

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #59.11







MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Sixth Form Open Evening

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Sixth Form Opening next Wednesday. All parents and carers with students wishing to join our Sixth Form next year are welcome. The evening gives you a chance to hear about entry requirements and broader Sixth Form life as well as learning about each individual subject and course.



No Bells Trial

Next week we will be trying something new. There will be no bells interrupting our day. Instead, we shall be placing the responsibility on students to ensure they are at the right place at the right time. This is an approach taken in many schools, including several locally, and evidence suggests that it results in a calm orderly transition to and from lessons. We will review the trial next week in order to judge if it continues.

KS4 Curriculum

All parents and carers should have received a letter with regard to changes as to when our students choose their options. Having listened to our teachers and others, outlined in the letter are a series of reasons why students will now choose their options in Year 9.

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Next Week (Week 2)

MON 25 NOVEMBER	Microsoft DigiGirlz (by invitation)	8.15am - 4.30pm
WED 27	Sixth Form Open Evening (6.30pm for current students)	6-9pm
NOVEMBER	Year 13 - Computer Science in ACTION	8.15am - 3.30pm
THU 28 NOVEMBER	Late School Start	9.10am
THU 29 NOVEMBER	Hazards Conference (Years 12/13 Geography)	Details on letter

Forthcoming Events

TUES 3 DECEMBER	Duke of Edinburgh Awards Meeting (BXM)	6-7pm
THURS 5 DECEMBER	Year 10/11 Drama trip - Kneehigh's Ubu	4-11.30pm
FRI 6 DECEMBER	Muffi Day (in aid of Helen and Douglas House)	All day
THURS 5 DECEMBER	Year 7 Disco	6-8pm
WEDS 11 DECEMBER	Christmas Concert	7.30- 9.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20 & 2020/21



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2019

Wednesday 27th November

'A FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE'



A M B I T I O U S C O L L A B O R A T I V E

HAPPY INTEGRITY ENDURANCE VERSATILITY EXCELLENCE

Responses from parents and carers have been supportive of the change. Please do contact Mr Morbey or myself if you have any questions.

Hoodies

I would like to remind parents and carers that hoodies are not part of our uniform. We seem to have a spate of students wearing them to school under blazers. While I realise that it is cold most students are wearing hoodies rather than our uniform of a coat and/or FPSS jumper. Thank you for ensuring your children are in the correct uniform.

Good Luck Year 11

Congratulations to our Year 11 students on all their efforts in PPEs this week. I hope that the grades students receive reflect their efforts in revising.

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

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

LATE START

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Please note school will start at 9.10am on Thursday 28th November. Students should go straight to their P2 lesson.

KS4 OPTIONS

Dear Parents/Carers



We are writing with regard to our three year Key Stage 4. As many of you will be aware in 2016 we began to run Key Stage 4 GCSE and BTEC courses over three years. Our 2019 Year 11s were the first students to study courses in Years 9, 10 and 11. Reasons behind this decision included preparing students for the new GCSE syllabi that were being introduced and offering student more time to focus on their qualifications.

Following the first students completing the three year Key Stage 4 we have had an opportunity to review the impact of this change. Although several people, particularly those teaching or studying practical subjects, value having longer to develop skills, others feel that the longer period studying GCSE and BTEC qualifications detracts from a more focused, concentrated approach. Subject leaders feel that spending three years studying a two year GCSE course stretched courses out for too long. In addition, students

often have to re-learn topics taught in Year 9 again in Year 11 which takes time away from valuable revision.

Our review has also taken into consideration current views on a longer Key Stage 4. In recent months Ofsted, academics and other government bodies have been particularly critical of a three year Key Stage 4 as narrowing student opportunity to follow a broad and balanced curriculum. For example, the Ofsted Section 5 Inspection Handbook indicates it is desirable that:

Pupils study the full curriculum; it is not narrowed... in secondary schools, the school teaches a broad range of subjects (exemplified by the national curriculum) throughout Years 7 to 9. [If this is not yet fully the case, it is clear from leaders' actions that they are in the process of bringing this about.]

Given these views, we have taken the decision that Furze Platt Senior School will revert to a two year Key Stage 4.

