

Year 6 Parents and Carers Information Evening Wednesday 10th May 2023

AMBITIOUS

COLLABORATIVE

HAPPY

INTEGRITY

ENDURANCE

VERSATILITY

EXCELLENCE

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 visiting the primary schools to meet with teachers, students, SENCos
- Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July – Transition Days



Transition days: 4th/5th July

Enhanced transition day (EHCPs): 26th June

- 8:30am arrival to school
- 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



ACHIEVE

WE WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO ACHIEVE WITH US



FPSS ACHIEVE Values



AMBITIOUS

COLLABORATIVE

HAPPY

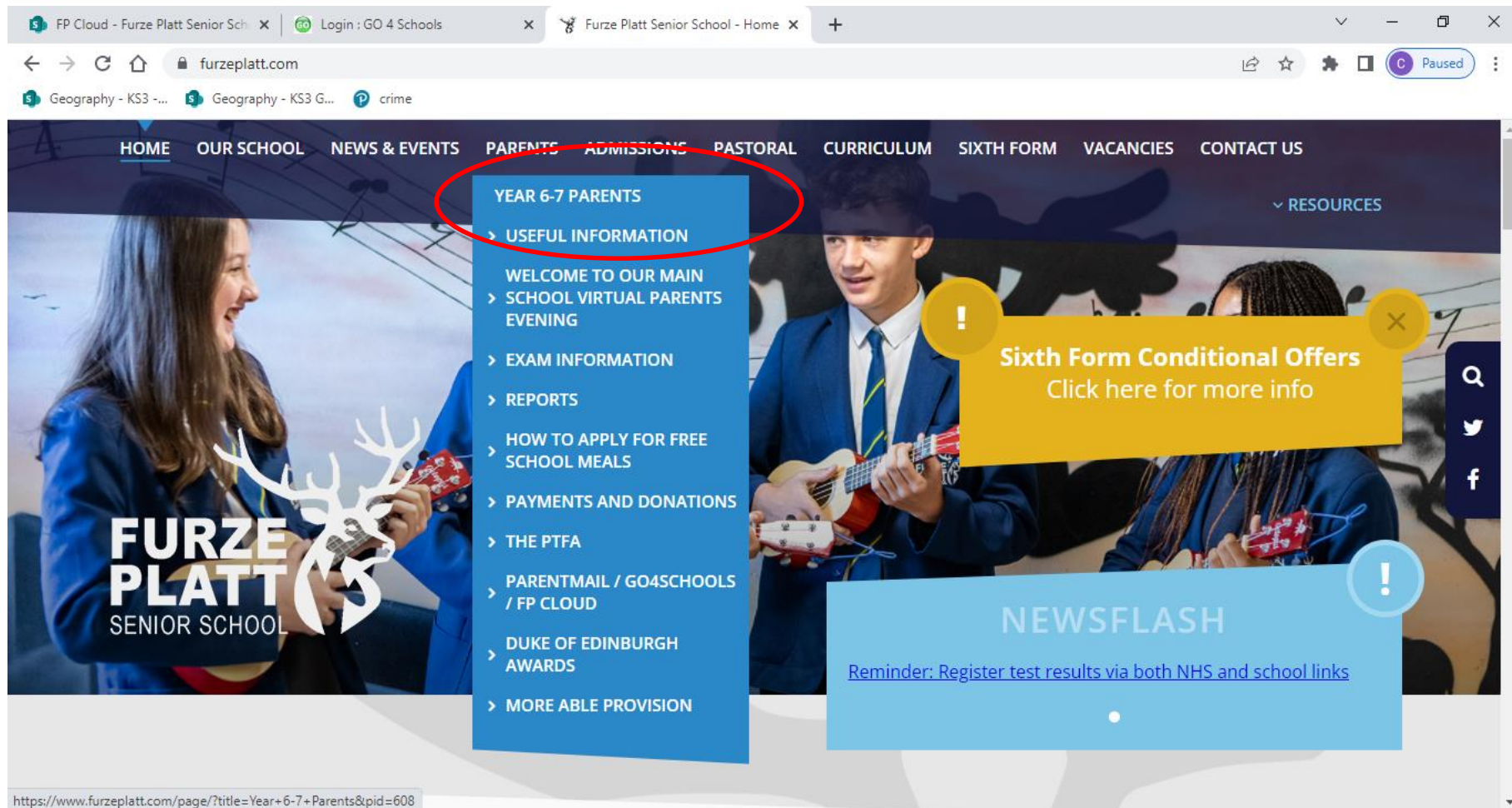
INTEGRITY

ENDURANCE

VERSATILITY

EXCELLENCE

Transition on our website



FP Cloud - Furze Platt Senior Sch x Login : GO 4 Schools x Furze Platt Senior School - Home x +

furzeplatt.com

Geography - KS3 -... Geography - KS3 G... crime

HOME OUR SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS **PARENTS** ADMISSIONS PASTORAL CURRICULUM SIXTH FORM VACANCIES CONTACT US

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
 - MORE ABLE PROVISION

Sixth Form Conditional Offers
Click here for more info

NEWSFLASH
[Reminder: Register test results via both NHS and school links](#)

<https://www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=Year+6-7+Parents&pid=608>

[HOME](#)[OUR SCHOOL](#)[NEWS & EVENTS](#)[PARENTS](#)[ADMISSIONS](#)[PASTORAL](#)[CURRICULUM](#)[SIXTH FORM](#)[VACANCIES](#)[CONTACT US](#)[▼ RESOURCES](#)

[Home](#) > [News & Events](#) > [Weekly Newsletters](#)

In This Section

[> Letter from Headteachers](#)[> Student Newsletter - 'Insight'](#)

Weekly Newsletters



FURZE PLATT FOCUS

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

Tuesday 2nd May - Friday 5th May 2023



FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL



KING CHARLES III
CORONATION • 6TH MAY 2023

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #70.3







MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Greenpower at Goodwood

