

**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL



Year 6 Parents and Carers' Information Evening

Tuesday 5th May 2026

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COLLABORATIVE

HAPPY

INTEGRITY

ENDURANCE

VERSATILITY

EXCELLENCE

Dr. Andrew Morrison



Headteacher

Key staff



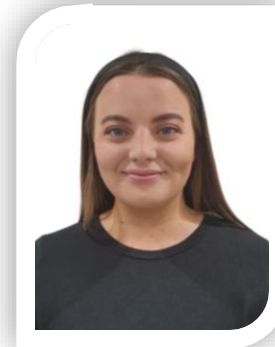
Mr Andrew Wyles
Assistant Headteacher
(KS3 & Enrichment)



Mr Nic Jones
Head of Progress
Year 7



Mrs Jemma Barney
Pastoral Manager
Year 7



Miss Elisa Fletcher
Transition Co-Ordinator
Year 6 – Year 7



Mrs Bethan Stiles
Assistant Headteacher
(Inclusion)

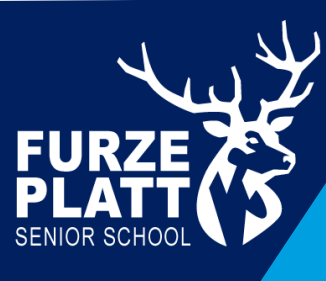
The House System



Fun, participation, competition, belonging, teamwork
Students will belong to the same House as any siblings currently at Furze Platt

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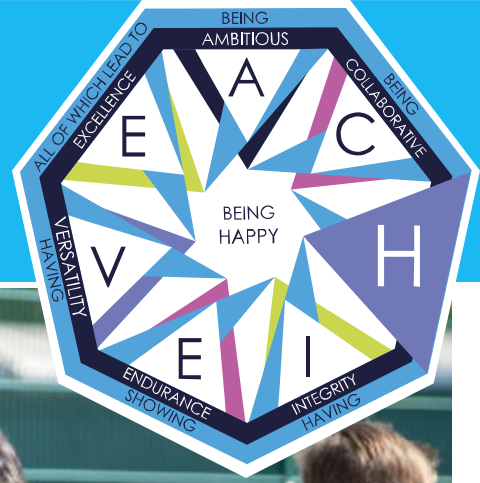




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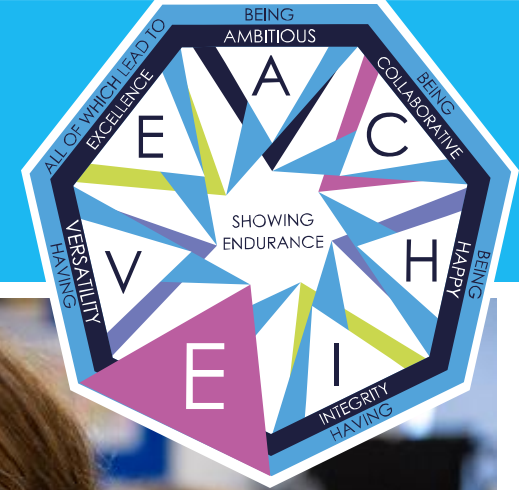
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Enrichment: Extra-curricular activities

