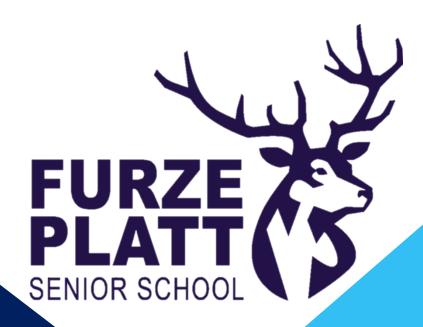


YEAR 7 PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING



WELCOME

Mr Andrew Wyles – Assistant Headteacher KS3



Meet the team

Dr Andrew Morrison Head Teacher

Mr Andrew Wyles Assistant Head (KS3)

Mr Bates Head of Progress Year 7

Ms Harper Pastoral Manager Year 7



Pastoral Team



Head of Progress – Year 7

Mr Bates



Pastoral Manager– Year 7
Mrs Harper



KS2-3 Transition Co-Ordinator
Miss Fletcher



Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Lewis (Deputy Headteacher)



Assistant Headteacher
Mr Wyles (KS3)



Deputy Headteacher

Ms Lake

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The Form Tutors



7.1 - 7ROA Mr R Alonso



7.2 - 7IMTMiss I Taylor



7.3 - **7PAH** Mr P Hodgson



7.4 - 7SAMMiss S Moodley



7.5 - 7ISWMs I Willis



7.6 – 7TEF Mr T Faint



7.7 - 7DEN Ms D Nelson



7.8 - **7PEB** Mr P Brown

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7.9 - 7SQMMr S Mahar



Pastoral Team



Attendance Officer Mrs Couling



Attendance Officer Mrs Craker



Student Support Administrator Mrs Fung



Student
Counsellor
Caroline Rossiter



Parent Support Worker Mrs McSweeney



Inclusion: SEND Team

Currently on maternity leave



Assistant Head for Inclusion

Mrs Stiles



SENCo and Head of Learning Support



SENCo *Mrs Cook*



Head of SHINE

Mrs Stimson



Supporting SEND

- Students with SEND are supported by <u>all</u> members of staff within the school
- Specialised interventions are organised through the SHINE team (resource base led by Julia Stimson) or Learning Support Team (mainstream led by Debbie Jack)
- Examples of support on offer include: Reading intervention, Spelling intervention, EAL support, KS3 Raising Achievement, ELSA, Zones of Regulation, In-class LSA support, Connect lessons

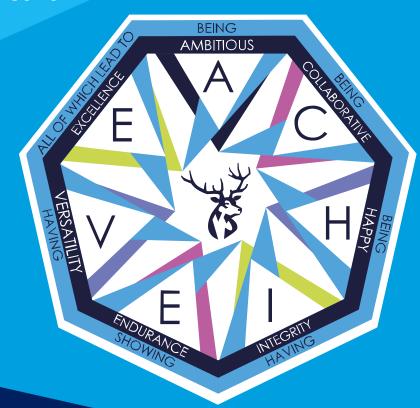


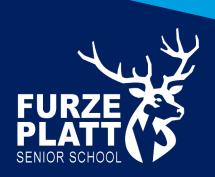
Supporting SEND

Exam Access Arrangements

- During KS3, teachers will be trialling different exam access arrangements with young people who may need them in their subject.
- There are <u>no</u> designated exam access arrangements for any student, even if they had arrangements at primary school. It is up to the teacher's discretion whether to give an arrangement.
- We collect evidence from teachers as to whether this is effective in our setting
- All students will be assessed for exam access arrangements in Year 9. The results of this and feedback from teachers will be used to dictate arrangements for Y10 and Y11.

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Examination Results

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As it happened: A-level results day in Maidenhead, Windsor and Slough 2025

Photos by Ian Longthorne, Mike Swift, and the schools

Written by staff reporters Jade Kidd, Sam Leech and Anaka Nair. Live blog by Ava Hone-Smith and Adrian Williams.

08:21AM, Thursday 14 August 2025





Peter Ging, assistant head and head of sixth form at @Furze_Platt has shared the varied destinations his Year 13s are heading to !!



9:06 AM · Aug 14, 2025

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From Mr Ging: Working alongside our wonderful students during their 6th Form journey has been a privilege. I know I speak for the entire team in saying congratulations to our brilliant students who will, I am sure, continue to exhibit the same verve and dynamism in their futures.



