



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Remembrance Day

Thank you to all our students and staff who on Thursday so impeccably remembered those who lost their lives in the service of their country. The school community observed a very poignant silence that spoke of our respect for those who have died.



Pre Public Exams (Mocks)

Congratulations to all our Year 13 students who completed their PPEs this week. These results will be important in predicting grades for university applications and I would like to congratulate all those students who worked so hard on ensuring they are a success. Well done also to our Year 11 students who completed their speaking Spanish and French exams this week.

Senior Maths Challenge

I would also like to congratulate all those students who completed the Maths Challenge this week. I hope you enjoyed the experience and get some great results.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

If information for any of our upcoming events changes due to the current situation, full details will be sent out to parents and carers.

Next week (week 1)

Forthcoming Events

MON 22 NOVEMBER	INSET Day - school closed for all year groups	All Day
THU 25 NOVEMBER	Sixth Form Open Evening	6pm - 9pm
FRI 26 NOVEMBER	Late Start 9.15am	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 25th November is the date of our Sixth Form Open Evening. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 students from FPSS and other schools to look around what we have to offer. Please spread the word and ensure the date is in your diary.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2021

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THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
6PM - 9PM



COVID 19 Measures

Since half term, we have been lucky in seeing Covid numbers remain fairly low and static amongst students. However, amongst staff we have seen slightly higher numbers resulting in more cover lessons. Please do remain vigilant for symptoms and test regularly.

Take care,

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



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

FOR YEARS 9 TO 13

Tuesday 30th November, 6pm - 8pm

After a two year absence due to circumstances beyond our control, we are delighted to let you know our Careers and Higher Education Fair is back. The event is for students in Years 9 to 13 and their parents and will take place on Tuesday 30th November from 6pm - 8pm at school in the Theatre and the Main Hall.

So far, 19 universities will be attending and there will be around 36 stands representing a wide variety of careers and industries. It promises to be a very good event, giving students a fantastic opportunity to find out about higher education and a wide variety of careers, and meet and talk to people from the world of work. We look forward to seeing as many students and parents here as possible.

Further details and a final programme will be given nearer the time, but for a preview of the event, please see below. Please note these lists are not finalised and may change.

Mrs J Bubb, Careers Leader Judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net

Universities

- Bath Spa University
- University of Birmingham
- Bucks New University
- Cardiff University
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Lincoln
- Loughborough University
- Nottingham Trent University
- Oxford Brookes University

Universities cont.

- University of Portsmouth
- Queen Mary University of London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Sheffield
- Solent University
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of Winchester
- University of Warwick

Employers

- Apprenticeships
- BCA Berkshire College of Agriculture
- Langley College
- Henley College
- Jestico + Whiles (Architects)
- British Computing Society
- Careers in Technology
- Robinsons (Estate Agent)
- DRPG (Events Management)
- Mortgage Required (Finance)
- Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Physiotherapy
- Thames Valley Hospice
- Legacy Hotels
- Impact Food Group
- Barrister
- NCS (National Citizen Service)
- Thames Valley Police
- Army
- RAF
- Royal Navy
- Syngenta
- Royal Society of Chemistry
- Syneos Health
- Ultra Cis (Intelligence and communications)
- Hewland Engineering
- Institution of Mechanical Engineers
- Carillion Communications
- Optalis - Choices for Living (Social care)
- Teach Maidenhead
- Hall Place Veterinary Centre
- Horticulture and Garden Design
- PQA (Pauline Quirke Academy)
- Chartered Institute of Marketing
- Leisure Focus





FRENCH

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3 French	KS4 French
Anya Choudri	Lucas Norton
Ella-Rose Collins	Sathya
Andrew Lee	Sathananthalingam
James Kinrade	
Mia Groszmann	
Holly Cannon	

SPANISH

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3 Spanish	KS4 Spanish
Barbara Carmona	Beren Celik
Esquivel	Charlie Savage
George Hopkins	Mia Banks
Tyler Curran	Raihan Bashir
Jaime Seris	
Ethan Welland	
Ayesha Khalid	
Lilly Lyne	
Savannah Lu	

GERMAN

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3 German	KS4 German
Sulaiman Zaman	Camelia Ionel
Eisa Ali	Karim Anabtawi
David Yakubovich	Hadi Anabtawi
Riyan Hoque	Jessica Bristow
Noah Nutbrown	
Zachary Abraham	
Summer Matthews	
Oscar Tishaw	



YEAR 11 – REVISION TIMETABLES

YEAR
11

Over the past 2 weeks, Raising Achievement have been into every Year 11 PSHE lesson to teach students how to set up their own revision timetable. The main approach to this is to keep the timetable flexible so that over time, extra revision sessions can be added, moved or replaced accordingly.

Please ask your child(ren) about this – for your information, a video on how to do this is in the link below

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

HOW TO CREATE A REVISION TIMETABLE



INVITATIONS TO CLUBS

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations to attend clubs last term for their son/daughter. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnvisits@edufocus.co.uk and the links are safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance. If you have not yet received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

Please note:

- all bookings for this term must be made through the original email invitations (one for clubs and one for academic support clinics)

[LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST](#)

NEW - GIRLS' RUGBY

TUESDAY 3.15PM – 4.15PM, FIELD

Brand new!