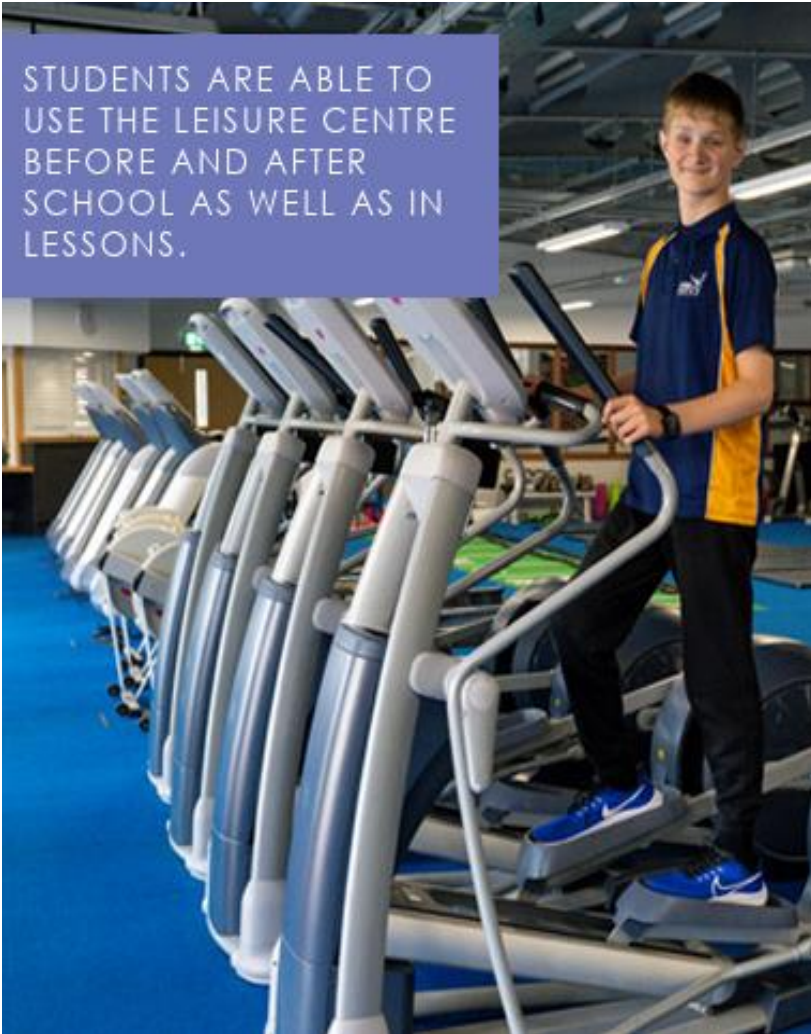
Extra-Curricular opportunities at FPSS

					
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...and many more!

Enrichment

STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO USE THE LEISURE CENTRE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL AS WELL AS IN LESSONS.



OUR STUDENTS LEAD MANY OF OUR CHOIRS, ORCHESTRAS & BANDS.

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.

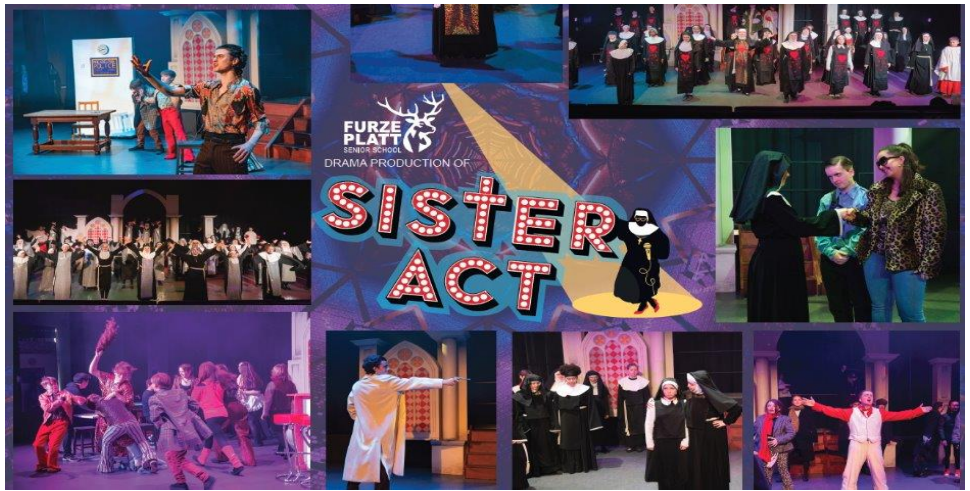
We want to give every student the chance to learn a new instrument or continue with one they have picked up in primary school.

For information about lessons please contact:

music@furzeplatt.net



School Musicals



Local and international trips

Wildlife Expedition, Costa Rica

Costa Rica is one of the most biodiverse places on the planet: from butterflies to birds, sloths and monkeys, and even the elusive tapirs, this 14-day expedition in Costa Rica will give you invaluable hands-on experience of wildlife conservation and culture, including the chance to explore waterfalls and lagoons, and even go surfing.