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Students ACHIEVE at GCSE.

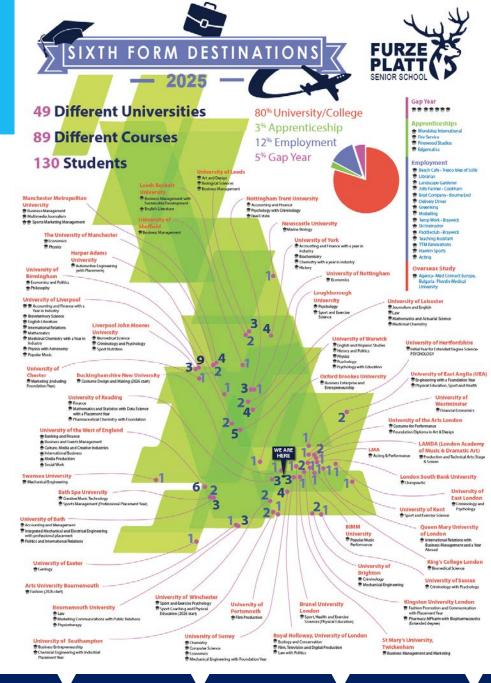
Outstanding results at GCSE – close to record results

- Over 150 students have joined the 6th Form.
- 40 new students from other schools have joined our 6th form to study a range of A-Level and other Level 3 courses.
- Students have gone to BCA, Reading College or to complete apprenticeships.



Destinations

- Loads of unis!
 - Portsmouth
 - Southampton
 - Exeter
 - Manchester
 - Warwick
- Some great apprenticeships
 - Zenopa
 - Softcat
 - Jaguar Land Rover
- And some other brilliant stuff!:
 - Bayer
 - Leading Edge Aviation
 - Sports Coaching





Academic potential

Old GCSE grades	New GCSE grades
	9
A*	8
A	7
В	6
	5
C	4
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	
U	U

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Academic potential

Key Stage 2 scores	Estimated GCSE grades	
80-99	1-3	
100-109	4-6	
110-120	7-9	



Our Values

Above all, our vision is that members of the Furze Platt community consistently **ACHIEVE**, through:

being Ambitious

being Collaborative

being **H**appy

having Integrity

showing **E**ndurance

showing **V**ersatility

All of which lead to **E**xcellence



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HAPPY

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Pledges

I/we will not allow anyone to make you feel unsafe.

I/we will not allow anyone to disrupt your learning.

I/we will always do my best to help you reach your potential.

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Who to contact?

- Form tutor: Please see slide with contact details
- Pastoral Manager Year 7: Ms Harper
- Head of Progress Year 7: Mr Bates
- Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 3: Mr Wyles

The above colleagues will liaise with other relevant members of staff.



Y7 Meet the tutors

- Year 7 Tutor Parents' Consultation Evening
 Thursday 16th October 16:30 19:00
- Appointments made electronically and evening held in person
- This will be an opportunity to meet the tutor.
- They will be able to give you feedback on how they are settling into school, if there are any issues – and it is your opportunity to share anything with us that you think would be useful for us to know.



Y7 Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd April 2026 15:45- 19.45pm

Appointments made electronically and held in person.

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ParentMail



- All school information goes out via ParentMail.
- You should have received an email asking you to signup. If you have not, please speak to one of us at the end, so we can arrange for this to happen.
- You can also top up your children's canteen account via ParentMail and pay for trips.





Newsletter

Tuesday 5th September - Friday 8th September 2023



FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #71.1



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2023/24 Academic Year

I have been delighted to welcome students to FPSS this week. I would particularly like to welcome new parents and carers to the FPSS community.



