

**FURZE  
PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL



# Year 6 Parents and Carers Information Evening Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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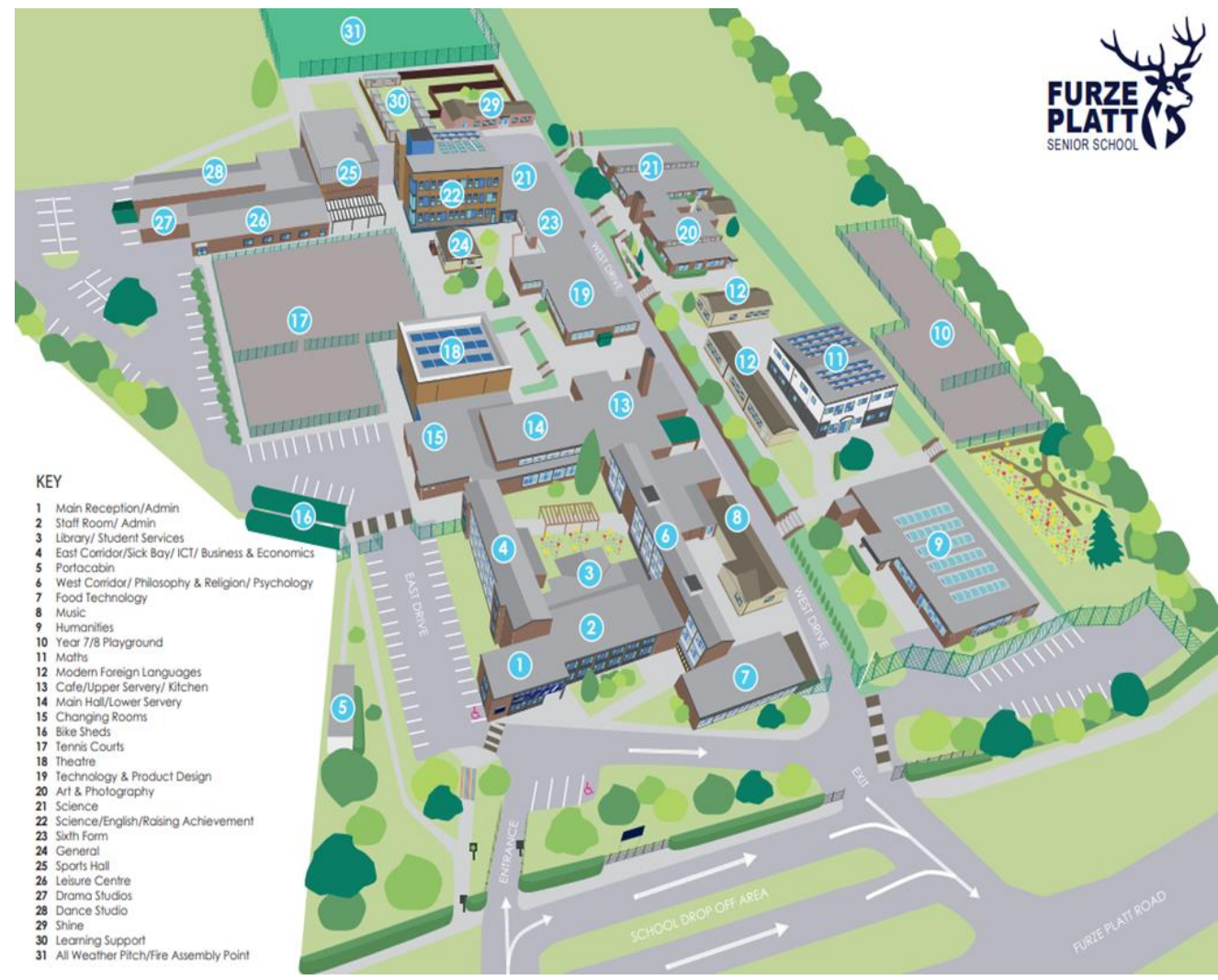
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# Secondary School Transition

- We are welcoming 257 students this academic year
- Big change for parents and students
- New challenges
- New school site



