

**MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

**An Exciting End to Term**

While Covid guidance has prevented us from doing much of the extra-curricular activities we would have normally run this year, I am delighted at the commitment of FPSS staff and students to ensure we get some of these events before the end of term.



This week our marathon of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions have continued with students currently completing their Silver Award. Monday also saw our Year 10 Geographers on a visit to support their coursework.

Next week sees Years 9 and 10 having their Enrichment Afternoons led by staff and Year 12 students similar to those for Years 7 and 8 we ran previously. We will also see Sports Days for year groups (although the weather sadly postponed one this week).

Finally, with us being unable to take students on a trip to the Theatre our English department have taken a bold decision and decided to perform An Inspector Calls for our Year 9 students to help them understand this key text. I would like to thank all our staff and students who are making these events so memorable at the end of a difficult academic year.

**Covid Testing**

My entries in the newsletter have charted the impact of Covid Cases on schools regionally and nationally over the last few weeks. As you will have seen from my letter earlier this week, following a long time with no cases we were finally impacted.

Please keep home testing and staying vigilant for symptoms. While rules on isolations will be changing, currently they remain in place with the press reporting over half a million students off school as a result.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

**Some information for our upcoming events may change due to the current situation. Full details will be sent out nearer the time of the specific event.**

**Next week (week 1)**

<b>SAT 10</b> JULY	Lower / Upper House Ties Sale (Main Reception)	
<b>MON 12 - FRI 16</b> JULY	Year 12 (Virtual) Work Experience Week	
<b>MON 12</b> JULY	Year 8 GCSE Dance Workshop	
<b>WED 14</b> JULY	Year 8,9 & 12 Progress Reports Published	
<b>FRI 16</b> JULY	<b>End of Term 6</b>	12.30pm finish
<b>TUE 10</b> AUG	GCE (A Level) Results Day	8.30am – 12pm
<b>THUR 12</b> AUG	GCSE Results Day	8.30am – 12pm

**September 2021 (start on week 1)**

<b>WED 1</b> SEPT	INSET DAY	
<b>THUR 2</b> SEPT	Start of term for Years 7 and 12 only	
<b>FRI 3</b> SEPT	Start of term for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13	

**Water Safety**

This week I spoke to the Advertiser about water safety.

Please find the article here:

**MAIDENHEAD ADVERTISER ARTICLE-WATER SAFETY**

Take care and keep safe.

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

## SUMMER UPDATES



### COVID TESTING OVER THE SUMMER

Students are not expected to test regularly over the summer. However Lateral Flow testing kits are widely available from local pharmacies or can be ordered online should you wish to continue doing so. Testing will resume in September.

In line with government guidance, onsite testing will take place at the beginning of the autumn term – more details to follow.

### LOCKERS

Please can you ensure that students empty their lockers and remove any locks by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Any remaining locks will be cut off after this and contents bagged and put in lost property.

### UPPER SCHOOL TIES

Students moving into Year 10 in September are entitled to purchase an Upper School tie. These can be purchased from Reception for £8 and will be sold in our House Tie sale tomorrow (Saturday) also.

We are happy to accept old Lower School ties for school use if you wish to donate them.

### EXAM RESULTS DAYS

Year 13 Exam results will be available to collect 8:30am-12pm, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August in the Theatre.

Year 11 Exam Results will be available to collect 8:30am-12pm, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August in the Theatre.

If you are unable to collect your results in person please complete the results collection form available on the school website:

[Results Collection Form](#)



### IT SYSTEMS FOR SEPTEMBER INCLUDING HOME LEARNING ON GO 4 SCHOOLS

From September 2021 all home learning will be set on Go 4 Schools rather than Show My Homework. The school has been using Go 4 Schools for a number of years to report attendance, progress and behaviour to parents and by moving home learning into Go 4 Schools parents and students will have fewer platforms to log into.

In addition students and parents can see all Go 4 Schools information including home learning, attendance, progress and behaviour via the Go 4 Schools app which is available for free from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

To login to the GO 4 Schools App, your username and password are the same as the GO 4 Schools site.