Many congratulations to our Greenpower Racing Team who competed at Goodwood last week. This is a fantastic opportunity for all our budding engineers to prepare and race a green powered car. Well done to the team: Ascanio Cuth, Heidi Grant, Jamie Seris, Cayde De Silva, Amy-Jayne Macey, James Lill Carrero, Deniz Akca, Luqman Jehangir, Alp Kose, Leon Orford, Talia Abou Saleh and Jackson Knott. I thank all parents and carers who support the team and a special thank you to FPSS staff Mr Wright, Mrs Stimson and Mr Barrett.





TERM 5 EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

Next Week (Week 2)

| | | |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| MON 8 MAY | BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III | |
| WED 10 MAY | Year 6 Parents' and Students' Induction Evening | 6.30pm - 9.00pm |

Forthcoming events

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| WED 24 MAY | Lower School Drama Production | |
| FRI 26 MAY | END OF TERM (TERM 5) | 3.15pm finish |

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Examinations

Well done to all our students who have been successfully completing their practical exams over the last few weeks. Just this week we have had Spanish, German and Chinese speaking exams, along with Textiles, Photography and the first of our external summer BTEC exams

Moreover, thank you to all parents, carers and staff who are continuing to support students with their revision. Please do keep enthusing and encouraging as well as providing the support and occasional treat. We are just 10 days away from the start of written papers so not long to go now!

King's Coronation and Bank Holiday

Finally, this weekend sees the King's Coronation. For nearly everyone reading this newsletter this will be the first coronation in our lifetimes. Whatever our students' views on monarchy, I hope that they take a moment to understand the occasion and reflect upon the events that will unfold this weekend.

To all our students, staff and their families, I wish you a good Bank Holiday.

Take care,

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




Year 6 Induction Evening

Next Wednesday we look forward to welcoming parents, carers and students who will be joining FPSS this September. This is an exciting time and a notable step as children grow towards adulthood. Our team will be on hand to share information and answer questions.