The implications of this decision are:

- Our current Year 8 students will not opt for their GCSE choices this year. They will choose their options in Year 9 like in the majority of schools nationally. These arrangements will continue for subsequent year groups.
- All our current students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will continue on the three year Key Stage 4 and complete their courses as planned.
- Thank you for your time reading this letter and if you do have any guestions please contact us at school.

Dr Andrew Morrison, Headteacher

Andy Morbey, Assistant Headteacher – Curriculum



YEAR 7 DISCO THURSDAY 5TH **DECEMBER**



The Year 7 disco will now be held on Thursday 5th December 2019 from 6-8pm. The disco will take place at school using the Main Hall. A tuck shop will be available in the school café so that students are able to buy refreshments and snacks.

The tickets will be £5 per person and we have a limited number of 120 available so it will be on a first come first served basis. If you would like your son/daughter to come please make payment and give consent via Wisepay.

The event is being coordinated by the Sixth Form Leadership Team. Should you have any queries, please email me Peter.Ging@furzeplatt.net and I will be happy to relay them to the students.

Mr P Ging

Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form





YEAR 11 END OF SCHOOL **CELEBRATION OPPORTUNITIES**



As your son/daughter reaches the end of their GCSE courses and the end of compulsory education, a number of traditions to mark this time have evolved in recent years. This is to let you know exactly what they are, and enable you to be aware of the financial implications of some of these. The Year 11 photographs, hoodies and Prom are not compulsory or obligatory, but in the case of genuine financial hardship, please contact me in confidence so we can ensure that your son/daughter does not miss out.

Year 11 Photographs - Wednesday 29th January 2020

This will provide an opportunity for a whole year group photograph as well as opportunities for students to have friendship group photos taken on the day. Students will be required to be in full, correct uniform in order to be in the photograph.

Leavers' Hoodies

There will be an opportunity to purchase Leavers' Hoodies in January for collection in May. Further details will follow in due course. Cont. on page 4



Year 11 Graduation Ceremony - Wednesday 24th June 2020

Our Year 11 students will have a formal graduation ceremony, held at school, to mark the end of their compulsory schooling. Further details will follow in due course.

Year 11 Prom - Thursday 25th June 2020

This will take place at the Riverside Marguee, Bray. To attend the Prom students must have had no internal or external exclusions during Year 11 (from the date of this letter). Students must also have at least 94% attendance during Year 11, we will however take into account serious medical conditions which have impacted on a child's attendance. Tickets will be on sale after the Easter holiday. Further details will follow in due course.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your daughter/son well in the coming months and hope that the end of year celebrations will be a fitting end to a hardworking year. For students planning to return to the Sixth Form in September, taster days will take place from Thursday 2nd July to Friday 3rd July. Further details will also follow in due course from Mr Ging, Head of Sixth

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net

Miss L Lewis Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Dear Year 11 students,

I am delighted to be able to invite you to the Furze Platt Sixth Form Open Evening 2019!

The evening is designed to give you a clear understanding of what is available to you here when you finish your GCSE courses in the summer.

We are very proud of our Sixth Form and its record of high achievement and would like to help you make the excellent choice of joining the Sixth Form in 2020 to continue your successful education at post-16. The evening will provide you with the information you need to make informed choices when selecting your courses.

You will need to arrive at 6.20pm, as the presentation in the Main Hall will start promptly at 6.30pm.

The new prospectuses will be available on the evening for you to browse and take away.

The programme for the evening is outlined below. The main presentation will be followed by the possibility of attending up to FIVE talks on various A-Levels and Level 3

6.30pm - 6.50pm Main Presentation in the Main Hall with introductory talks from:

- Gemma Higley, Daniel Juden, Hollie O'Neill, Daniel Brant (Student Senior Leadership Team) - Welcome.
- Mr P Ging, Head of Sixth Form and Dr A Morrison, Headteacher - The Admissions Process; The Curriculum; Induction; Tutorial Programme; Academic Monitoring/Reporting; Preparation for Careers and Higher Education.

7.00pm – 9.00pm Subject presentations for each course will be available at the following times:

- 7.00pm 7.20pm
- 7.25pm 7.45pm
- 7.50pm 8.10pm
- 8.15pm 8.35pm
- 8.40pm 9.00pm

These presentations are designed to give you a deeper understanding of subject content and delivery and will allow you to ask questions of subject specialists who teach courses here at Furze Platt Sixth Form. The subject presentations will be the same so you need only attend one for each subject you are interested in during the

We do recommend you see five subjects, even though you will only pick three subjects as standard (in rare cases, some students may complete four A-Levels) as we are eager for you to be as fully prepared and enthused as possible with the options available to you in Sixth Form.