Girls' Rugby will replace Recreational Rugby going forward – we look forward to seeing new attendees next week.



WARHAMMER CLUB

Warhammer Club offers a space for wargamers to come and face their armies against each other, as well as painting spaces for hobbyists to come and paint their models, and share tips and techniques. Warhammer Club is open to anyone who is interested in gaming, painting, modelling, or just to come and hang out.



Warhammer Club Painting Competition Winner

This incredible model was painted by Matej Sutton (Year 8) and he has titled it 'Great Unclean One'. Well done Matej – amazing attention to detail!



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WEDNESDAY
7:35 - 8:30
FITNESS SUITE

YEARS 7-11

FITNESS CLUB

Collaborative working from Year 8 students in our early morning Fitness Club - Fabien Mormech and Noah Thomas helping Jack Coomes-Clark through his last few reps.



MONDAY
15:15 - 16:15
FITNESS SUITE

YEAR 7



TUESDAY
15:15 - 16:15
FITNESS SUITE

YEARS 10 & 11



WEDNESDAY
15:15 - 16:15
FITNESS SUITE

YEAR 9



THURSDAY
15:15 - 16:15
FITNESS SUITE

YEAR 8

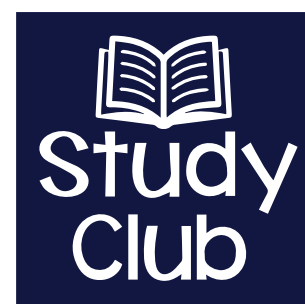
SUPERVISED STUDY CLUB

Would your child like a quiet space to work? Do they need support with their home learning?

Supervised Study runs Monday to Friday after school from 3.15 to 4.30pm in E6 (English Computer Room).

Parents / carers should book via the email headed Term 2 Academic Support Clinics; there is space for 20 students each afternoon.

Any questions, please contact Miss S Gorton, Learning Mentor at: sophie.gorton@furzeplatt.net



USEFUL INFORMATION

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

Staff Contact Lists

These can be found on our website here and include email addresses for Form Tutors, Heads of House, Heads of Department and our Senior Leadership Team:

STAFF CONTACT LISTS

Non-Teaching Contact Numbers

Extension numbers for our Admissions Teams (Main School and Sixth Form), Exams, Finance, Shine and Marketing / Enrichment (for clubs and school trips) can be found here:

CONTACT US (NON-TEACHING)

Emergency Procedures

It is essential for the school to have your correct address, telephone number, and any other telephone numbers where you or a relative may be quickly contacted in the event of an emergency. Please inform us of any changes in your circumstances as soon as they occur by recording any changes here:

UPDATING STUDENT DETAILS

Reporting Absence

Absences should be reported via ParentMail.



Congratulations!

This is to certify that your school has reached

5,000

Pods streamed & downloaded so far this academic year

Brought to you by

The GCSEPod team

Inspirational Urban Strides

Street Dance classes at Furze Platt School!

Wednesday Nights:
7:00pm-8:00pm (Beginners)
8:00pm-9:00pm (Intermediates)

Contact us to book your place:
classes@urbanstrides.com
(All places must be booked before attending)

PASSION . POSITIVITY . PROGRESS!



**YOUR PTFA AND VOLUNTEERS ARE
RARING TO GO HOSTING TWO EVENTS
THIS WEEKEND INVOLVING FOOD,
DRINK, COFFEE AND SWEET TREATS
(NO ORDER OF PREFERENCE
ASSUMED!)**

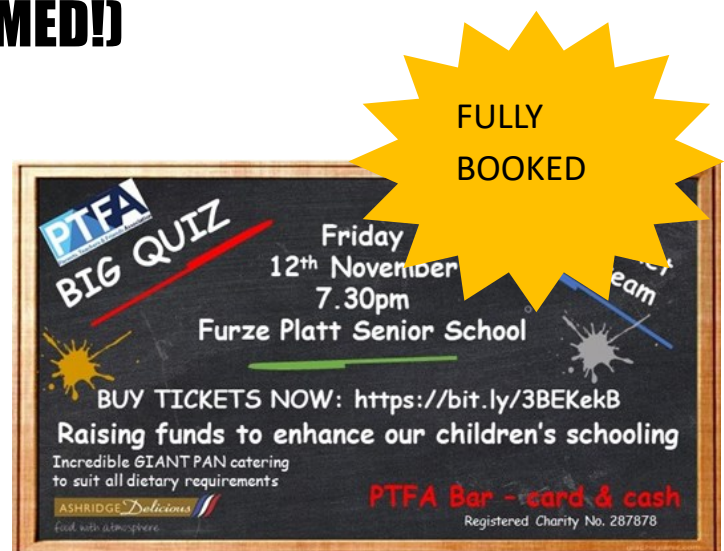
BIG QUIZ, BUFFET DINNER & BAR

7.30pm for 8pm start

Raffle prizes to be won so bring £1 coins please

Cash & Card Bar

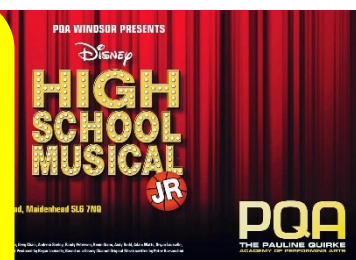
Test your grey matter whilst your meals are being cooked on-site in Giant Pans



NEW!!! OUR FIRST TUCK SHOP FOR THEATRE USERS

Providing performers of PQA Windsor Academy and their families with refreshments and treats from 11am.

