

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the 2026/27 Academic Year!

I hope that you and your families have had a tremendous summer break. It has been a pleasure to see students back onsite this week, as well as welcome many new young people to our school.

I would like to extend that greeting to all our families and friends reading this newsletter for the first time. Welcome to the FPSS community!

I would like to reiterate my congratulations to all those students receiving examination results this summer. It was amazing to see the smiles and joy on many faces of students, staff, parents and carers alike. Most of all it was lovely to hear about what their results meant in terms of places in sixth forms, universities, colleges, apprenticeships and jobs.

In my assemblies at the start of the academic year, I have been reflecting on the examination successes and sharing with younger year groups the moments they can look forward to as they open envelopes, graduate and move on from FPSS.

I have also been highlighting the amazing array of opportunities students have with our school whether via lessons, competitions, clubs, activities, trips, shows, sports and much more. We are keen that every student does something beyond the classroom so please do encourage your child to participate. Clubs for this term will be sent out next Friday, 11th September.

Along with access to all these amazing opportunities comes responsibilities for our students. Thank you to all parents and carers who have responded so well to our uniform and expectations letter we sent before term started. By having the right uniform and equipment, by being on time and ready to learn students are helping our staff, their peers and themselves get the most out of their school experience. Please do reiterate these messages at home and support our sanctions when our expectations are not met.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week B)

ALL EVENTS

TUE 8 SEPTEMBER	Preparing to Succeed in Year 10 Evening	6pm - 7pm
	Preparing to Succeed in Year 11 Evening	7.15pm - 8.15pm
WED 9 SEPTEMBER	Preparing to Succeed in Year 12 Evening	6.15pm - 7.15pm
	Preparing to Succeed in Year 13 Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 10 SEPTEMBER	Year 7, 10 & 12 Photographs	
TUE 15 SEPTEMBER	Preparing to Succeed in Year 7 Evening	6pm - 7pm
TUE 15 SEPTEMBER	Preparing to Succeed in Year 8 Evening	7.15pm - 8.15pm
THU 1 OCTOBER	Early School Finish	12.30pm finish
	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 8.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Above all I have emphasised my desire for students to be happy and ACHIEVE. I have challenged them all to seek out those ACHIEVE points and be recognised for the fabulous individuals they are.

Welcome

As we start a new academic year we are joined by several new colleagues. I am sure that you will join with me in welcoming the following staff to FPSS: Mrs Smith (Site), Miss Small (Technology), Mr Dartnell, Mr Yat and Mr Khalil (Science), Miss Abdulrahman (PR), Miss Barnor (Business and Economics), Mr Millar (PE); and joining English, Miss Weston-Smith and Mr Piemontesi, and Mr Wedge (Assistant Head of Sixth Form and English).

I wish them every success in their FPSS careers.

Take care,

Dr Andrew Morrison, Headteacher

(BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)



At Furze Platt, we value punctuality and the opportunities it provides for our young people to access their learning and **ACHIEVE**.

Being punctual to both school and lessons is essential for students to reach their potential and maximise their learning time. Strong timekeeping habits not only prepare students for future education and employment but also demonstrate respect for teachers and peers, build resilience, and drive long-term success.

We ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time each day. Students should be on the school site by **8.30am**, which allows them sufficient time to move across campus and arrive punctually to tutorial.

- The **front of school** is open for pupils from 8.00am.
- The **Ostler/Furze Platt Junior entrances** open from 8.20am.

Please note that the **back gates will close promptly at 8.45am** for site security and safeguarding.

To reinforce the importance of punctuality, any student arriving on site after 8.45am will be required to enter via **Reception**, where they will be registered by staff and issued with a **30-minute C4 detention**.

In line with our behaviour policy, failure to attend this sanction will result in an **internal isolation**.

If your child is due to be late to school, due to an appointment, please notify us via StudyBugs. Your child will not receive a C4 detention in such circumstances.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping us to maintain high standards and ensure that all of our students are punctual, prepared, and ready to succeed.

USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Our website has a host of useful information which can be found either using the search function or by visiting the relevant pages. For example:

- School Contact Details
- Admission Arrangements
- School Uniform
- Laptops for Learning
- Cafe and Dining Facilities (including menu)
- Ofsted Report
- Exam and Assessment Results
- School Opening Times
- Curriculum and Careers Information
- Pupil Premium

PREPARING TO SUCCEED EVENINGS

Over the next two weeks we will be holding our **Preparing to Succeed Evenings** for parents, carers and students in **Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13**. Each session will last for one hour and will take place in the **School Theatre**.