As we begin a new year, we have emphasised to all students the importance of identifying and repeating past successes. The new start also offers the students the chance to change what has not worked so well and we have encouraged students to take up that challenge, as well as try some of the range of fantastic opportunities



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week (Week 2)

ALL EVENTS

TUE 12	Year 10 - Preparing to Succeed Evening (Theatre)	6.15pm - 7.15pm
SEPTEMBER	Year 11 - Preparing to Succeed Evening (Theatre)	7.30pm - 8.30pm
WED 13	Year 12 - Preparing to Succeed Evening (Theatre)	6.15pm - 7.15pm
SEPTEMBER	Year 13 - Preparing to Succeed Evening (Theatre)	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 14	Years 7, 10 & 12 School Photos	
SEPTEMBER	Year 7 - Preparing to Succeed Evening (Theatre)	6.15pm - 7.15pm

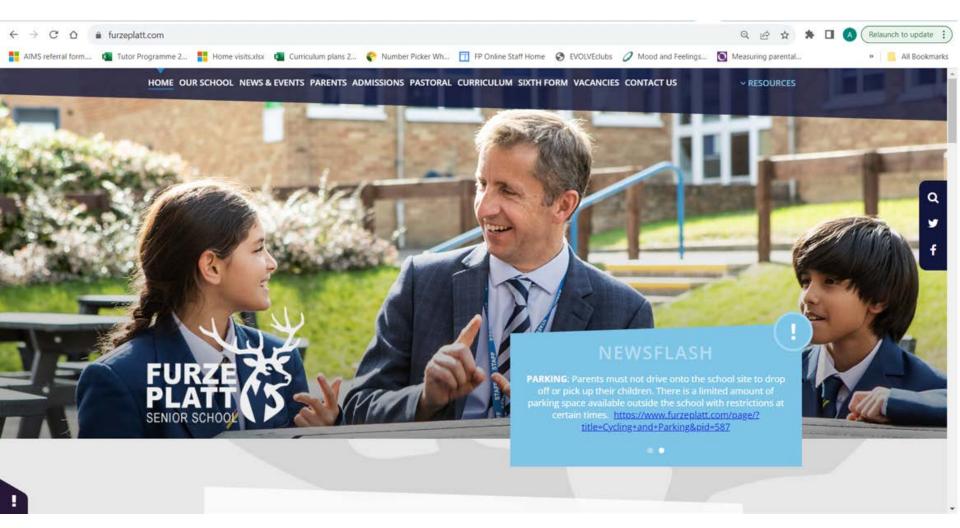
Forthcoming Events

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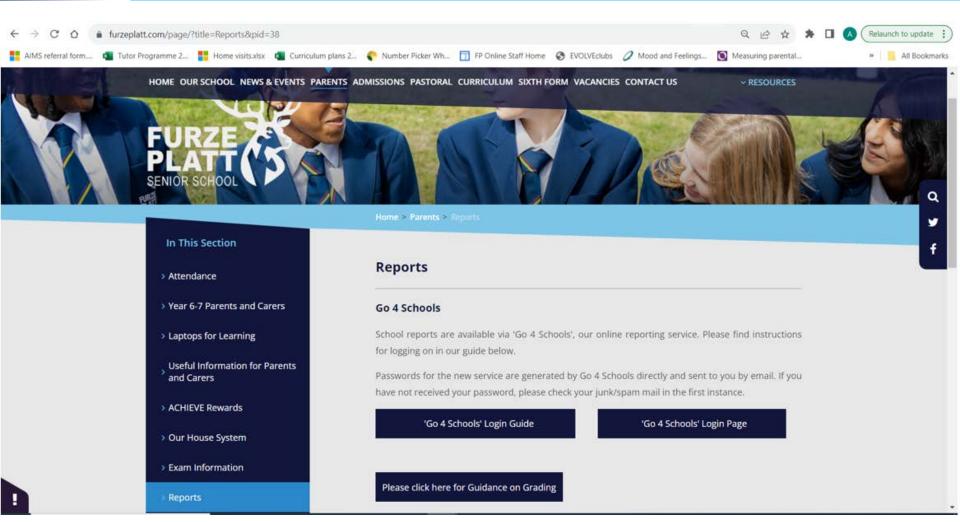






