

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

A Letter from Jurgen Klopp

Last week our newsletter covered the story of the letter one of our Year 7 students, Lewis Balfe, had sent to Jurgen Klopp about moving up to secondary school. The Liverpool manager's reply was thoughtful, considered and a help not just to Lewis but I am sure to many students in a similar position.



This was initially covered by the Maidenhead Advertiser but this week has gone global! On social media it has been retweeted worldwide and you may have had the chance to see Lewis on BBC Breakfast and Good Morning Britain. We also had Channel 5 News and ITN in school filming coverage of the story.

ITV NEWS

CHANNEL 5 NEWS

BBC NEWS INTERVIEW WITH LEWIS BALFE

GOOD MORNING BRITAIN INTERVIEW WITH LEWIS BALFE

It is to Lewis' great credit that his well-written letter to Jurgen Klopp elicited such a reply and the ensuing publicity. I am also delighted how FPSS staff have helped not just Lewis but all our students as we return to school. Starting or returning to FPSS after such a long time away was never going to be easy, but our attendance figures and positivity around site highlight all the work being done in this regard.

I would like to thank all students, staff, parents and carers who have been so supportive in this endeavour.

Cont. on page 2



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Some of our upcoming events may change due to the current situation (eg virtual or adjusted events). Full details will be sent out nearer the time of the specific event.

THIS WEEK

FRI 16
OCTOBER

Year 11 Progress Reports Published

All Day

NEXT WEEK (WEEK 2)

MON 19
OCTOBER

Year 13 Progress Reports Published

All Day

THU 22
OCTOBER

Year 11 Parents' and Students' Consultation
Information will be uploaded to our website

FR 23
OCTOBER

Year 12 Progress Reports Published (A2L Only)
End of Term 1

All Day



Liverpool Football Club
& Athletic Grounds Limited

Melwood Training Ground

Melwood Training Ground, Deybrook Lane,
West Derby, Liverpool, L12 8SY

Tel: +44(0)151 282 8888 Fax: +44(0)151 252 2206

www.liverpoolfc.com

Hello Lewis,

Can I start by telling you a secret? I get nervous. To be totally honest, I would be worried if I did not get nervous because when it happens it gives me the chance to turn that energy into something positive. I know it might be strange for a boy of your age to think that the Liverpool manager can feel the way that you do but I do.

From your letter it is clear that you are very thoughtful and also very caring and when you have these qualities it is very hard to avoid getting nervous. You asked me what I do when my players feel this way and the answer is simple – I remind them of how important they are to me and how much I believe in them and I have no doubt that it will be exactly the same for your family with you.

You do not need to worry about bad things happening. As you know, I lost more than a few finals and this isn't a good feeling but with the help of my family and friends I kept going and in the end we were able to enjoy some really good times. If I had dwelled on the bad moments I know that this would not have been possible so please be positive about yourself and look forward to the brilliant time that I know you will have growing up.

And don't forget that you are part of the Liverpool family and this means that you have millions and millions of people just like you who want you to be as happy as you can be. Your support means a lot to me and to everyone at LFC so I hope that this letter shows that we support you too.

You'll Never Walk Alone



Jürgen Klopp

Virtual Open Evening

We would be grateful if you could please publicise our Virtual Open Evening to any Year 6 students, their parents and carers.

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING 2020

2021 Examinations

This week saw the announcement of some of the details of what examinations may look like next summer. The government announced that students would be given slightly more time to prepare for examinations with most now taking place between Monday 7th June and Friday 2nd July. However, there will still be some smaller examinations in May before half term, as well as one GCSE Maths and one English examination.

Results days will now be Tuesday 24th August (Sixth Form) and Friday 27th August (Year 11).

There remains a lot that can happen in between now and the revised examination dates. However, the key message is that the government are still focused upon students sitting examinations and our FPSS students need to be revising and preparing to show all their skills and knowledge next summer.

**THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT IS AVAILABLE
HERE**

Staying Safe

Many conversations this week have centred upon the increasing cases of Covid 19, particularly in RBWM. I recognise that locally and nationally levels are rising and this is causing concern. It is all our responsibility to keep our community and school safe and I thank all of you who are helping this to happen.