Schedule:

- **Year 10** Tuesday 8th September at 6pm
- **Year 11** Tuesday 8th September at 7.15pm
- **Year 12** Wednesday 9th September at 6.15pm
- **Year 13** Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm
- **Year 7** Tuesday 15th September at 6pm
- **Year 8** Tuesday 15th September at 7.15pm

Please arrive a few minutes early to ensure a prompt start. These evenings provide valuable information about the year ahead, including expectations, support, and how families can work together with the school to ensure every student thrives.

- For Year 7 and 8, this is primarily an information session for parents and carers, so students do not need to attend.
- For Years 10, 11, 12 and 13, we strongly encourage students to join their parents/carers as they will benefit from hearing the key messages directly. Parents and carers of students in Year 12 and 13 have been sent a link to book.

We look forward to welcoming you at these important events.

HEADS OF PROGRESS AND PASTORAL MANAGERS 2026-27

Heads of Progress	Pastoral Managers
Mr N Jones (Year 7)	Mrs J Barney (Year 7)
Mr S Bates (Year 8)	Mrs B Harper (Year 8)
Mrs C Ridgley (Year 9)	Mrs L Barney (Year 9)
Mr B Corbett (Year 10)	Miss M Josh (Year 10)
Mr C Gill (Year 11)	Mrs S Gumbs (Year 11)
Mr M Wedge (Year 12)	Mrs M Pasa (Years 12/13)
Mrs A Palocsai (Year 13)	

Contact details can be found on our website.



OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 6 - 8.30pm

Early finish for all students – 12.30pm

Our annual Open Evening is being held on Thursday 1st October for prospective students and their parents. All current Furze Platt students will finish at 12.30pm that day; helpers will be invited back before the event starts. More details will be sent out in due course.

INSET DAY

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

School will be closed for all year groups.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

This event will take place from 6-9pm and will be followed by a 9.15am start for all students on Friday 27th November. Further details will be sent out in due course.

SCHOOL MUSICAL - ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - YEARS 7, 10 & 12

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Our school photographer will be visiting Furze Platt Senior School on Thursday 10 September to take individual photographs of students in Years 7, 10 and 12.

Students should attend in full school uniform, including their blazer, ready for their photograph.

Students will be given details of their photo session timings during form time ahead of the day.

Please make sure your child is aware of the arrangements and comes prepared. Thank you for your continued support!



ART WORK TO BE COLLECTED DEADLINE THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

A reminder that students should collect all their past work and books from the Art Department. They will need to come and collect at break times and everything needs to be collected by Thursday 10th September.

After this date unfortunately we will not have the room to store it so it will be disposed of.

YEAR 7 - WELCOME TO FURZE PLATT!

What a fantastic start to secondary school for our new Year 7 students! As part of their first day, students came together for a special welcome assembly with our Headteacher, Dr Andrew Morrison.

The assembly was a chance to welcome them to the Furze Platt community and look ahead to the exciting opportunities, challenges and experiences that await them.

We want every student to feel that they belong, have the confidence to thrive and are supported to **ACHIEVE** their very best.

We're so pleased to have our new Year 7s with us and can't wait to see all they accomplish during their time at Furze Platt!



YEAR 11 A LEVEL AND GCSE RESULTS

Congratulations to all students who received their results in August. There were many happy faces across both year groups, with many in Year 13 going on to university, apprenticeships and more.

We have welcomed many of our Year 11 students back into our Sixth Form this year also.

'It was fabulous to be celebrating with so many students. These results are testament to the wonderful efforts of our students, staff, families and friends. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our students' achievements.'

- Dr Morrison, Headteacher

'School leaders are ambitious for the school. They enjoy positive relationships with the rest of the staff and work with them to ensure the success of the school.'

