

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #71.5



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Open Evening

A massive thank you to all students, staff, parents and carers who supported our Open Evening on Thursday. Our students were fantastic, touring groups, supporting departments and sharing their experiences of FPSS with our visitors.



It was great to see our community working together to showcase what FPSS is all about and I would like to express my appreciation everyone who represented our school so well.

VIEW OUR NEW MAIN SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2023



SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2023

Year 7 Tutor/Parents Evening – Thursday 12 October

Next Thursday we look forward to seeing Year 7 parents and carers. The evening is a chance to meet your child's tutor and have a conversation about how life at FPSS has started. As with all Parents Evenings, if possible, please bring your child as it is important that they are part of the conversation.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

Next week (Week 2)

TUE 10 OCTOBER	Year 13 Biology trip to Woolly Firs	
THU 12 OCTOBER	Year 7 Form Tutor / Parents' Consultation Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
	PTFA Meeting & 200 Club Draw (All Welcome)	7.30pm

Forthcoming Events

THU 19 OCTOBER	Year 11 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 20 OCTOBER	End of Term 1	3.15pm finish
MON 23 - FRI 27 OCTOBER	Half Term Holidays	
MON 30 OCTOBER	Start of Term 2 (Week 2)	8.40am start

SCHOOL TERM DATES

YEARS 8 AND 9 A2L REPORTS



The above 'Attitude to Learning' 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

VIEW REPORT

GUIDANCE TO GRADING

LANGUAGES WEEK 2023 - INTERNATIONAL BAKE OFF



Congratulations to our winners...

Tutor Group Challenge
10GM



House Challenge
Eagles



Teacher Competition
Mr Colmer



Thank you to the many ambitious students who attended our 'Speak My Language' sessions to share or learn more about Cantonese, Mandarin, Urdu, Polish, Turkish, Panjabi or Arabic.

STAR BAKER

Congratulations to our star bakers...

Year 7

Simran Bhamra - Gulab Jaman Cake
Thea Winrow-Davies - Greek Baklava
Tomás Donaldson - Argentinian Chocotorta

Year 8

Fifi Loveridge - Parisian Showstopper

Year 9

Annabel Sweeney - Turkish Sekerpare

Year 10

Oliver Targett - Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte

Collaborative Category

Rosemary Popa & Amy Borrett - Romanian Langosh and Cake



AMBITIONS COLLABORATIVE HAPPY INTEGRITY ENDURANCE VERSATILITY EXCELLENCE

Open Mornings
Tours available 9.10am
every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
from 11th September - 18th October 2023
All welcome
Please call **01628 625308**
to book a tour

office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com

YEAR 12 YEAR 13

UCAS CREATE YOUR FUTURE EXHIBITION

On Monday 2nd October, forty Year 12 and 13 students interested in a career in the creative industry attended the UCAS Create Your Future Exhibition at the ExCeL Centre in London. Students had the opportunity to speak to potential colleges, universities and conservatoires and find out more about apprenticeships. This was a fantastic, insightful event. It left some students feeling inspired to explore a pathway they hadn't previously considered. For others, it cemented and confirmed what they wanted to do, making them feel motivated and ambitious. For the staff accompanying them, it made us feel a tad jealous we couldn't rewind the clock as many of these options did not exist for us when we were their age!

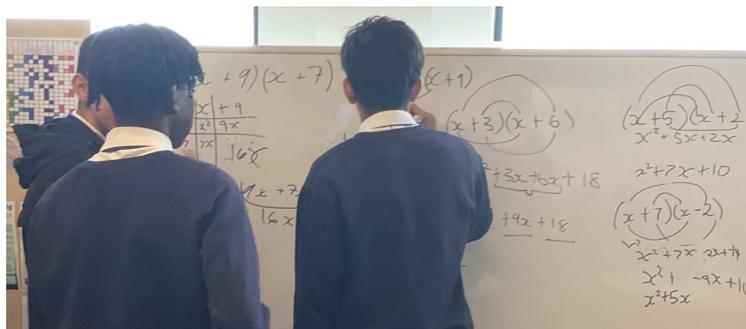


RAISING ACHIEVEMENT STARS



A snap shot of the day in the life of Year 11 students working in our Raising Achievement department. During tutor-time, Sufian Hussain, Yassir El-Mouden and Mununga Mununga were busy learning some Algebra, namely expanding brackets. They explored a couple of methods of doing this and found the one they were confident using. This picture shows them working collaboratively to achieve success and showing endurance to be happy and gain excellence.