I do hope to see all of you on the 27th and I look forward to speaking to you further about the exciting prospect of post-16 study.

Mr P Ging

Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form



YEAR 7 PGL

PGL 7

ALL HOUSES

We will be inviting all parents to attend an Information Evening on Tuesday 31st March at 6pm in the Main Hall where you will be given further information about the running of the trip, advised as to final itinerary and given the opportunity to ask any questions you or your child may have. We ask that your son/daughter also attend this Information Evening so that they can try on sample jumpers, order correct sizes, and complete the Behaviour/Mobile Phone agreements we will be issuing on the night.

You should have received a letter outlining payments and when they are due – these are to be made online via WisePay using the instalment options available and when paying, you will also be able to select to attend the Information Evening.

For further information on the trip do not hesitate to contact me danielle.boseley@furzeplatt.net, or look on the PGL website at http://www.pgl.co.uk.

Miss D Boseley

PGL Trip Leader 2019-20120

Links to letters below:

PGL TRIP 1 BISHAM, BRAY, COOKHAM, DORNEY

PGL TRIP 2 ETON, HENLEY, MARLOW, WINDSOR



SKI TRIP 2021 - LA THUILE, AOSTA VALLEY SATURDAY 3RD – SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2021

SKI TRIP LETTER



YEAR 8 AMBASSADORS

YEAR 8

On Tuesday, four of our Year 8 Student Ambassadors went out to Holy Trinity Primary School as part of our transition programme. The students talked to the Year 6 students about life at school, and what they could do in Year 6 to organise themselves to be ready for Y7. The Year 6 students had so many questions from: 'what happens if you get lost?' (answer: we give out maps and help out any student who looks bewildered); 'what clubs are there?' (answer: lots — all on our website and a number specifically for Year 7 only); 'what do you need to take to school with you?' (answer: students are advised what they need for their lessons).

The Year 8 Ambassadors did a great job fielding all the questions, and we look forward to welcoming Holy Trinity's (and all other schools') Year 6 students in September.

Mrs S Crisford, Transition Co-ordinator

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS FOR STUDENTS



We are delighted to be able to offer a huge range of clubs to our students, some for individual year groups and some for all those who are interested. Our Year 7 students have a range of clubs especially to help them make friends and enjoy new challenges or activities at this early stage of their life at Furze Platt.

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

YEAR 7 SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT



FRENCH

Charlotte Soden Year 7 Youcef Ait-Kaci Year 9 Polly Clements Year 10 Kiki Quibell Year 10 Sean Wilson Year 11 Mia Banks Year 7 Charlie Harris Year 7 Paige Brook Year 8 Nathan Macey Year 8 Anya Clayton Year 10

GERMAN

Dominic Evans Year 7 Nikheelesh Kumar Year 7 William Couling Year 7 Phoebe Matthews Year 7 Jessica Bristow Year 9 Esha Grover Year 9 Patrick Kelly Year 10 Mia Willcocks Year 10 Tilly Pink-Costello Year 11 James Badham Year 11

SPANISH

Anna Vasilopoulou Year 8 Ed Fisher Year 9 Ellie Gavin Year 10 Lillia Bowsher Year 10 Georgie Moore Year 10 Muneeb Azam Year 10 Christian Correia Year 10

COLLECTION OF YEAR 11 ART GCSE COURSEWORK

Year 11 Art students are invited to collect their GCSE Art coursework. They need to liaise with Mrs Curtis-Thompson and preferably come after school from 3.30pm. If this is not possible students should call Mrs Curtis-Thompson on 01628 625308 (except Fridays) to arrange for work to be left on reception for them. There is only a small window of opportunity as it is our Sixth Form Open Evening on 28th November. Please be advised that any work not collected before this date will be disposed of as we simply do not have the room to store coursework.

Thank you.



YEAR 7 INTERHOUSE

Fantastic teamwork for all our Year

7 Interhouse participants this week. All students worked collaboratively and were extremely happy it was a dry day and they could get their matches played!

