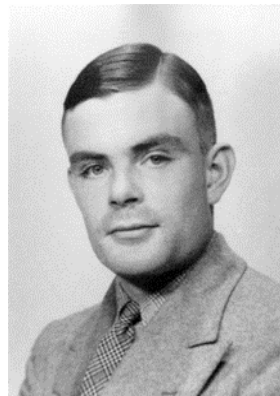
Life of an Astronomer and Monster Black Holes
Vicky Fawcett, Durham University Astronomy PhD

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Image credit: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center; background, ESA/Gaia/DPAC

ALAN TURING

WINNER OF BBC 2 AWARDS 'ICONS – GREATEST PERSON OF THE 20TH CENTURY'



Mathematician Alan Turing worked on intercepting coded messages during World War 2 and invented a machine to crack the German Enigma code, which led to the Allies winning the war against Nazi Germany in 1945.

However, in 1952, Turing was convicted for having a homosexual relationship and underwent chemical castration, taking his own life at just 41 years of age.

He was eventually pardoned in 2013, which led to new legislation pardoning all gay men under historical gross indecency laws.

His life can be seen in the film 'The Imitation Game' starring Benedict Cumberbatch (on Netflix and Amazon Prime).

"Sometimes it's the very people who no one imagines anything of who do the things no one can imagine."
— Alan Turing



ALICE NKOM

HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER AND ACTIVIST



Alice Nkom has worked her whole life to try to end the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Cameroon, fighting for gay rights and founding the Association for

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the Defence of Homosexuality in 2003. She was born as one of eleven children in Cameroon and attended university in France and Cameroon, being the first Black woman called to the Bar in Cameroon at just 24 years of age.

“My number one enemy is ignorance.”

Alice Nkom



NIGEL OWENS MBE
RUGBY WORLD RECORD HOLDER FOR THE MOST TEST MATCHES REFEREED

Nigel Owens, MBE (age 49) is a Welsh former international rugby union referee, who retired after a 17 year career in 2020. As well as holding the world record for the most test matches refereed, he is also one of five professional international referees within the Welsh Rugby Union.

He has said about his sexuality: ‘It’s such a big taboo to be gay in my line of work, I had to think very hard about it because I didn’t want to jeopardise my career. Coming out was very difficult and I tried to live with who I really was for years. I knew I was ‘different’ from my late teens, but I was just living a lie.’

“I owe more to rugby than rugby will ever owe to me.” – Nigel Owens

LGBTQIA ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



LEARN TO MEDITATE – Online Workshop

THURSDAY 17TH JUNE 7 – 8pm

You are warmly invited to an evening where we will explore what meditation is, how to practically apply it in our everyday lives and listen to a guided meditation commentary to experience it for yourselves.

In our challenging world, the call of time is to face and respond to these with inner calm and resilience. Meditation is a place within yourself to rediscover your true beauty and strength.

Please email benvenuta.dibartolomeo@furzeplatt.net or call 01628 625308 ext 168 if you would like to participate, you will then be sent an invite.



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:

- 1. NHS Test & Trace self-report website:

REPORT RESULT TO THE NHS

- 2. Furze Platt’s link for reporting test results:

REPORT RESULT TO US



Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Contact us

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



We really appreciate your donations and happy to accept more. We'd like just logo'd uniform rather than shirts and trousers. Please ensure it is all freshly laundered and intact! Message us for addresses if you'd like to leave a bag on a PTFA's doorstep (or drop into school reception during term time).

WELCOME TO TERM 6, WARM WEATHER AND WHAT'S COMING...

AGM - Tuesday 29th June 2021, 7pm, IN SCHOOL

YES, A PHYSICAL FACE TO FACE MEETING IS BEING PLANNED!!!

This is a formal yearly meeting for all members of the association, where elections take place and the year's events are

reported on. It's an opportunity for the committee to show that it's accountable for the decisions taken and that the committee

members have acted in the best interests of the association.

Nearly New Uniform Sale - Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July - times tba. New starters and all year groups are welcome. Help to setup/clear up will be required so please get in touch asap.



TEAM
TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

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

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.

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

CURRENT VACANCIES

Learning Support Assistant – to Start September 2021

Part time, 30 Hours a week, start time usually between 8.45/9.15am, finish time between 3.15/3.45pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only. Actual salary Scale 2c, £13,660 - £13,940 pa depending on experience

We are looking for an enthusiastic and reliable individual to join either the core Learning Support team to provide targeted support to our students with Special Educational Needs, or our Shine team who support students with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

You will work under the direction of classroom teachers and, in line with any agreed special needs and other specialist plans, provide support to individual students in the completion of a wide range of learning activities at all key stages. You will support small groups of students for interventions and mentor nominated students. You will help students develop their social and communication skills and gain access to the curriculum by ensuring effective use of differentiated instructions and tasks provided by teachers.

We are looking for a team player, who is able to communicate sensitively and confidently with staff, students and parents. This role would suit someone who is able to use their own initiative and who has strong organisational and time management skills. This role might suit someone who is working with or has worked with students in a school setting with experience or knowledge of SEN (Special Educational Needs) or ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

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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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CURRENT VACANCIES

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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