FPSS School Day

08:40 – 08:45 Students go to tutor rooms

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



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



Day-to-day lessons in KS3



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



Art



Drama



English



Geography



History



Languages



Maths



Computing Technology



Science



PSHE



Music



PE

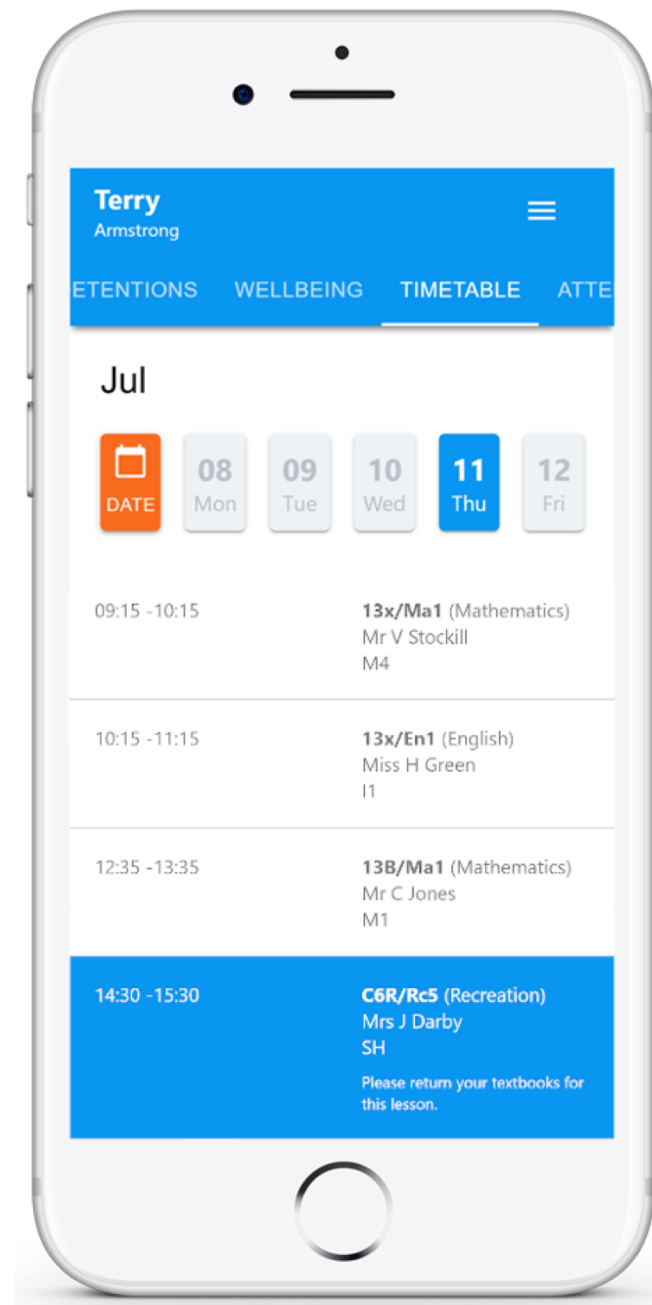


Food & Nutrition



PR

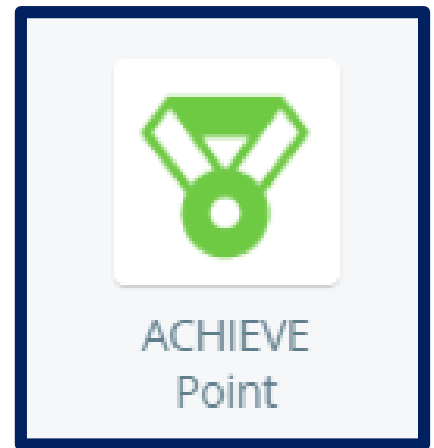
| KS3: YEARS 7, 8 & 9 | KS4: YEARS 10 & 11 |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| A BROAD SPECTRUM OF CORE SUBJECTS | CORE SUBJECTS & OPTIONAL SUBJECTS |
| Art & Design | Art & Design Photography |
| Computing & ICT | Computer Science Digital Media |
| Drama | Drama |
| English | English Language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



