

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Careers and Higher Education Fair

On Tuesday we were joined by many businesses, colleges and universities at our Careers and Higher Education Fair. Our Hall and Theatre were buzzing as over 250 students in Year 9 to 13, their parents and carers investigated future careers and opportunities. The feedback has been very positive, and I thank you for your attendance. Such an amazing evening could only take place with the support of groups from across the region, as well as the FPSS community, coming together to help our young people explore potential paths beyond school - thank you all. A special thank you to Mrs Bubb, our Careers Leader, for organising it.



Sixth Form Parents Evening

Thursday evening saw our Year 12 Parents Evening. It was great to share with parents and carers how well students have started courses and offering advice for the future weeks and months. Next week sees the Year 13 Parents Evening which will very much focus on lessons learnt from the recent PPEs as we prepare students for the real examinations next summer as well as their apprenticeship, employment and university applications.

Covid

You will have heard in the news that face coverings are now



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)
[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

If information for any of our upcoming events changes due to the current situation, full details will be sent out to parents and carers.

Next week (week 2)

WED 8 DECEMBER	Christmas Concert	7.30pm - 9pm
THU 9 DECEMBER	Year 13 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening (online)	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 10 DECEMBER	Christmas Jumper Day (1)	

Forthcoming Events

FRI 17 DECEMBER	Christmas Jumper Day (2)	
	End of Term (back to school Tuesday 4th January 2022)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22

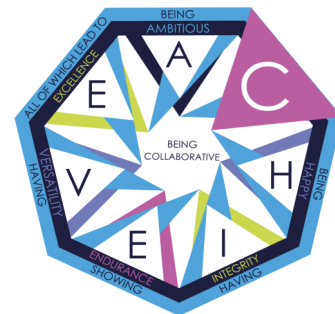
recommended in schools across England. Please ensure your child has one and uses it not just in school but also in our local shops. With the Omicron variant, the government is keen that we keep testing twice weekly and your assistance with this is appreciated. We also learnt last Friday that we will be asked to test students on their return to school in January. Please help keep our community safe and keep your children at home if they have symptoms.

Inter House Sports

Finally, good luck to all our students over the next fortnight as they take place in our inter-house sports competitions.

Take care,

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



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Governors have certainly been kept busy recently, not least of all with the short notice Ofsted visit last week of which we will all hear more in due course.

Our School is held in high regard locally which is evidenced by the huge turnouts for our Main School Open Evening, Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers and Higher Education Fair (held this week).



Having been myself and received feedback from other governors and parents I cannot speak highly enough about the way these events are organised and how well our students acquit themselves. Whilst these flagship events really showcase our school and the facilities we have they also empower our students to take more responsibility by getting involved and help them develop valuable skills.

The Careers Fair (for those in Year 9 and above) really helped open our students' minds to some of the possibilities available; further education, university, apprenticeships, vocational or straight into a career. Many enthusiastic advocates of their chosen profession or educational establishment gave valuable insights to our students and we must be grateful for their participation and to our team here for the organisation and hard work that went into making this event such a success. In fact the only complaint I have had was from a work colleague that her son's school never has any careers events. However the Careers statistic that I still find incredible is that for those being born now over 50% of the jobs they will be doing when they leave school haven't yet been invented.

The latest in our 'Meet a Governor' series can be found in this newsletter. This week features Janet Fitzgibbon, Parent Governor.

Gavin Tisshaw, Chair of Governors



YEAR 13 PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 9th December

BOOK APPOINTMENTS

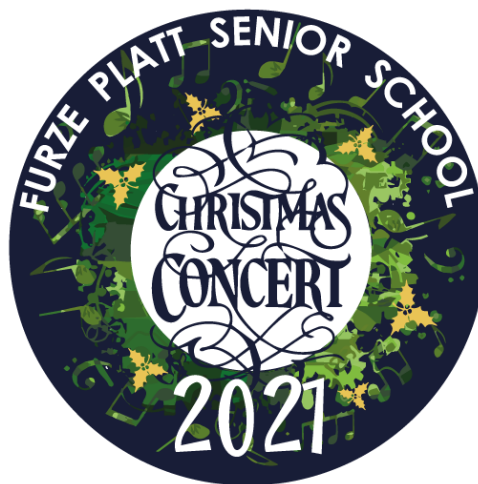
Guidance on how to use our virtual parents evening system can be found below.

