

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #65.6



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

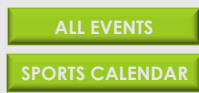
Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Open Evening

An enormous thank you to all students, parents and carers who supported Open Evening on Thursday. We had a huge number of visitors who were very impressed with what FPSS has to offer. In particular, they were incredibly complimentary about our students. Whether your child was a tour guide or supported within a department, please pass on my thanks for all their efforts. They were great ambassadors for the school. Please see a copy of our latest prospectus here:



UPCOMING EVENTS



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)

TUE 12 OCTOBER	Year 10 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 14 OCTOBER	Year 7 - Head of House/Parents' Consultation Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
FRI 15 OCTOBER	Wear Something Green / Non-uniform Day for Just One Tree Day	

Forthcoming Events

WED 20 OCTOBER	PTFA Meeting (Library) - All welcome	7pm - 8pm
THU 21 OCTOBER	Year 11 - Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 22 OCTOBER	End of Term 1	3.15pm finish
MON 25 - FRI 29 OCTOBER	Half Term Holidays	
MON 1 NOVEMBER	Start of Term 2 (Week 1)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22

OUR 2021 PROSPECTUS

YEAR 7 GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING VIDEOS 2020



INSET Day

I hope that you and your families have a good Friday and long weekend. In school, staff were focused on SEND and More Able students, as well as annual appraisals.

COVID-19

Increasingly I am hearing of schools in Berkshire and nationally which have brought back Covid measures. At present we are fortunate not to have needed to do so. Please keep testing and keep students at home should they have symptoms.

Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expeditions

Finally, a massive good luck to all those students embarking on their DoE practice expeditions for Bronze and Silver Awards over the next few days. I hope that you all have an adventure to remember!

Enjoy the extended weekend break.

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





It was a delight at our recent Celebration evening to see and hear about the successes of our students and the well-deserved awards they received in recognition of the hard work and commitment they had put in. It felt strange having a relatively large get together after so long without but it was very fitting being able to use the new Theatre. It was also good to see the students themselves organising the event (with some staff support in the background) and how well spoken and confident they were, a real credit to themselves, their parents and the school. Many congratulations to all the prize winners and those involved in organising this flagship event.



I was also finally (and long overdue) able to take the opportunity to publicly recognise, thank and present a plaque to two former stalwarts of our governing body, Sue LePage and Hugh Boulter. Sue served as a Governor for some 24 years and was Chair for 13 of these and Hugh chaired several committees and finished his last few years as vice-chair. Both worked tirelessly for the school and will fortunately continue their association with the school.



Resumption of after school clubs and many activities at the school seem to have been enthusiastically embraced by students and staff alike and is great to see. My son in Year 9 is about to start his DofE journey with the school, an opportunity I am sure he will remember for many years not least of all for having to go into school on an inset day!

The school's Open Evening this week was another good reminder about the facilities, dedicated staff and excellent students we are fortunate to have here at Furze Platt. It is a real pulling together of this community to showcase the school and it almost feels as though much needed 'normality' or at least some of it is returning.

Gavin Tisshaw

The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

GUIDANCE TO GRADING

YEAR 10 'PREPARING TO ACHIEVE' EVENING



TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER AT 6.30PM - THEATRE

We will be hosting a 'Preparing to Achieve in Year 10' information evening for Year 10 parents and students on Tuesday 12th October at 6.30pm in our Theatre. I really do hope you and your sons and daughters are able to attend and Mrs Feather (Raising Achievement Manager) and myself look forward to seeing you in person. Please could you kindly ensure you and your son and daughter wear a mask whilst in the Theatre.

Should you have any questions regarding the support the school is providing for your son or daughter at this important time, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you all very much for your ongoing support of the school.

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher





YEAR 7 HEAD OF HOUSE CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER FROM 4.10PM - THEATRE

On Thursday 14th October there will be an opportunity for parents of Year 7 students to meet their child's Head of House. We are happy for students to accompany their parents.

This event will now take place in the Theatre, and we would ask that you wear a mask to meet the Head of House and to discuss the start of your child's journey with us at Furze Platt Senior School.