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**

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ACHIEVE Point | R1 - Ambitious | R1 - Collaborative | R1 - Happy | R1 - Integrity | R1 - Versatility | Postcard |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C1 - Uniform infringement | C1 - Lack of homework | C1 - Non Participation / Lack of Effort | C1 - Off task chatter | C1 - Lack Of Equipment | C2 - Mobile | C2 - Late |

Laptops for Learning

- Support classroom and home learning
- Laptops to be used in all lessons across the school
- Monthly subscription payments available for school laptops
- More communication to follow in late May
- Communication will be Admissions +



Enrichment: Extra-curricular activities



...and many more!

Out of the classroom learning

Performing Arts offer many exciting opportunities for students to learn outside the classroom. We offer a range of different instruments provided by our local music hub, Berkshire Maestros who 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



BERKSHIRE
Maestros



Longridge Team Building Days September 2023

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 from Mr Randall for more details

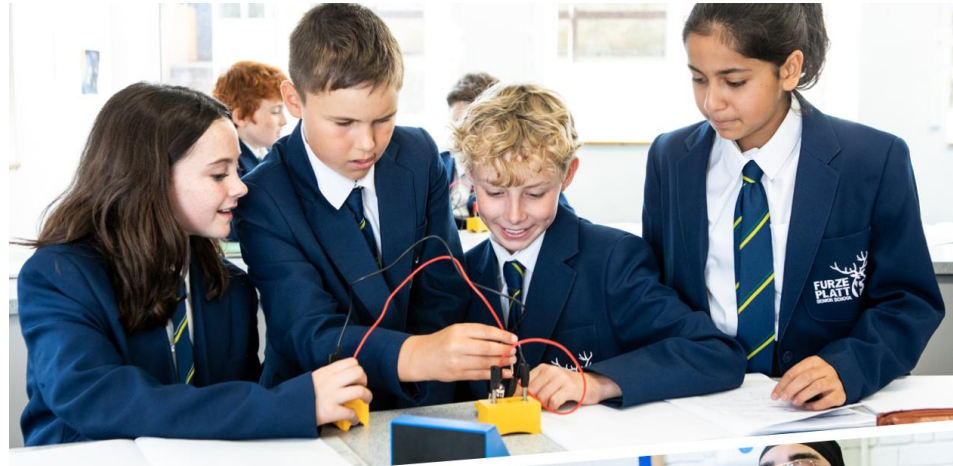


Looking after our students



School Structure

- 4x Houses
- 9x Year 7 Tutor Groups
- 3x Teaching bands (F,P,S)
- Mixed ability classes



The Year 7 Team



Year 7 Head of
Progress

Miss Laura Sharp



Year 7 Pastoral
Manager

Mrs Maxine Carpenter



KS2-3 Transition
Co-ordinator

Mr Stuart Forster



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



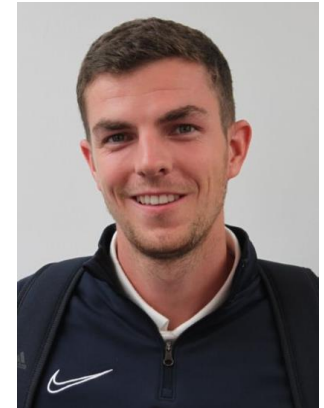
Head of Osprey House
Miss Emily Holmes



Head of Eagle House
Mr Joe Harrison



Head of Falcon House
Miss Leah Dowell



Head of Hawk House
Mr Ben Corbett

First Day

- **Tuesday 5th September (Year 7 & 12 only)**
- 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
- Wednesday 6th September will be very busy