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PAYMENTS AND LUNCH BALANCES

Lunches, trips, etc are paid for through Arbor. You can log onto Arbor through an app on your phone or through a website browser. Instructions on how to make payments through Arbor can be found on the school website ([Parents/Useful Information for Parents and Carers/Cafe and Dining Facilities](#)):

- Lunch balances should be topped up in advance and students can 'pay' for items using this balance at the tills.
- Sixth Formers may pay by card at the tills.
- Cash is not accepted.
- The FSM daily allowance is £3 - this can be spent on the £3 meal deal or any other items up to the value of £3. If students wish to spend more than their daily allowance, parents/carers should top-up through Arbor in advance.
- The £3 meal deal is available to all students (main meal of the day + desert of the day). Posters advertising any other offers will be displayed around the canteen.
- The termly menu is available for students to see on FP Cloud/Core information for students/canteen.
- Prices and allergen information are displayed on the notices on the counters.
- All students should bring a water bottle into school - there are a number of water fountains around school for bottles to be refilled for free.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals and you have not yet applied, please follow the link on the [school's website](#) to apply.

GREENPOWER CLUB

DEDICATION DOESN'T TAKE A SUMMER HOLIDAY!



While many of us were enjoying the summer break, our fantastic GreenPower team were already looking ahead to the next racing season!

The team have been working tirelessly on Car Number Two over the summer, developing their engineering, problem-solving and teamwork skills. The car is really starting to come together, and we can't wait to see the finished result!

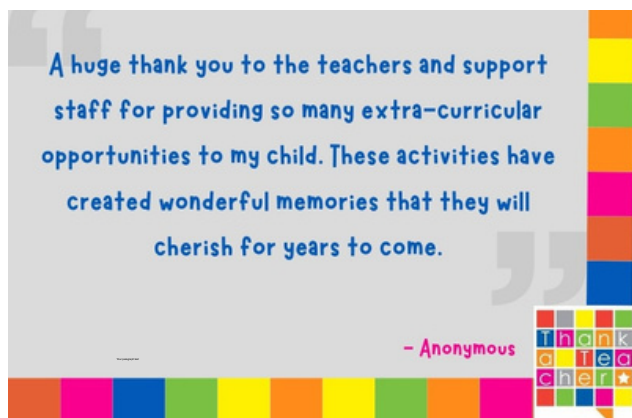
A huge well done to the team for showing such fantastic dedication and enthusiasm - even during the summer holidays!



CLUBS FOR THIS TERM

Clubs for this term will be sent out to parents on Friday 11th September and will start the following week.

Each year group will see a list of the clubs available to them. Please do not delete this email as more clubs may be added during the term.





MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!



STUDENT HOUSE CAPTAIN

VACANCIES

LEAD YOUR HOUSE. INSPIRE OTHERS.
BE A VOICE. BE A ROLE MODEL.

TASKS

-  Leading House assemblies
-  Collecting/ delivering resources to tutors
-  Devising ACHIEVE activities
-  Leading House competitions
-  Creating posters
-  Editing videos
-  Attending House meetings
-  Promoting events and competitions
-  Writing and submitting articles for the school newsletter

ATTRIBUTES

-  **RELIABLE**
-  **COMMITTED**
-  **TEAM PLAYER**
-  **WANT TO DEVELOP
LEADERSHIP AND
COMMUNICATION**

Full details will be emailed to students next week!

IF YOU ARE ENTHUSIASTIC, ORGANISED
AND WANT TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT
IN YOUR HOUSE AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

WE
WANT
YOU!



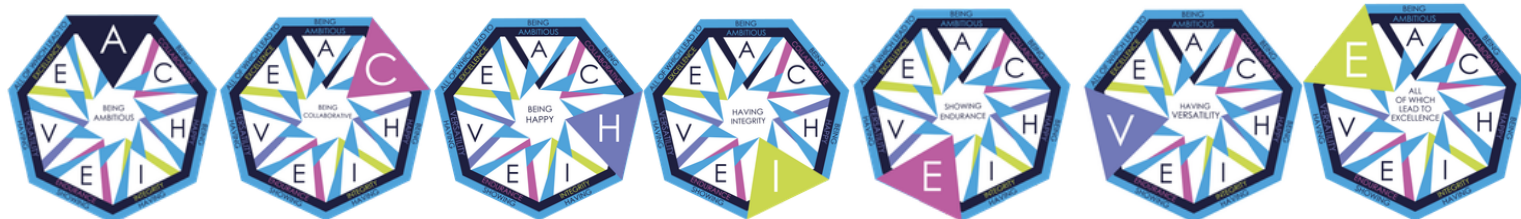


WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN EVENING 2026

Thursday 1st October

6pm - 8.30pm

No booking required.



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OFF SCREENS
GET THEM INTO
KUNG FU**

Fun, structured classes
for 11-14 year olds.

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