Appointments are booked online and are available from 4.10pm until 7.15 pm. To book appointments and for full instructions, either follow the link below or go to the Parents' Evening Bookings link under 'News & Events' on the front page of the school website.

PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS

Appointment slots are available and will very quickly fill up. We advise you to book as soon as possible. If you have any problems, please contact the School Office on 01628 625308.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs S Crisford, Assistant Head (Student Support)

WEAR SOMETHING GREEN / NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Our school will be taking part in **JUST ONE Tree** Day on **Friday 15th October**. Each student is being encouraged to wear **their own clothes / something green** and bring in £1 to fund the planting of their tree.

JUST ONE Tree is a non-profit initiative removing CO2 from the atmosphere and reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation. **JUST ONE Tree** supports established reforestation companies who plant in areas severely affected by mass deforestation such as Kenya, Madagascar, Haiti & Indonesia. In doing so they have the greatest positive effect on limiting global warming whilst simultaneously alleviating extreme poverty within local communities through the provision of training, agricultural education and sustainable incomes.

JUST ONE Tree makes it simple for everyone to contribute to collective action on the climate crisis because **Just £1 plants 1 Tree**.

Please bring your suggested donation of £1 to school on **Friday 15th October**.

More information can be found on the link below.

JUST ONE TREE

We look forward to counting the number of trees that our school community can plant!

HOUSE CHALLENGE RESULTS

Language Challenge 3 - Celebrities

Well done to everyone who took part and especially to Windsor House who were the winners of the latest House Challenge!



Results:

Tutor Group	Bisham	Bray	Cookham	Dorney	Eton	Henley	Marlow	Windsor
1		810	790	740		810	620	770
2	660		780	780	680			600
3	780	790	770	490		780	800	730
4		580		800	480		630	740
5		810	830	710	770	730	610	790
6		790	750	740	810	770	780	790
7	740		640	610	740		640	610
TOTAL	2180	3780	4560	4870	3480	3090	4080	5030

1st



2nd



3rd





FRENCH

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3	Finley McLaughlin
Eric Da Ascensao	Rowan Sellman
Tiana Mponela	Lizzie Dilley
Piper Webb	Elenia Reina
Nicole Mizikova	KS4
Anna Cook	Laura Harritt
Zachary Abraham	Michael Lee-Thorp
George Norton	Leo Cox
Noah Moss	

SPANISH

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3	Tabitha Gie
Cayde De Silva	Mustafa Amin
Abigail Downes	Namfon Avellano
Eliza Fradin	Finn Wright
Harry Holdway	KS4
Ethan Burt	Conor Wiard
Gus Locker-Marsh	Daniel Del Campo
Luke Hodges	Oliver Stone
Eleanor Copping	Polly Wallis
Daniela Leathers	Nathan Hedges
Tyler Suddaby	

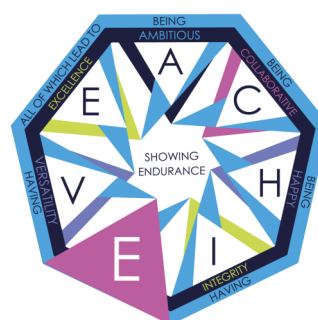
GERMAN

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3	KS4
Hollie Bloomfield	Rosie Lewis
Daisy Mizelli	Connor Wilcock
Jack Coomes-Clarke	Will Lonsdale
Summer Matthews	Liam Fitzgibbon
Daniyah Ahmed	Ashlyn Fray
Sophie Rayner	Balraj Kaur
Kacper Wrobel	Mia Lawrence
Renee Dias	Sophia Fleck-McGrath
	Finnley Tanner
	Jemima Bohdjalian