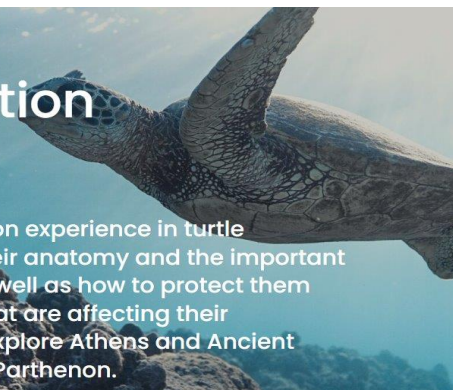
Adventure, conservation & sustainability in Wales

Visit the breathtaking Pembrokeshire coastline and immerse yourself in conservation and sustainability, whilst developing vital key skills. Spend your days surfing, kayaking, coasteering and learning through adventure.



Turtle conservation in Greece

Spend 10 fantastic days of hands-on experience in turtle conservation. You'll learn about their anatomy and the important role they play in an ecosystem, as well as how to protect them and the anthropogenic impacts that are affecting their distribution and behaviours. Plus explore Athens and Ancient Greek history at the Acropolis and Parthenon.



Secondary School Transition

- We are welcoming approximately 260 students into Y7
- 32 feeder schools
- Big change for parents and students
- New challenges
- New school site



Key Stage 2 - 3 Transition

- Transition is the move from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 (Years 7-8-9)
- 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-ordinator, SENCos, Medical Officer and the pastoral team will be in contact with the primary schools, teachers, students, SENCos
- Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July - Taster Days



Transition days: 30th June-1st July

Enhanced transition day: Wednesday 24th June invite only
Cookham Rise students: Wednesday 8th July 9:30am-2:30pm

- **09:30-14:30** per transition day (excluding enhanced transition)
- Students will be met when they arrive on site
- Come to school in junior school uniform
- Please bring: pencil case, packed lunch, water bottle



Transition days: 30th June-1st July

**Year 6 into Year 7
: Taster Days!**

Welcome Assemblies

House Allocations

Fingerprint Scanning for the Canteen

Reading & Spelling Tasks

Tour of the School

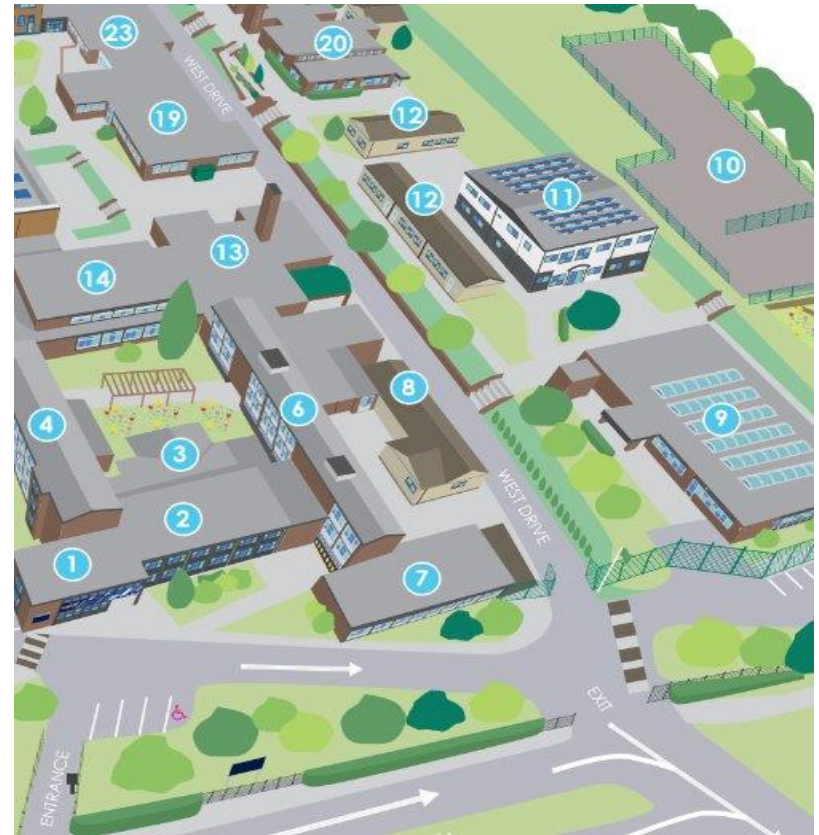
House Logos: FALCON, HAWK, EAGLE, OSPREY

Activity Panels: SPANISH (¡Hola!, ESPAÑOL, cactus), GEOGRAPHY (Globe, map, compass), SCIENCE (Microscope, atom, test tubes)

Central Graphic: A circular emblem with a stag's head in the center, surrounded by the letters A, C, H, I, E, V, E and decorative stars and coins.