# Key Stage 2 - 3 Transition

- Transition is the move from KS2 to KS3
- Our aim is to make this as smooth as possible for students and parents
- Communication with the primary schools to ensure a smooth transfer to give your child the best start
- Transition co-ordinators, SENCOs, Medical Officer and the pastoral team will be in contact with the primary schools, teachers, students, SENCOs
- Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Taster Days**



# Transition days: 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July

Enhanced transition day: Wednesday 26th June invite only

- Students will be met when they arrive on site
- Come to school in junior school uniform
- Please bring a pencil case and packed lunch
- House ties can be purchased on the day for £8



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- Some students may wish to walk home after the taster days in July
- Please email transition to confirm your child has permission to walk home alone/with friends
- In the email please state the student's full name, and your relation to the child



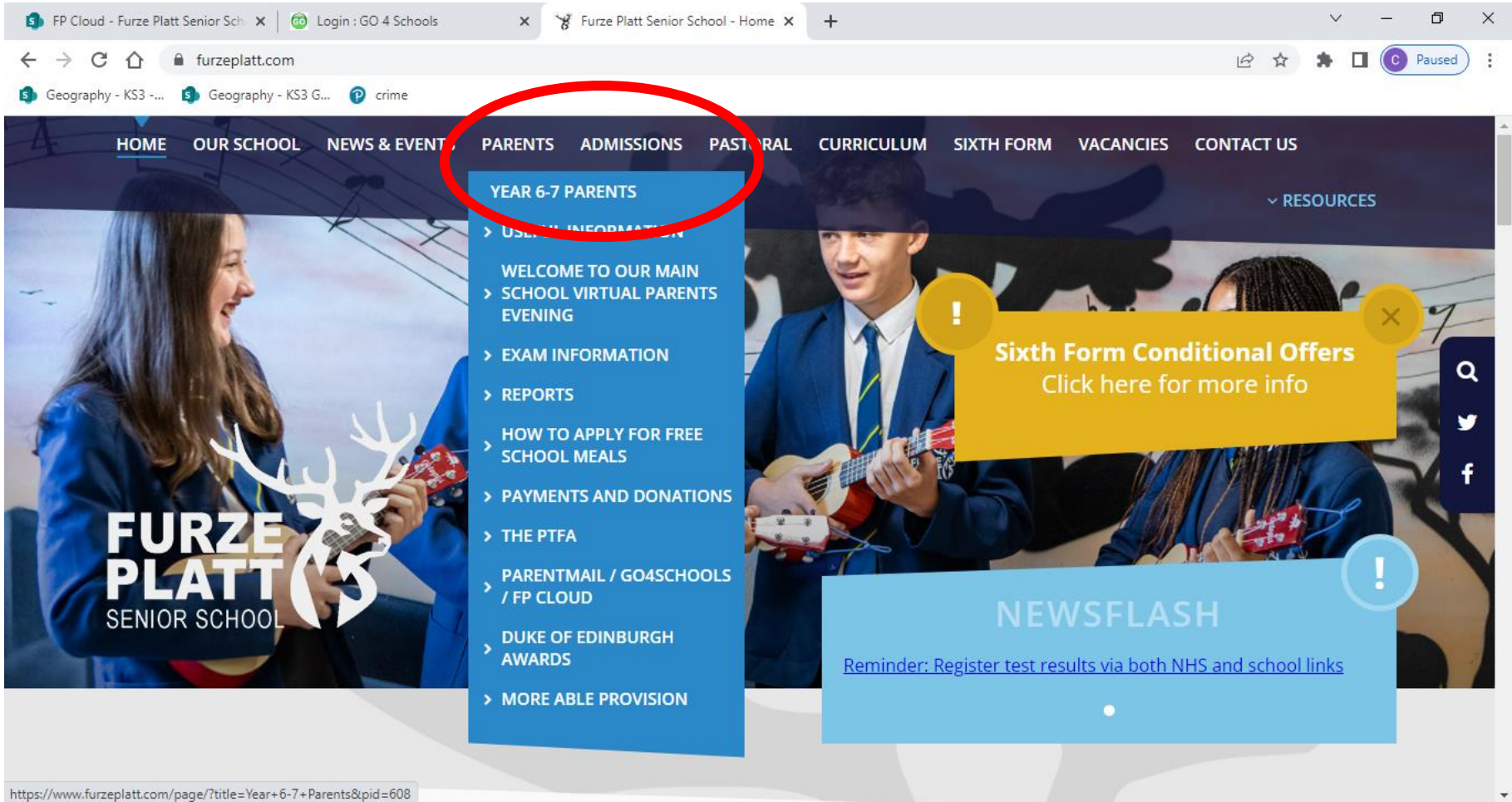
# ACHIEVE

WE WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO ACHIEVE WITH US





# Transition on our website



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [furzeplatt.com](https://www.furzeplatt.com). The navigation menu includes: HOME, OUR SCHOOL, NEWS & EVENTS, PARENTS, ADMISSIONS, PASTORAL, CURRICULUM, SIXTH FORM, VACANCIES, CONTACT US, and RESOURCES. The 'PARENTS' menu is open, showing a list of links: YEAR 6-7 PARENTS, USEFUL INFORMATION, WELCOME TO OUR MAIN SCHOOL VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING, EXAM INFORMATION, REPORTS, HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, PAYMENTS AND DONATIONS, THE PTFA, PARENTMAIL / GO4SCHOOLS / FP CLOUD, DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS, and MORE ABLE PROVISION. A yellow callout box reads 'Sixth Form Conditional Offers Click here for more info'. A blue callout box reads 'NEWSFLASH Reminder: Register test results via both NHS and school links'. The URL at the bottom is <https://www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=Year+6-7+Parents&pid=608>.

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## Weekly Newsletters



FURZE PLATT FOCUS



- Weekly message from the Headteacher
- Upcoming events
- Extra-curricular activities
- Student and staff successes
- Weekly House Challenges



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024



# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #73.1



### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Welcome to Term 5

I hope that you and your families had a good Easter break. It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to FPSS this week.

As I have done so, via a video and assemblies, I have shared some key messages with them:



#### Celebrating Success

I have highlighted and thanked students for some of the fantastic events of Terms 3 and 4, not least Guys and Dolls, the Thames Hospice fundraising and Ski Trip over Easter. However, I know there have been much more! I have encouraged students to take on new experiences and challenges this summer getting involved in clubs, activities and visits within and beyond FPSS.

In particular, I have made reference to House Points and the numerous nominations and prizes students received at the end of term. I have challenged each student to have a nomination by the end of the summer.

#### Learning and Examinations

A key part of Term 5 every year is the start of external Key Stage 4 and 5 examinations. For those students sitting examinations their revision should currently be at full speed and focused on practising exam techniques alongside factual recall. If students need motivating beyond the opportunities the grades will provide, please remind them that the examinations will be over in a couple of months when they have Prom, Graduation and the long summer to look forward to.

### UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 5 EVENTS ALL EVENTS

THU 25 <small>APRIL</small>	Junior Maths Challenge (Years 7 & 8)	
THU 2 <small>MAY</small>	Early finish - school will close at 2.45pm for all students	2.45pm finish
THU 2 <small>MAY</small>	Year 7 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	3.45pm - 7.45pm
FRI 3 <small>MAY</small>	Late Start	9.15am
MON 6 <small>MAY</small>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY</b>	
WED 8 <small>MAY</small>	Year 6 Parents' Induction Evening	6pm - 7.30pm
FRI 24 <small>MAY</small>	END OF TERM (TERM 5)	3.15pm finish
MON 27 - FRI 31 <small>MAY</small>	<b>MAY HOLIDAY</b>	
MON 3 <small>JUNE</small>	<b>START OF TERM 6 (Week 1)</b>	

### SCHOOL TERM DATES

#### Uniform

I also reminded students of our uniform rules, notably that the shirt, tie and blazer should still be worn, but their jumper is optional. As experienced parents and carers will be aware when/if the really hot weather arrives, we will make a decision whether blazers are no longer required.