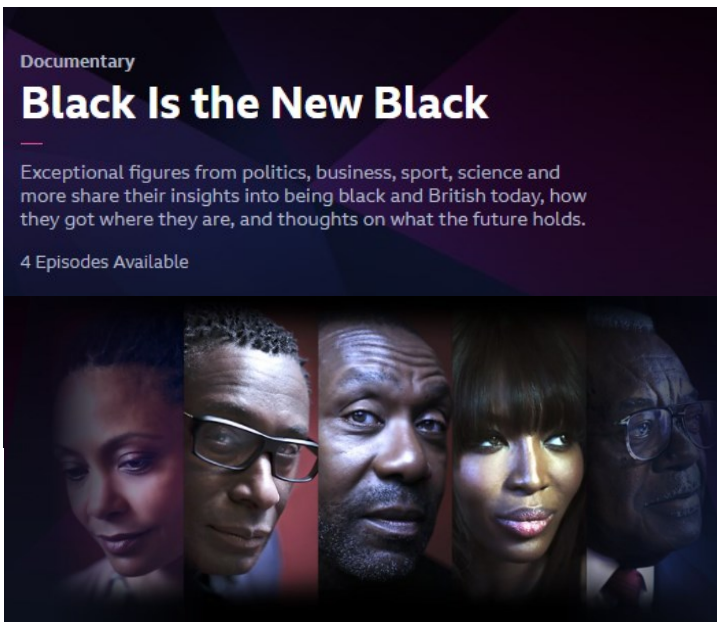
SCHOOL TOURS

SCHOOL TOURS INFORMATION





'PROUD TO BE'



This week, as part of British Black History Month we are recommending a documentary on BBC iPlayer called 'Black Is the New Black'

'Exceptional figures from politics, business, sport, science and more share their insights into being black and British today, how they got where they are, and thoughts on what the future holds.'

BLACK IS THE NEW BLACK

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITIONS



Letters have been sent to parents and students with full details for their Bronze and Silver Expeditions next week. We look forward to seeing students then and wish them the very best of luck.



INVITATIONS TO CLUBS



Please find the link to clubs for next week below:

LINK TO CLUBS LIST

	OVER 50 SCHOOL CLUBS TO CHOOSE FROM			
	<p>Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received an invitation to attend clubs for their son/daughter.</p> <p>All bookings for this term, September to October half term, must be made through the original email invitation (sent out on Friday 10th September)</p>			

FEATURED SCHOOL CLUB:

CONFIDENCE CLUB

THURSDAY

15:15 - 16:15

LIBRARY

YEAR 7

To increase the confidence of our new Year 7 students within themselves with tips and techniques to help them keep calm.



**Parents, Teachers
& Friends
Association**



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Contact us

Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net | Facebook: facebook.com/fpsstfta

Website: [click here to access](#)

COLLABORATION REQUIRED!

WHAT'S COMING UP, WHEN AND WHERE...

PTFA Meeting and 200 Club Draw



Wednesday 20th October 2021

7pm – 8pm – join us from 6.30pm in the School Library

Looking for new people to get involved and become an integral part of the school without having to commit a lot of your time.



Could one of these be a role for you?

- ◆ Nearly New Uniform co-ordinator
- ◆ Newsletter & social media ‘master’
- ◆ Amazon and Easyfundraising ‘guru’
- ◆ Treasurer (from January 2022)
- ◆ Secretary (from January 2022)
- ◆ 200 Club admin (from January 2022)

Please pop along and see who we are (we won't bite!) and we won't force you to commit to a job, promise!

We'll discuss fundraising ideas, funding requests, plans ahead and how to achieve them. Plus we'll draw 3 winning numbers 'from the hat' for those members in the 200 Club. Don't forget to join the Club by Sunday 17th October – *you've got to be in it to win it!*

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

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Big Quiz and Hot Buffet Dinner & Bar

Friday 12th November 2021

7.30pm for 8pm start

Volunteers required to setup, clear up, run the bar and raffle.



Buy tickets now:

<https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-ptfa-quiz-night>

Featuring games-style rounds in music, trivia, general knowledge, pictures and an exceptional hot meal, freshly cooked on-site, by Giant Pan Caterers, to suit all dietary requirements.