Mrs D Feather





WINTER HEALTH GUIDANCE

As we approach the Winter months, we wanted to share with you some general NHS guidance for managing common health concerns, whilst in school.

Covid-19

There is no longer a need to isolate for Covid-19. Please treat as you would with a Common Cold, we can administer medication during the day, to relieve symptoms, however, please stay home if your child has a fever of (38+) until the fever clears. If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, they can still go to school.

Coughs and Common Colds

It is fine to send your child to school with a Minor Cough and Common Cold. We can keep medication in school to administer during the day, however, if they have a fever (38+) please keep them off school until the fever clears.

Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting

Children with Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting can return to school 48 hours after their last episode.

Chicken Pox/Shingles

Children with Chicken Pox should stay home until all the blisters/spots have crusted over.

Children with Shingles should stay home until the rash stops weeping.

Should you require your child/children to keep medication in school, Medical Consent forms can be requested by emailing the School Medical Officer on medical.officer@furzeplatt.net

Please fill in the form and return along with the required medication.

A form is required for any medication brought into school, including, Paracetamol and Ibuprofen.

Ms E Barnard, School Medical Officer



Want to be in with the **chance of winning £200**, and supporting your child's school at the same time? Join the PTFA 200 Club here <https://bit.ly/3IT6JeW> for just £5 a month. This is a lottery where we hold four draws a year with three prizes each time of £200. The next draw is on Thursday 12th October when we will draw three lucky numbers, so please sign up by Wednesday 11th to be in this one. At the last draw one of the winners had only joined the day before it could be you next time.

JOIN THE 200 CLUB - £5 PER MONTH



AUTISM IN GIRLS TALK

New date: 7pm on Tuesday 21st November – in our Theatre.

For those who have requested their tickets to be transferred, this will be done in the next few days.

We are joined by Cathy Wassell, who runs the charity, Autism in Girls Network, to talk about how girls are often diagnosed much later than boys due to misconceptions about how it presents itself.

Cathy is the mother of a child with autism, who was only diagnosed aged 13 after a mental health crisis.

She can talk both personally and professionally and personally about the challenges of getting a diagnosis and gives practical tips and techniques for those who care for children and teenagers.

Ticket prices are £5 to cover the cost of hosting Cathy at our theatre. Book here:

BOOK TICKETS

For any other enquiries contact theatre@furzeplatt.net

Mrs M Holden, Theatre Manager



TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023)



Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations on Friday 8th September to attend clubs for their son/daughter. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk and the links will be 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.

Students have also been sent a copy of the clubs available but parents and carers will need to book the clubs your son or daughter would like to attend. We do encourage them to try as many as they are interested in – with over 60 clubs and academic clinics we are sure they will find a number of activities they really enjoy!

MY EVOLVE

In addition, parents and carers may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from the club or academic support clinic emails sent to you in two easy steps:

1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs/clinics
2. Click 'create account' button.

A list of clubs is updated every Friday afternoon on our website here:

SCHOOL CLUB LIST



Tuesdays

15.20 - 16.20

S12

All Years

GARDENING CLUB

This week gardening club enjoyed harvesting some of our produce. The carrots have done particularly well!



Mrs R Cook, LSA

Dr M Graham, Science Teacher



Wednesdays

7.40 - 8.30

Fitness Suite

Years 7-11

Wednesday morning fitness club yet again surprise themselves by tackling a workout that looked impossible.



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All are welcome and we meet you where you are in your fitness journey.

Mr C Djaelani, PE Teacher & Head of Progress



The Sixth Form Team

- Mr Ging – Head of Sixth Form
- Mrs Beale – Sixth Form Supervised Study Manager and Coach
- Mrs Kalkowski – Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Year 12)
- Mrs Jennings – Sixth Form Learning Mentor
- Mr Colmer – Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Year 13)
- Mrs Slay
- Mrs Pasa – Sixth Form Manager

INTRODUCING OUR NEW ...