Take care,

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

# FPSS School Day

## **08:40 – Students Line Up**

08:45 – 09:15 Assembly/Tutor Time

09:15 – 10:15 Period 1

10:15 – 11:15 Period 2

**11:15 – 11:45 Break 1**

11:45 – 12:45 Period 3

12:45 – 13:45 Period 4

**13:45 – 14:15 Break 2**

14:15 – 15:15 Period 5

Timetables will be available  
to parents and students via  
**ClassCharts**



# ClassCharts

All parents and students will be given access to **ClassCharts** via an app or the website

Here you will be able to see the following:

- Behaviour and rewards
- Attendance
- Home learning
- Timetable
- Behaviour and rewards



**All absences must be logged through ClassCharts**

# Parental Communication

- Communication is via Iris **ParentMail** which you will sign up for as your child starts at FPSS
- It is the payment method for the school café, trips and things like lockers, revision guides etc



**IRIS**

ParentMail

# Laptops for Learning

- Support classroom and home learning
- Laptops will be used in all subjects, but...
- Laptops will **not** be used all lesson, every lesson
- Monthly payments plans
- Financial support available, even if not eligible for Free School Meals





# Laptops for Learning

- Students can buy a laptop through the school, bring in one they already own (subject to minimum technical requirements) or buy elsewhere.
- Monthly payment plans available, without a credit check. Students eligible for Free School Meals on 1st September will be provided a laptop free-of-charge. We will not review FSM status until September 2024. Financial support is also available for other low-income families if needed.
- School packages include a protective case and insurance – if buying the laptop elsewhere, we strongly encourage you to consider insuring it.
- We find many students struggle with the touchpad for in-class use, so you might want to buy a mouse.
- Label the laptop, case and charger with the child's name!

Email: [laptops@furzeplatt.net](mailto:laptops@furzeplatt.net)

# Laptops for Learning

## Asus BR1100C package, including insurance

Entry-level laptop, suitable for most needs, e.g. Office365, web browsing, streaming media.

Features a robust design, including a spill-proof keyboard, made with students in mind.

- 11" screen
- Celeron N4500 2.8GHz processor
- 4GB RAM
- £12.80 per month (36 months)
- £17.96 per month (24 months)
- £34.89 per month (12 months)
- £344.85 (one-off payment)

## Asus P104ZA package, including insurance

Higher specification of laptop, better suited to the requirements of GCSE Computing and Photography.

- 14" screen
- Intel i3-1215U 4.4GHz processor
- 8GB RAM
- £16.99 per month (36 months)
- £24.05 per month (24 months)
- £47.28 per month (12 months)
- £467.55 (one-off payment)



Email: [laptops@furzeplatt.net](mailto:laptops@furzeplatt.net)

# Laptops for Learning

Order your laptop at <https://edutech.click/furzeplatt-laptop-scheme>

Further information is available:

- School website – click on the Parents menu, then Laptops for Learning
- Email [laptops@furzeplatt.net](mailto:laptops@furzeplatt.net)