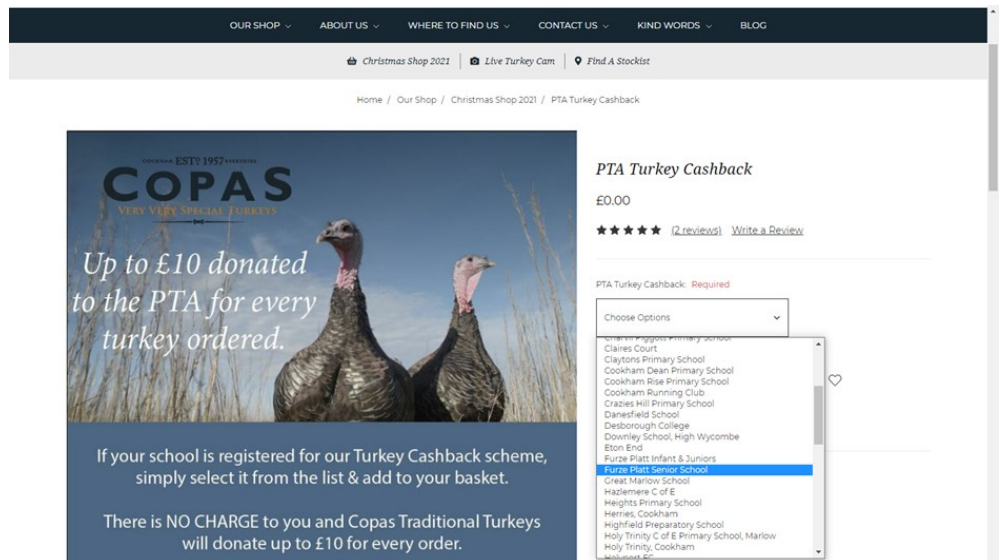
Tables of up to 6 people pit their wits against each other to win a team prize.

You can make a team of 6 of your own or come along and join a another group.

£16 per person includes a superb Quiz developed by three Quizmasters and a sensational hot meal from Giant Pan Caterers who are experts in continental cuisine and pride themselves on serving exquisite meals using the finest ingredients cooked by premium Chefs.

The PTFA bar will be offering Rebellion beer, wines and soft drinks, accepting cash and card payments on the night.

**DON'T FORGET
CHRISTMAS IS
APPROACHING –
ORDER YOUR
TURKEY ASAP AND
FUNDRAISE AT
THE SAME TIME**



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)