Your Student Leaders

- Name: Pippa Langry
Role: Senior Student
Studying: English, Psychology, Philosophy and Ethics
Future plans: University (and as many holidays as possible!)
Interests: Baking (Laines Pastries etc), The Good Place, and funny philosophy books (The Pig that Wants to be Eaten)
- Name: Siobhan King
Role: Senior Student
Studying: English Literature, Psychology, Physics
Future plans: Study Law at University
Interests: Writing, Science, History, Geography, Geopolitics, Astronomy, Photography, Travelling
- Name: Tilly Connolly
Role: Deputy Senior Student
Studying: Maths, Physics and Chemistry
Future plans: Pursue my love for science at university
Interests: Anything science related, painting, travelling, baking and well-being
- Name: Finlay Turner
Role: Deputy Senior Student
Studying: Biology, Chemistry and Drama
Future plans: Marine Biology at University
Interests: Theatre/Acting and playwriting - everything drama. Reading, baking and playing the drums. Also the environment and the ocean because I'm a nerd.
- Name: Daisy Rippon
Role: Deputy Senior Student and an SPQ
Studying: Philosophy and Ethics, History, English Literature
Future plans: English Literature at University
Interests: Baking (Anzac!!!), going to the gym, going on holiday, having fun.

SIXTH FORM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER!

Sent out to Sixth Form Parents and students every Friday.

FIVE WEEKS IN SCHOOL ALREADY!



Your dedicated PTFA Committee consists of Neil, Gill, Carina and Lorraine who are getting to grips with the new school year, too. We will keep you up-to-date with our fundraising news and dates through these newsletters, the Facebook year groups and our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa>

Please get in touch with any fundraising ideas, feedback and thoughts by emailing us: PTFA@furzeplatt.net
For any uniform requests: PTFAuniform@furzeplatt.net

WHAT'S COMING UP.....



PTFA Meeting + 200 Club Draw - Thursday 12th October, 7.30pm, in school, all welcome

Quiz and Hot Buffet Dinner – Friday 10th November, 7.30pm – 10pm. A social, informal, fun night, plus superb chefs cooking fresh French dishes in Giant Pans and a bar – ticket app coming soon!

HELPERS REQUIRED FOR THE BAR/REFRESHMENTS – PLEASE EMAIL US TODAY!

Would anyone like a £200 Cash Prize? If so, please join our 200 Club!

Since this is our primary fundraiser. Here's an overview:

The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number. Your winnings are made by bank transfer very soon after each draw so there's no hanging around. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your energy or phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!). So it's a win win situation and we hope you'll click through here to join:

JOIN THE 200 CLUB - £5 PER MONTH



You've got to be in it to win it!

Data and Admissions Manager

Start Date: As soon as possible

Permanent, Full time, 37 hours a week, start time between 8 and 9am, finish time between 3.30 to 4.30pm (depending on start time/includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Thursday with a half hour earlier finish on Fridays, term time only plus 7 days (which includes two INSET days)

Actual salary £33,750 - £37,240 pa depending on experience (pay award pending)

Do you have experience of and enjoy working in an environment where management information systems and Excel are used to provide high quality data management, and analysis? We are looking for someone to track the achievement and progress of all our students in school. You would also manage the schools Admissions Policy liaising with parents and carers to secure our Pupil Admission Numbers both via the In-Year transfers (Year 7 to 11) process and managing the new Year 7 admissions process.

Furze Platt is a highly successful mixed comprehensive school serving the children of Maidenhead. At Furze Platt, 1500 students of all abilities develop the skills and qualities to enable them to excel in the future. We are a highly ambitious, high-achieving and fully inclusive school in which our students are challenged and supported to achieve excellence.

We offer a friendly and harmonious campus, and we support the physical and mental wellbeing of all our staff. Discounted membership is available for the use of a fully equipped and well-maintained gym on-site. All staff have access to an employee advice programme which offers information, resources, and a counselling service. We reward long service and encourage community spirit through various social events including a Christmas party, sports after school and various House competitions. Parking is free, as are tea, coffee, and edible treats to help you through the week! Our Senior Leadership team recognises the value of our support staff attending whole school training, job specific training and opportunities to learn about students they may be supporting, hence our commitment to their attendance on our September INSET day and one other INSET day during the academic year. A free lunch is also provided giving staff the chance to welcome new members of staff and share news and ideas.

If you have strong organisational and time management skills, can work under pressure to meet important deadlines, and have an excellent understanding of MIS and Excel 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: Monday 16th October 2023
Interviews will take place: as soon as is practicable