Take care and keep safe.

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



"I am new to this school and I have settled in amazingly. Everyone has been so kind and I really feel at home."

Student Survey 2019

REPORTS -

**YEARS 7, 8, 9, 10
AND 11**



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 (link below) or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

Year 13 reports are due early out next week and Year 12 will be sent at the end of the week.

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

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

REPORTS SCHEDULE AND GO 4 SCHOOLS LOGIN GUIDE

SUPPORTING LEARNING

Preparing to Succeed



Please see our recent presentations for Years 9, 10 and 11 on the link below.

You can also see other years' presentations which are updated as the events (or virtual events) occur:

SUPPORTING LEARNING / PREPARING TO SUCCEED

YEAR 7 REFLECTIONS ON OUR ACHIEVE SCHOOL VALUES



"We are delighted with Furze Platt and would happily recommend it to all."

Parent Survey 2019

Bring a mask to school



YEAR 7 - SETTLING IN AT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

One thing I am really happy about is that I made lots of caring new friends. When I took a few days off, they messaged me and said that they missed me. Another thing that made me happy is when I got the highest score in my first math test 29/30.

I enjoy changing class every different lesson.

I love learning about migration in History

I have made friends mostly when I have played football at break

I have enjoyed my first month of Furze Platt

It made me smile when I met my friends on the way to music because I didn't have any friends and I felt like I belonged in.

I like Maths because I usually do a page of work.

I like science and art
↓
Mr. Melville
↓
Miss Holmes / Mr. Bohra

I have only got lost once.

Mr. Davies has made me happy because he is hilarious and funny and the best form teacher



and miss towel

The teachers have been much better than expected. I thought everyone would be strict/junkies but all the teachers have been really nice and/or funny.

I like at lunch you have to scan your finger it's really cool.

I made friends with a girl in Eton, Same as me, when we got our Computer logins. We had sat next to each other and we talked and became friends. I also became very good friends with her friend with ginger hair.

Making new friends and settling into class well.

I have enjoyed being able to have different classes in different places and I also enjoy buying food from the cafe.

Being able to see my friends again. What also made me smile is having very nice teachers.

getting to classes has been easier than expected, they know your way around in about two weeks.

QUESTIONS WE ASKED:

What has made you smile?

What has been better than you anticipated?

What lessons have you enjoyed?

What homework have you enjoyed?

Where have you achieved?

Where and how have you made friends?

I've made a few new friends, and have done well in my lessons

the trees are nice

Nice people

I like p.e. etc.



It was sun using our knife skills in good tech with cucumber

I have enjoyed the lessons I have participated in so far.

My friends have made me smile getting lost was better than I anticipated. My teachers have made me happy. I have enjoyed drama, English and Games.

I think excellence means you succeeded in something you tried your hardest in.

have achieved in Spanish

My favourite lesson is Drama because Mrs Bradley is the best teacher

I like Games and English
Mr. Delamain
Mr. Denny

I enjoyed SCIENCE!!

I have enjoyed English and P.E.

At Furze Platt, I have enjoyed maths, drama, English, art and p.e. I made friends with other people in my classes and break. I like the teachers in FPSS and they make lessons more enjoyable. I enjoyed most of my first few weeks at Furze Platt school.

I like that the school is bigger you have to move around to your classes and you have different teachers for every class

I enjoyed the math home work

the things that made me smile was making new friends. The school was better than I expected what made me happy was the Home work (very unexpected).

I enjoyed all the Home work I achieved in art I made friends in maths.

I have enjoyed Languages and English as I have lovely teachers.



Top 75 Cinema Rewards

The cinema rewards are taking place at the following times:

Year 7 – Tuesday 20th October P5 and 6

Year 8 – Wednesday 21st October P2 and 3

Year 9 Monday 19th October P3 and 4

Year 10 – Friday 23rd October P4 and 5

Students should look out for details of who has made the Top 75 on posters around school from Monday. Teaching staff will also know who is allowed to go and will be announcing names on Monday morning.

