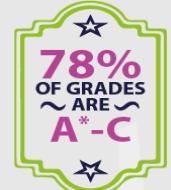
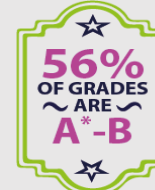




GCSE RESULTS 2018



A-LEVEL RESULTS 2018



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Congratulations to our students!

It was a pleasure this week to see hundreds of students rewarded for their efforts this term.

We know the vast majority of our young people get it right day in day out. This can be evidenced within the classrooms, around our school and now by parents and carers on Go 4 Schools. Alongside the films that ran this week for hundreds of our young people it was great to see the top 100 students with the best positive behaviour points rewarded with the chance to win a series of activities including cooking, sports and leisure experiences. Congratulations to all students who won one of these and many thanks to members of staff for offering these prizes.

All these students have embraced our school values of Aspiring, Motivated, Confident and Considerate I discussed in assemblies at the start of term. I look forward to seeing them continue to live these values in the terms to come.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

On Thursday it was good to see so many parents and carers discussing how we can all support our Year 11 during their final GCSE year. There is no doubt that students will need our help in Year 11 and hopefully by keeping each other informed we can ensure your children achieve their best.

Goodbye and Best wishes

With half term upon us we sadly will say goodbye to two members of staff. Marie St Lawrence, one of our team of dedicated LSA staff, is moving on and I would like to thank her for all the work she has done for our students. Our Head of Art and Technology, Hannah Dixon, begins her maternity leave. Adela Syberova will be teaching the classes while Hannah is enjoying her new arrival.

I am sure that you will join with me in sending these two colleagues every best wish.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week

MON 22 -
FRI 26
OCTOBER

Half Term / Various Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Forthcoming Events

MON 29 OCTOBER	Start of Term (Week 2)	8.40am - 3.15pm
TUE 30 OCTOBER	UCAS Deadline	
WED 7 NOVEMBER	PTFA Meeting	6pm - 7pm
MON 12 NOVEMBER	Year 13 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.30pm - 6.30pm
WEDS 14 NOVEMBER	Year 12 Safe Drive Stay Alive	During school
THURS 29 NOVEMBER	Careers and Higher Education Fair	6pm - 8pm
FRI 30 NOVEMBER	INSET DAY	All day

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19

Term 1 2018/19

With Celebration Evening, Open Evening, Drama showcases, Duke of Edinburgh, sporting successes, a visit from the Royal Shakespeare Company and many fantastic learning experiences inside and outside of lessons, this term has given me a terrific insight into the commitment of staff, students, parents and carers to ensuring Furze Platt Senior School provides the best possible education.

Thank you and your children for the warm welcome to Furze Platt Senior School and I wish you and your families an enjoyable half term.

Dr A Morrison, Headteacher

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Pictured: 75 students from each House enjoying watching 'Despicable Me 3' today as a reward for all their hard work this term.

YEARS 11 AND 12 REPORTS



Years 11 and 12 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.

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

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

GOOD LUCK TO OUR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS



The UCAS deadline for Oxbridge/Medicine/Veterinary Science closed this week. We have had a number of students applying for courses including Maths, Computing, BioChemistry, English and French Literature, Medicine, Law, Psychology, Zoology, Architecture, Environmental Science and History. University choices, which were across the UK, include Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Edinburgh and Warwick.

Our students are working very hard to gain their results and we wish them all the best of luck.

Mr J Dollery, Head of Sixth Form

BUILDING WORKS – PROGRESS UPDATE AND CLASSROOM CHANGES



The main building works for the new teaching block are progressing steadily. It is anticipated that the new block will be complete sometime in the autumn term of 2019. The next stage of works requires the craning of heavy materials over two classrooms, H5 and H6. As a safety precaution these two classrooms will be temporarily decommissioned and classes rehoused elsewhere, largely in PS2, General 2 and Business 3. This will have an impact on classes that are currently in those rooms – which will also have to be rehoused. Students will be fully informed which rooms they need to go to, and parents should be reassured that the school has taken every measure to keep disruption to a minimum. It is anticipated that these new arrangements will last initially for 4 weeks starting on Monday 5th November, followed by a 2 week reversion to normal classrooms. After Christmas there is likely to be another 3 week period with the new arrangements.