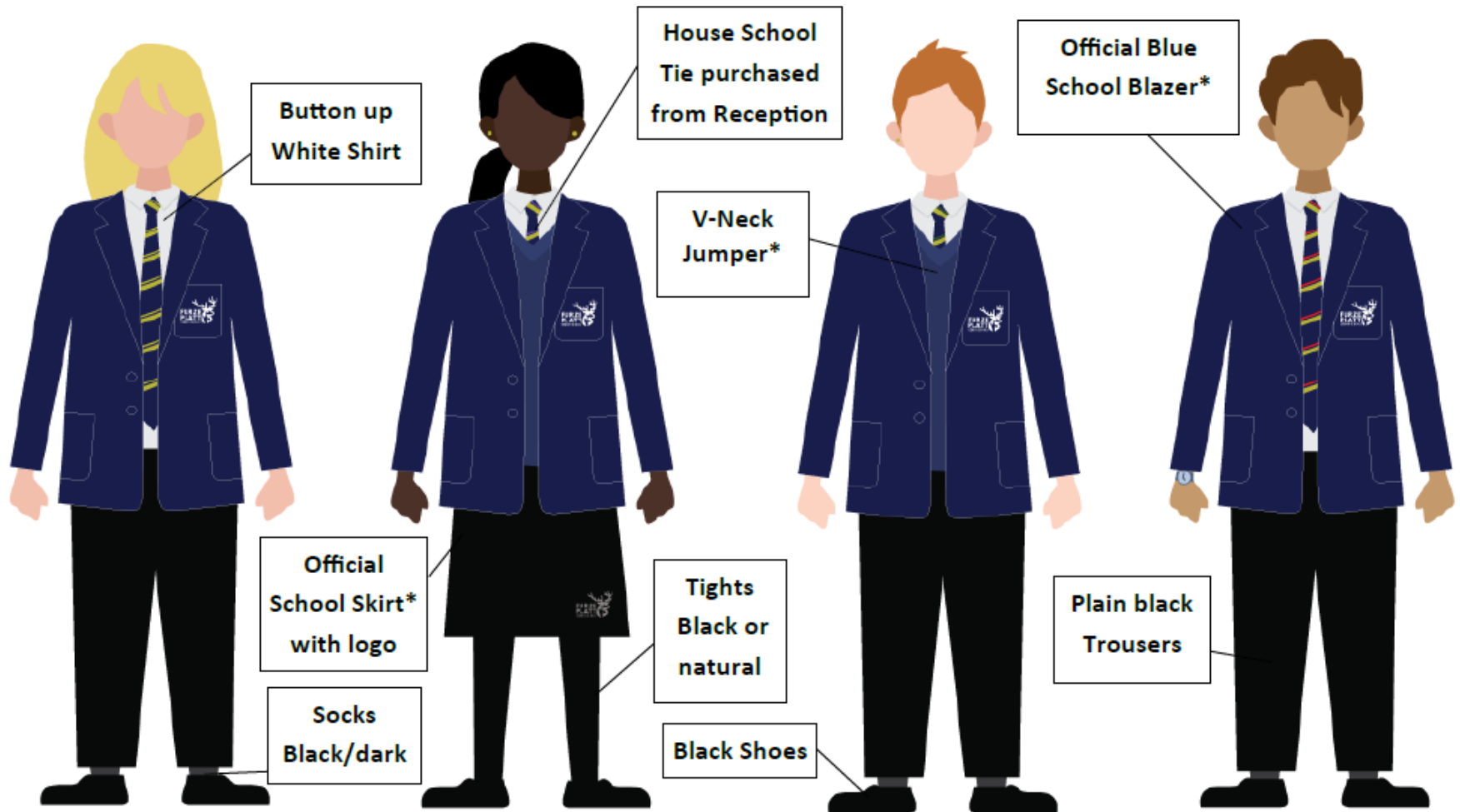


Information Evenings

- Year 6 parents Q&A drop-in evening: Tuesday 4th July
- Year 7 Preparing to Succeed Evening – TBC (September 2023)
- Year 7 Parents Evening in April/May 2024