To access the cinema rewards, our Top 75 should queue for entry by the English block.

...AND SUPER STAFF



PEARSON
NATIONAL
TEACHING
AWARDS



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Well done to Mrs Crisford (Head of Food and Nutrition) and Miss Yousaf (Teacher of Business Studies and Economics), both of whom have been awarded National Teaching Award certificates.

"The stories that we have heard from schools and colleges across the UK have been simply inspirational yet again, and our judges had a tremendously difficult task in shortlisting finalists."

The mission of the Pearson National Teaching Awards is to celebrate and recognise excellence in education, everyone who has been entered for an Award should feel a sense of professional pride that they have been recognised by their colleagues. Congratulations to everyone who has received a certificate in 2020."

FRENCH

Linguists of the Fortnight

Year 7
Youcef Hamdad
Lilly Mae-Jones
Cristian Ionel
Fabien Mormech
Pol Martinez
Year 8
Annabelle Stratford
Zara Webb
Sam Cranch
Year 10
Sathya
Sathananthalingam
Leah Harris
Mabila Kalam
Balraj Kaur
Michael Lee Thorpe
Kate Lee
Niamh McCallion
Year 11
Arian Smith
Felix Earl
James Steed
Maja Mikolajczyk
Arian Smith



SPANISH

Linguists of the Fortnight

Year 7	Ravindu Jayakodi
Sagar Ganeshgu	Kornelia Jankowska
Nicole Mizikova	Pippa Largey
Jay Harvey	
Year 11	
Miguel Hope	Stanley Stevens
Adriano Cilia	Lillia Bowsher
Patrick Nechita	Megan Griffin
Avneece	Alexia Popa
Randhawa	Joe Ripley
Ned Ogden	
Josh Tucker	
Elodie Turner	
Lewis Balfe	
Milen Reehal	
Beren Celik	
Aleksandra	
Romasz	
Year 8	
Verity Lakovic	
Lydia Amoura	
Daniel Thompson	
Theo Streatfield	
Alexander Mora	
Jon Sanchez	
Chloe Wright	
Year 9	
Hazel Bidmead	
Lucia Puma Riso	
Year 10	
Jack Dunn	



GERMAN

Linguists of the Fortnight

Year 8
Ibrahim Ali
William Couling
Daiki Mercante
Year 9
Jessica Thomas
George Stiles
Nathan Macey
Jack Gulliver
Year 10
Aela Martin
Will Lonsdale
Max Fal
Lucas Bourne



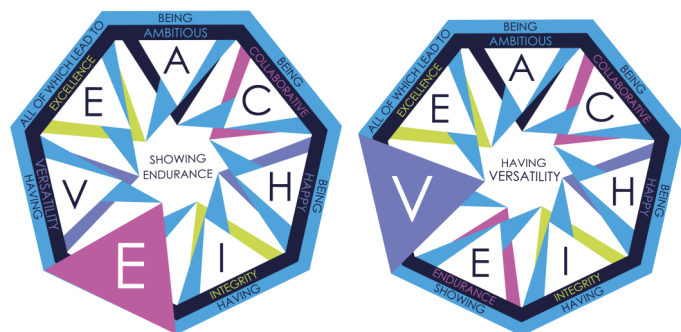


LINKEDIN

Furze Platt is now on LINKEDIN, please follow us for more news and updates.



FPSS LINKEDIN



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



IF YOUR CHILD HAS ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR THE BRONZE OR SILVER AWARD AND IS CURRENTLY IN YEAR 10 OR 11:

You should have received a letter from us with options as to how you wish to proceed. Please can you respond to the choices in the relevant letter (links below) by Friday 23rd October.

BRONZE OPTION LETTER

SILVER OPTION LETTER

Mr D Randall, Outdoor Education and Enrichment Leader

IF YOUR CHILD HAS NOT ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR THE BRONZE OR SILVER AWARD AND IS CURRENTLY IN YEAR 9 OR 10:

Please see the letter below on how to sign up for the Award scheme.