In the new academic year FP Online is being replaced with FP Cloud, a Microsoft SharePoint powered intranet site for students and teachers to share work and resources connected to Microsoft Teams. Further information will be provided on this new platform shortly.

### GO 4 SCHOOLS MOBILE APP QUICK START GUIDE

YEAR 9  
YEAR 10

### ENRICHMENT AFTERNOONS

We are running Enrichment Afternoons in Term 6, in these two hour sessions students will be able to sign up to a range of activities. Some of the titles of these activities give you a sense of the diversity and include Prosthetic Theatre Make-Up, Escape Rooms and Gymnastics. These sessions will be run by our Year 12 with the support of staff. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. This will replace the normal Period 5 and 6 lesson.

Your child's Enrichment afternoon is on the following day:

Year 9: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Year 10: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

We hope they enjoy their afternoon.



## YEARS 7 AND 10 REPORTS

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 [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com) and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Please see here for our Guidance to Grading document: <https://www.furzeplatt.com/site/data/files/pdf/Guidance%20on%20Grading%202019-20%20003.pdf?pid=37>

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager



## CATERING ASSISTANT REQUIRED

TERM TIME ONLY / £8.91 HOUR

10am-3pm (25 hours per week)

*Innovate IFG*

Innovate Services Ltd are an Award-Winning Contract Catering Company specifically catering for Schools and Colleges across the UK.

We are currently looking for an enthusiastic **Catering Assistant** to be based with our fantastic team here at **Furze Platt Senior School**.

**We have one role available, working Monday to Friday, Term Time only (38 weeks per year)**

At Innovate Services Ltd, we're more than a school caterer. We're driven by creating a positive food culture and helping more students eat better food. Making a positive social impact is at the centre of our identity. We tirelessly learn, develop and make improvements in every way, every day.

**We are looking for someone who brings:**

- A real passion for food and an aptitude for following recipes.
- Great customer service skills and is very comfortable in a customer facing environment.
- Works well under pressure, and is comfortable in a very flexible, fast paced working environment.
- Enjoys learning new skills and has an enthusiasm for catering.
- Works well both on own, and as part of a team

**What we want to give you:**

- Term time employment which means 39 weeks a year and 4 weeks holiday
- Monday to Friday only (25 hours per week)
- £8.91 (In line with NMW age groups)
- Free uniform

Even if you have not had any experience before, we will give you all the training and tools you need to deliver a fantastic service.

Interested? Please email Debbie Horsfall, Café Manager at [furzeplatt@impactfood.co.uk](mailto:furzeplatt@impactfood.co.uk)

## INVITATIONS TO CLUBS

Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations to clubs for their son/daughter.

If you have not received an invitation please make sure you have saved [evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk](mailto:evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk) to your safe senders list and check your spam / junk folders. If you need further guidance please email [catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net](mailto:catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net).

Please see below a list of clubs for next week for your information (these should be booked via the online invitation system which was sent out last Monday).

Please note: we advise students bring water to their sessions in the warmer weather. Some clubs may not apply to all students as they are sent out by year group – just sign up for those which are relevant or of interest to your son / daughter.

### LINK TO CLUBS LIST



We are delighted to let you know that we will be offering the Bronze, Silver & Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards (DofE) to students in Years 9, 10, 12 & 13 from September 2021. We plan to host information assemblies for students and parents in September, with a view to students doing their practice expedition before October half term. These expeditions are also open to those who did not have the opportunity to complete them this year.

Please see the prices below for your information, which can be paid in installments. You will be notified via ParentMail when you can start making payments.

Bronze (Year 9) - £160

Silver (Year 10) - £290

Gold (Sixth Form) - £435

**MORE INFORMATION ON OUR DOFE PAGE HERE**

Congratulations to the students below who have recently gained their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We look forward to celebrating your success in assembly next term.