HOW TO ATTEND APPOINTMENTS OVER VIDEO CALL

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 7.30PM



The Performing Arts Department would like to invite you to the 2021 Christmas Concert.

All our fantastic school ensembles will be involved with some of our talented students taking to the stage as soloists. Featuring a mix of classical, popular and Christmas music, the night is set to be a spectacle of Furze Platt talent.

The concert will be held on Wednesday 8th December in the Theatre starting at 7:30pm. Tickets are available to purchase now via your child's ParentMail account and cost £3 each.

Refreshments will be available to buy during the interval of the concert so please do bring money; we do request that visitors to our school please wear a mask.

We look forward to seeing you for what promises to be a fantastic evening of musical entertainment.

Miss R Bailey and Miss N Clapperton

Teachers of Music

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 BRASS TASTER SESSIONS – LIMITED NUMBERS

Tuesday 7th December

A Brass teacher from Berkshire Maestros is coming into school to give a demonstration on the French horn, Trumpet and Trombone on Tuesday, 7th December. Students will then be able to sign up for 15 minute slots in the afternoon to have a go on these instruments. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved in but due to Covid restrictions, numbers are limited to 25 for this event. Please sign your son/ daughter up through EVOLVE to reserve a place; you can find this in the original email sent out 22nd October.

Please note priority for these Brass taster sessions are being given to students in Years 7 and 8 but please contact Miss Bailey (Rhiannon.bailey@furzeplatt.net) if your son/daughter in another year group is interested.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December

Christmas lunches will be available from the café on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December during both breaks.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS

Friday 10th December and

Friday 17th December (last day of term)

Students are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on Friday 10th and Friday 17th December with their usual uniform of shirt, tie, trousers/skirt and smart school shoes. If students do not wish to wear a Christmas jumper they must wear their blazers as usual.

LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

FRENCH

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3 French	Daiki Mercante
Alfie Everson-Plant	Divhyadharshini
Ethan Hayward	Vishnukumar
Blake Cockram	Alistair Bailey
Jude Sanders	Will Couling
Aleks Koziak	
Mohammed Alhashimi	KS4 French
Louis Bryant	Beatriz Bartarin
Toby Holmes	Madeleine Sellman
Akash Rudrapatna	Rafael Orford

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HOUSE CHALLENGE

Week 4 - Art & Literature



Tutor Group Results

Tutor Group	Bisham	Bray	Cookham	Dorney	Eton	Henley	Marlow	Windsor
1		305		265	175	235	145	280
2	190	135	160	170	155	140	315	200
3	125	195	220	160	190	150	220	200
4	170	195		220	200		165	
5		205	155	185	155			190
6	160		200	210	180	210	185	165
7	145		205	150	145		205	150
TOTAL	790	1035	940	1360	1200	735	1235	1185

Congratulations to **Dorney House**!

Well done to everyone in Dorney House for being this week's winners, closely followed by Marlow and Eton Houses.




GERMAN

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3 German	Jamie Metcalfe
Jack Buy	Kacper Wrobel
Frayne Pinho	Daniel Gibbon
Samrah Rashid	
Daisy Mizelli	KS4 German
Eisa Ali	Clarissa Brewer
Salah Zaher	Raahi Singh
James Kinrade	Hadi Anabtawi
Quenisha De Abreu	Balraj Kaur
Ben Peck	Rene Hawthorn
William Couling	



SPANISH

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3 Spanish	Jimi Cox
Clayton Barry	Lily Slater
Luke Dean	Millie Wallis
Henry Camano	Alexandros Antonas
Sian McCallion	
Xanthea Owen	KS4 Spanish
Taylor Liam	Salma Tizniti
Owen Latmier	Benassar
Anya Choudri	Mason Ward
Anum Munir	Holly Bray
Tom Harrison	Ryan Hughes
Jessica-Jane Jones	Brooke Stevens
Jade Chong	Brandon Newport
Jay Harvey	William Tarbit
Diego Sousa	Ben Roberts
Geroge Norton	Kornelia Jankowska
Samuel Cranch	

MEET A GOVERNOR

JANET FITZGIBBON – Parent Governor

I am a mum to two boys, both at FPSS. I am a primary school teacher and Deputy Head of two schools within a large academy trust and have been teaching for over 20 years. I am passionate about education and the development of the whole child which is why I wanted to join the governing body. I am especially interested in SEND provision within mainstream schools.



In my own time, I enjoy running, bootcamp and taking on a variety of physical and mental challenges including obstacle course races. I'm very sociable and love to spend time with family and friends and meeting new people. I also support various different charities including Daisy's Dream and Mencap.

COVID TESTS

If your child needs a test kit they can be collected from school. We break up for Christmas on Friday 17th December so please ensure they have enough to test regularly over the holiday period and again before returning to school on Tuesday 4th January.

GCSE AND GCE CERTIFICATES 2021

Exam certificates for Summer 2021 are now available to collect from school.

Certificates must be collected and signed for by the candidate and where this is not possible please complete the Certificate Collection form on our Exam Forms page on the link below to authorise third party collection.

EXAM FORMS

HELP THE HOMELESS

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

The 9p DofE class are working with Aik Saath and Slough Outreach to organise a collection for homeless people in our

community for the volunteering section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. We would appreciate it if you could look at the list and bring in any items by Wednesday 15th December. It is really important to help those in need, especially now it's so cold! If you can spare anything, **please ask your son or daughter to bring them to the Portacabin**, which is located next to the bike sheds. We appreciate you taking the time to support with this.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Miss Carty on dofe@furzeplatt.net

Many thanks

Miss Carty and 9pDofE

HELP THE HOMELESS

Take action and be a part of the solution by donating at least one item from the following list...



Thermal socks
Gloves
Hat or ski hat
Thermal neck warmer
Jumper & joggers / Top & Long Johns set
Raincoat

Sleeping bag
Blanket
Insulated foam mat
Camping tent
Umbrella
Torch

Hand wipes & Baby wipes
PPE (disposable masks & gloves)
Hand cream
Shampoo & conditioner
Shower gel, soap
Toothbrush & toothpaste
Tissue packets
Chapstick

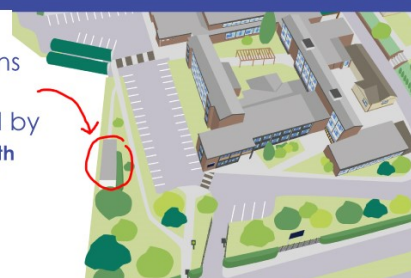
Crisps
Energy bars
Soup sachets
Soft drinks

HELP THE HOMELESS

RUCKSACK APPEAL



Please drop donations to the Portacabin, next to the bike shed by **Wednesday 15th December**





PHYSICS GENEVA TRIP

INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 13th December, 7pm

An information evening for parents of Year 12/13 students attending the 2022 trip to the CERN facility in Geneva, Switzerland will be held at **7pm on Monday 13th December** in the Theatre.



Attendance is strongly recommended to find out about the specific itinerary of the trip, have the opportunity to ask any questions, and to meet the staff involved. Please see ParentMail for further details.

INVITATIONS TO CLUBS

NEW: Parents and carers may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from any of the club emails sent to you in **two easy steps:** 1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs 2. Click 'create account' button.

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations to attend clubs last term for their son/daughter. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk and the links are safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance. If you have not yet received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

Please note:

* all bookings for this term must be made through the original email invitations (one for clubs and one for academic support clinics)

LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST



REQUESTS FOR FEEDBACK

1. FROM THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

The DofE want to hear parents' experiences of supporting their son or daughter to find access to suitable volunteering – if you can help please click on the link below.

DOFE PARENT/ CARER SURVEY

2. FOR INNOVATE CUSTOMERS AUTUMN 2021



Message from Innovate:

We would love to hear your views on the food served in your school. This survey is designed to be completed by pupils or parents and will help us better shape the service to you.

INNOVATE CUSTOMER FEEDBACK - AUTUMN 2021

3. CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR (CHEF)

We value your feedback. Please fill out our survey using the QR code below and help us make CHEF even better!

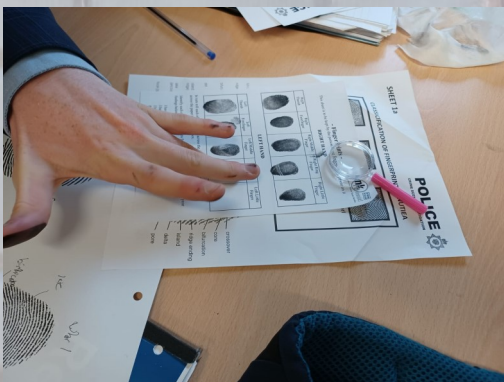
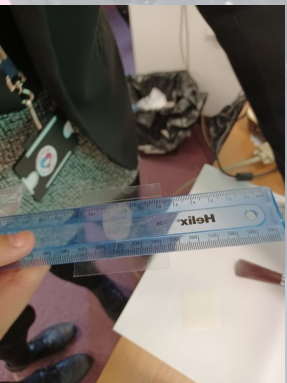
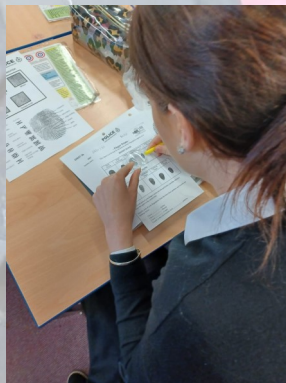
LET US KNOW HOW WE DID!

FORENSIC CRIMINOLOGY

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

YEAR 13 CRIMINOLOGY

Students continue their study of forensic techniques, this week concentrating on fingerprints and shoe impressions. Pictured: Bianca Purcea, Rebecca Hedges, Eliza Craker, Melissa Barnby and Flynn Bayliss.



CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS



COME AND WORK WITH US - CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT VACANCIES TODAY!

Lunchtime Controller to start as soon as possible

Vacancy for Lunchtime Controller to start as soon as possible

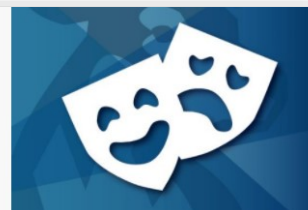
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Theatre Manager

Vacancy for Theatre Manager - 15 hours per week on a flexible basis

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Exam Invigilators

Vacancies for Exams Invigilators

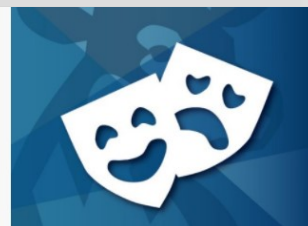
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Casual Theatre Technicians

Theatre technicians needed, to be employed on a casual basis

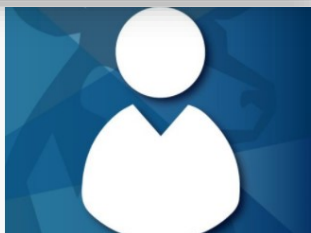
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Cleaners to start January 2022

Vacancies for Cleaners to start January 2022

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SEE PAGE 8: FOR JUST A FEW REASONS WHY FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL MIGHT JUST BE THE PLACE FOR YOUR NEW CAREER ...

WHY WE ROCK!



DISCOUNTED GYM MEMBERSHIP ON SCHOOL PREMISES

3-day free trial.

Monthly £26 compared with the full price of £30.

Other Borough wide discounts are available.

FREE use before 8am and from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

SCHOOL TRIP TRAVEL & EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Our school has a very exciting and varied school trips program. Providing plenty of opportunity to volunteer on school trips – yearly ski trip, previous Sixth Form expeditions to Indonesia and Mexico, Geography trip to Iceland, Physics trip to CERN and many more!



STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY AT FABULOUS OFFSITE VENUE

JOIN OUR
COMPETITIVE AND
FUN FURZE PLATT
FANTASY FOOTBALL
LEAGUE



5-A-SIDE STAFF FOOTBALL ON OUR ASTROTURF ON FRIDAYS

3.30PM-4.30PM

Casual, friendly staff football for all staff of all abilities.



INNOVATE CAFÉ

Serving healthy tasty food.
Easy to use Cashless System.
Free lunch on first INSET day, Xmas lunch, and afternoon tea in the summer term.

FRESHLY
BREWED
COFFEE AT
BREAK
TIMES

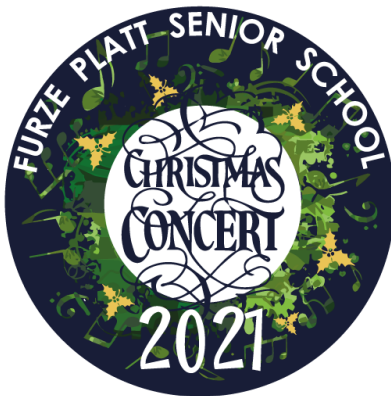


BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED AND EQUIPPED STAFFROOMS





Following our success in raising funds through the Quiz night and Tuck Shop, we'll be taking on another 'job' – offering Mulled Wine and Mince Pies during the Christmas Concert, next Wednesday 8th December. Bring cards and cash!



PLEASE HELP US BETWEEN 6.30PM AND 9PM

8 people needed for an hour or two

4 slow cookers to borrow

Get in touch asap:

ptfa@furzeplatt.net

<https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa>

MATCHED FUNDING/COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Do you recognise your employer here? Did you know you could claim a sum that contributes or matches the profit of the events we run? It's a tax advantage to your company to donate to a charity, like us. Give As You Earn through Payroll Giving is very well known, so follow this link and read up: <https://www.gov.uk/payroll-giving>

We were awarded a total of £14,000 between Oct 2019 and early March 2020 from various companies and individuals. Let us know what documents and data your company needs, by emailing us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

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



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ONLINE 'NON-EVENT' FUNDRAISING – RESULTS...



In one week, we have gained 1 new supporter on Easyfundraising and 1 new supporter on Amazon Smile.

WHY NOT LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE DONATING?



EASYFUNDRAISING

SMILE AMAZON

COPAS TURKEYS – POTENTIAL £10 DONATION PER ORDER

BUY ASAP TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT



Thanks again to our local independent farm, COPAS, for their generous offer. Please add our 'PTA TURKEY CASHBACK' product to your basket when ordering: <https://www.copasturkeys.co.uk/our-shop/>

Steps to follow:

1. Add a Turkey product to your basket first
2. Scroll through the product list or search "PTA" for the "PTA Turkey Cashback" item
3. Select Furze Platt Senior School from the dropdown list & add to basket.

Navigate to checkout & complete your order.

We really appreciate your feedback and welcome comments and ideas by email ptfa@furzeplatt.net or through our Facebook Page facebook.com/fpssptfa



AND FINALLY... FPSS STAFF TEAM CHALLENGE

You may remember during lockdown staff also took part in challenges, many set by Mrs Crisford, Assistant Headteacher. This term has been no different with staff challenged to decorate gingerbread houses. Well done to the winners, Mrs Phillips Headteacher's PA, and Mrs Hemsley, Exams and Student Support Manager .