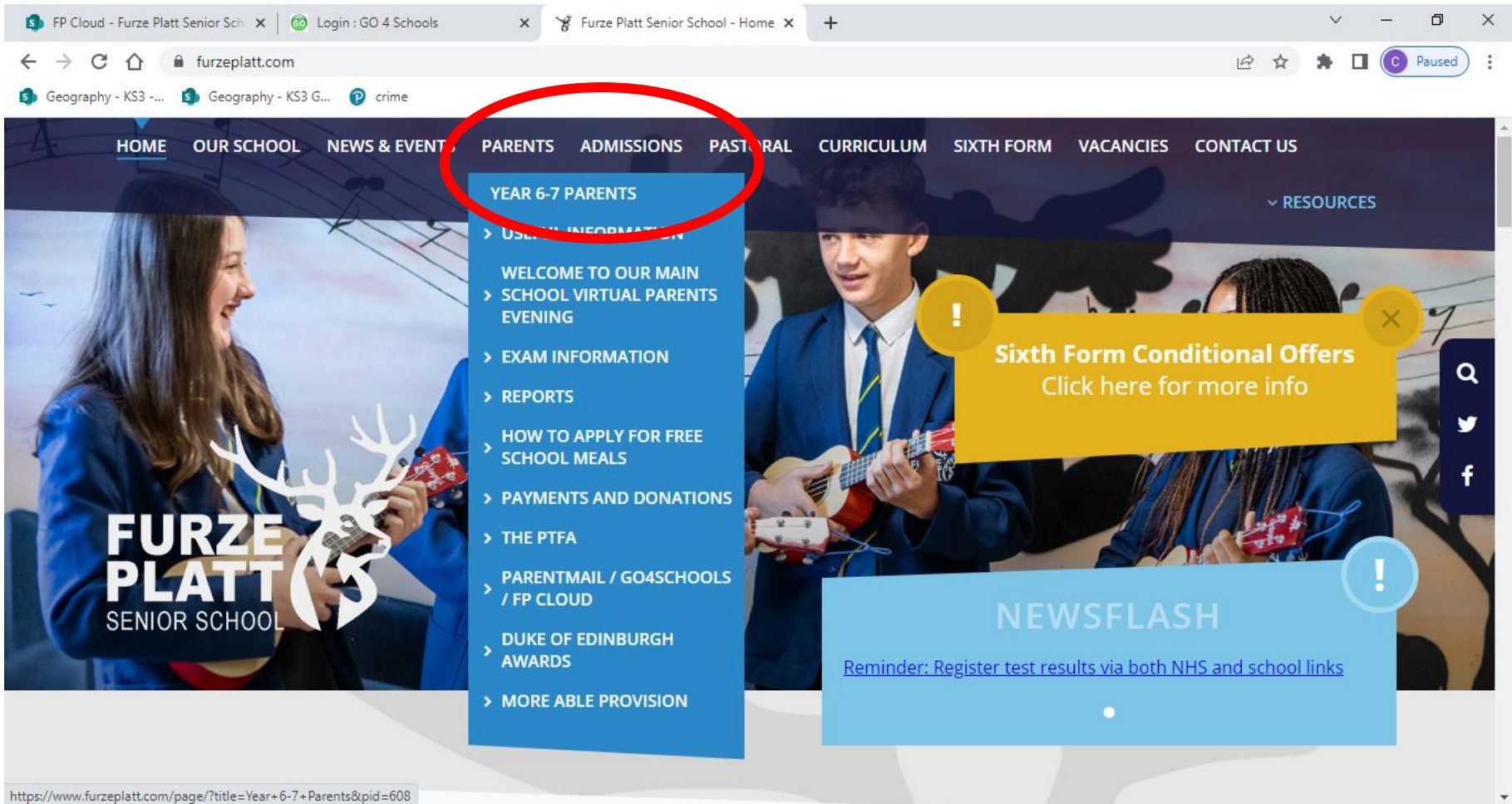
Walking home: Transition days

- Only front gate open at the start of the day
- Both front and back gates open in the afternoon
- Some students may wish to walk home independently after the taster days
- Please email 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



Transition@furzeplatt.net

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>.