COFFEE BAR & TUCK
SHOP OPEN FOR
THEATRE USERS THIS
SUNDAY, 14TH
NOVEMBER



***AD HOC THEATRE CREW
REQUIRED - GET IN TOUCH ASAP**

We really appreciate your feedback and welcome comments and ideas by email ptfa@furzeplatt.net or through our Facebook Page facebook.com/fpsptfa

Lunchtime Controller – To start as soon as possible

Permanent, Part time, Term Time Only, 17.5 hours a week.
Required to work Monday to Friday from 11am to 12.45 and again from 1.30pm to 3.15pm.
The successful candidate is welcome to use the school café and our school staff room during the unpaid break between the initial finish time and next start time
Actual salary £7,670pa

We are looking for someone to join our school and support the Senior Leadership Team and other teaching and support staff in the supervision of secondary school students during designated break times. This includes but is not limited to maintaining the health, safety, welfare, good conduct and safeguarding of students. You would be responsible for supervising students, maintaining a clean environment and reporting incidents in line with school policies to teachers and members of the Senior Leadership Team. Between break times you would assist with wiping down tables and cleaning designated dining areas. You would also support the cleaning team with other duties such as litter picking and cleaning other areas if time permits.

It is important that you are physically fit and have good communication skills and are able to work independently. If you enjoy being in a community environment and being part of a team as well as working alongside young people we would love to hear from 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: Ongoing
Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply

CURRENT VACANCIES

Cleaners required to start January 2022

Flexible hours – from a few hours up to a maximum of 35 hours a week

Between 7am and 8pm Monday to Thursday and 7am to 6pm on a Friday

Hourly rate £9.94 an hour (pay award pending)

Term time only although additional hours may be available at the weekends and during school holidays

Would you be interested in a term time only role helping to maintain a high standard of cleanliness at our expanding school?

We are looking for someone who is interested in working up to 35 hours a week (can be flexible) following a cleaning rota. You would be given sufficient training to enable you to operate domestic and industrial cleaning equipment and materials in a safe and sensible way. You would be required to clean specific areas of the school, refill and replace soap, towels and other consumables and collect and dispose of waste in and around the school site. We would also expect you to work in line with health and safety and COSHH regulations and make the Cleaning Supervisor aware of any hazards.

This role requires someone who is physically fit and able to bend and do light lifting or moving of furniture. In addition good communication, organisational and time management skills are required with the ability to work independently and as part of a team. You must be trustworthy and able to demonstrate high levels of integrity.

To discuss options and flexibility of hours please call Kevin Dandridge on 01628 625308 x137.

In order to complete an 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

Closing date: ongoing
Suitable candidates will be contacted regarding interview dates

CURRENT VACANCIES

Casual Theatre Technician

Casual contract. Actual salary £11.30 per hour

Furze Platt Senior School is privileged to have an onsite fully functional Theatre with state of the art lighting and sound. The Theatre is a venue for school productions, professional performances and for hire by local community groups.

We are looking to establish a bank of dedicated Theatre Technicians, employed on a casual basis to assist in the preparation and running of shows. You must be available to work on an ad-hoc basis and much of the work will be during evenings and weekends. We are looking to appoint multi-skilled technicians with experience in either a professional, educational or performance environment. Applicants should be calm under pressure, good problem solvers and be able to work well as part of a team. Technicians will be contacted prior to scheduled productions and performances in relation to their own availability.

Please visit our website www.furzeplatt.com for an application form or contact Theatre Assistance via lettings@furzeplatt.net for further information. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered. All applications need to be submitted to kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net.

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CURRENT VACANCIES

Exam Invigilator – to start as soon as possible

Term time only, casual contract. Actual salary £11.30 per hour

Furze Platt Senior School is looking to add to their bank of dedicated Exam Invigilators, who will be employed on a casual basis to supervise students taking both pre-public exams and actual GCSE/A Level exams, as necessary throughout the school year.

We are looking for individuals who:

- Are available to work on an ad hoc basis during exam sessions particularly during May/June.
- Are able to work individually and as part of a team
- Have good interpersonal skills
- Remain calm under pressure
- Are able to follow all instructions including those set by the Exam Board

Full training will be provided and staff will be contacted prior to the exam period to discuss the invigilation schedule in relation to their own availability.

Please visit our website www.furzeplatt.com for an application form or contact Mrs Sarah Hemsley via sarah.hemsley@furzeplatt.net for further information. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered. All applications need to be submitted to kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net.

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