Aayan Ashraf	John Hern
Chase Beavis	Charlie Jelfs
Asha Blundell	Naushad Khan
Harvey- Leo Bond	Callum King
Oliver Bond	Callum Lloyd
Kye Bowden	Jenson Lu
Emily Dutton	Luke Maddox
Ashlyn Fray	James Parkinson
Jake Gallagher	Keshav Sathishbabu
Ben George	James Tapponnier
Teague Graya	Connor Webb
Thomas Hancock	Luka Wilson
JJ Harris	Finn T Wright
Owen Hayward	



Rashaad Derby (Year 9) has created a wonderful poster as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Please can you respond to their very brief questionnaire (link below poster) to help them complete their Award successfully. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## How Energy is being wasted?

**ENERGY  
SAVING**

### Here are Five things you can do at home to Save Energy

	<b>Leaving Lights off:</b> One of the most obvious energy-wasting habits is leaving the lights on, and it is also one of the easiest habits to fix. By simply turning off the lights when you leave a room or your home, you will save electricity and help your lightbulbs last longer. If you think you might forget, use a smart home system to remotely monitor your lighting from your smartphone.		<b>Unplugging Electronics:</b> Appliances and electronics use energy even when they are turned off. One tip to help save on utility bills is to unplug all electronics including TVs, computers, and phone chargers when they are not in use.
	<b>Using Incandescent Bulbs:</b> Incandescent lights consume an exorbitant amount of energy. A quick way to reduce energy use is to switch to energy-efficient bulbs. ENERGY STAR certified bulbs such as halogen incandescent, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and light-emitting diodes (LEDs) use 25-80 percent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and last up to 25 times longer.		<b>Browsing Your Refrigerator:</b> Those few seconds staring into the refrigerator add up. Every year, people spend around 10 hours looking at an open fridge or freezer, accounting for 7 percent of the appliance's total energy use. Another helpful tip is to open the fridge and freezer only when necessary and save your browsing for the pantry.
	<b>Washing clothes with hot water:</b> Almost 90 percent of a washing machine's energy is spent heating water. You can cut energy use in half by switching from hot to warm water and reduce it even further by using cold water. Unless you are trying to remove oil or grease, cold water sufficiently cleans clothing, towels and sheets.		

Which tip will you use, to SAVE ENERGY?  
THANK YOU!!

**CLICK HERE FOR RASHAAD'S ENERGY QUESTIONNAIRE**



## REMINDER

### HOME TEST REMINDER

## WHERE DO I NEED TO REPORT THE HOME TEST RESULTS?



Negative



Positive



Invalid

Results need to be reported both via the school's link and the NHS Test and trace site:

**REPORT RESULT TO THE NHS**

**REPORT RESULT TO US**



# “We are members of one body”

English Department presents

*An Inspector Calls*



**COMING SOON**



Parents, Teachers  
& Friends  
Association



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Contact us

Email: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) | Facebook: [facebook.com/fpsstfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfa)

ONE WEEK OF TERM LEFT!  
HASN'T THAT GONE QUICKLY?

TOMORROW - NEARLY NEW  
UNIFORM BIG SALE - ALL  
WELCOME!

7 helpers still required on Saturday  
and to clear up, so please get in touch  
asap via: [Facebook.com/fpsstfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfa) or  
email: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)



Date: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 10am - 3pm  
Location: Music Department

Trying on: very limited opportunities!  
Students, please wear shorts or skirts to aid changing

Don't forget to bring your carrier bags and mask!

Parking: use the 'top' carpark considerately,  
where possible please.

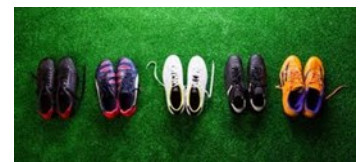
Payment please by card, bank transfer and/or  
cash, on the day.

STRICT DISTANCING MEASURES WILL BE  
IN PLACE

Please ensure face coverings are worn and  
sanitiser is used appropriately.

Blazers, raincoats, trousers, skirts, white shirts,  
v neck sweaters, games kit, football boots and  
shin pads will all be laid out.

Please come and make it a sell out event, whilst  
fundraising for iPads, a Nintendo Switch, bike  
shelters and a NEW canopy.



We appreciate your feedback greatly and  
welcome comments and ideas by email  
[ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) or through our  
Facebook Page [facebook.com/fpsstfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfa)