

**MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

**Year 7 Parent-Tutor Evening**

It was lovely to welcome so many Year 7 parents and carers to FPSS on Thursday to meet their child's tutor. This 'check-in' is designed so that we can talk about how students have started their FPSS careers. Children do not always present the same at home as at school, so it was great to address any issues, as well as offer much praise for the excellent start Year 7 have made to secondary school.

**Year 11 Progress Report and Parents Evening (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October)**

Next week is a key one for Year 11 students. Alongside their Progress Report which will be published towards the start of the week, on Thursday we welcome parents and carers into FPSS to discuss their child's progress. Nearly a term into Year 11, this is an important time to reflect on current strengths, as well as identify areas students will need to focus upon prior to their summer examinations.

We look forward to seeing parents and carers in FPSS next Thursday. Please also bring your children. Ultimately, they are the people who need to receive the praise or meet the targets discussed. It is their futures we are trying to support and it is important that they are there to listen, add their perspectives to the conversation and make any necessary changes.

**Inter-House Rugby**

Finally, it has been enjoyable to watch the competitive Inter-House tag rugby occurring this week. Congratulations to all those involved who have earned many points for their Houses.

Take care,

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS****ALL EVENTS****Next week (Week 1)**

THU 19 OCTOBER	Year 11 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 20 OCTOBER	End of Term 1	3.15pm finish
MON 23 - FRI 27 OCTOBER	Half Term Holidays	
MON 30 OCTOBER	Start of Term 2 (Week 2)	8.40am start

**SCHOOL TERM DATES****SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2023****YEARS 7, 10 AND 13 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).

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

**VIEW REPORT & GUIDANCE TO GRADING**

## YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 4.15-7.15PM



On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October there will be an opportunity for the parents/carers of Year 11 students to meet their child's subject teachers at Furze Platt Senior School. **Face to face** appointments will be available between 4.15-7.15pm in the Theatre and Main Hall.

Parents' Evenings are very important events that allow you to gain helpful insights into your child's progress, discuss upcoming pre-public exams and find out how families can support students with revision, therefore we would encourage you to attend the appointments with your child.

School Cloud is a platform whereby you will have an opportunity to book your appointments with your child's subject teachers in advance. In order to book appointments and for full instructions, either follow the link below or go to the Parents' Evening Bookings link under 'News & Events' on the front page of the school website.

[LINK TO GUIDE FOR PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS](#)

Appointments are available to book now and will close on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Miss R Lake, Deputy Headteacher

## YEAR 11 MATHS PRE PUBLIC EXAM MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER



All Year 11 students have their second **Maths PPE on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. This will be a shortened calculator paper.

Revision lists with suggested revision resources have been uploaded to ClassCharts and revision sessions have been running each Monday/Wednesday after school in the Maths block, which will continue throughout the year. Please do encourage your child to engage with all this support. Grades will be available to view in Go4Schools from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

FPSS Maths Department

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

### Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards



We are delighted to let you know that we will be offering the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) to students in Year 9 this year, the Silver Award to students in Year 10 and the Gold Award to students in Year 12.



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The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award.

Students will be having assemblies on the Awards next week; full details of how to book will be sent out next week.

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager

## YEAR 13 TRIP TO WOOLLEY FIRS

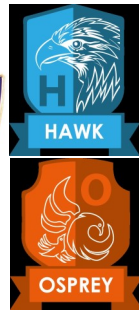


Students had a great time at Woolley Firs this week as part of their practical Biology studies.

They were given a talk on fieldwork and sampling techniques (random and stratified) and spent a lovely day accessing different methods themselves.

Thank you to everyone who supported this trip.





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW HOUSE CAPTAINS

Earlier this term all students in our school were given the opportunity to apply to be a House Captain to help support their Head of House.

Previously House Captains were leaders in managing duties within their year group, but this year we have chosen to select a range of students who will work across all year groups.

We are happy to announce the following students are our House Captains for 2023-24:



### Key Stage 4

Ria Harding  
Abigail Leech Baldwin

### Key Stage 3

Harriet Gibbs  
Henry Knowles  
Jackson Knott  
Daniya Hmeid  
Asmi Deorukhkar  
Aleks Koziak  
James Maher

### Key Stage 5

Naizel De Souza  
Tilly Adaway  
Liam Fitzgibbon



### Key Stage 3

Archie Craythorne  
Eliza Cannon  
Maryam Mohsin  
Seb Sutehall  
Abigail Downes  
Josh Mott



### Key Stage 5

Sarah Kafori  
Madeleine Sellman

### Key Stage 3

Mya Birk  
Zuzanna Dabrowa  
Sienna Cooper  
Erin Banks  
Ethan Burt

### Key Stage 4

Lily-Mae Jones  
Renee Dias

### Key Stage 5

Musa Ali  
Heidi Grant  
Fatima Habbouli

### Key Stage 3

Thea Winrow  
Hayden Appleyard  
Albie Cozens  
Saachi Thakar  
Dilraj Rooprai  
Jay Weaver



### Key Stage 5

Clarissa Brewer  
Ruby Sanderson  
Lola Ogden  
Jamie Motion





## Cross Country English Schools' Athletics Association

A huge well done to all students who represented Furze Platt in the ESAA Cross Country Cup Competition. Special mention to the Junior Boys who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and will be competing in the next stage.

Pictured: Archie Charles, Joe Brooker, Jack Admans, Lukas McLachlan, Raffa Parracino, Alexander Davison, Fabien Mormech, Toby Holmes, Sophia Mormech, Sienna Cooper, Neve Brett, Willow Pickering, Evie Smith.



### U14 Boys ESFA Football Team

Congratulations also to Tommy Tucker and Ethan Heywood who have both been selected for the U14 Boys ESFA County Football team.



### Girls' Rugby



Adding to this week's sporting successes, well done to our U14 Girls' Rugby team who won their fixture on Tuesday 5 tries to 4.

Pictured: Ellie McCaffery, Alissia Thomas, Sian McCallion, Hannah Peck, Niamh Smith, Sienna Cooper.



Last Monday Janet Lacey from 'Not Just Travel' came in to speak with the Year 11 Travel and Tourism students. Janet is a local independent travel agent who has built up a successful business arranging tailor made holidays. She shared her experiences of planning a wide variety of holidays from cheaper short breaks to those where money was no object to celebrate special events.



Her visit was planned to coincide with the assessment task that the students are currently working on. The students have to plan a trip for a given customer profile and they need to make sure they meet the needs and preferences of that customer.

Students had the opportunity to ask Janet her advice as to what she would plan for this customer, and they will be able to use this as they write up their own plan in the coming weeks.

Thank you, Janet, for providing them with such a wonderful opportunity and we wish them luck with their assignment.

Mrs J Stimson, Head of Travel and Tourism

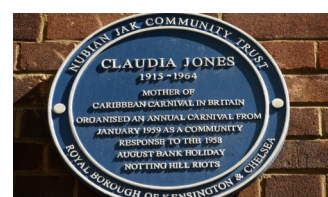


**BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH**  
**OCTOBER 2023**

Black History Month, which is in October each year, celebrates the contributions of Black people both here in the UK and across the world.

### CLAUDIA JONES

Claudia Jones spent her life fighting for tolerance and equality, which led her to become a founder of the much-loved Notting Hill Carnival.



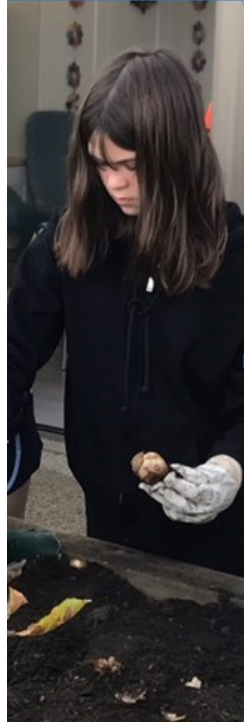


## BESSIE WRIGHT YEAR 7

Well done to Bessie Wright, pictured representing Furze Platt at this week's charity event for the Thames Valley bulb planting afternoon.

The event was held at Thames Hospice on Saturday 7th October.

Bessie is pictured planting bulbs in memory of her Nana who died in a hospice a year ago.



Thames hospice



## TURING CHALLENGE

### Final Round dates:

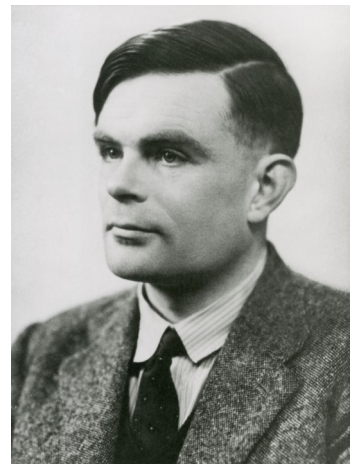
Year 7 - Monday 16th October

Year 8 - Tuesday 17th October

Year 9 - Thursday 19th October

Year 10 - Wednesday 18th October

Year 11/12/13 - Friday 20th October



Challenges will take place during Form Time.

Students will receive an email and be informed by their Form tutor if they are in the final.



## AUTISM IN GIRLS TALK

**New date:** 7pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – in our Theatre.

For those who have requested their tickets to be transferred, this will be done in the next few days.

We are joined by Cathy Wassell, who runs the charity, Autism in Girls Network, to talk about how girls are often diagnosed much later than boys due to misconceptions about how it presents itself.

Cathy is the mother of a child with autism, who was only diagnosed aged 13 after a mental health crisis.

She can talk both personally and professionally and gives practical tips and techniques for those who care for children and teenagers.

Ticket prices are £5 to cover the cost of hosting Cathy at our theatre. Book here:

**BOOK TICKETS**

For any other enquiries contact [theatre@furzeplatt.net](mailto:theatre@furzeplatt.net)

Mrs M Holden, Theatre Manager





**Wednesdays**

**7.40 - 8.30**

**Fitness Suite**

**Years 7-11**

## TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023)



**\* New booking email for next term will be sent out on Friday 20th October \***

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations on Friday 8th September to attend clubs for their son/daughter. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address [evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk](mailto:evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk) and the links will be 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.

Students have also been sent a copy of the clubs available but parents and carers will need to book the clubs your son or daughter would like to attend. We do encourage them to try as many as they are interested in – with over 60 clubs and academic clinics we are sure they will find a number of activities they really enjoy!

### MY EVOLVE

In addition, 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 the club or academic support clinic emails sent to you in two easy steps:

1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs/clinics
2. Click 'create account' button.

A list of clubs is updated every Friday afternoon on our website here:

### SCHOOL CLUB LIST



### MORNING FITNESS

Well done to all our Morning Fitness students, pictured during this week's workout in our superb Fitness Suite.

Students are welcome to come along - it's a great way to start the day!



### BTEC SPORTS STUDIES



This week also saw our BTEC Sport Studies students engaging in some yoga to fully appreciate the benefits of the training method.

Mr C Djaelani, PE Teacher & Head of Progress

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LUCKY WINNERS!



Many congratulations to the latest winners of our 200 Club cash prizes who are each £200 richer after their numbers were drawn at our PTFA meeting this week.

To be in with a chance of winning at our next draw please click the link below.

**JOIN THE 200 CLUB - £5 PER MONTH**

## WHAT'S COMING UP?



Your dedicated PTFA Committee consists of Neil, Gill, Carina and Lorraine who are getting to grips with the new school year, too. We will keep you up-to-date with our fundraising news and dates through these newsletters, the Facebook year groups and our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa>

Please get in touch with any fundraising ideas, feedback and thoughts by emailing us:

[PTFA@furzeplatt.net](mailto:PTFA@furzeplatt.net)

For any uniform requests:

[PTFAuniform@furzeplatt.net](mailto:PTFAuniform@furzeplatt.net)



## Data and Admissions Manager

### Start Date: As soon as possible

Permanent, Full time, 37 hours a week, start time between 8 and 9am, finish time between 3.30 to 4.30pm (depending on start time/includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Thursday with a half hour earlier finish on Fridays, term time only plus 7 days (which includes two INSET days)

Actual salary £33,750 - £37,240 pa depending on experience (pay award pending)

Do you have experience of and enjoy working in an environment where management information systems and Excel are used to provide high quality data management, and analysis? We are looking for someone to track the achievement and progress of all our students in school. You would also manage the schools Admissions Policy liaising with parents and carers to secure our Pupil Admission Numbers both via the In-Year transfers (Year 7 to 11) process and managing the new Year 7 admissions process.

Furze Platt is a highly successful mixed comprehensive school serving the children of Maidenhead. At Furze Platt, 1500 students of all abilities develop the skills and qualities to enable them to excel in the future. We are a highly ambitious, high-achieving and fully inclusive school in which our students are challenged and supported to achieve excellence.

We offer a friendly and harmonious campus, and we support the physical and mental wellbeing of all our staff. Discounted membership is available for the use of a fully equipped and well-maintained gym on-site. All staff have access to an employee advice programme which offers information, resources, and a counselling service. We reward long service and encourage community spirit through various social events including a Christmas party, sports after school and various House competitions. Parking is free, as are tea, coffee, and edible treats to help you through the week! Our Senior Leadership team recognises the value of our support staff attending whole school training, job specific training and opportunities to learn about students they may be supporting, hence our commitment to their attendance on our September INSET day and one other INSET day during the academic year. A free lunch is also provided giving staff the chance to welcome new members of staff and share news and ideas.

If you have strong organisational and time management skills, can work under pressure to meet important deadlines, and have an excellent understanding of MIS and Excel we would love to hear from 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](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Interviews will take place: as soon as is practicable**





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