Results: Football

Netball 8th Eton

7th Brav 8th Windsor 7th Bisham 6th Henley

5th Cookham =4th Bray, 4th Windsor

Cookham, Eton 3rd Dorney =2nd Dorney,

2nd Bisham Henley 1st Marlow 1st Marlow



FURZE PLATT

SCIENCE FAIR

Are you interested in science? Do you think you could come up with a prize-winning project? If so, Furze Platt's Science Fair is for you. It will be an exciting opportunity to showcase your scientific and creative ability with the chance of winning a prize. In teams of up to three people, you have to come up with a project, This could be a demonstration of a scientific principle, a research display or one of your own original ideas. This will be a largely independent competition, however, your science teachers and Sixth Form prefects will always be willing to help. The final presentation will be held during Science Week in March 2020 where completed projects will be on display for the

If you are interested and want to find out more, there will be a meeting Break 1 on Thursday 28th November in S4 where you can sign up and ask any questions you may have.

school to see. It is open to all students from Years 7 to 10.



A M B I T I O U S C O L L A B O R A T I V E

HAPPY INTEGRITY ENDURANCE VERSATILITY EXCELLENCE

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL ARE IN THE LIMELIGHT!



We have launched a crowdfunding appeal to raise the final funds needed towards the installation of equipment into our new main hall building - The New Hall Theatre. The PTFA are supporting The New Hall Theatre campaign which will provide enhanced opportunities for students in the performing arts, music and public speaking as well as offering a teaching arena for stage management and all levels of production. It promises to be a flexible space for assemblies, open evenings, productions, lectures and PE activities, plus a major community asset available for hire to local arts and theatre societies, orchestras and schools.

We believe this multi-use space would be a fantastic addition to our wonderful school so we really hope that you can get behind the project and help us to raise the necessary £34,000 to make it happen!

Our crowdfunding page has a lot more information about the project and makes it simple for you to make a donation. We can also collect Gift Aid boosting eligible donations by 25%!

Please take a look and donate but also share news of the appeal with your family and friends and even local businesses and other local organisations who might be able to help. If you know of businesses who can be approached for a donation, please contact Mrs Lynne Moore, Head of Operations, who is coordinating the campaign (lynne.moore@furzeplatt.net).

As a thank you for making larger voluntary donations, the school and PTFA have designed a 'Patron' reward scheme. Rewards range from a 'Thank you' mention in the opening event program (£50), a VIP invitation to the opening event with champagne reception (£200), right through to Theatre sponsorship for businesses (£5000).

We have raised over £3700 since we launched the campaign - a huge thank you to everyone who has donated already but we have a long way to go to reach our target, so please do help if you can. Just £20 per student would raise the remaining money for a top class theatre!

Thank you.



YEAR 10

INSPIRE TRAINING ACADEMY

On Friday 8th November three of our Year 10 girls, Bella Powell, Hannah Britton and Martha Garner, attended the Inspire Training Academy which was held at Theale Green School.

The aim of the day - and the Inspire Pathway - is to develop leadership skills which support both involvement in PE/school sport and are transferable to all other areas of life. The students attended workshops that covered many aspects of selecting, planning and delivering physical activities. They also received an inspirational talk and question time from Olympian and two-time World Champion rower Toby Garbett (pictured with the girls).



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS - BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD



BXM EXPEDITION EVENING – TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 6-7PM

We will be hosting a BXM Expedition Information Evening on Tuesday 3rd December between 6-7pm in the Main Hall.

The presentation will contain useful information regarding the expedition, including kit and food, and you will have an opportunity to meet the team at BXM. Please note that this event is mandatory. Your child does not need to attend as they will be given similar information during their training on the 19th March.

Please book a space for this event on Wise Pay.

Please see below a link to our website. You can find a wealth of information to help you support your child.

DOFE WEBPAGE

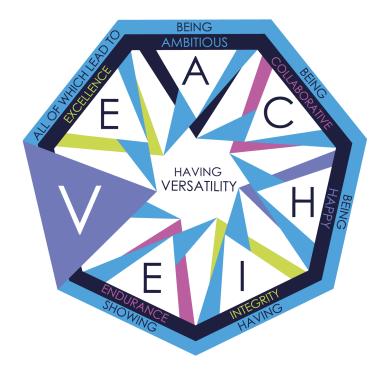
Below is a link to the DofE page on YouTube where you can access some training videos to complete EDofE, if needed.