School website: Year 7 parents and carers



Year 7 Parents and Carers

We extend a very warm welcome to all our new and prospective families.

Please click below for a copy of our Year 7 parent guide.

[Year 7 Guide for Parents and Carers](#)

Please click below for a copy of our Year 7 Preparing to Admit presentation.

[Please click here for a copy of our Year 6 welcome evening presentation \(May 2021\)](#)

In addition, we have a wealth of information available here on our website regarding uniform, school meals, lockers, our expectations and values and much more. Please click on the links below to find out more.

- [How to sign up for Free School Meals](#)
- [Our Houses - Eagle, Falcon, Hawk and Osprey](#)
- [Laptops for Learning](#)
- [School key dates](#)
- [How we communicate with you from September - Parentmail](#)
- [Our lunch system](#)
- [School Clubs](#)
- **Additional key email addresses:**
 - transition@furzeplatt.net for parents with questions on their child's transition from Year 6-7
 - PP@furzeplatt.net for queries about Pupil Premium
 - learning.support@furzeplatt.net for queries regarding SEN

Trips: Longridge October 2026

Longridge Team Building Days - October

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

We encourage all of Year 7 to join us

See parent letter for more details



Provisional itinerary

Group	9am	9:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:15	11:15 - 12:45	12:45 - 13:15	13:15 - 14:45	14:45 - 15:00
1	Arrival	Climbing	BREAK	Team Challenge	LUNCH - SELF CATERED	Dragon Boating	Departure
2		Crate Stacking		Team Challenge		Dragon Boating	
3		Jacobs Ladder		Trebuchet		Dragon Boating	
4		Climbing		Trebuchet		Dragon Boating	
5		Team Challenge		Dragon Boating		Climbing	
6		Team Challenge		Dragon Boating		Crate Stacking	
7		Trebuchet		Dragon Boating		Jacobs Ladder	
8		Trebuchet		Laser Tag		Climbing	



Support with change

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 through 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



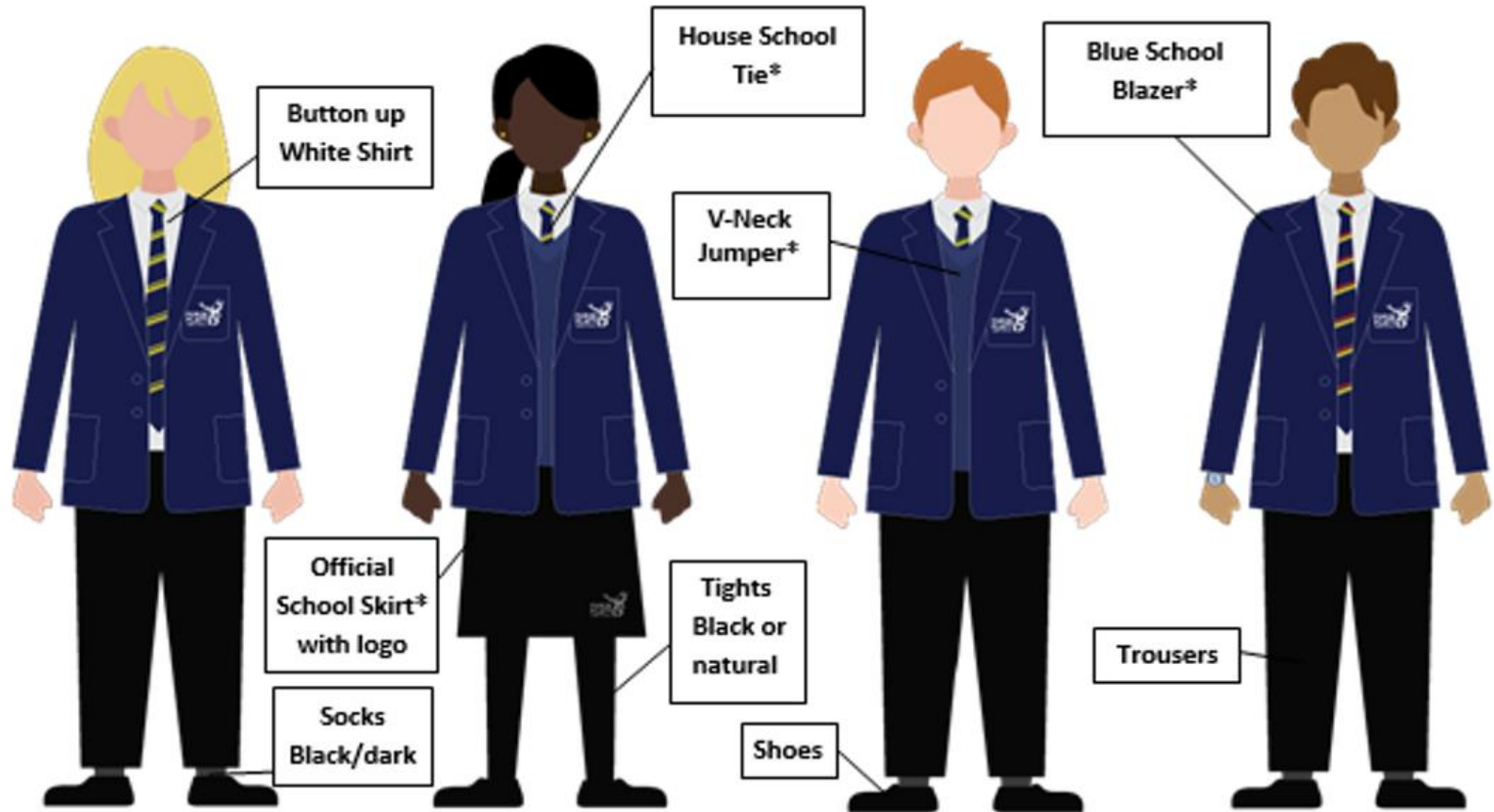
If you have any further questions
between now and September:

