



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by saying a big thank you to all parents and carers for their support in these difficult and unprecedented times. It has been a tricky week with concern for staff and students self-isolating mixed with the government's directive to keep the school open until Friday.



Despite announcements about school closures on Wednesday, the future remains uncertain. We will endeavour to keep you updated on when Furze Platt Senior School may reopen, as well as how our Year 11 and 13 students may be rewarded for all their hard work now that we have learned examinations will not happen this academic year.

As we isolate I am sure that finding ways to keep busy will become a greater struggle. I am keen that each student uses their time wisely and maintains regular study habits. However, I also think this time offers an opportunity to learn something new. This week I have been speaking to students who intend to use the time to learn to juggle, play new card and board games, write a short story, play the flute and learn a language. Whatever your passion this is a great opportunity to pursue it and I encourage students to do so.

Please keep checking Show My Homework to see what work has been set. Students should also read their emails regularly to monitor correspondence from teachers. Please keep in touch with us if you need to (tutor's email addresses can be found on the link below).

[CONTACT US](#)

I think we all feel sad for our Year 11 and 13 who face current uncertainty about examinations and the future. We have suggested to students that they need to be prepared for every eventuality. This includes advising them to collect all their resources and materials and that they use the work set by our staff to keep their knowledge and skills 'topped up'. Our Sixth Form page has a list of 'Wider



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

All events are currently postponed or cancelled until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Further information will be sent out in due course.



Reading' that would support Year 11 and 13. For our oldest students, Mr Ging, Head of Sixth Form, will be sending out information regarding university applications next week.

## SIXTH FORM WIDER READING LISTS

Today we have held unexpected Leaving Events for Year 11 and 13. There are many mixed emotions as we are unsure if this is the last time staff and students are together at FPSS. This was not how we had expected to say farewell. If today was our last gathering with these students I wish each and every student the very best of luck. We will look to have a leaving event, whether Prom, Graduation, Celebration Evening or something else once school returns. We invite all our Year 13 students and any Year 11 students with plans to study elsewhere to join our Alumni:

[JOIN OUR YEAR 13 ALUMNI](#)

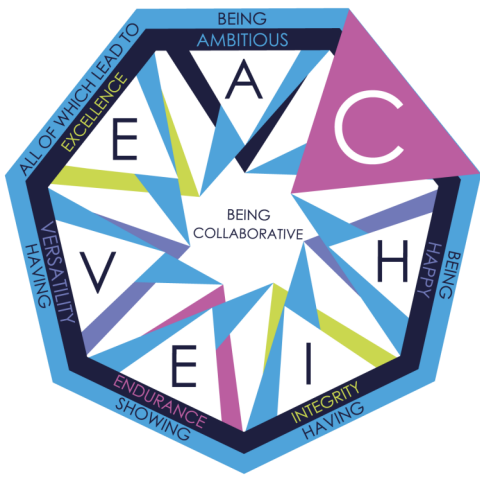
[JOIN OUR YEAR 11 ALUMNI](#)

At this difficult time, I send you and your families every best wish. Take care and keep well.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Andrew Morrison

Headteacher (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)



## REPORTS UPDATE

Due to the current circumstances, reports for Years 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13 will be delayed until Term 5.

## YEAR 7 PGL MEETING

### CANCELLED



Due to the recent government announcement regarding school closures, unfortunately the Parents Information Evening on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March is cancelled. As of yet, PGL are waiting for guidance as to how this new Government decision affects the running of PGL trips.

More information will be given in the near future so please keep an eye on emails for updates.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we are thankful for your support and understanding. I hope everyone is keeping well and safe.

Miss D Boseley, PGL Leader

## YEAR 11 SIXTH FORM PLACES (INTERNAL APPLICANTS)



Year 11 parents – If you have not already accepted Sixth Form conditional offers and confirmed your son / daughter's attendance to our Taster Days (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July), please email [Julietta.wilson@furzeplatt.net](mailto:Julietta.wilson@furzeplatt.net). Thank you.



**SIXTH FORM  
YEAR 11 APPLICATIONS  
BY FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2020**

## FOOD SHARE - SUPPORT IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE



We are currently liaising with Food Share who are dedicated to helping families, either if you are self-isolating or struggling with the demands of feeding the household while at home. If you feel you will need some support with food and essential supplies, please contact [fsm@furzeplatt.net](mailto:fsm@furzeplatt.net) with your name, how many people are in your household and any dietary requirements. We can then begin to liaise with this amazing company and prepare food supplies if necessary. The Food Share donations will be based at school and operate on a list of requests, so it is very important that you contact the email address above if you feel you need this support. If you are self-isolating but need some support, please continue to contact because there is a branch that is dedicated to supporting this too.

Miss E Satterthwaite, FSM Leader

## YEAR 11 PHOTOS

There are still a few Year 11 photos outstanding, please collect from the Admin Office by Main Reception today if possible.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR BUSINESS DEPARTMENT



Dear all,

Please find below some links for students to work through to deepen their knowledge of Business:

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**DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS UPDATE**

Further to the message about the school's closure to students we have made the decision to reschedule the BXM Expedition training day which was due to take place earlier this week.

As a direct result of this, the planned expeditions that were due to occur over the Easter holidays are also postponed.