Reports – Go4schools

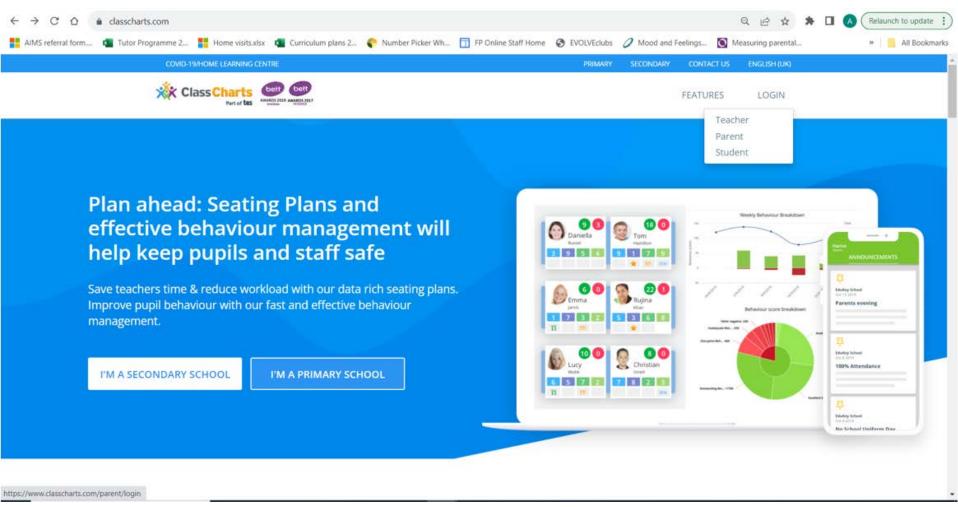






Class Charts







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.

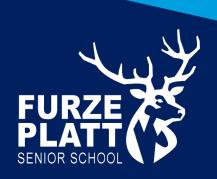
With a few quick taps or clicks, you can update the school on your child's absences and appointments

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

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LEARNING TO ACHIEVE





HOW LEARNING LOOKS FOR Y7

Mr Bates – Head of Progress Year 7



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Broad Based Curriculum

Students study a broad range of subjects throughout Key Stage 3 to stretch and challenge our students in all areas of their learning.

Students select GCSE options during Year 9.



KS3 Subjects



Students will study the following subjects:



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F or P

Students are placed in either band labelled F or P.

PLEASE NOTE THE TWO-WEEK TIMETABLE.

	1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri
TG	Tutor Group 7KAH \$13 Ms K Herrick	Tutor Group 7KAH \$13 Ms K Herrick	Tutor Group 7KAH \$13 Ms K Herrick	Tutor Group 7KAH \$13 Ms K Herrick	
1	History 7s/Hi2 H1 Mr A Wyles	Music 7s/Mu2 MU2 Mr M Swindell		7\$1/En1 E1	Maths 7s/Ma2 M8 Mrs S Ramanat
2	Garnes 7s/Ga2 Mr B Corbett	Computing 7s/Cp2 1T4 Miss LE Christie		- COMMITTEE - COMM	
3	Science 7s/\$c2 S5 Mr J M Sheppa	French 7s/Fr1 ML4 Mrs A Dixon	Geography 7s/Gg2 H4 Mrs D Brennan	Maths 7s/Ma2 M7 Ms CThreifall	Pshe 7s/Ps1 H1 Mr A Colmer
4	English 7s/En1 E1 Miss M B Timps	Maths 7s/Ma2 M8 Mrs S Ramanat	7s/Ar2 AR1	7s/Sp2 ML1	Science 7s/Sc2 S11 Mr W H Curnow
5		English 781/En1 E10 Dr S Markham	Technology 754/Te2 TE4 Mrs L Hawkins		Drama 7s/Dr1 DS1 Mrs KKalinows

	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
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5	Reading 7s/Rg1 E7 Dr S Markham		Maths 7s/Ma2 M8 Mrs S Ramanat		Pshe 7s/Ps1 H1 Mr A Colmer



Curriculum Information

There is curriculum information on the school website to help you to reinforce and complement learning at home.

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

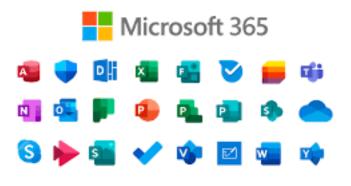


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Laptops for Learning











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Year 7 – Home Learning Timetable

	Year 7						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Subject	Maths (double home learning)	English	English	Geography	Performing Arts, Art, Technology and Computing projects.		
		History	Science	Languages	PE PR (each fortnight)		

For Year 7, each piece of homework should be between 20-30 minutes (total 40-60 mins per evening)

Drama, Music, Art, Technology, & Computing. These departments set one piece of project homework each half term.