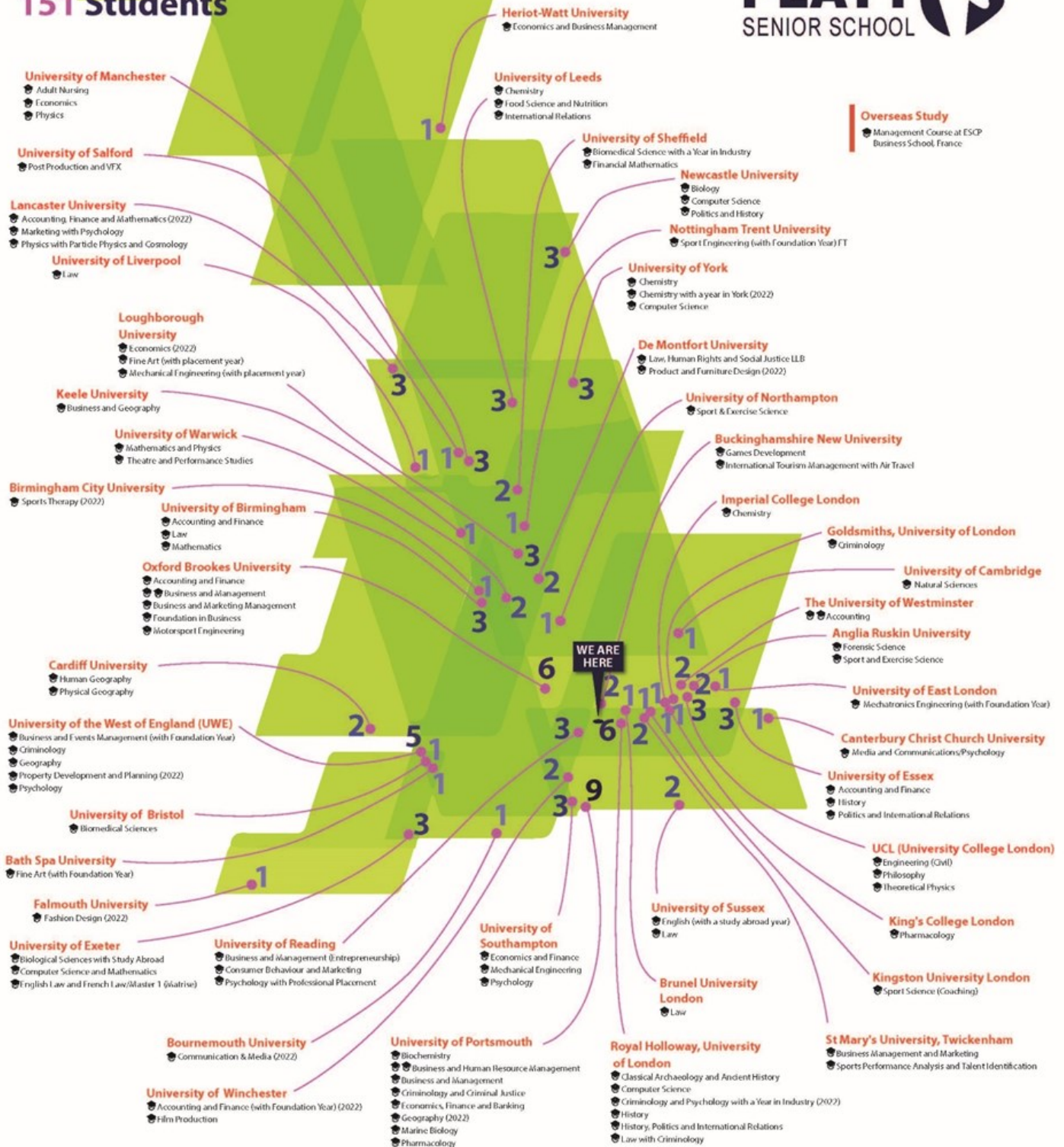
SIXTH FORM DESTINATIONS

— 2021 —

46 Different Universities
83 Different Courses
151 Students



FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL



LEARN A NEW SPORT !!



Bourne End Junior Sports Club

Spaces
available
in all our Sports!



BEJSC.CO.UK

Facilities Manager – start date December 2021/January 2022.

Permanent/Full time, 37 Hours a week, start and finish times flexible and to include a half hour unpaid break. Monday to Friday (with occasional ad-hoc work at weekends), all year round Actual salary £35,791 - £39,687pa (pending pay award) depending on experience. Accommodation is available on the school site (2/3 bedroom bungalow) at a considerably discounted monthly rental

Furze Platt Senior School is proud of its spacious school estate which includes a state of the art teaching block, a recently constructed theatre seating 400 people, a gym, dance studio and astro-turf as well as classrooms with up-to-date IT equipment and newly refurbished café facilities. We are looking for someone with experience in site management and maintenance to assume the role of Facilities Manager, managing a strong site and cleaning team and continuing the enhancement of the learning environment for our students and staff. This will include planning and management of all aspects of the school estate such as capital projects, repairs and maintenance, grounds maintenance and health and safety, in line with statutory and regulatory requirements.

Security is of utmost importance, and you would be responsible for keeping the site safe and secure. The role involves management of the site and cleaning team (approximately 10 staff members) ensuring they are aware of priorities and work as a team to support the school in the achievement of its objectives. Making staff aware of health and safety is important as is ensuring that the school is both safe and welcoming for students, staff, parents/carers and visitors. Reporting to the Head of Operations, the successful applicant must be able to put together site maintenance and development plans, identifying and costing out short, medium and longer term priorities. In addition, you will carry out risk assessments relating to the school premises and ensure that control measures are implemented. As a school we are keen to support a community effort towards sustainability and this role plays a key part by contributing to waste reduction and taking the lead in energy efficiency initiatives.

If you have experience in managing people and projects, are a team player and relish the opportunity to work in a busy environment where no two days are the same this would be an exciting opportunity for you. You would be joining a strong and enthusiastic Senior Business Team which works alongside a dedicated Senior Leadership Team in a school which strives daily to achieve excellence. Living on site in the school bungalow is preferred, however all applicants with the right experience and skills will be considered.

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: 9am 22nd October 2021
Interviews will take place: Wednesday 3rd November 2021

CURRENT VACANCIES

Learning Support Assistant – to start as soon as possible

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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Closing date: Monday 18th October 2021

Interviews will take place: as soon as is practicable

CURRENT VACANCIES