D OF ETRAINING VIDEOS

I very much look forward to working with your child on their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Please feel free to contact us on dofe@furzeplatt.net if you have any questions.

Many congratulations to Isaac Woda, Year 13, who has now completed all sections of his DofE Gold - the first of the Gold team to finish!

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager



YEAR 7 RUGBY TEAM



Yesterday our Year 7 rugby team participated in the Berkshire School's u12 Rugby Festival.

In the group stages they defeated Forrest B and Maiden Erlegh before losing to The Downes School, putting us in one of the top two groups of four for the final stages of the tournament.

In the final group stages they lost to Claire's Court before defeating St Barts and Thorpe House. Although we have not had official notification, it is likely we finished joint second - a great result!

The players all played above their normal capabilities and really dug deep for one another producing some professional and well thought out rugby.

A special mention for captain Ollie Myall, vice captain Peter Nicholls, Jake Wilson, and Charlie Hill who were outstanding all day in behaviour and performance.



Oli Myall Louie Prestipino Dan Higley Peter Nicholls Charlie Hill Alfie Hawkins Bastian Correia Jon Sanchez Koren Smith Hassan Ajails Brayden Windsor Jake Wilson Sam Cranch Fin Hayward Mununga Mununga Chris Williams



Mr C Djaelani, PE Teacher and Head of Dorney House

FURZE PLATT ALUMNUS WINS BEST PRESENTER AT RADIO AWARDS



We were delighted to hear Sam MacGregor (alumnus of Furze Platt Senior School) won a major award in radio presenting recently. Sam, now 21, was awarded Best Male Presenter at the National Student Radio Awards, which was held at the O2 in London. He attended Furze Platt before he went to university where he now studies Human Geography at Cardiff University. Of his time at Furze Platt, Sam said: "I always was, and remain, exceptionally grateful for the experiences and opportunities that Furze Platt provided me with during my time at Sixth Form."

Well done to him and we look forward to hearing about many more of his achievements!



Photo by Niklas Rahmel and Matei Parascen.

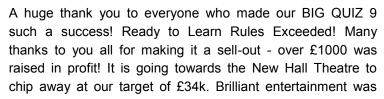
MUFTI DAY IN AID OF HELEN AND DOUGLAS HOUSE



CHANGE OF DATE

Please note our Mufti Day, originally scheduled for Friday 29th November, will be changing to Friday 6th December.





provided by Hugh Steed, Gareth Ebenezer and John Wilson (7 Excellence). Our impeccable Giant Pan Meal was provided by Ashridge Delicious (7 Excellence; the fresh ingredients arrived from France just in time!).



Congratulations to the Quiz winning team and our three 200 Club winners who each win £200 cash (numbers 75, 103 and 18). Next Quiz will be held in Spring 2020. Please comment, PM or email us with your feedback and/or suggestions.



200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 9 on Friday 15th November 2019







Did you know...Matched Funding (also known as Community Support / Charity Giving Scheme or Grant Funding) has the ability to increase the takings of our school events many times over. An increasing number of large companies operate a matched funding scheme whereby they 'match' charity fundraising undertaken by their employees. These organisations set aside millions of pounds to fund such schemes and are more than happy to support their staff in raising money for charities of their choice. The amounts donated range from approximately £250 to £1000+ per employee per event.

As the Parents' Association is a registered charity we are in a position to benefit from your involvement, however big or small, at any fundraising school event. Your participation might be, for example, helping with the raffle. (We're registered with CAF Bank which may have an accounting tax advantage for your company.)

If your employer offers a match funding scheme, please Lorraine Hughes of the ptfa@furzeplatt.net so that we can see how to comply with their requirements.

Companies that we know operate match-funding schemes include:

Kingfisher Plc Aviva Legal & General Bank of America

Lloyds Barclays Bank TSB / HBOS Benfield Group Microsoft BP Northern Rock **British Telecom** O2 / 3M **British Gas PWC** Camelot **RBS**

Royal Dutch Shell Co-Op

RWE Daryl Industries nPower Deloitte Santander Diago Schroders **Ernest & Young** Sky Experian Tarmac

Costcutter

HSBC Tesco **Ipsos UBS** Mori Unilever JP Morgan

Yorkshire Bank Chase Bank

The 200 Club - 'Why join and what's in it for me?'