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Types of home learning

- 1. Completing classwork
- 2. Practising to embed knowledge and skills
- 3. Applying knowledge from lessons
- 4. Reviewing learning, researching and preparing for next lesson
- 5. Revising for assessments



Home Learning



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Class Charts more information.







- Lesson timetable
- ACHIEVE POINTS
- Home learning
- Behaviour

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Marking and Feedback

- Some pieces of work will receive feedback and / or marks and grades from the teacher
- Some will be self-marked in class
- Some will be peer assessed
- Some will get verbal feedback



Assessment Feedback

WWW

EBI

Next step

Student Comment



Assessment



Assessment will be throughout a term.

Departments may use the cumulative marks through a term from a range of pieces of work and tests.

Departments may use a final test.



Reporting



There will be a progress report at the end of each long term:

December 12th, 2025 March 25th, 2026 June 26th, 2026

Reports will be available on Go4Schools



Reporting



Age Related Grade

Challenge Grade

Attitude to Learning



Sample Report



Subject	End of Year 7 Challenge Target	Age-related Grade	Classwork and Engagement	Home and Independent Learning	Conduct and Attitude	Teacher
Art & Design	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mr L Borthwick
Computing	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Miss V James
Drama	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mrs M Milicevic
English	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Miss E Dickens
French	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mr H Hayward
Games	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mrs C Ridgley
Geography	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mr M Ryan
History	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mr T Constable
Maths	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mr D Brown, Ms N Angyiembe
Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Miss S Wong
Philosophy & Religion	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mr H Hayward
PSHE	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Miss E Dickens
Science	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mr H Curnow, Mr R Wright
Spanish	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Miss E Fletcher
Technology	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ms P Jessop

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Reporting



Age-Related GCSE Grade in Key Stage 3

- Students are assessed according to their progress throughout Years 7 & 8 & 9.
- Towards the end of Terms 2, 4 & 6, assessments will be set in each subject that are marked against 'Age-Related GCSE Grades'.
- These grades indicate what your son/daughter is likely to achieve in Year 11 if they continue at their current level of effort and progress.
- These grades do not tell you what a student would get if they took a GCSE at that moment in time.
- Assessments get harder from term to term and year to year, so that a grade 6 in Year 8 represents a higher standard than a grade 6 in Year7.
- Staying at the same age-related grade as a student moves through Year 7 into Year 8 and year 9 is making progress.

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Challenge Grade in Key Stage 3

 This is the minimum grade your teacher believes you should be achieving based on your performance in your Key Stage 2 SATs and your ongoing performance and progress at Furze Platt



Attitude to Learning AtL

Approach to Learning – Classwork & Engagement

- 1 Always meets expectations
- 2 Almost always meets expectations
- 3 Meets most expectations
- 4 Sometimes fails to meet expectations
- 5 Often fails to meet expectations

Furze Platt students are expected to display:

- Excellent attitude and ambition, by always trying their best.
- Work collaboratively and effectively with others.
- Happy and versatile approach to learning.
- Sustained learning through endurance.
- Unwavering integrity.
- · High levels of motivation.

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Attitude to Learning AtL

Approach to Learning – Home & Independent Learning

- 1 Always meets expectations
- 2 Almost always meets expectations
- 3 Meets most expectations
- 4 Sometimes fails to meet expectations
- 5 Often fails to meet expectations

Furze Platt students are expected to:

- Submit home learning on time.
- · Complete homework to the best of their ability.
- · Be organised with coursework and projects.
- Read around and research their subjects.
- Demonstrate evidence of independent learning (such as extra notes or through insight shown in lessons).

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Attitude to Learning AtL

Approach to Learning – Conduct and Attitude

- 1 Always meets expectations
- 2 Almost always meets expectations
- 3 Meets most expectations
- 4 Sometimes fails to meet expectations
- 5 Often fails to meet expectations

Furze Platt students are expected to:

- Be punctual to lessons.
- Follow the uniform policy and have a smart appearance.
- Arrive at lessons with all the required equipment.
- Ensure they are ready to learn.
- Be respectful towards all staff, students and guests.
- Be safe in their actions and choices.