Uniform: Day Wear



Uniform: Sports Kit

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL: SPORTS WEAR

15 products

Sort by Featured ▾



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
Boys Polo
From £22.00



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
Girls Polo
From £22.00



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
Hooded Top
From £25.00



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
Rugby Jersey
From £28.00



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
Games Shorts
From £16.00



GENERAL SCHOOLWEAR
Track Trousers
Navy
From £19.00



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
Skort
From £18.00



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
Games Socks
From £6.00

Uniform: How to Order



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
Blazer Boys
From £33.00



FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
Blazer Girls
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 on the Transition Days and later in reception

Additional Support and Funding

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



Special Educational Needs Support



Learning Support

- Supports young people with any special educational needs in the mainstream school.
- **Mrs Chrissy Cook** and **Mrs Debbie Jack** 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.



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

Transition Nerves: BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zh4wy9q/starting-secondary-school/1>


Starting secondary school



Things I wish I'd known before starting secondary school

Some seriously useful advice from students who've been through it.

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL



Parental survival guide & cheat sheet

Everything you'll need as a parent to survive the start of secondary school.

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL



Celebrity tips for starting secondary school

Celebs from the world of music, TV and sport give their advice on how to prepare for the move to secondary school.

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL

If you have any further questions
between now and September:

Transition@furzeplatt.net



Who are the PTFA?



- The PTFA is a registered charity run by a small group of volunteers with children in Years 7 – 12 – Committee is Lorraine, Neil, Gill, Carina
- We raise thousands of pounds by holding social events, running bars (often alcoholic!) and online schemes that fund various projects or resources to enhance our children's experiences.
- MYTH BUSTER: Your PTA days are NOT over once you leave Primary school! A secondary school needs extra funds as well!
- **Can you spare us a small amount of your time and expertise to help?** If so, please let us know, as we're always looking for help. It can be a few hours sorting through uniform, taking money at the Quiz bar or the Uniform Sale or coming along to our meetings.

How to find us?

- Email us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta>
- Join your Facebook year group because we post information regularly
- The School Web site: <http://www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=The+PTFA&pid=41>

What do we do?

Nearly New Uniform Sales

- The Big Nearly New Uniform Sale for new Year 7 intake – held yearly in July
- Arriving early always advisable!
- Nearly new uniform is also available throughout your time at Furze Platt – please email us: ptfauniform@furzeplatt.net

Big Quiz & Hot Buffet Dinner – held one Friday evening in the Autumn Term

- Yearly event that is fun, informal, social, superb food and always sold out, so buy tickets early.

Does your employer or company support local charities with schemes like Matched Funding?

- Firms that have run these schemes: Barclays, Lloyds, NatWest, Mars, BAA, O2, Vodafone, retailers and hundreds others! You just have to ask them for a form! Please email us and we will provide the information required.



Parents, Teachers
& Friends
Association

200 Club

- £5 a month by standing by order for one numbered ball – buy more if you like!
- 3 members drawn every quarter, each winning £200 cash
- Eligible to join anytime.
- Draw just held, next one in July 2023.



Sign up to [Easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org)
1000's of retailers donate
to PTFA - it's free money!



NEARLY NEW UNIFORM PRICE LIST

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| PE SHORTS | £8 | BLAZER | £10 |
| PE SKORT | £8 | SKIRT | £5 |
| PE POLO SHIRT | £8 | TROUSERS | £4 |
| PE HOODIE | £10 | WHITE SHIRTS | £1 |
| PE RUGBY SHIRT | £10 | TIES | £2 |
| PE SOCKS | £2 | V NECK JUMPER | £7 |

FOOTWEAR £4 - £10 - Astros/Trainers

TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS £3 Plain - £5 Branded

SHINPADS £3 - £8

COATS/RAINCOATS/JACKETS £5 - £8

BAGS – STRING/HOLDALL £3 - 10



**Parents, Teachers
& Friends
Association**



PAYMENT ACCEPTED WITH CARD, CASH AND BANK TRANSFER

Moving up!