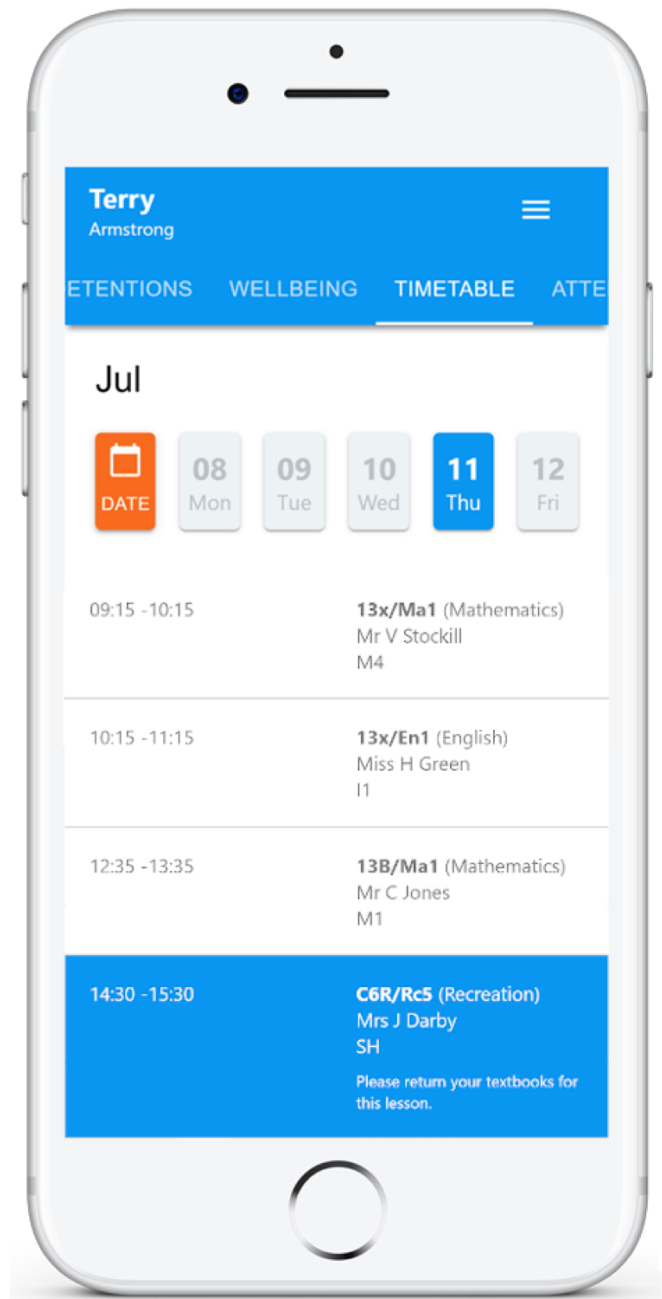
# Day-to-day lessons in KS3



Students will be on a **two-week** timetable and will study the following subjects:



KS3: YEARS 7, 8 & 9	KS4: YEARS 10 & 11	
A BROAD SPECTRUM OF CORE SUBJECTS	CORE SUBJECTS	OPTIONAL SUBJECTS
Art & Design	Art & Design	Photography
Computing & ICT	Computer Science	ICT
Drama	Drama	
English	English Language	English Literature
Food & Nutrition	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Hospitality & Catering
French or German	French	German
Spanish	Spanish	
Geography	Geography	
History	History	
Mathematics	Mathematics	
Music	Music	
P.S.H.E./ Citizenship	P.S.H.E./ Citizenship	
Physical Education	Physical Education	Health & Fitness
Philosophy & Religion	Religious Studies	
Science	Biology	Chemistry
	Physics	
Technology	Product Design	Construction
	Textiles Design	Engineering
	Business	
	Child Development	
	Travel & Tourism	



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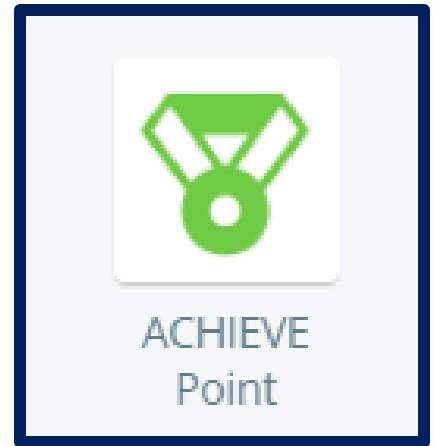
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# Behavioural Expectations

At the end of each lesson, each student is awarded an **ACHIEVE** point if they have met the following expectations:

1. Arrive on time and in correct uniform
2. Bring the correct books and equipment
3. Listen carefully to the teacher and each other
4. Follow the instructions of all staff
5. Use appropriate and respectful language



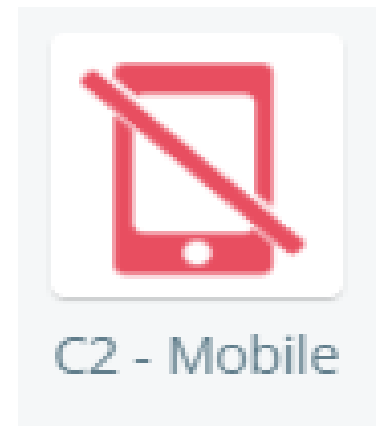
# Reward and Consequence Points

- Additional positive points based around our other **ACHIEVE** values
- Behaviour points assigned for students not following expectations
- All behaviour tracking available through **ClassCharts**



# Mobile Phones

- Mobile phones should not be used once on school site unless with staff permission
- Students may check their timetable if they ask a member of staff
- Confiscation of phones for end-of-day collection from reception
- Students and parents will be notified on ClassCharts