Report

How you can support your child

- Discuss aspirations and set ambitious goals together.
- Explore the world with them; visit museum, art galleries, get out in nature. Discuss what you see.
- Ask your child open-ended question about what they are studying in school.
- Encourage regular reading and writing of different types of texts, both fiction and nonfiction
- Encourage endurance; when they fail, try again.
- Watch, read and discuss the news together to promote critical thinking skills.
- Ask to see you child's schoolwork regularly. See if they have completed their 'Next Steps' work in purple pen.
- Have a routine and quiet space for homework.
- Encourage a healthy lifestyle; quality sleep, exercise, time away from screens, avoid sugary drinks etc.

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Being happy and getting the most from our school

Mr Andrew Wyles – Assistant Headteacher KS3





Enrichment







Enrichment







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Term 1 – Year 7 Clubs



Evolve will have emailed you with sign up options

You can find the full list of after-school clubs on our website here

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Clubs and Activities

Performing Arts

Choir

Flute Choir

Drama Club

Dance Club

Music Club

Design & Make a Puppet Club

Chamber Choir

Keyboard Orchestra

Ukulele Club

Orchestra

Humanities

Documentary Club

The Forgotten History Club

Ancient Myths & Legends Club

Orienteering Club

Raising Achievement

Supervised Study

Wellbeing

Confidence Club

English

Ancient Greek Club

Film Club

Warhammer Club

Cake Club

Latin Club

Anime Club

Philosophy & Religion

Philosophy in Film Club

Debate Club

Maths

Maths Support Club

Infinity Club

Board Games Club

MFL

Languages Club

Pentanque Club

Art & Design

Technology Club

IT & Computing

Computing Club

Dungeons & Dragons

Science

Greenpower Club

Science Club

Gardening Club

Chemistry Support Club

Physics Support Club

Biology Support Club

PΕ

Hockey Club

Rugby Club

Fitness Club

Netball Club

Dodgeball Club

Morning Fitness

Circuit Training

Technology

Cooking Club



Clubs and Activities

Performing Arts

Technical Theatre Club
Drama Club
Junior Rock Star
Choir
Bronze and Silver Arts Award
Costume and Set Design Club

Raising Achievement

Supervised Study

Maths

Maths Support Club Infinity Club Board Games Club

Art & Design

KS3 Art Club

IT & Computing

Coding Club

Science

Greenpower Club Science Club Gardening Club

PΕ

Rugby Club Fitness Club Netball Club Morning Fitness



Trips

Longridge – personal development and team building

Geography rivers trip

History Warwick Castle trip

Drama theatre trip

• Others to follow...

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Trips



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Longridge

Date	Groups
Wednesday 8 th October	7PAH 7ISW 7ROA
Thursday 9 th October	7SAM 7IMT 7DEN
Friday 10 th October	7TEF 7PEB 7SQM

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Final arrangements

Please look out for a letter confirming final details tomorrow

 Please tick the box as required about water activities – no tick = no water activity

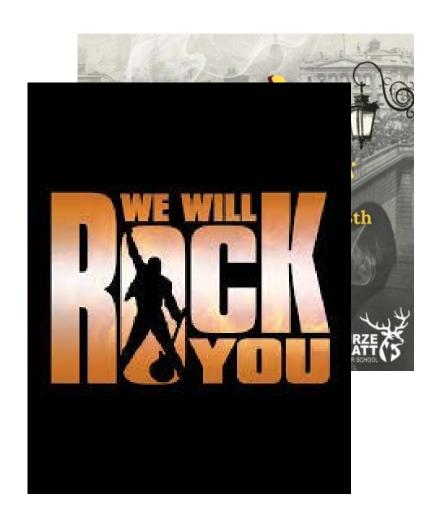
 Where possible share transport, there is limited space for vehicles



School Musical

Last year...

This year...





House System



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House System

Inter-House PE Challenge each term

House Challenge each term (Spelling Bee, Talent Competition, Turing Challenge, Art and Photography, Quiz)

Students from different year groups working together

Look out for challenges involving parents



Rewards

HOUSE POINTS









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Badges



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Positive Rewards

Every Lesson, Every Day

Students will receive regular praise for good behaviour in line with FPSS values. Students will receive House points each time they go above and beyond to demonstrate the school values

Weekly and Fortnightly Rewards

Every week, staff will celebrate the successes of individual students and form groups. Every fortnight there is a new competition with House points reset to 0.