DOFE LAUNCH LETTER

Miss D Carty, Duke of Edinburgh Awards Manager

See page 11 for a DofE Halloween Competition



REMINDERS

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

Parents wishing to see more about our Virtual Open Evening can click here:

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING WEBSITE

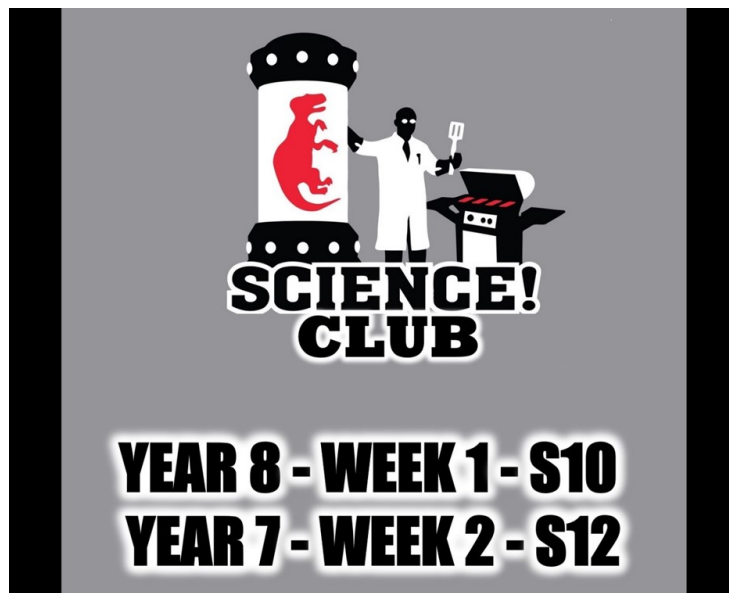
"The prizes that school gives for merits of work are very effective. It encourages students to continue striving."

Parent Survey 2019

SCIENCE CLUB - STARTS NOVEMBER 2020

Science club is starting back up after October half term for our Year 7 and 8 students. We will be alternating the year groups each week.

Starting on Monday 2nd November, Week 1 will be Year 8 students at 15:15 in S10 and then Week 2 on a Monday, our Year 7 students at 14:45 in S12.



STUDENTS WITH APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

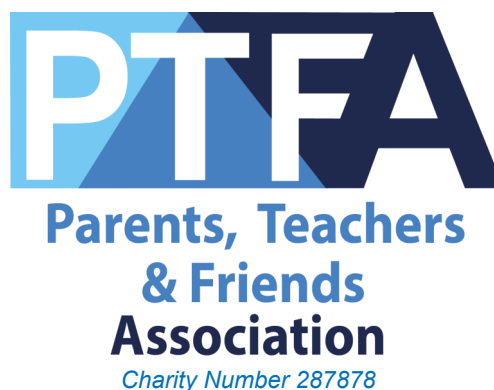
We recognise that occasionally students may need to leave site during the school day to attend appointments. Ideally appointments would be at the start or end of the school day to minimise learning missed. Where possible make any appointments after 1.45pm. When a student in Years 7-11 has an appointment we request that parents please email Attendanceofficers@furzeplatt.net to notify our attendance team. Students in those years must sign in and out at Main Reception when leaving for/returning from appointments; Sixth Formers must do the same at Sixth Form Reception and emails should go to our Sixth Form Manager, Mrs Pasa at mary.pasa@furzeplatt.net.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

At Furze Platt Senior School, we know and appreciate that our growing teenagers need to fuel their body and mind to get through the school day, especially whilst we adjust to being back to school. We are also aware of the cost this will have on parents. If this is a struggle for you, it may be worth seeing if you are eligible for free school meals. For more details please visit:

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

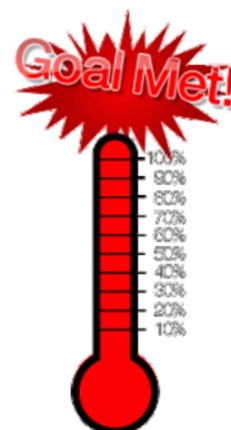
Any queries can be directed to our fsm@furzeplatt.net email address.