Transition@furzeplatt.net



Uniform: Day Wear

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM - SCHOOL WEAR



Uniform: Sports Kit

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL: SPORTS WEAR

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Uniform: How to Order



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FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
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From £33.00



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
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 from Hawkinsport at £8.50

Additional Support and Funding

- There is additional support available for 'Pupil Premium' students once registered. Please contact pp@furzeplatt.net
- There is additional support for Adopted Children/Looked After Children. Please contact laura.lewis@furzeplatt.net



Free School Meals

- FSM is no longer protected from Primary to Secondary school. We recommend you reapply, prior to starting, stating Furze Platt Senior School as your child's school.
- You can check your eligibility here:
[Eligibility checker](#)

Supporting More Able

All students should be stretched to meet their full potential, including those considered more able

We provide unique opportunities to develop **academic, creative** and **leadership** skills both inside and out of the classroom.

We have a team of dedicated specialist teachers who provide a challenging academic curriculum.



Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

- Science Fair
- Young Enterprise
- The Brilliant Club
- Oxford University Workshop
- Peter Jones Foundation Tycoon Competition
- UK Maths Challenge
- Samsung Solve for Tomorrow



School Structure

- 4 x Houses
- 9 x Year 7 Tutor Groups
- 2 x Timetable Bands: F and P
- Mixed ability classes



Typical 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

WEEK A					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1					
2					
3					
BREAK	BREAK				
4					
5					

WEEK B					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1					
2					
3					
BREAK	BREAK				
4					
5					

KS3 lessons



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



Art



Drama



English



Geography



Maths



Languages



History



Computing



Science



Technology



PSHE



Music



PE



Food & Nutrition



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FURZE PLATT TEN

BE READY TO LEARN



1. Black Pens
2. Pencils
3. Ruler
4. Eraser
5. Pencil Sharpener
6. Scientific Calculator
7. Highlighter
8. Maths Set
9. Glue Stick

PUT THEM ALL IN
A PENCIL CASE

10. Fully Charged Laptop

BRING THESE IN EVERY DAY



Do you need your PE kit too?



Reporting Absences



Studybugs



Studybugs for Parents and Carers

A better, safer way to report when your child is sick and will be absent from school (including all medical appointments)

Studybugs is integrated with our registration system, so once registered you will be prompted to add your child/children to Studybugs, so that you can report their absence or send other messages regarding their attendance.