# Enrichment: Extra-curricular activities


**BOARD  
GAMES**



**DRAMA  
CLUB**



**COMPUTING  
CLUB**



**COOKING  
CLUB**



**DEBATE  
CLUB**



**ECO  
CLUB**



**— CHAMBER —  
CHOIR**




**International  
Culture  
Club**




**GREENPOWER  
CLUB**



**MORNING  
FITNESS**



**SCIENCE  
CLUB**



**Breakfast Club**



**TENNIS CLUB**



**GUITAR  
Club**



**Film Club**



*...and many more!*



STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN NUMEROUS DOMESTIC & FOREIGN VISITS TO DEVELOP THEIR PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES, AS WELL AS THEIR LEARNING.



STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE TO FOCUS ON PERSONAL FITNESS AS WELL AS PLAY FOR ONE OF OUR NUMEROUS TEAMS.



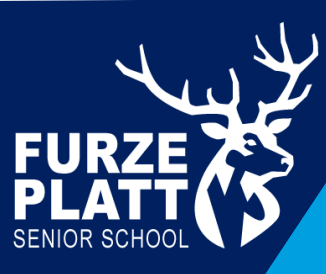


# Music lessons



The Music Department offer many exciting opportunities for students to learn outside the classroom; from the various ensembles to a range of optional instrumental lessons, we have something for all students. Our instrumental lessons are provided by Berkshire Music Trust and our highly qualified specialist in-house instrumental teachers. We want to give every student the chance to learn a new instrument or continue with one they have picked up in primary school. For information about lessons please contact:

**[stuart.forster@furzeplatt.net](mailto:stuart.forster@furzeplatt.net)**



# Longridge Team Building Days

## October 2024

Get to know your classmates, tutors and the pastoral team through a day of teambuilding fun



We encourage all of Year 7 to join us



See letter for more details

# What's in store

Group	Before 9:15.	9.30-11	11-11.15	11.15-12.45	12.45-13.30	13:30 - 15:00.
1	Arrival.	Dragon Boating		Aeroball	Lunch - Self Catered.	Climbing
2		Dragon Boating		Water Orbs		Climbing
3		Dragon Boating		Laser Tag		Jacobs Ladder
4		Dragon Boating		Nightline		Crate Stacking
5		Aeroball		Climbing		Dragon Boating
6		Water Orbs		Climbing		Dragon Boating
7		Laser Tag		Jacobs Ladder		Dragon Boating
8		Nightline		Crate Stacking		Dragon Boating