A special welcome to all those who are new to our School this term, in all year groups, and hope you have settled-in nicely.

The biggest and best news we can share with you is our Fundraising Total for last year.....drum roll please.....**a staggering £47,000!!** Much of our campaign was driven to provide the internal fixtures and fittings for the New Theatre, for which we raised almost £35,000.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has volunteered their time, energy, expertise and skills over



Cont. on page 7



the last few years because we would not have reached such a phenomenal fundraising achievement without you. However, we would appreciate your assistance again (and everyone else's) this year, please, because we are seeking ways to raise funds to purchase more goods and equipment that the school budget prevents. We welcome all your ideas and thoughts on activities so please email us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

Since every charity has seen their revenue stream and fundraising opportunities affected this year, we are no different. We imagine you have become quite masterful in using Zoom and Teams to join quizzes, campaigns, performances and classes now which will be handy as we may hold a Meeting this way in the next few weeks.

We consider it is beneficial that you see how we have spent your donations and hope it will encourage you to participate in our activities in the future.

So far this term, the PTFA have funded an extra £4038 for items below that were necessary for the new way of learning:

Food Tech - Food Mixers x 20 = £520



Food Tech - Aprons = £284.34



Technology Dept - Sewing machines x 10 = £2259.60



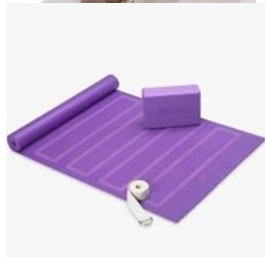
English Dept – Books to extend the diversity of reading = £300



Psychology A level – life size Brain models x 32 = £384.00

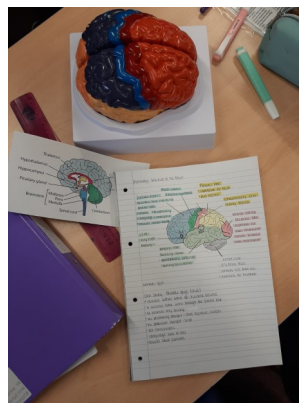


PE & Extra-Curricular - Yoga mats x 22 and Yoga blocks x 10 = £344



YOUR FUNDING IN ACTION IN THE CLASSROOM

with thanks from our Psychology Department!



Fundraising – we need your help!

At the moment, circumstances mean we are unable to hold 'on mass' Uniform Sales or our legendary Quiz night this November, so we are hoping to pick up the reins next year and bring you the Big Quiz 11 as soon as possible. In the meantime, we have a number of fundraisers in which we would encourage you to participate.

Who wants to be Cash Prize Winners? Then join The 200 Club



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. The PTFA and 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

Cont. on page 8

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:

200 CLUB: ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

200 CLUB: MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

Who Shops online? Then you could Donate for FREE!



Did you know that eBay, Argos, M&S, John Lewis & Partners, Compare The Market and thousands of other retailers will donate a percentage of your shop to us? The PTFA and school will receive a donation from the retailer following your online purchases. Given that Black Friday, Primeday and 'gift day' is fast approaching for the Christmas shopping season, please register with your email address. We have earned over £4000 over the last few years so we'd like you to participate to increase our membership and potential income. It's FREE to register with Easyfundraising.org.uk, takes 3 minutes and a Win Win for both of us.....what's not to like?!

SUPPORT FPSS WITH EASYFUNDRAISING

Secondhand Uniform for Sale – who needs spares?

We still have a healthy stock of very good condition uniform (daywear and PE) plus some footwear at very reasonable prices. Payment can be made by bank transfer or by cash. Please email us your sizes and we'll get your order bagged up and ready for collection: ptfa@furzeplatt.net



Matched Funding/

Community Support

Do you recognise your employer? If so, please make enquiries regarding their charitable scheme. We were awarded £14,000 last year from various companies. Our registered charity, Furze Platt Senior School PTFA and number 287878 will be required, plus some other details so please contact us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

Can you help us access fundraising from your employer with MATCH FUNDING schemes?