With a few quick taps or clicks, you can update the school on your child's absences and appointments

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/register>)

Communication

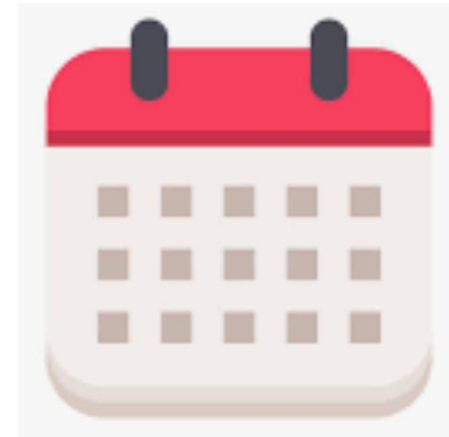
All parents and students will be given access to an app and a website, accessible on mobile phones, laptops, and other digital devices.

Here you will be able to see the following:

- Behaviour and rewards
- Attendance
- Home learning
- Timetable

Parent Information Evenings

- Year 7 Preparing to Succeed Evening – September 2026
- Meet the Tutor Evening Early Autumn 2026
- Year 7 Subjects Parents' Evening in May 2027



Laptops for Learning

teaching digital literacy

- 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 may be available, even if not eligible for Free School Meals



Laptops for Learning

Two choices: provide your own laptop, or purchase through school

Orders must be placed by 10pm, Sunday 24th May. Order 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



Laptops for Learning

Whole school and departmental apps:

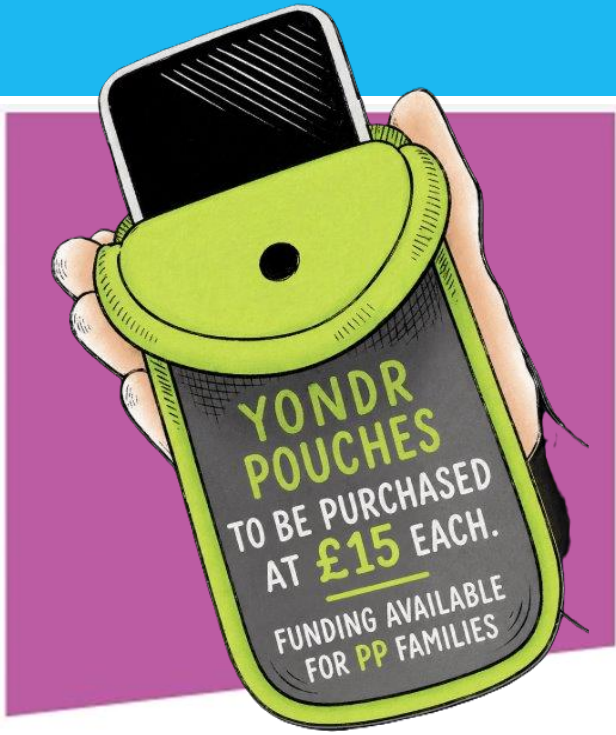
- **Reading Plus** for English
- **Sparx Maths & Sparx Science**
- **Educake** for Science and Geography
- **Carousel** for History
- **ActiveHub** for Languages and Maths
- **Linguascope** for Languages
- **Kahoot** – all subjects
- **Blooket** – all subjects



FP Cloud – lesson and learning resources for each department

Full suite of Microsoft 365 – including Outlook, Teams, Word etc

Mobile Phones



The introduction of Yondr pouches allows students to attend school without the distractions of mobile phones, enhancing their focus and well-being during both lessons and at break times



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.