Please be aware that we are uncertain how this situation may develop, but as far as we know, the Silver and Gold expeditions will still be going ahead in May half term and the Bronze expeditions in the summer term as planned. We may need to use October half term when rescheduling Silver & Gold expeditions.

We will be in touch as soon as we have new dates for the BXM Expedition training day and the Silver & Gold expeditions.

We still encourage you to continue to complete the remaining sections of the Award. Please do encourage your child to download the DofE app to continue with their DofE awards at home.

Here are some suggestions as to how activities for the Volunteering, Physical and Skills section could still continue from home for participants:

**Physical**

Walking

Running

Home based Youtube sports activities - such as yoga, pilates, HIIT classes

Cycling

**Skills**

Cooking

Baking

St John's Ambulance First Aid resource

**ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE FIRST AID RESOURCE**

Duolingo app for learning a language

Learning sign language

Gardening

Reading

Board games

Card games

**Volunteering**

Instead of going into care homes - give them a call or create post cards to send

Fundraise/raise awareness of the Coronavirus

In addition to this I will email students:

- Course companion notes
- Unit assessments
- Mark schemes for the Unit assessments
- The exam structure test/ answers.

You should also have your theme 1 and theme 2 revision packs.

I will email you 9 unit assessments; so you have plenty of work with regards to exam style questions/practice.

If you have any questions or require support or additional resources; please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Ms N Yousaf, Teacher of Business

**MESSAGE FROM OUR MATHS DEPARTMENT**

Mr Harris, Teacher of Maths, will be live-streaming Maths lessons on Youtube all next week.

You can access these at:

**MR HARRIS MATHS SCHOOL ON YOUTUBE**



Checking on elderly neighbours- leaving care packages at their door.

Ramblers – Don't lose your way

**RAMBLERS**

Litter picking in their local area- not in contact with others

Missing maps -

**MISSING MAPS**

Parkinsons charity -

**PARKINSONS CHARITY**

Recording wildlife helping

**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**

Cancer research charity -

**CANCER RESEARCH CHARITY**

Please see below an email template to obtain your assessor reports below:

Dear (Name)

I have now completed the required time for my DofE (Volunteering/ Physical/ Skills) section. I would appreciate it if you could write an assessor's report for me as evidence of the progress I have achieved towards my goals during this time. Please follow this link which will take you to the DofE Assessors' Reports site: <https://www.dofe.org/Assessor>

You will need my eDofE ID number which is: (Insert Number) My DofE Award level is Bronze / Silver / Gold. (The ID number can be found on the EDofE account, under the student's name)

The dates and my goals will appear on the report site and there is also further guidance on writing reports on this site should you need it.

Thank you very much for agreeing to be my assessor. Your report will enable me to complete this section and progress towards completing my DofE programme.

Kind regards

(Name)

Please feel free to email Miss Carty on [dofe@furzeplatt.net](mailto:dofe@furzeplatt.net) if you have any questions. Thanks for your continued support.



**FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL**



By Youcef Ait-Kaci (Year 9)



**Andrea's Karate**

For DofE, participants are required to complete a skills section. For bronze, this will either last 3 or 6 months. Andrea Crossa (Year 9) has decided to do karate for her skills section. Andrea goes to karate every Monday for 1 hour 30 minutes, which she has been doing for 6 months. In order for her to get a red belt, Andrea had to learn a variety of different punches and kicks, as well as self-defence techniques. Andrea also practices at home in her free time, as she loves karate. On the 15th, Andrea will be tested for her second red belt. If she passes, she will continue to train for her blue belt.

Well done to her!



## CROSS COUNTRY

### English Schools' National XC Championships

Ben Reynolds (Year 12) competed for Berkshire Schools at the English Schools' National XC championships at the weekend in Liverpool.

He finished 202<sup>nd</sup> out of over 300 finishers – a great achievement.

### NW London XC League

Well done also to Frank McGrath (Year 10) who won the U15 Boys' race in the NW London XC League.



## OUR NEW BUILDING

Thank you to Mark Henderson for the wonderful photos of our new building and to everyone who helped towards this.



### MESSAGE FROM BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

#### OPEN DAY - CANCELLED

It is with regret that we have had to make the decision to CANCEL the Open Day at Bourne End Junior Sports Club which we had planned for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, in light of the recent announcement from Government.

We hope to be reinstating another Open Day in the Autumn Term.

## DO YOU (OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW) NEED HELP?

Various groups have been set up locally to assist people who may need help. You can find Cookham SOS and Maidenhead Volunteer Group on Facebook, and there are more details on Furze Platt Help below.

We hope to be sending out newsletters during the school's closure so if you know of other groups locally please email [media@furzeplatt.net](mailto:media@furzeplatt.net).



## STAY SAFE

In the meantime, please look after yourselves, your loved ones and the wider community by taking the steps below and following advice from Public Health England. <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>



## Furze Platt Coronavirus help

If you, or somebody you know needs help during the Covid-19 pandemic then we are here to help.

### What can we help with?

- Food Collection
- Prescriptions help
- Food Share Deliveries
- Other help when needed (please ask)

*If you require help or want to get involved,  
please email:*

[FURZEPLATHELP@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:FURZEPLATHELP@OUTLOOK.COM)

*Cllr Reynolds &  
Cllr del Campo*

*On behalf of Furze Platt community help team*



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