Gift Aid – as if by magic, every £1 becomes £1.25!

We are a Registered Charity, **number 287878**, and entitled to reclaim thousands of pounds from the HMRC, so please always tick 'Ye s' when asked.

Uniform – has it gone AWOL already?

Can we avoid building a Lost Property Snowman/Mountain?

easy2name



We would greatly appreciate your purchase of any labels (not just clothing ones) from Easy2name because the PTFA will earn commission. Just choose 'Furze Platt Senior School PTFA SL6' at the checkout – there's no special code to remember either!

[HTTPS://WWW.EASY2NAME.COM/](https://www.easy2name.com/)

Cont. on page 9

Donations - Ad hoc or One Off

Should you or anyone you know wish to make a donation without joining The 200 Club or purchasing lots of Secondhand Uniform or labels, then we would be delighted and enormously grateful to receive your electronic payments. There is no contract or regular debit unless you specify otherwise. For our bank details please email us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net



National Online Safety®

HM Government **NHS**

GOT SYMPTOMS?
SELF-ISOLATE
FOR 10 DAYS

LIVE WITH SOMEONE WITH SYMPTOMS?
SELF-ISOLATE
FOR 14 DAYS

5 to 15-year-olds
now spend up to
15 hours
a week online!

NOS National Online Safety®

Online Safety is paramount, so check out our free guides for parents & carers, providing top tips and advice:

ONLINE SAFETY GUIDE

Get creative this year and enter our Pumpkin Carving Competition!

Winner announced
Monday 2nd November
and chosen by our DofE
Ambassadors!
Tweet your entry to
[@DofESouthEast](https://twitter.com/DofESouthEast)

DofE
THE DUKE
OF EDINBURGH'S
AWARD

Win!
A DofE Clothing
item of your
choice!
Including
personalisation
on the front!

Learning Support Assistant – to Start November 2020

Part time, 30 Hours a week, start time 8.45am, finish time 3.15pm (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 the core Learning Support team and provide targeted support to our students with Special Educational Needs.

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).

Outreach Team Worker – To start asap

Part time, 30 Hours a week, start time 8.45am, finish time 3.15pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only. Actual salary £16,340 - £17,690 pa depending on experience

Furze Platt Senior School is proud to host the Shine Department, which helps young people with autism thrive and succeed in a mainstream school environment. We have an exciting opportunity for someone to work with the outreach team and provide support and training to schools within the Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

The successful applicant will be responsible for managing a caseload of students with a diagnosis of autism in mainstream education settings. This will involve working collaboratively with school staff to provide strategies and skills and enable them to improve their understanding of autism to allow them to support ASD students with their progress and attainment. You would also deliver targeted programmes to students either on a one to one basis or in groups, observe and record your observations and attend multi-agency meetings to provide advice and support in relation to students' needs within their school.

If you are a Learning Support Assistant or have experience of working with students with ASD we would welcome your application. Specialist training will be provided to the successful candidate. Use of a car is essential for this role as it requires visiting other schools in the Windsor & Maidenhead area (expenses will be covered).

For further information about these 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 2nd November at 9am
Interviews will take place week commencing 2nd November

Literacy Learning Support Assistant – to start ASAP until end of August 2021, Fixed Term Contract

Part time, 30 Hours a week, start time 8.45am, finish time 3.15pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only
Actual salary £13,680 - £13,950 pa depending on experience

We have an exciting Fixed Term role for someone who is passionate about supporting young people in achieving high standards of literacy skills. This role would suit someone who is confident in all aspects of literacy: reading comprehension, written and verbal communication and spelling. You will work under the direction of our Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion supporting the progress of targeted year 9 students using various programmes, strategies and materials which have already been developed. The catch-up sessions will take form of a mixture of one-to-one and small group literacy intervention. You may also spend some time in the classroom environment supporting students with literacy under the direction of classroom teachers.

If you already have experience working or supporting young people or if you are interested in gaining some experience perhaps prior to training to teach then this could be a great opportunity for 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 19th October 2020 at 9.00am
Interviews will take place week commencing 19th October