# Looking after our students



SUPPORT & CARE  
AT FURZE PLATT

# Senior Leadership – Pastoral



Assistant Headteacher KS3  
***Mr Andrew Wyles***



Deputy Headteacher  
***Miss Rebecca Lake***

## GCSE Ready – emotionally, mentally and academically

1. Keeping all students safe
2. Preventing any disruption to learning
3. Developing the full potential of all students



# The Year 7 Team



Year 7 Head of  
Progress

***Mrs Charlotte Ridgley***



Year 7 Pastoral  
Manager

***Miss Larna Barney***



KS2-3 Transition  
Co-Ordinator

***Miss Elisa Fletcher***

# Additional Pastoral Team



Attendance Officer

***Mrs Gemma Couling***



Attendance Officer

***Mrs Helen Craker***



Parental Support Adviser

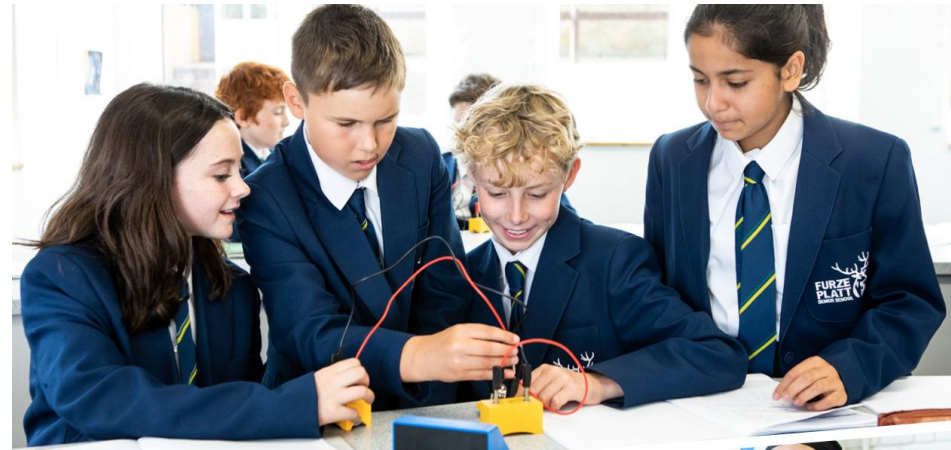
***Mrs Louise McSweeney***

# The House System



# School Structure

- 4x Houses
- 9x Year 7 Tutor Groups
- 3x Teaching bands (F,P,S)
- *(bands are evenly split to support the school timetable)*
- Mixed ability classes





# First Day: September

- **Wednesday 4th September (Year 7 & 12 only)**
- Arrive by 8.30am
- Assemble at 8.40am in the playground
- Finish at 3.15pm
- Bring a packed lunch
- Bring in a pencil case with equipment
- Bring a rucksack – make sure this can carry a laptop











# Drop off and collection

- Parents DO NOT come onto the school site
- Arrange meeting point away from school if possible
- Encourage walking or cycling to/from school
- Thursday 5th September will be very busy





# FURZE PLATT SEVEN

- 1 PENS 
  - 2 PENCIL 
  - 3 RULER 
  - 4 ERASER 
  - 5 PENCIL SHARPENER 
  - 6 CALCULATOR 
- PUT THEM ALL IN A PENCIL CASE 
- 7 FULLY CHARGED LAPTOP 