As many of you are aware, at pick up and drop off times the area outside school can become very congested. To minimise this, we intend to add an additional slip road at the front of school. We have been advised that construction of this area will lead to the loss of two trees, therefore we will be planting new ones elsewhere on site to ensure sustained growth.

I would like to thank students and parents in advance for their support as these arrangements are put in place.

Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS



PERSONAL TIMETABLE: Our Year 11 students have this week been issued with a personal timetable for the Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) which begin on 9th November 2018. Details of timings for the PPE Week are on the following link:

YEAR 11 PRE PUBLIC EXAM ARRANGEMENTS

YEAR 11 REVISION PROGRAMME: Over the past week, all our Year 11 students have received a full lesson on 'How to Revise' during one of their PSHE lessons. The session enabled students to work through how to pick out key words to then produce either a mind-map or cue card. The PowerPoint used during these sessions is attached which explains in a step-by-step way, how this is done.

Another part of the preparation for exams took place on Thursday 18th October. All Year 11 students took part in an informative session on how to plan and organise their time. This entailed looking at a subject and assessing each topic to see which components they understood well, which they needed to quickly review, and which they needed to go over again completely. As well as cue cards, post-its and other learning materials, they were also furnished with a timetable to use at home. Again, the PowerPoint used during this session is attached for your information.

This means to date, Year 11 students have had support to help them plan their revision, plan their time as well as how to produce revision notes. We hope this will help make the next few months go as smoothly as possible. If you would like more information or have any questions, please speak to Mrs D Slater, Senior Learning Mentor at debbie.slater@furzeplatt.net.

HOW TO REVISE

YEAR 11 PLANNING AND ORGANISING REVISION

SUPPORTING LEARNING IN YEAR 11

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITIONS



Good luck to all our students out this week for their Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Please remember to log your activities onto eDofE. Bronze students have been sent a confirmation pack which contains their user name and password.

YEAR 7 RUGBY SUCCESS



Brilliant results for our Year 7 Rugby team winning their first two games this week.



Our PTFA is very successful, raising thousands of pounds to purchase equipment and resources to further improve the school. Additionally, the PTFA brings staff and parents together socially in working towards a common goal. This fosters greater links between home and school. And it's great fun! We always need more helpers, though, to help lighten the load.

We invite all our parents to join the 200 Club. Numbers are drawn 4 x per year (once per quarter) and if all 200 numbers are in play, three lucky winners could win up to £400 per draw.

Please click below to purchase your numbers:

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

MONTHLY PAYMENTS (£5 PER MONTH)

COPAS CHRISTMAS OFFER



FURZE PLATT STUDENT MEETS STRICTLY STAR



By Katie Harley Waters
Year 13

I recently attended the International Dance Championships in the Royal Albert Hall. I spectated the International champions from all across the world as an inspiration for my own dance career. Aljaz Skorjanec and the rest of the professionals from Strictly Come Dancing had a box which was neighbouring my dance school's. The best part of the day was just experiencing the level of standard at which these professionals performed.



(Pictured: Aljaz with Katie and with his current dance partner, BBC newsreader Kate Silverton.)

DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Thursday 29th November

Our sixth Careers and Higher Education Fair will be held at school this November with representatives from a number of universities, employers and apprenticeships showing how our students can access various career and higher education paths. More details to follow.

INSET DAY - Friday 30th November

Please note: school will be closed all day for the next INSET day, which is at the end of next month.

YEAR 7 PGL: OSMINGTON BAY, DORSET

Reminder - deposit due by Tuesday 23rd October

STUDENT MEDICAL DETAILS

If there are any changes to your son or daughter's medical condition you can let us know here:

UPDATING STUDENT MEDICAL DETAILS

TRIPS AND VISITS INFORMATION

To see all the trips and visits we are currently offering please click here:

TRIPS AND VISITS - INFORMATION AND LETTERS