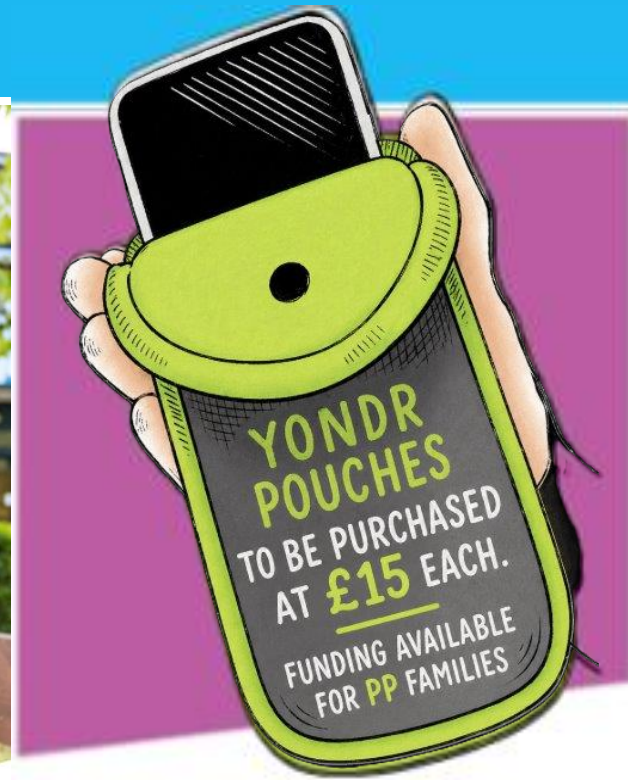


Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

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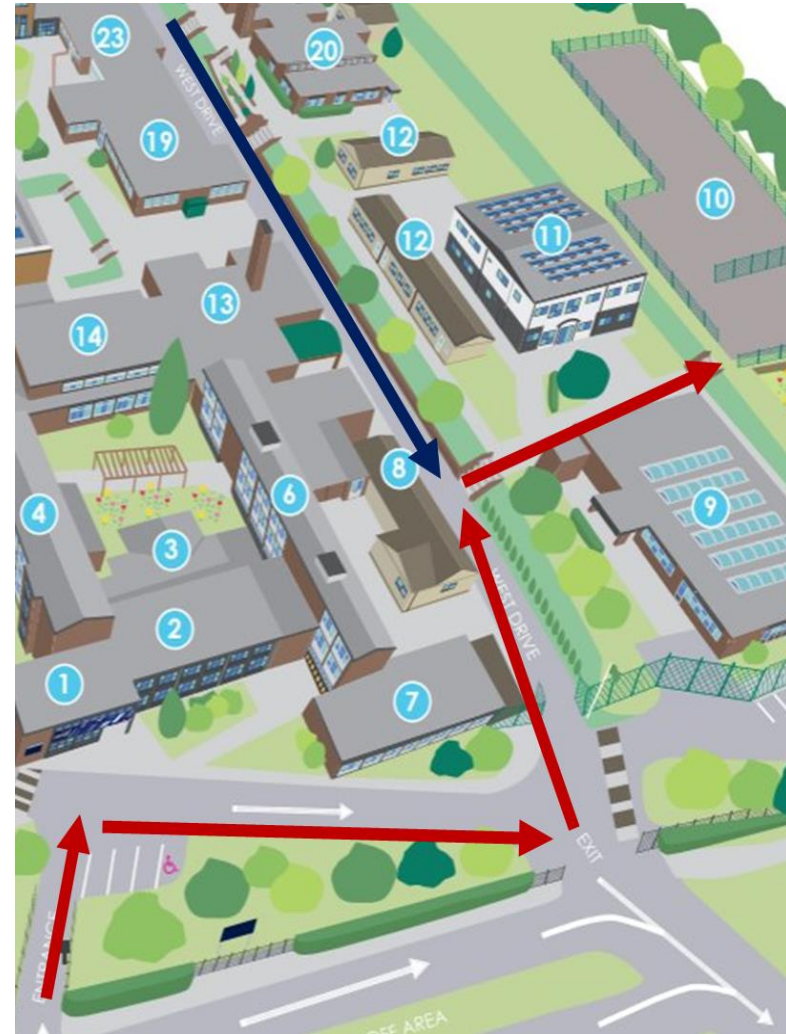


- Purchase directly from FPSS cash or card
- Available to buy on both transition days 09:30-09:45
- Sales outside front entrance of school (pictured left in image)

• Cookham Rise families can purchase from Reception on any date after transition days

First Day: September

- **Thursday 3rd September (Year 7 & 12 only)**
- Arrive by 8.30am (**front** or **back** gates)
- Assemble at 8.40am in the Y7 area
- 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
- No PE kit required for first PE lesson
- Laptop programme introduced after first week



Drop off and collection

- Parents DO NOT come onto school site
- Arrange meeting point away from school if possible
- Encourage walking or cycling to/from school
- Friday 4th September will be very busy due to whole school start