Half Termly Rewards

Every half term, FPSS will celebrate attendance and ACHIEVE House points with key individuals and form groups. Staff will also celebrate the achievements through 'Post Cards'

Cumulative Rewards

As students accumulate their House points, they will receive certificates and badges for the key thresholds.

Celebration Events

Opportunities will be taken throughout the academic year to celebrate student achievements. FPSS will incorporate additional rewards opportunities and events to encourage and celebrate key features of achievements with the school.

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We are a rewards led community but..consequences

Break time detentions are break 1 for 20 mins. Students attend this detention the next day. Tutors and teachers will remind students.

After school detention is every Wednesday in the theatre – duration depends on the incident.

Daily detentions for truanting lessons, walking out of lessons, refusing to be hosted and arriving late to school.

WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A PARENT/CARER TO HELP YOUR CHILD ACHIEVE?

Mr Bates – Head of Progress Year 7



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Who to contact and when??

Tutor:

Timetable, lost property, uniform issues- small daily issues.

HoP/PM:

Bigger issues, behaviour, safeguarding and mental well-being. Always happy to help-I will deal with the issue usually before I reply.

Always happy to help- we want to work with you, please work with us!



Attendance – get them here

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days Absence 1 week & 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days Absence 3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days Absence 5 weeks & 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days Absence 7 weeks & 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days Absence 9 weeks & 1 day of learning missed	Unacceptable

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Punctuality – get them here on time



8.35am 8.40.01am is late

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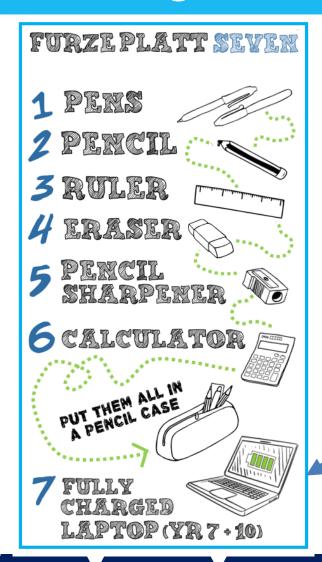
Uniform - make sure they're looking smart



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Equipment – load up their bag the night before



..and charger

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Laptops for Learning

• IT support is available if your child has a laptop as part of Laptops for Learning scheme.

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Charge laptops and pack their charger



- The laptops must be fully charged for school.
- Students are responsible for the safe keeping of their laptop.
- Students should not store water with their laptops.



Check their home learning



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Ask, listen and support

- Be interested
- Help with organisation
- Check on Class Charts but expect them to as well
- Look at their positive points
- Communicate
- Read the newsletter and talk about it
- Regulate sleep, work, play

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Trust us and talk to us.

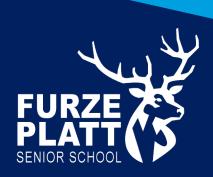
• If you have concerns, please speak to us.

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PHONES & SOCIAL MEDIA

Mr Andrew Wyles – Assistant Headteacher KS3







Problems...

- Young people can be communicating with strangers.
- What they put online remains as a digital footprint forever.
- Cyber bullying
- The number of 'likes' they have can seem more important than their 'friends'.
- Young people are heavily influenced by media directed at them!



Some suggestions

- Encourage use of technology for learning
- Friends should be people they know and see
- Talk to them about platforms and influencers
- Follow / befriend your children
- Check their interactions on WhatsApp, Instagram and SnapChat
- Use data caps on mobile accounts and lock them

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Any questions?

We will be available at the front to answer individual questions.

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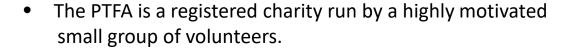
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Who are the PTFA?





- We are ALWAYS happy to add to our volunteer list to spread the load, in terms of participating, co-ordinating and promoting.
- Can you spare us a small amount of your expertise to help? If so, please let us know, as we're always looking for help. It can be a few hours folding uniform, taking money at the Quiz bar, coming along to our meetings and/or helping to explore potential fundraising opportunities.
- MYTH BUSTER: Your PTA days are NOT over once you leave Primary school! Your children at secondary school still need extra funds for all manner of things, they're just in smaller 'boxes' now at higher prices.

How to find us?

• Email us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa

- Join your Facebook year group because we post information regularly
- The School Web site: //www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=The+PTFA&pid=41