The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number. Your school could earn £6000 per year if everyone joined paying £5 per month. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your 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:

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

Other ways to help your children in Furze Platt Senior School - 'Why should I?'

Simply because the PTFA receive a donation from the retailer following your online purchases. Given next Friday is Black Friday and the Christmas shopping season is upon us, please register, join or order via these sites.

Easyfundraising.org.uk (EasyFundraising.org.uk) Refer a friend for £5 bonus plus it's 'Double Donation week' till Sunday 24th.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Copas Farms for Christmas Turkeys - worth £10 per order to us (http://www.copasturkeys.co.uk Code: FPSS19).



Easy2Name (https://www.easy2name.com/) - let's avoid increasing the Lost Property Mountain!

And finally, Furze Platt Senior School's Christmas Concert on Wednesday 11th December - we're selling mulled wine, mince pies, white wine, J20,cola and snacks. Please come along (details of the concert will be published nearer the time) and bring some money to support us and have a delicious snack at the same time!

Thank you from the PTFA.

All of the wonderful lion and cub sculptures going to the Gala Charity auction on Thursday 28th November can now be seen in the online catalogue at UK Auctioneers, along with photos, descriptions and estimates for each lion. For details please see the Auction page of the website at www.lionsofwindsor email auction@lionsofwindsor.org phone the Lion Team on 07720 880088.





FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL ARE IN THE LIMELIGHT!

The PTFA believe that a creative mind and imagination help to develop emotional intelligence, language and communication skills so we're excited to be getting behind the school's New Hall Theatre campaign.

The school is benefiting from a New Main Hall as part of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead expansion project and with the support of Governors the school will be creating a brand new theatre.



Our New Hall Theatre will be transformed into a multi-use space which can be converted from its daily use for assemblies etc., to a state-of-the-art theatre facility. Whilst governors have provided the majority of funding towards the equipment, the PTFA have been asked to raise the final £34,000 to create the high quality performance space that will provide maximum benefit to our students and community.



TO DONATE PLEASE VISIT: DONATEMYSCHOOL.COM/FURZEPLATT

Please support us by making a donation through our campaign page. This allows us to collect gift aid, boosting your support by 25%!



We believe this would be a fantastic addition to our wonderful school so we really hope that you can get behind the project and help us to raise the necessary £34,000 to make it happen!

Further information about the campaign can be found in the New Hall Theatre Details document which you can download from the campaign page.

To make a donation, please use the DONATE button on the campaign page.
Thank you for your support!



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IT Support Engineer - ASAP

Part time, 37 Hours per week – preferred start time no later than 8am - Monday to Friday, all year round - Scale 5 – Actual salary range £23,208 - £25,624pa

We are looking for a team player to join our IT team at Furze Platt Senior School and work with the IT Strategy Manager to support the delivery of the school's strategic IT plan.

Responsibilities will include:

- Provision of efficient and timely responses to incidents and requests for support, prioritising requests and managing workflow accordingly.
- Detection, diagnosis and resolution of computer network and peripheral device faults obtaining additional support where required.
- Setting up equipment such as computers, data projectors, sound systems and other specialist IT
 equipment ensuring they are ready for use.
- · Working with staff, vendors and service providers to ensure a productive IT environment within the school.
- Actively contributing to the IT related security of the school to minimise and mitigate potential hazards and risks.

We are looking for someone with strong technical ability as well as analytical and problem solving skills to solve IT hardware and software problems. You must have a competent knowledge and understanding of IT networks including in depth knowledge of Windows. The ability to communicate verbally and in writing is also important as well as strong organisational and time-management skills.

For further information about this role and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Application forms should be returned to gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Closing date: Monday 2nd December 2019, 9.00 am Interviews will take place: week commencing 2nd December 2019



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Let's chill through meditation!

What are we doing? Meditating for 5-10 minutes.

Why are we doing it? To become more aware of our thoughts and infuse our day with a positive, calm approach, setting the tone for the day/week ahead.

When is it taking place? Mondays, break 2 (2 to 2:10 pm)

Where? E1



ALL STUDENTS WELCOME ©

"Meditation is like a gym in which you develop the powerful mental muscles of calm and insight."-

Ajahn Brahm



DOES FURZE PLATT HAVE BRITAIN'S BEST BAKER?!