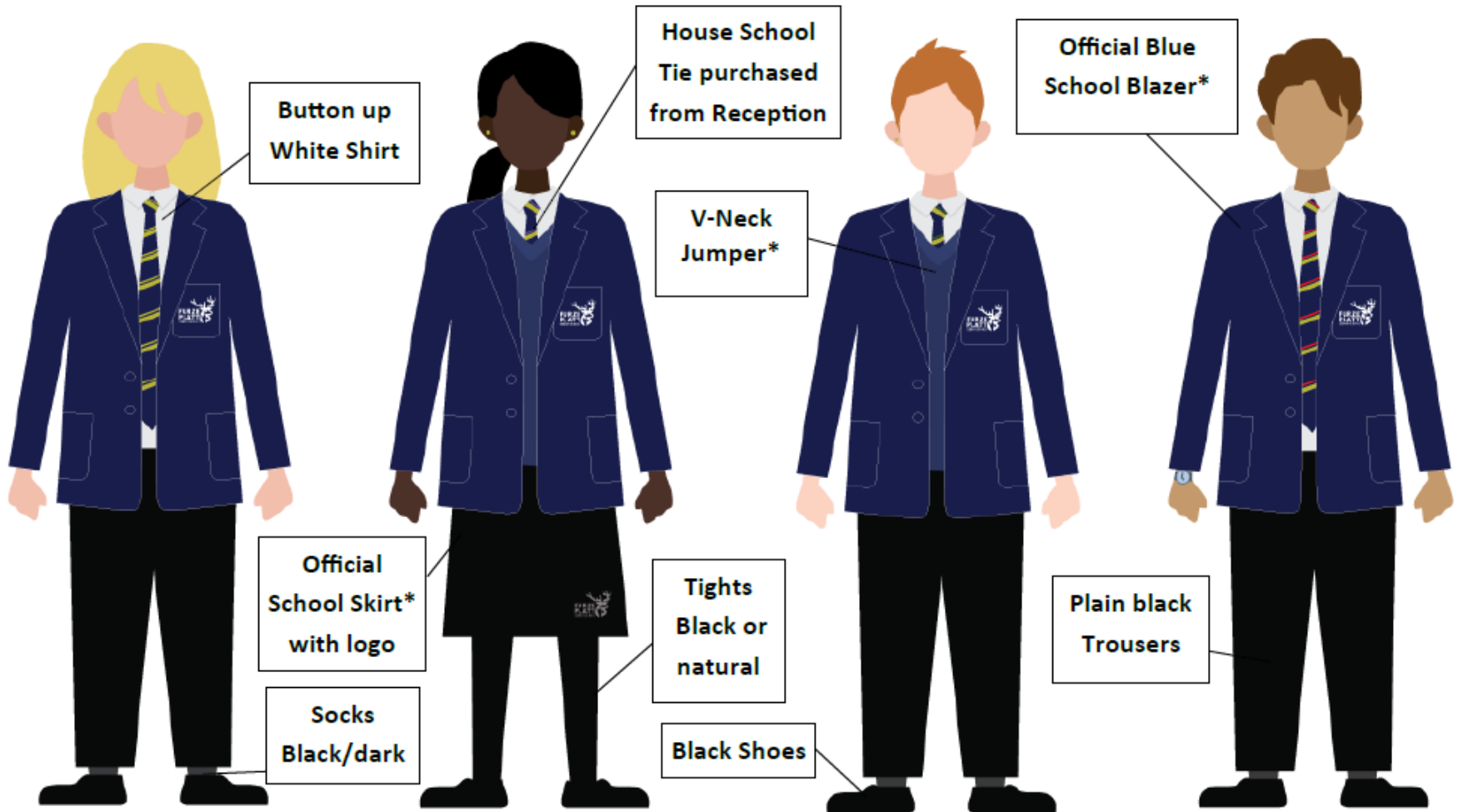
## BRING THESE IN EVERY DAY



Do you need your PE kit too?



# Uniform: Day Wear



# Uniform: Sports Kit

## FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL: SPORTS WEAR

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# Uniform: How to Order



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Blazer Girls  
From £33.00



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Skirt  
Black  
From £24.00



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL  
V Neck Sweater Age  
From £16.50

- Online orders will be delivered to Furze Platt Main Reception
- The PTFA also hold second-hand uniform sales (dates TBC)
- School House Ties available on the Transition Days and later in reception – cash or card

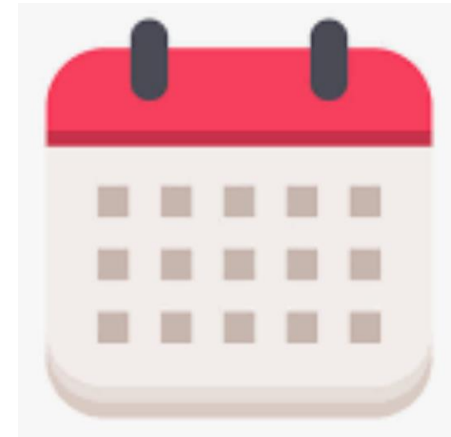
# Additional Support and Funding

- There is additional school funding for 'Pupil Premium' students once registered. Please contact [joe.wellard-jeffs@furzeplatt.net](mailto:joe.wellard-jeffs@furzeplatt.net)
- There is additional school funding for Adopted Children/Looked After Children. Please contact [laura.lewis@furzeplatt.net](mailto:laura.lewis@furzeplatt.net)



# Information Evenings

- Year 7 Preparing to Succeed Evening – September 2024
- Meet the Tutor Evening Autumn 2024
- Year 7 Parents Evening in April/May 2025







# Special Educational Needs Support



## Learning Support

- Supports young people with any special educational needs in the mainstream school.
- **Mrs Debbie Jack** and **Mrs Chrissy Cook** will be liaising with Primary schools and families to ensure a smooth transition for these students.



## Shine ASD Specialist Resource Base

- Supports **five** students in each year group and is named as the educational setting on their EHCP.
- **Mrs Alyson Kelly** and **Mrs Julia Stimson** will be in touch with the parents of these young people to arrange additional support for transition.



Windsor & Maidenhead  
Autism Support in Education



# Support with Transition

## How can you help your child to have a smooth transition to secondary school?

### Reduce Nerves

- Follow the route to school that your child will take
- Look at this presentation and the school website together
- Discuss any upcoming transition events before and after the event

### Practice Independence:

- Get your child to pack their own bag the night before
- Teach your child to tie a tie
- Show your child how to read a timetable

If you have any further questions  
between now and September:

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

